

TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA



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Ms. Eileen Swan, Executive Director
New Jersey Highlands Council
100 North Road
Chester, New Jersey 07930

Subject: Sparta Township Highlands Conformance – Preservation Area

Dear Ms. Swan,

I am submitting on behalf of Mayor Seelagy and the Town Council the Petition for Plan Conformance for the Preservation Area. The Township is currently completing the Initial Assessment Report, which will further identify the mapping errors regarding platted lots, water service and sewer service. Sparta will then evaluate the benefits and costs regarding opting into the Planning Area.

A joint meeting of the Sparta Township Council and Planning Board was held on December 2, 2009 concerning the proposed Highlands Master Plan Amendment with no public attendance or comments received. The Township Council passed a resolution petitioning for Plan Conformance for the Preservation Area, which is included in the submission.

The Township Professionals have attempted to address the numerous and over whelming requirements of Plan Conformance in a compressed time frame recognizing that the information provided is a draft document. The Sparta Professional along with the Town Council and Planning Board will continue to perfect the Plan Conformance documents over the coming months.

The Plan Conformance submission for the Preservation Area includes one original copy and pdf file of the entire submission.

If you should have any questions concerning Sparta Township's Highlands Plan Conformance submission of the Preservation Area, please contact me at (973) 729-8093 or you may speak with David Manhardt of the Planning Department Staff.

Sincerely,


David R. Troast, P.P., A.I.C.P., R.L.A.
Director of Community Development and Services

CC: Henry Underhill, Township Manager
May Coe, Municipal Clerk
Sparta Township Planning Board