



2009

BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RESOLUTION

MEMBERS	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Calabrese	✓			
Ganz	✓			
McPherson	✓			
O'Brien	✓			
Padilla	✓			
Walton				✓
Carroll, Chairman				✓
TOTALS	5	-	-	2

Resolution No. 1853
 Date: December 2, 2009
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 Department/Division: Department of Planning and Economic Development
 Purpose: Submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council for Land in the Preservation Area.

Account No. _____
 Contract No. _____
 Dollar Amount: _____
 Prepared By: FA/as

Offered by: CALABRESE
 Seconded by: GANZ
 Approved by: [Signature]

Certified as a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on above date at the Regular Meeting by:

Valerie Coniglio

Valerie Coniglio, Clerk, Board of Chosen Freeholders, Bergen County, New Jersey

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other significant natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act requires that within nine to 15 months after the effective date of the Regional Master Plan, September 8, 2008, each county located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area shall submit revisions to the county master plan and associated regulations, as

applicable to the development and use of land in the Preservation Area, as may be necessary to conform them with the goals, requirements and provisions of the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance); and

WHEREAS, portions of the County of Bergen are located in the Preservation Area of the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council prepared and distributed to the Highlands counties Plan Conformance Guidelines outlining the process and procedures for petitioning the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines also require that a Petition for Plan Conformance be filed with the Highlands Council no later than December 8, 2009, which includes a comprehensive package of planning and implementation documents that meet the requirements of the Highlands Act, the Regional Master Plan and the Highlands Plan Conformance Guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Bergen hereby submits this Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of our jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area in accordance with the Highlands Act, the Regional Master Plan, and the Highlands Plan Conformance Guidelines.