

RESOLUTION 2017-
NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
AUTHORIZATION FOR HIGHLANDS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RELEASE
THE "MONITORING PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION REPORT" TO THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act or Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council or Council); and

WHEREAS, Section 8(a) of the Highlands Act mandates that the Council prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan (RMP) for the Highlands Region; and also states that the RMP "shall be periodically revised and updated at least once every six years, after public hearings"; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council is completing the six-year review of the RMP required by the Highlands Act and as part of that process released a draft Monitoring Program Recommendation Report (MPRR) for public comment, which includes one or more recommendations to amend the RMP; and

WHEREAS, the Council prepared a document entitled "Procedure for Considering Proposals to Amend the Highlands Regional Master Plan" (Procedure); and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2017 the Council approved Resolution 2017-3 stipulating that the Highlands Council shall utilize the Procedure going forward to finalize the MPRR and to consider any proposals to amend the RMP arising out of the MPRR; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2017 the Council voted to release the draft MPRR for public comment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the public participation requirements set forth in the Procedure, the Highlands Council, by public notice dated July 11, 2017, established a period for public comment from July 11 to September 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff has provided the Highlands Council its response to all comments and other input received from interested parties during the public comment period, including any proposed changes to the draft MPRR based upon the public comments received;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highlands Council hereby approves the final MPRR for release to the public and directs that the Executive Director, or her designee, take the following actions:

1. Publicly release the final MPRR, including all addenda, by posting same to the Council's website;
2. Transmit the final MPRR to the Governor and to the New Jersey Legislature;
3. Transmit the final MPRR to the governing body of every municipality and county located in the Highlands Region and to the State Planning Commission.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 19TH day of October, 2017.

Jim Rilee, Chairman

**Vote on the Approval of
This Resolution**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Alstede	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Carluccio	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Dougherty	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Dressler	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Francis	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Holtaway	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember James	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Richko	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Sebetich	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Tfank	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Visioli	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Vohden	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Walton	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Chairman Rilee	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____