



JON S. CORZINE
Governor

State of New Jersey

Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council
100 North Road (Route 513)
Chester, New Jersey 07930-2322
(908) 879-6737
(908) 879-4205 (fax)
www.highlands.state.nj.us



JOHN R. WEINGART
Chairman

DANTE DI PIRRO
Executive Director

Press Advisory

For Immediate Release
Contact: Patty Sly (908) 879-6737 ext 104
March 6, 2007

Highlands Council Schedules Somerset Public Hearing

Chester, NJ- The Highlands Council has scheduled an additional public hearing. It will be held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge. The school is located at 268 South Finley Avenue.

Members of the public wishing to comment on the draft Regional Master Plan are invited to attend. There is no pre-registration; sign-up sheets will be used. Speakers are encouraged to leave a copy of their comments with council staff.

Comments are also welcomed via email or mail. Equal consideration will be given to comments regardless of how they are received.

The draft Regional Master Plan is on the Council website at www.highlands.state.nj.us.

In August 2004, the New Jersey Legislature enacted the Highland Water Protection and Planning Act in order to protect over 850,000 acres which supply drinking water for more than sixty-five percent of New Jersey's residents. The Highlands Act created the Highlands Council as a regional planning entity charged with protecting the water resources and natural beauty of the New Jersey Highlands while allowing for planned, sustainable development and redevelopment of the region. The fifteen Council members include a broad and representative range of elected officials from Highlands municipalities and counties, as well as individuals with diverse backgrounds and area perspectives.

-###-