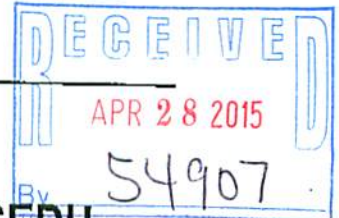


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April 28, 2015

Jim Rilee  
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Dear Mr. Rilee:

On behalf of the Warren County Board of Agriculture the following comments are submitted regarding the Highlands Master Plan as part of the Council's 2014-2015 Regional Master Plan Monitoring Program.

- We have reviewed the comments submitted by the Warren County Planning Department Freeholder Resolution 125-15 and support the concerns and questions contained there in. In addition, we also support the Feb. 25, 2015 letter submitted by Freeholder Director Smith to Council Director Nordstrom as relevant to our concerns about the RMP and its impact upon our members. Copies of these documents are attached.
- Our members are aware of the extensive research by Mr. Pat Moffitt that reveals that many of the supposed environmental impact, water supply and quality studies and documents referred to or relied upon to support extensive controls and regulations in the Highlands Act jurisdiction were found to not be available or ever exist when requested through the open public records act. This has been brought to the attention of the Council but no action has been taken to investigate. This places the entire Highlands Program in question as to credibility!

We believe the Council should request an independent investigation to determine if Act and the RMP are on sound footing or if changes are needed. The Act and the RMP have extreme major consequences that must be based upon indisputable documentation and science. We request the Council to take action to cause an independent investigation to be implemented to clarify the issue.

Sincerely,



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WCBA Highlands Coordinator

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CC: Senator Steve Oroho  
Assemblywoman Allison McHose  
Assemblyman Parker Space  
Freeholders Ed Smith, Jason Sarnoski, Rick Gardner  
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