

RESOLUTION 2024-15

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL ADOPTION OF “RMP ADDENDUM 2024-1: STANDARDS FOR WAREHOUSING IN THE NJ HIGHLANDS REGION” AS AN AMENDMENT OF, AND ADDENDUM TO, THE HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MASTER PLAN

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

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act provides that the RMP may be periodically revised and updated after “public hearings;” and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2018, the Council adopted Resolution 2018-11 “RMP Addendum 2018-1 Procedure for Considering Proposals to Amend Highlands Regional Master Plan” (the “Amendment Procedure”) as an amendment of, and addendum to, the RMP, establishing procedures to be followed by the Council for amending the RMP; and

WHEREAS, the Council has developed Policy Standards for the siting of warehousing in the Highlands Region, “Standards for Warehousing in the NJ Highlands Region;” and

WHEREAS, these Standards supplement guidelines issued by the New Jersey State Planning Commission and are intended to provide RMP-based information and criteria for use in development of local transportation plans, land use plans, and governing ordinances on warehousing; and

WHEREAS, the Council followed the Amendment Procedure to release the “Standards for Warehousing in the NJ Highlands Region” for five (5) public hearings, announced by Public Notice on January 29, 2024 and held in various locations in the Highlands Region, as well as one (1) public hearing in Trenton during February 2024, to solicit public comment on the aforementioned RMP Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the 60-day public comment period concluded on April 1, 2024, and Council staff has provided the Highlands Council with its responses to all comments and other input received from interested parties during the public comment period, including any proposed changes to the “Standards for Warehousing in the NJ Highlands Region” based upon the public comments received; and

WHEREAS, the RMP Amendment Committee has considered all proposed changes to the “Standards for Warehousing in the NJ Highlands Region” and has forwarded its recommendation to the Council that it adopt the final “Standards for Warehousing in the NJ Highlands Region” as an amendment of, and addendum to, the RMP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:20-5.j, no action authorized by the Highlands Council to amend the RMP shall have force or effect until thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to the expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

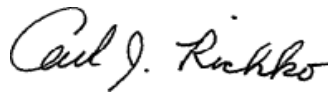
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highlands Council hereby adopts the final “Standards for Warehousing in the NJ Highlands Region” as an amendment of, and addendum to, the RMP.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 18th day of April 2024.



Carl J. Richko, Chairman

| Vote on the Approval of This Resolution | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Councilmember Alstede | √ | | √ | | | |
| Councilmember Bush | | | √ | | | |
| Councilmember Dougherty | | | √ | | | |
| Councilmember Dressler | | | √ | | | |
| Councilmember Francis | | | √ | | | |
| Councilmember James | | √ | √ | | | |
| Councilmember Sebetich | | | | | | √ |
| Councilmember Van Abs | | | √ | | | |
| Councilmember Visioli | | | √ | | | |
| Councilmember Vohden | | | √ | | | |
| Chairman Richko | | | √ | | | |