

Highlands Council Meeting

Thursday, July 18, 2024



Budget & Finance Committee

Resolution: Approval to Extend FY2024 Budgets
Resolution: Plan Conformance Grant Funding

Budget Extension & Planning Grant Funding Recommendations

Budgets

- Extend FY2024 budgets at same average monthly spending level until FY2025 adopted.
 - General Operating Budget, \$249,008; Grants Budget, \$95,322

Plan Conformance Grants

- **Stormwater Infrastructure Inspections and Facilities Mapping - \$25,600**
Mahwah Township, Bergen County
- **Stormwater Basin Retrofit Project - \$98,100**
Roxbury Township, Morris County
- **Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (3rd Round) - \$25,000**
Washington Township, Warren County

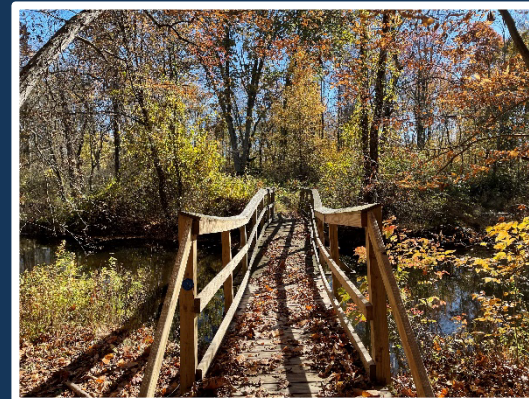
Plan Conformance Committee

Resolution: Harding Township Petition for Plan Conformance

Petition for Plan Conformance Harding Township

Harding Township

- 13,679 acres/ 20.1 square miles
- Southeastern Morris County
- Planning Area – 13,679 acres
(100% of municipality)
- Primarily residential and rural community
- Home to the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge



Land Use Capability Zone Map

Zone

- Protection
- Existing Community

Sub-Zone

- Conservation - Environmentally Constrained
- Existing Community - Environmentally Constrained
- Lake Community
- Wildlife Management Area

- Municipality
- Parcels
- Highlands Region
- Interstate



Harding Township

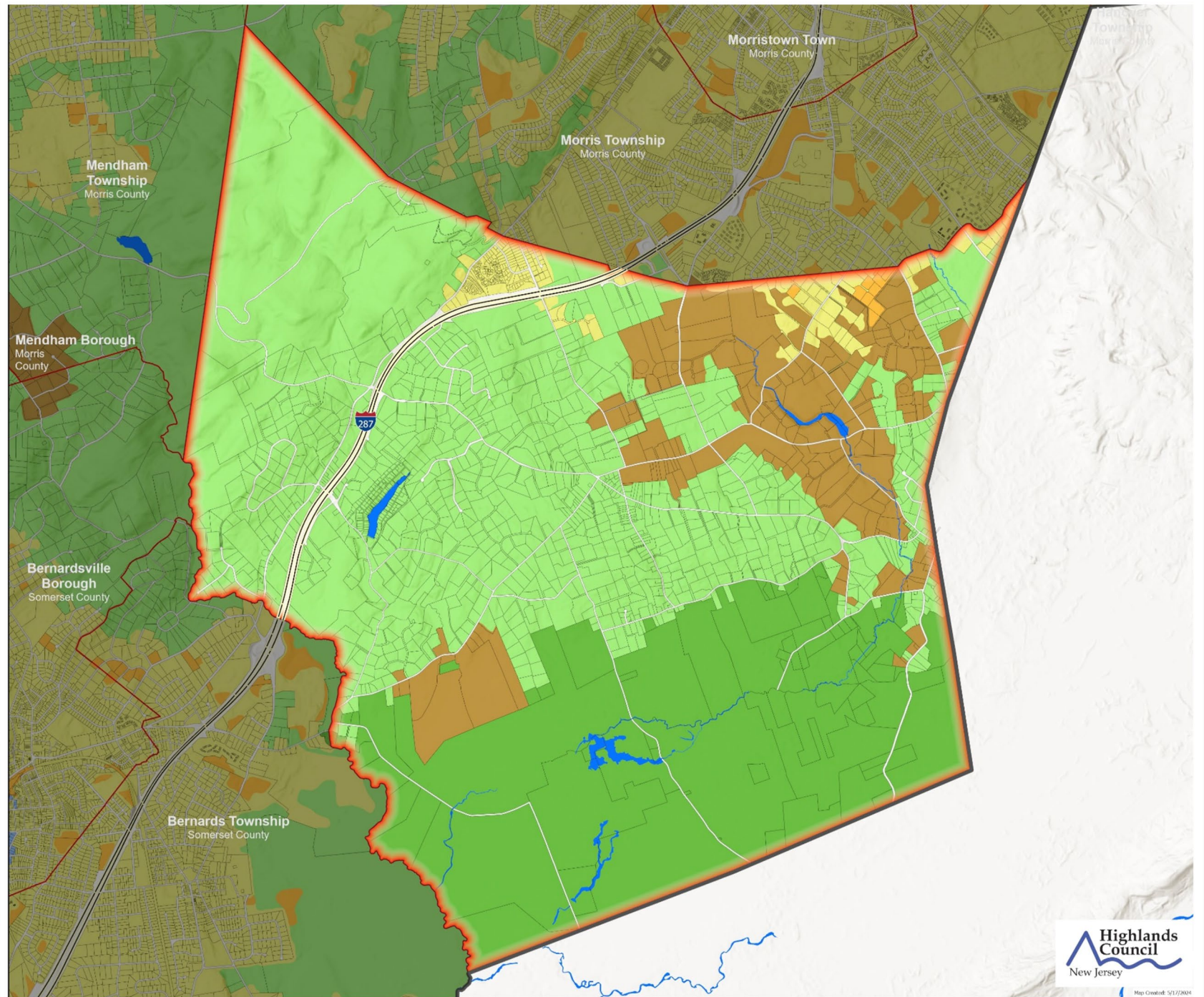
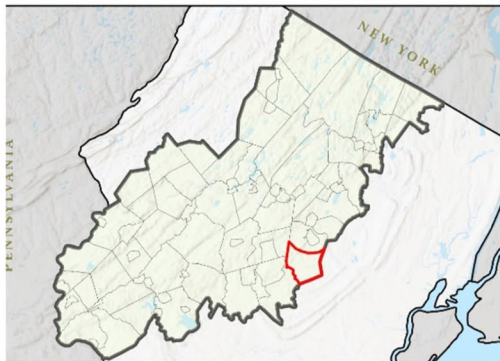
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Zone Acreage and Percent within the Municipality

Protection	6623.8 acres	50.3%
Conservation (CZ)	0.0 acres	0.0%
Existing Community (ECZ)	375.8 acres	2.9%

Sub-Zone Acreage and Percent within the Municipality

CZ - Environmentally Constrained	1664.3 acres	12.6%
ECZ - Environmentally Constrained	32.8 acres	0.2%
Lake Community	0.0 acres	0.0%
Wildlife Management Area	3956.8 acres	30.1%



Public Comment and State Plan Review

- 30-day public comment period: May 23 – June 24, 2024
- Per State Planning Commission endorsement of RMP, also reviewed by Office of Planning Advocacy

**No public comments.
Consistent with the State Plan.**

Implementation Funding

- Implementation Plan and Schedule includes funding to address:
 - Master Plan Reexamination
 - Land Use Ordinance
 - Environmental Resource Inventory
 - Stormwater Management Plan
 - Affordable Housing Plan

Staff Recommendation: Approve with conditions

- Adoption of approved:
 - Highlands Conformance Ordinance
 - Master Plan Highlands Element
- Adherence to Implementation Plan and Schedule

Council Consideration

Petition for Plan Conformance

Harding Township

RMP Amendment Committee

Resolution: Highlands Affordable Housing - Adopt

Proposed RMP Amendment

Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing RMP Amendment

- Outlines **specific changes to existing RMP goals, policies and objectives** and **additional guidance** for Highlands municipalities required as a result of new Fair Housing legislation
- **One of 3 documents** to be released by the Highlands Council related to the new legislation
 - RMP Amendment
 - Affordable Housing Locational Guidelines
 - Highlands Municipal Build Out Instructions and Grant Program

Affordable Housing RMP Amendment

Public Comment and Response

60-day public comment period and 6 public hearings held

- Ten (10) comments received
- No changes to Amendment based on comments
- Comments were generally supportive
- Comments expressed need for affordable housing while respecting the resources of the region
- The importance of redevelopment in the region was noted in multiple comments.
 - Additional details and guidance on redevelopment will be provided in the companion documents to be released in September

Council Consideration

Proposed RMP Amendment Affordable Housing

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