

**RESOLUTION 2026-  
NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL  
AWARD OF CONTRACT TO THE LAKE HOPATCONG COMMISSION FOR FLOW  
MONITORING GAUGES AND STUDY**

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6.g of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to enter into any and all agreements or contracts to effectuate the purposes of the Highlands Act; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 17, 2008, the Highlands Council adopted Resolution 2008-27 thereby adopting the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP), which became effective September 8, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the RMP provides for the protection and enhancement of Highlands Lakes and their environs, including Highlands lake communities; and

**WHEREAS**, to support the updated Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan, the Lake Hopatcong Commission is requesting grant funding for an Upper Watershed Streamflow Study at the Waterloo Road gauge in partnership with the Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA); and

**WHEREAS**, through multiple field visits under varying river conditions, researchers would measure actual streamflow and develop an updated relationship between river depth and flow for the gauge's new location. This would allow its depth readings to be accurately converted into streamflow estimates and provide more reliable information for evaluating the effects of Lake Hopatcong's outflow requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, another monitoring station at Riverside Park was damaged and removed, and the Lake Hopatcong Commission is interested in reestablishing the monitoring station at Riverside Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Council will utilize the RMP Implementation Fund for this contract; the fund is used to provide financial assistance for projects and initiatives that advance the implementation of the Highlands Regional Master Plan and its goals, policies, objectives, and recommended actions; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:20-5.j, no action authorized by the Highlands Council shall have force or effect until ten (10) 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 or take exception with same, in which case the action shall either become effective upon such approval or take no effect.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Highlands Council that the Executive Director, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Lake Hopatcong Commission for flow monitoring gauges and study, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000

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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 15<sup>h</sup> day of October, 2026.

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Carl Richko, Chairman

| <b>Vote on the Approval of Resolution</b> | <b>Motion</b> |  | <b>Second</b> |  | <b>Yes</b> |  | <b>No</b> |  | <b>Abstain</b> |  | <b>Absent</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|--|------------|--|-----------|--|----------------|--|---------------|
| Councilmember Alstede                     |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Amoroso                     |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Basralian                   |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Bush                        |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Dougherty                   |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Kibler                      |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Koop                        |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Le Frois                    |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Marano                      |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Oswald                      |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Smith                       |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Van Abs                     |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Visioli                     |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Chairman Richko                           |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |