RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY PINELANDS COMMISSION

NO. PC4-19-

TITLE: Approving With Conditions Applications for Public Development (Application Numbers 2017-0052.001 & 2018-0096.001)

Commissioner moves and Commissioner second the motion that:

WHEREAS, the Pinelands Commission has reviewed the Public Development Application Reports and the recommendation of the Executive Director that the following applications for Public Development be approved with conditions:

2017-0052.001
Applicant: New Jersey Department of Transportation
Municipality: Egg Harbor Township
Management Area: Pineland Regional Growth Area
Date of Report: December 20, 2018
Proposed Development: Installation of a traffic control system within the combined U.S. Route 40/322 right-of-way in Hamilton and Egg Harbor Townships; and

2018-0096.001
Applicant: Medford Township
Municipality: Medford Township
Management Area: Pinelands Regional Growth Area
Date of Report: December 20, 2018
Proposed Development: Installation of potable water and sanitary sewer mains within the Route 70 & Medford-Evesboro Road rights-of-way.

WHEREAS, no request for a hearing before the Office of Administrative Law concerning the Executive Director’s recommendation has been received for any of these applications; and

WHEREAS, the Pinelands Commission hereby adopts the Conclusion of the Executive Director for each of the proposed developments; and

WHEREAS, the Pinelands Commission hereby determines that each of the proposed public developments conform to the standards for approving an application for public development set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:50-4.57 if the conditions recommended by the Executive Director are imposed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13A-5h, no action authorized by the Commission 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 Commission has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period and Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Application Numbers 2017-0052.001 & 2018-0096.001 for public development are hereby approved subject to the conditions recommended by the Executive Director.

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Adopted at a meeting of the Pinelands Commission

Date: 11/19/2019

Nancy Wittsberg  
Executive Director

Scan W. Earlen  
Chairman
December 20, 2018

Brendan Brock (via email)
New Jersey Department of Transportation
951 Parkway Ave.
Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: Application # 2017-0052.001
U.S. Routes 40 & 322
Egg Harbor and Hamilton Townships

Dear Mr. Brock:

The Commission staff has completed its review of this application for the installation of a traffic control system within the combined U.S. Route 40/322 right-of-way in Hamilton and Egg Harbor Townships. Enclosed is a copy of a Public Development Application Report. On behalf of the Commission’s Executive Director, I am recommending that the Pinelands Commission approve the application with conditions at its January 11, 2019 meeting.

Any interested party may appeal this recommendation in accordance with the appeal procedure attached to this document. If no appeal is received, the Pinelands Commission may either approve the recommendation of the Executive Director or refer the application to the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law for a hearing.

Prior to any development, the applicant shall obtain any other necessary permits and approvals.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Horner, P.P.
Director of Regulatory Programs

Enc: Appeal Procedure
c: Secretary, Egg Harbor Township Planning Board (via email)
Egg Harbor Township Construction Code Official (via email)
Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission (via email)
Secretary, Hamilton Township Planning Board (via email)
Hamilton Township Construction Code Official (via email)
Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning and Development (via email)
Amanda Mendoza (via email)
This application proposes the installation of a traffic control system within the combined U.S. Route 40/322 right-of-way in Hamilton and Egg Harbor Townships.

The proposed development includes the installation of 14 traffic detectors and four camera surveillance systems mounted on 16 poles. The poles are up to 25 feet in height. The proposed detectors and cameras will be located along a six mile stretch of the combined U.S. Route 40/322 right-of-way between the Garden State Parkway and the intersection of U.S. Route 40 with U.S. Route 322. The proposed development will be connected to the New Jersey statewide communication network by a proposed fiber optic communication line along the road right-of-way. The system will be utilized by the New Jersey Department of Transportation to improve traffic flow and safety at existing signalized intersections.

**STANDARDS**

The Commission staff has reviewed the proposed development for consistency with all standards of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP). The following reviews the CMP standards that are relevant to this application:

**Land Use (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.28(a))**

The proposed development is located in a Pinelands Regional Growth Area. The proposed development is a permitted land use in a Pinelands Regional Growth Area.

**Wetlands Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.6 & 6.13)**

There are wetlands located within 300 feet of the proposed development. No development is proposed in wetlands. The CMP requires up to a 300 foot buffer to wetlands. Sections of the underground fiber optic communication line will be located within the required buffer to wetlands.
The CMP permits linear improvements (fiber optic communications lines) in the required buffer to wetlands provided the applicant demonstrates that certain conditions are met. The applicant has demonstrated that there is no feasible alternative to the proposed development that does not involve development in wetland buffers or that will result in a less significant adverse impact to wetland buffers. In addition, the proposed development will not result in a substantial impairment of the resources of the Pinelands. With the conditions below, all practical measures are being taken to mitigate the impact on the wetland buffers. The applicant has indicated that the proposed development will improve traffic safety and reduce traffic congestion. The applicant has demonstrated that the need for the proposed development overrides the importance of protecting the wetland buffer.

Vegetation Management Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.23 & 6.26)

The proposed development will be located within existing paved areas and maintained grass shoulders. The proposed soil disturbance is limited to that which is necessary to accommodate the proposed development.

The Landscaping and Revegetation guidelines of the CMP recommend the use of grasses that are tolerant of droughty, nutrient poor conditions. To stabilize disturbed areas, the applicant proposes to utilize a seed mixture which meets that recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The CMP defines the proposed traffic control system as “minor” development. The CMP does not require public notice for minor public development applications. The application was designated as complete on the Commission’s website on December 3, 2018. The Commission’s public comment period closed on December 14, 2018. No public comment was submitted to the Commission regarding this application.

CONDITIONS

1. Except as modified by the below conditions, the proposed development shall adhere to the plan, consisting of 36 sheets, prepared by WSP USA Inc. and dated as follows:

   Sheet 1 - November 29, 2018
   Sheets 2-36 - November 28, 2018

2. Except as modified by the below conditions, the proposed development shall adhere to the plan, consisting of 50 sheets, prepared by Advantage Engineering Associates, P.C., all sheets dated November 24, 2018.

3. Except as modified by the below conditions, the proposed development shall adhere to the plan, consisting of four sheets, prepared by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., all sheets dated July 14, 2018.

4. Disposal of any construction debris or excess fill may only occur at an appropriately licensed facility.

5. Any proposed revegetation shall adhere to the "Vegetation" standards of the CMP. Where appropriate, the applicant is encouraged to utilize the following Pinelands native grasses for revegetation: Switch grass, Little bluestem and Broom-sedge.
6. Prior to any development, the applicant shall obtain any other necessary permits and approvals.

7. Appropriate measures shall be taken during construction to preclude sedimentation from entering wetlands and shall be maintained in place until all development has been completed and the area has been stabilized.

**CONCLUSION**

As the proposed development conforms to the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:50-4.57, it is recommended that the Pinelands Commission **APPROVE** the proposed development subject to the above conditions.
The Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (N.J.A.C. 7:50-4.91) provides an interested party the right to appeal any determination made the by Executive Director to the Commission in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:50-4.91. An interested party is someone who has a specific property interest sufficient to require a hearing on constitutional or statutory grounds. Only appeal requests submitted by someone meeting the definition of an interested party will be transmitted to the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. Any such appeal must be made in writing to the Commission and received at the Commission office no later than 4:00 PM on January 7, 2019 and include the following information:

1. the name and address of the person requesting the appeal;
2. the application number;
3. the date on which the determination to be appealed was made;
4. a brief statement of the basis for the appeal; and
5. a certificate of service (a notarized statement) indicating that service of the notice has been made, by certified mail, on the clerk of the county, municipal planning board and environmental commission with jurisdiction over the property which is subject of this decision.

Within 15 days following receipt of a notice of valid appeal, the Executive Director shall initiate the procedures for assignment of an Administrative Law Judge to preside at the hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and the procedures established by the Office of Administrative Law. The time, date and location of such hearing shall be designated by the Office of Administrative Law.
December 20, 2018

Kathy Burger, Township Manager (via email)
Medford Township
17 North Main Street
Medford, NJ 08055

Re: Application # 2018-0096.001
New Jersey State Highway Route 70 & Medford-Evesboro Road
Medford Township

Dear Ms. Burger:

The Commission staff has completed its review of this application for the installation of potable water and sanitary sewer mains within the Route 70 & Medford-Evesboro Road rights-of-way. Enclosed is a copy of a Public Development Application Report. On behalf of the Commission’s Executive Director, I am recommending that the Pinelands Commission approve the application with conditions at its January 11, 2019 meeting.

Any interested party may appeal this recommendation in accordance with the appeal procedure attached to this document. If no appeal is received, the Pinelands Commission may either approve the recommendation of the Executive Director or refer the application to the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law for a hearing.

Prior to any development, the applicant shall obtain any other necessary permits and approvals.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Horner, P.P.
Director of Regulatory Programs

Enc: Appeal Procedure

c: Secretary, Medford Township Planning Board (via email)
Medford Township Construction Code Official (via email)
Medford Township Environmental Commission (via email)
Secretary, Burlington County Planning Board (via email)
Christopher J. Noll, PE (via email)
This application proposes the installation of 735 linear feet of potable water main and 1,690 linear feet of sanitary sewer main within the Route 70 & Medford-Evesboro Road rights-of-way located in Medford Township.

**STANDARDS**

The Commission staff has reviewed the proposed development for consistency with all standards of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP). The following reviews the CMP standards that are relevant to this application:

**Land Use (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.28(a))**

The proposed development is located in a Pinelands Regional Growth Area. The proposed utility mains are a permitted land use in a Pinelands Regional Growth Area.

**Wetlands Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.6 & 6.13)**

There are wetlands located within the project area. The CMP prohibits most development in wetlands and requires a buffer of up to 300 feet to wetlands.

The proposed sanitary sewer line will disturb approximately two square feet of wetlands located immediately adjacent to State Route 70. The proposed sanitary sewer line will be located in the required buffer to that wetland. The CMP permits the installation of linear improvement (utility mains) in wetlands and the required buffer to wetlands provided the applicant demonstrates that certain CMP specified conditions are met. The applicant has demonstrated that there is no feasible alternative to the proposed development that does not involve development in wetlands and the required buffer to wetlands or that will result in a less significant adverse impact to wetlands and the required buffer to wetlands. In addition, the proposed development will not result in a substantial impairment of the
resources of the Pinelands. With the conditions below, all practical measures are being taken to mitigate the impact on the wetlands and the required buffer to wetlands. The applicant had demonstrated that the need for the proposed development overrides the importance of protecting the wetlands.

Vegetation Management Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.23 & 6.26)

The proposed development will be located within existing agricultural fields, maintained grassed areas, and wooded areas. Approximately 0.056 acres of forest will be cleared to accommodate the proposed development. The proposed clearing and soil disturbance is limited to that which is necessary to accommodate the development.

The Landscaping and Revegetation guidelines of the CMP recommend the use of grasses that are tolerant of droughty, nutrient poor conditions. The applicant proposes to utilize a seed mixture which meets that recommendation.

Cultural Resource Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.151)

The Commission staff reviewed the application for evidence of cultural resources on the parcel. Based upon the lack of potential for significant cultural resources on the parcel, a cultural resource survey was not required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The applicant has provided the requisite public notices. Newspaper public notice was completed on August 7, 2018. The application was designated as complete on the Commission’s website on November 5, 2018. The Commission’s public comment period closed on December 14, 2018. No public comment was submitted to the Commission regarding this application.

CONDITIONS

1. Except as modified by the below conditions, the proposed development shall adhere to the plan, consisting of five sheets, prepared by Environmental Resolutions, Inc. and dated as follows:

   Sheet 1 - May 30, 2018
   Sheets 2-5 - May 30, 2018; revised to September 4, 2018

2. Disposal of any construction debris or excess fill may only occur at an appropriately licensed facility.

3. Any proposed revegetation shall adhere to the "Vegetation" standards of the CMP. Where appropriate, the applicant is encouraged to utilize the following Pinelands native grasses for revegetation: Switch grass, Little bluestem and Broom-sedge.

4. Prior to any development, the applicant shall obtain any other necessary permits and approvals.

5. Prior to the construction of any portion of the proposed development which will result in the disturbance of any wetland area, a Freshwater Wetland Permit shall be obtained pursuant to the New Jersey Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act.
6. Appropriate measures shall be taken during construction to preclude sedimentation from entering wetlands and shall be maintained in place until all development has been completed and the area has been stabilized.

CONCLUSION

As the proposed development conforms to the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:50-4.57, it is recommended that the Pinelands Commission APPROVE the proposed development subject to the above conditions.
PINELANDS COMMISSION
APEAL PROCEDURE

The Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (N.J.A.C. 7:50-4.91) provides an interested party the right to appeal any determination made by the Executive Director to the Commission in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:50-4.91. An interested party is someone who has a specific property interest sufficient to require a hearing on constitutional or statutory grounds. Only appeal requests submitted by someone meeting the definition of an interested party will be transmitted to the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. Any such appeal must be made in writing to the Commission and received at the Commission office no later than 4:00 PM on January 7, 2019 and include the following information:

1. the name and address of the person requesting the appeal;
2. the application number;
3. the date on which the determination to be appealed was made;
4. a brief statement of the basis for the appeal; and
5. a certificate of service (a notarized statement) indicating that service of the notice has been made, by certified mail, on the clerk of the county, municipal planning board and environmental commission with jurisdiction over the property which is subject of this decision.

Within 15 days following receipt of a notice of valid appeal, the Executive Director shall initiate the procedures for assignment of an Administrative Law Judge to preside at the hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and the procedures established by the Office of Administrative Law. The time, date and location of such hearing shall be designated by the Office of Administrative Law.
RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY PINELANDS COMMISSION

NO. PC4-19-02

TITLE: Approving With Conditions an Application for Public Development (Application Number 2018-0148.001)

Commissioner Pickett moves and Commissioner Barr seconds the motion that:

WHEREAS, the Pinelands Commission has reviewed the Public Development Application Report and the recommendation of the Executive Director that the following application for Public Development be approved with conditions:

2018-0148.001
Applicant: Cape May County
Municipality: Borough of Woodbine
Management Area: Pinelands Town
Date of Report: December 20, 2018
Proposed Development: Construction of a roundabout (traffic circle) at the existing County Route 550 and 610 intersection.

WHEREAS, no request for a hearing before the Office of Administrative Law concerning the Executive Director’s recommendation has been received for this application; and

WHEREAS, the Pinelands Commission hereby adopts the Conclusion of the Executive Director for the proposed development; and

WHEREAS, the Pinelands Commission hereby determines that the proposed public development conforms to the standards for approving an application for public development set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:50-4.57 if the conditions recommended by the Executive Director are imposed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13A-5h, no action authorized by the Commission 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 Commission has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period and Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Application Number 2018-0148.001 for public development is hereby approved subject to the conditions recommended by the Executive Director.

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Adopted at a meeting of the Pinelands Commission

Nancy Wittenberg
Executive Director

Date: 11/17/2019
Sean W. Earlen
Chairman
December 20, 2018

Elizabeth Bozzelli (via email)
Cape May County
4 Moore Road - DN 402
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Re: Application # 2018-0148.001
Cape May County Routes 550 & 610
Borough of Woodbine

Dear Ms. Bozzelli:

The Commission staff has completed its review of this application for construction of a roundabout (traffic circle) at the existing County Route 550 and 610 intersection. Enclosed is a copy of a Public Development Application Report. On behalf of the Commission’s Executive Director, I am recommending that the Pinelands Commission approve the application with conditions at its January 11, 2019 meeting.

Any interested party may appeal this recommendation in accordance with the appeal procedure attached to this document. If no appeal is received, the Pinelands Commission may either approve the recommendation of the Executive Director or refer the application to the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law for a hearing.

Prior to any development, the applicant shall obtain any other necessary permits and approvals.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Horner, P.P.
Director of Regulatory Programs

Enc: Appeal Procedure

c: Secretary, Borough of Woodbine Planning Board (via email)
Borough of Woodbine Construction Code Official (via email)
Secretary, Cape May County Planning Board (via email)
Bradley Tombs (via email)
PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REPORT

December 20, 2018

Elizabeth Bozzelli (via email)
Cape May County
4 Moore Road - DN 402
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Application No.: 2018-0148.001
Cape May County Routes 550 & 610
Borough of Woodbine

This application proposes construction of a roundabout (traffic circle) at the existing County Route 550 and 610 intersection in the Borough of Woodbine.

The existing intersection is a four-way stop intersection with right-hand turn ramps. The applicant proposes to eliminate the four-way stop intersection and construct a roundabout to improve vehicular movement.

STANDARDS

The Commission staff has reviewed the proposed development for consistency with all standards of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP). The following reviews the CMP standards that are relevant to this application:

Land Use (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.27(a)1)

The proposed development is located in the Pinelands Town of Woodbine. The proposed roadway improvements are a permitted land use in a Pinelands Town.

Vegetation Management Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.23 & 6.26)

The proposed development will be located over existing pavement and within maintain grassed shoulders. The proposed soil disturbance is limited to that which is necessary to accommodate the proposed development.

The Landscaping and Revegetation guidelines of the CMP recommend the use of grasses that are tolerant of droughty, nutrient poor conditions. To stabilize disturbed areas, the applicant proposes to utilize a seed mixture which meets that recommendation.
Stormwater Management Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.84(a)6)

The proposed development will result in a reduction of 8,965 square feet of impervious surfaces. The applicant has demonstrated that there will be no increase in the volume and rate of stormwater runoff from the project after the development then occurred prior to the proposed development.

Cultural Resource Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.151)

The Commission staff reviewed the application for evidence of cultural resources on the parcel. Based upon the lack of potential for significant cultural resources on within the proposed project area, a cultural resource survey was not required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The applicant has provided the requisite public notice. Newspaper public notice was completed on September 7, 2018. The application was designated as complete on the Commission’s website on November 21, 2018. The Commission’s public comment period closed on December 14, 2018. No public comment was submitted to the Commission regarding this application.

CONDITIONS

1. Except as modified by the below conditions, the proposed development shall adhere to the plan, consisting of three sheets, prepared by Urban Engineers, Inc., all sheets dated September 14, 2018.

2. Disposal of any construction debris or excess fill may only occur at an appropriately licensed facility.

3. Any proposed revegetation shall adhere to the "Vegetation" standards of the CMP. Where appropriate, the applicant is encouraged to utilize the following Pinelands native grasses for revegetation: Switch grass, Little bluestem and Broom-sedge.

4. Prior to any development, the applicant shall obtain any other necessary permits and approvals.

CONCLUSION

As the proposed development conforms to the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:50-4.57, it is recommended that the Pinelands Commission APPROVE the proposed development subject to the above conditions.
PINELANDS COMMISSION
APPEAL PROCEDURE

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RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY PINELANDS COMMISSION

NO. PC4-19-03

TITLE: To Accept the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report

Commissioner Avery moves and Commissioner Lloyd seconds the motion that:

WHEREAS, the audit of the Pinelands Commission Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Statements, Notes to the Financial Statements and Schedules of Federal and State Assistance was performed by the Office of the State Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the findings from the Fiscal Year 2016 Audit Report regarding the Internal Controls over the Bank Reconciliations (2016-001) and the Disaster Recovery Plan (2016-002) have been remedied. The Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report confirms this compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report has no findings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:18A-5b, no action authorized by the Commission 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 Commission has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pinelands Commission hereby accepts the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2017 and directs that it be included as a publication available through the Pinelands Commission’s website.

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