

PUBLIC NOTICE

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STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice of Action on Petition for Initial Plan Endorsement and Amendments to the State Plan Policy Map

Petitioner: Barnegat Township, Ocean County, New Jersey

Take notice that effective December 7, 2011, the New Jersey State Planning Commission (Commission) granted Plan Endorsement to the Township of Barnegat (Petitioner) and authorized the designation of a center, a core as well as planning area amendments to the State Plan Policy Map (Policy Map).

The endorsement, center and core designations and planning area map amendments became effective on December 7, 2011. The period of Plan Endorsement, center and core designations and planning area map amendments shall be for 10 years from the date of endorsement.

Barnegat Township initiated the Plan Endorsement process with a pre-petition meeting on September 13, 2005. On December 29, 2005, Petitioner formally submitted a petition for Initial Plan Endorsement. An addendum submission was submitted on March 1, 2006. The Office of Smart Growth (predecessor of the Office for Planning Advocacy (OPA)) deemed the petition complete on March 1, 2006. A consistency review was issued on May 23, 2006. This report outlined issues to be resolved through the Action Plan. OPA offered Petitioner the opportunity to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Action Plan. Petitioner

entered into the MOU with OPA on December 28th 2006. Since then, Petitioner has worked actively with the State to work through the Action Plan.

On November 28, 2011 the Executive Director of OPA reviewed consistency of the plan with the State Plan and prepared a detailed Recommendation Report and draft Planning and Implementation Agreement (PIA) recommending endorsement of the plan, and the amendments, including designating a center and a core as well as planning area amendments in the Policy Map. The Report concluded the plan appeared consistent with the goals, policies and strategies of the State Plan and recommended that the petition for Plan Endorsement be approved by the Commission.

On December 7, 2011, the Plan Implementation Committee (PIC) held a meeting to consider the recommendations summarized in the Recommendation Report, the draft PIA describing actions to be taken by Petitioner during the endorsement period, as well as public comments provided before and during the PIC meeting. The PIC supported the recommendations set forth in the Report.

On December 7, 2011, the Commission held a hearing to consider the petition, including: the Recommendation Report, draft PIA and proposed center and core designations and planning area amendments to the Policy Map. and found that Petitioner's plan is consistent with the goals, policies and strategies of the State Plan. The Commission passed Resolution 2011-11 to approve the petition for Plan Endorsement, contingent on implementing items delineated in the PIA. In addition, the Commission authorized the amendments to Policy Map, since the planning area changes, and center and core designations met the criteria and policy objectives of the State Plan. All documents relating to Barnegat Township's petition for plan endorsement, including amendments to the Policy Map, can be found at <http://www.state/planning/pe/html>.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-1.7(i), a copy of this notice has been mailed to those entities specified therein.