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MEMORANDUM TO: State Planning Commission
FROM: Donna Rendeiro
RE: Proposed Bedminster Endorsement
DATE: July 27, 2023

The Township of Bedminster received two center designations on September 20, 2001. In April of 2020, the Township submitted its Municipal Self-Assessment to the Office, beginning the process to renew its endorsement and its Center boundaries. The Governing Body of Bedminster places a high value on public information and transparency. The details are provided in the attached recommendation report written by Colleen McGurk.

Bedminster actively plans for its future by engaging the public and seeks to realize the vision articulated in its 2018 Master Plan Re-examination. Their vision is to revitalize Bedminster's two town centers, Bedminster and Pluckemin, by capitalizing on their strengths as walkable historic villages, by infusing the areas with diversified commercial marketplaces which are less auto-dependent which will help increase community activities beyond 5 pm. One of the major proposed changes is to redevelop a vacant 1,000,000 sf corporate campus space and incorporate it into Bedminster Center. The Township has committed to fulfilling the criteria outlined in the State Plan and desires to continue setting new foundations for better planning by incorporating a vision of the future that contemplates redevelopment, protecting the environment, conserving community character, retaining and protecting its large areas of farmland, protecting Bedminster's history, and addressing environmental justice and equity.

Given that the Township's vision is in line with the State Plan's goals, I fully support the recommendation to grant the Township of Bedminster's Plan Endorsement.