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The Honorable Malcolm C. Fraser Mayor of Cape May Point Borough 215 Lighthouse Avenue P.O. Box 490 Cape May Point, NJ 08212

## Re: Completeness Determination for the Cape May Point Borough Petition for Initial Plan Endorsement

Dear Mayor Fraser:

After review of the petition addendum information submitted by Cape May Point for Initial Plan Endorsement pursuant to the State Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.5 (b), the Office of Smart Growth (OSG) finds the petition complete as amended. I would like to commend the Township for the significant planning efforts that have been undertaken and thank you for the time and effort you have committed to the State Planning Commission's (SPC) Plan Endorsement process.

The Township or any interested person may request that the Office of Smart Growth conduct a public hearing on the Township's petition. Pursuant to the State Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.5 (e), requests that the Office of Smart Growth conduct a public hearing must be received within 10 days of OSG providing notice that a petition has been deemed complete, by Monday, December 3, 2007. The public also has an opportunity to provide comments at any time during the process until the SPC takes final action on the petition.

State, federal and regional agencies have 45 days within which to review the petition and provide comments to the Office of Smart Growth regarding the petition's consistency with the State Plan. This review period ends on January 7, 2008.

Within 60 days following the end of this review period or unless otherwise agreed, the Office of Smart Growth will prepare a report to the SPC assessing the consistency of Cape May Point Borough's petition and draft Planning and Implementation Agreement (PIA) with the goals, policies and strategies of the State Plan. If the Office of Smart Growth has not made a recommendation to the SPC by March 7, 2008, the Township can directly petition the SPC to take action on the Township's petition.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kate Meade, Planner for Cape May County, at 609-633-8573 or via email at <a href="mailto:kmeade@dca.state.nj.us">kmeade@dca.state.nj.us</a>.

Sincerely,

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