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November 13, 2007

The Honorable Raymond G. Coles
Mayor of Lakewood Township
Lakewood Township Municipal Building
231 Third Street
Lakewood, NJ 08701

Re: Lakewood Township Petition for Initial Plan Endorsement - Action Plan

Dear Mayor Coles:

The Action Plan currently in effect for Lakewood Township's Plan Endorsement petition is set to expire on November 26, 2007. In August, the Office of Smart Growth (OSG) sent the Township a revised draft of the Action Plan for its consideration. This draft responded to the Township's request for greater specificity on the Action Plan items and what is required in order to achieve Initial Plan Endorsement. OSG is agreeable to an extension of the Plan Endorsement process if the Township selects to work with the revised Action Plan. The Township should provide feedback as to how much time it will need to complete the Action Plan items, as this information will inform the overall timetable.

Thank you for your commitment to pursuing Plan Endorsement. I would like to reiterate that our goal with the Action Plan is to lead the Township down a successful path to achieve Plan Endorsement and the benefits that accompany that designation. Please feel free to contact Lorissa Whitaker, Principal Planner, at OSG with any questions or concerns at 609-633-6314 or via email at lwhitaker@dca.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin L. Spinelli".

Benjamin L. Spinelli
Executive Director

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