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June 24, 2011

The Honorable Raymond S. Heck
Mayor, The Borough of Millstone
1353 Main Street
Millstone Borough, NJ 08844

Re: Millstone Borough Plan Endorsement – Vision Waiver

Dear Mayor Heck,

The Office for Planning Advocacy (OPA) has reviewed your requests for a waiver from further Community Visioning as required as the next step in the Plan Endorsement process. Based on the continued public input received from master plan reexaminations, fair share plan, area in need of rehabilitation determination and defining the Main Street Redevelopment goals, the waiver has been approved. You are to be commended for engaging the public's input for the different initiatives underway and working with Somerset County and state agencies to develop a sustainable approach for growth in your community. With a full understanding of the issues, the public can relay concerns and explore solutions to potential problems with their elected officials prior to public resources being committed and produce better outcomes.

The Office for Planning Advocacy and our state agency partners will complete the Consistency Review of your petitions over the next 90 days. The outcome of this review will provide detailed direction that will address any consistency issues that are found with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan) in an Action Plan for each municipality. After the Consistency Review, you will have the opportunity to make a presentation to the State Planning Commission's (SPC) Plan Implementation Committee. If there are no consistency issues, our office will prepare its Recommendation Report for the SPC prior to their vote on Plan Endorsement.

Thank you again for your commitment to the Plan Endorsement process. Barry Ableman, Principal Planner is available to answer any questions you have regarding the process. Please feel free to contact him at (609) 292-3228 or via email at BAbleman@dca.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerry Scharfenberger".

Gerry Scharfenberger, Ph.D.
Director

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