

## State of New Jersey

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September 15, 2009

The Honorable Brian G. Gallagher Mayor, Borough of Somerville 25 West End Avenue Somerville, NJ 08876

Re: Extension of Opportunities and Constraints Phase for Plan Endorsement

Dear Mayor Gallagher:

Please be advised that the New Jersey Office of Smart Growth (OSG) was unable to complete the Borough of Somerville's Opportunities and Constraints Analysis by the September 12, 2009 deadline. Staff will be utilizing the 90-day extension provided in the State Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.20 (a), to ensure a comprehensive Opportunities and Constraints Analysis is completed for the Borough of Somerville's petition for Plan Endorsement. OSG will complete the Borough of Somerville's Opportunities and Constraints Analysis by October 8, 2009.

Pursuant to the State Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.20 (a), the Executive Director of the Office of Smart Growth may extend, up to an additional 90 days, the time allowed for State actions under this subchapter, in the event that the number of requests for Plan Endorsement exceeds the resources of the Office of Smart Growth to process those requests. Public notice of any such extensions shall be provided to the petitioner, to those interested persons and organizations who have registered with the Office of Smart Growth in accordance with 5:85-1.6(b) and posted on the Office of Smart Growth website.

Thank you for your continued interest in pursuing Plan Endorsement. Should you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact Barry Ableman, OSG Planner for the Borough of Somerville, at (609) 292-3228 or via email at <a href="mailto:bablelman@dca.state.nj.us">bablelman@dca.state.nj.us</a>.

Sincerely.

Donna Rendeiro

Intern Executive Director

CC: OSG Interested Parties (via email)

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Borough of Somerville Plan Endorsement File