

Township of Vernon

Resolution #20-174

**RESOLUTION REGARDING STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PURSUE PLAN
ENDORSEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE MUNICIPAL SELF-
ASSESSMENT REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF PLANNING ADVOCACY**

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act recognizes that New Jersey requires sound and integrated land use planning and coordination of planning at all levels of government in order to conserve the state's natural resources, revitalize the urban centers, protect the quality of the environment, and provide needed housing and adequate public services at a reasonable cost while promoting beneficial economic growth, development and renewal; and

WHEREAS, Plan Endorsement is a voluntary review process developed by the State Planning Commission to provide the technical assistance and coordination of the State for municipalities, counties, and regional agencies to meet the goals of the State Planning Act and State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan Endorsement process is to increase the degree of consistency among municipal, county, regional and state agency plans with each other and with the State Plan and to facilitate the implementation of these plans and guide where and how development and redevelopment can be accommodated in accordance with the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines incorporate, and expand upon, the principles of the Municipal Land Use Law in order to help towns plan for a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines require the preparation and submission of a Municipal Self-Assessment Report as the means by which a municipality assesses the consistency of its existing community vision and planning documents with the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Vernon desires to obtain Plan Endorsement from the State Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has prepared a Municipal Self-Assessment Report pursuant to the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.6, the Township of Vernon has obtained a waiver of the requirement to appoint a Municipal Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee and a Municipal Self-Assessment Report has been prepared by the Township's planning consultant. A recommendation has been made for the Township Council to approve the Municipal Self-Assessment Report for submission to the State Planning Commission and the Office of Planning Advocacy towards the Township of Vernon's pursuit of Plan Endorsement.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon hereby expressly states the intention of the Township of Vernon to pursue Plan Endorsement by the State Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon approves the Municipal Self-Assessment Report and authorizes it be submitted to the Office of Planning Advocacy for consideration and review as part of the effort to pursue Plan Endorsement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Township of Vernon shall transmit a copy of this Resolution and the Notice as required by the State Planning Rules to the State Planning Commission and the Office of Planning Advocacy.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Vernon at their Regular Meeting held on August 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernon Municipal Center.


Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Auberger, J			X			
Murphy, J.		X	X			
Pitsker, A.	X		X			
Weller, K.						X
Shortway, H.			X			