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RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE PLAN POLICY MAP IN BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP, BURLINGTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 et seq. (the Act), the State Planning Commission (the Commission) has prepared and adopted a State Development and Redevelopment Plan (the State Plan) which includes a State Plan Policy Map; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-203, to adopt rules and regulations to carry out and implement its statutory responsibilities and purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority under N.J.S.A. 52:18A-203, the Commission has adopted regulations set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:85-8.3 et seq., that establish a process for amendments to the State Plan Policy Map of the State Plan as a means to implement the State Plan and to foster cooperation and coordination of planning activities between State agencies and county and local governments; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2013 the Commission chose to initiate a State Plan Policy Map amendment to create a manufacturing node in Bass River Township, Burlington County described in the attached document entitled "Justification for State Planning Commission Initiated Map Amendment"; and

WHEREAS, public notice of the hearing concerning the proposed map amendment was made pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-1.7(b) where the above referenced document was referenced and made available; and

WHEREAS, after public notice was made the required public hearing was held on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bass River Township Municipal Building at 3 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, NJ. A copy of the report and associated exhibits were made available for public inspection in the New Jersey Department of State, Office for Planning Advocacy, 225 West State Street, P.O. Box 820, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0820 and were also available electronically on the Office for Planning Advocacy's website; and

WHEREAS, the public were given the opportunity to comment orally at the public hearing and in written form until July 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, members of the public attended the public hearing, and questions were asked and comments made to the proposal by the State Planning Commission to amend the State Plan Policy Map were voiced during the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, over 75 members of the public attending a special meeting of the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. where staff from the Office for Planning Advocacy answered additional questions from the public; and

WHEREAS, representatives from Burlington County testified or wrote in support of the proposal by the State Planning Commission to amend the State Plan Policy Map; and

WHEREAS, eight comments were received in letter or e-mail regarding the amendment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby agrees to authorize a State Plan Policy Map amendment to create a manufacturing node consistent with and based on the justification provided in the attached document entitled "Justification for State Planning Commission Initiated Map Amendment"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Commission and the Director and staff of the Office for Planning Advocacy are hereby authorized and directed to execute such documents and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate for the implementation of this resolution.