

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-184

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG
HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY TO PURSUE THE
PLAN ENDORSEMENT MUNICIPAL SELF ASSESSMENT
REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE PLAN ENDORSEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee of Little Egg Harbor Township desire to renew Plan Endorsement from the State Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Plan Endorsement is a process developed by the State Planning Commission to approve municipal, county, regional plans that are consistent with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan Endorsement process is to reach the following goals by increasing the 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.

The goals of plan endorsement are to:

1. Encourage municipal, county, regional and state agency plans to be coordinated and support each other to achieve the goals of the State Plan;
2. Encourage municipalities and counties to plan on a regional basis with recognizing the fundamental role of the municipal master plan and development regulations;
3. Consider the entire municipality, including Center, Cores, Nodes and Environs, within the context of regional systems;
4. Provide an opportunity for all government entities and the public to discuss and resolve common planning issues;
5. Provide a framework to guide and support state investment programs and permitting assistance in the implementation of municipal, county and regional plans that meet statewide objectives;
6. Learn new planning approaches and techniques from municipal, county and regional governments for dissemination throughout the state and possible incorporation into the State Plan. (The New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan, 2001, page 14).

7. Ensure that petitions for Plan Endorsement are consistent with applicable State land use statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Plan Endorsement is in the process by which a town center(s) can be designated in the State Plan Policy Map; and

WHEREAS, the Township's petition for renewal of plan endorsement is proposing to maintain the designation of the Greater Tuckerton Town Center, Mystic Island Town Center, and Parker town Village Center with the Township and to expand the centers and nodes as depicted in the Municipal Self-Assessment report; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee prepared and presented the Municipal Self-Assessment Report to the Township Committee for their consideration as required for Plan Endorsement in accordance with the plan Endorsement Guidelines;

WHEREAS, if the Township is successful in achieving a renewal of plan endorsement, it will entitle the Township to a higher priority for available funding, streamlined permit reviews, and coordinated state agency services; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Endorsement Guidelines approved by the State Planning Commission note that if there is a need for better planning resources, the Office of Planning Advocacy Growth will work with the applicant on a scope of work needed, with a timeline for completion.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Township Committee have considered the Municipal Self-Assessment Report as presented by the Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee;
2. That the Mayor and Township Committee agree to pursue a renewal of Plan Endorsement to maintain its Town Center designation within the Township; and
3. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Planning Commission – Office of Planning Advocacy.

CERTIFICATION

I, KELLY LETTERA, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the **14th** day of **July, 2022**.



KELLY LETTERA, RMC
Township Clerk
Township of Little Egg Harbor