

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**STATE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Notice of Action on Petition for Conditional Plan Endorsement and Amendments to the State Plan Policy Map**

Petitioner: Toms River Township, Ocean County, New Jersey

**Take notice** that effective August 22, 2017, the New Jersey State Planning Commission (Commission) granted Plan Endorsement to the Township of Toms River, Ocean County (Township) and authorized designation of a Regional Center, Cores, Nodes and State Plan Policy Map Amendments. The period of Plan Endorsement and center designations shall be for 10 years from the date of endorsement.

The Township of Toms River is approximately 41 square miles. The Township is bordered by Lakewood and Brick Townships to the north, Berkley and some smaller municipalities to the south and the Atlantic Ocean and other shore communities to the east.

In 2005, the Commission received a petition from the Township of Toms River, Ocean County (Township), pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-7, seeking Plan Endorsement of its planning documents and designation of a Regional Center, Cores, Nodes and State Plan Policy Map Amendments.

On November 15, 2016, the Director prepared a draft Recommendation Report and draft Planning and Implementation Agreement (PIA) recommending conditional endorsement of the Plan, and designation of three regional centers in the State Plan Policy Map. On December 21, 2016, the Plan Implementation Committee (PIC) held a meeting to consider the recommendations summarized in the draft Recommendation Report, a draft Planning and Implementation Agreement (PIA) describing actions to be taken by petitioner during the endorsement period, as well as public

comments provided before and during the PIC meeting. The PIC reviewed and considered the Petition, concurred with the recommendation to conditionally approve the Petition, and moved the Petition for consideration by the full Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

On January 18, 2017, the Commission considered the Township's petition for Plan Endorsement, including the Planning and Implementation Agreement (PIA), and determined that is consistent with the State Plan as required by N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.13, and incorporated the findings of the Director in his recommendation for conditional endorsement into its final determination. The Commission determined that once the Township adopts a municipal zoning map and zoning ordinance that reflects the proposed changes to Centers, Cores, Nodes and Planning Areas that their plan will be consistent with the goals, policies and strategies of the State Plan and the endorsement will become final. The Commission passed Resolution 2017-02 to conditionally approve the petition for plan endorsement and authorize designation of a Regional Center, Cores, Nodes and State Plan Policy Map Amendments upon completion of the conditions set forth in the resolution. The Commission also authorized the Office of Planning Advocacy to take any action necessary to implement the resolution.

On July 25, 2017, the Township updated and adopted its Land Use and Development Regulation Ordinance and provided a digital version of its zoning ordinance to the Office for Planning Advocacy that conforms to its plan that was conditionally endorsed by the Commission.

As authorized by the Commission, the Township's Plan Endorsement will become final and the State Plan Policy Map will be amended to reflect the Township of Toms River's Centers, Cores, Nodes and Planning Areas effective after the implementing ordinance and amended Zoning Map were adopted on August 22, 2017.

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January 2, 2018

**Filed November 27, 2017**

All documents relating to the Township's petition for plan endorsement, including the proposed amendments to the State Plan Policy Map can be found at <http://nj.gov/state/planning/spc-regional-coordination-endorsed-ocean-toms-river.html>.

A copy of this notice has been mailed to the petitioner, as well as those entities specified at N.J.A.C. 5:85-1.7.

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Certified by Gerard Scharfenberger, PhD, Secretary and Principal Executive Officer  
November 27, 2017