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Highlands Regional Master Plan Comment Period Extended

The New Jersey Highlands Council extended the public comment period on the Draft Regional Master Plan ("RMP") to May 11, 2007. The Draft RMP Land Use Capability Map consists of three overlay zones: the Protection Zone; the Conservation Zone; and the Planned Community Zone. Development is intended to be directed to the Planned Community Zone based on infrastructure availability and surrounding land use characteristics. We urge you to review the draft Map and submit comments to the Highlands Council regarding properties that are located in the Highlands Planning Area and that have been mapped within a Protection Zone or Conservation Zone overlay, but that should be mapped within the less restrictive Planned Community Zone overlay based on surrounding land use, existing infrastructure, reliance on pending development approvals or other factors.

The draft Map can be viewed by going to the following link: www.state.nj.us/njhighlands/actmaps/maps/lucm/lucm_11_30_06_11x17.pdf

Comments should be submitted to the New Jersey Highlands Council, Draft Plan Comments, 100 North Road, Chester, New Jersey 07930, or via the web at <u>www.state.nj.us/njhighlands/master_plan.html</u>

This information is not to be construed as legal advice. Should you require any assistance in formulating these comments, please do not hesitate to contact Michael J. Gross or Steven M. Dalton at 732-219-5486.

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