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### **NOTICE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE**

#### **Township of Sparta Petition for Plan Conformance Final Draft Consistency Review and Recommendations Report**

**Please take notice** that the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) is now accepting public comments on the Township of Sparta's Petition for Plan Conformance and the Final Draft Consistency Review and Recommendations Report prepared by the Highlands Council staff, for consideration by the Highlands Council in its review of the Petition for Plan Conformance of the Township of Sparta, Sussex County, New Jersey. Written public comments will be accepted through August 30, 2011, via email at [james.humphries@highlands.state.nj.us](mailto:james.humphries@highlands.state.nj.us), via facsimile at the number listed above, or by mail to the address listed above. Equal consideration will be given to comments regardless of how they are received.

Model documents comprising the various elements of a standard Petition for Plan Conformance were posted to the Highlands Council website between April 2009 and June 2010. The Township of Sparta's Petition for Plan Conformance was deemed administratively complete on June 23 2010, and posted to the Highlands Council website on July 1, 2010. The Final Draft Consistency Review and Recommendations Report for the Township of Sparta and all Petition materials are available for public review both in the offices of the Highlands Council (please call to arrange for in-office review), and at its website:

<http://www.highlands.state.nj.us/njhighlands/planconformance/sparta.html>

**Please take further notice** that, subsequent to the close of public comment, the Township of Sparta's Petition for Plan Conformance, in conjunction with the Final Consistency Review and Recommendations Report and all public comments received, will be the subject of a public hearing held by the Highlands Council pursuant to section 14 of the Highlands Act. After receiving any public comments provided during the hearing, the agency may approve, reject, or approve with conditions the Petition for Plan Conformance. The public hearing will be scheduled during an upcoming meeting of the Highlands Council and the date and time of the hearing will be announced with the release of a meeting agenda on the Highlands Council website at <http://www.highlands.state.nj.us/njhighlands/about/calend/>.

**Please take further notice** that, as the Township of Sparta has submitted a petition for Substantive Certification to the Council on Affordable Housing, public comments regarding that Plan's consistency with the Regional Master Plan may be submitted to the Highlands Council, while any specific comments on the formal approval of that Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (a Plan Conformance Petition requirement) may be submitted to the Council on Affordable Housing.

DATE OF NOTICE: August 12, 2011