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## RESOLUTION

## SUPPORTING CRITERIA FOR INITIAL STAFF RESPONSES TO SUGGESTED CHANGES IN THE PRELIMINARY STATE PLAN POLICY MAP PROPOSED IN CROSS-ACCEPTANCE REPORTS

WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission has been created pursuant to the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act requires that the State Planning Commission prepare and adopt a State Development and Redevelopment Plan and revise and readopt the Plan at least every three years thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to its responsibilities under the State Planning Act, the State Planning Commission did prepare and adopt a State Development and Redevelopment Plan on March 1, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with its responsibilities under the State Planning Act, the State Planning Commission is now undertaking the task of revising the State Development and Redevelopment Plan for re-adoption; and

WHEREAS, in carrying out its statutory responsibilities in this regard, the State Planning Commission is required to follow the process prescribed under the State Planning Act, as amended, which requires the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary State Development and Redevelopment Plan; the comparison of planning policies of various levels of government; and the negotiation of plan cross-acceptance between the State Planning Commission and county and municipal officials; and

WHEREAS, consistent with its statutory responsibilities, the State Planning Commission has prepared and distributed the Preliminary New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan and has received Cross-acceptance Reports from the counties and some municipalities and as well as comments from members of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Planning Commission has given careful consideration to the reports, comments and communications which it has received from the State's counties, municipalities and the public; and



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WHEREAS, the Office of Smart Growth and the State agency staff have reviewed the reports, comments and communications which have been received from the State's counties, municipalities, and the public and have prepared policy recommendations to address certain categories of proposed changes to the Preliminary State Plan Policy Map; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Smart Growth, with the input of other State agencies, has prepared a policy memo entitled "Approach for Considering County Proposed Mapping Changes;" and

WHEREAS, the Office of Smart Growth has prepared a policy memo setting forth a recommended response to requests in Cross-acceptance Reports concerning the mapping of open space and parklands on the State Plan Policy Map; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Development Committee has recommended that the State Planning Commission support the Office of Smart Growth utilizing these policy memos in making preliminary responses to changes proposed to the preliminary State Plan Policy Map in Cross-acceptance Reports; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Smart Growth has prepared a policy memo setting forth recommended responses to requests in Cross-acceptance Reports concerning the mapping of historic and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Development Committee has suggested modifications to the policy memo concerning historic sites and those modifications have been made by the Office of Smart Growth; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Development Committee has recommended that the State Planning Commission support the Office of Smart Growth utilizing this policy memo as modified in making preliminary responses to changes proposed to the preliminary State Plan Policy Map in Crossacceptance Reports; and

WHEREAS, these policy memos are preliminary responses to changes proposed to the preliminary State Plan Policy Map in Cross-acceptance Reports and may be modified or changed based on further information being presented during the Cross-acceptance process; and



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**WHEREAS**, these policy memos are not binding on the Negotiating Committee or the State Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS,** the Negotiating Committee will take into consideration all the information submitted during the cross-acceptance process when it prepares the draft Statement of Agreements and Disagreements; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Planning Commission will take into consideration all the information submitted during the cross-acceptance process when it approves the Statement of Agreements and Disagreements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Planning Commission hereby approves the Office of Smart Growth utilizing the policy memos recommended by the Plan Development Committee on September 7, 2005 which included the "Approach for Considering Proposed Map Changes from the Counties and the Public," the "Preservation of Historic and Cultural Resources," and "Open Space and Parklands" which were distributed at the September Plan Development Committee meeting and which are attached here and are available for review on the Office of Smart Growth's website as preliminary policy responses to changes proposed to the preliminary State Plan Policy Map in Cross-acceptance Reports; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State Planning Commission and the Negotiating Committee will take into consideration all the information submitted during the cross-acceptance process during the preparation and adoption of the Statement of Agreements and Disagreements.

## **Certification**

This Resolution was adopted by the New Jersey State Planning Commission at its meeting held on Wednesday, September 21, 2005. Ayes: (11) Liz Semple, John Eskilson, Patrick Gillespie, Monique Purcell, Brent Barnes, Daniel Levine, Edward McKenna, Thomas Michnewicz, Lauren Moore, George Pruitt, Christiana Foglio. Nays: (0). Abstains: (0).

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Maura K. McManimon, Secretary NJ State Planning Commission

Dated: September 21, 2005