

**Township of Vernon**

**Resolution #20-175**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON ENDORSING  
THE PETITION FOR PLAN ENDORSEMENT AND DESIGNATING THE MAYOR TO  
SUBMIT THE PETITION AND EXECUTE THE PLANNING AND  
IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of Vernon Township desire to obtain 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 Centers, 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 the process by which a Town Center can be designated in the State Plan Policy Map; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's petition for initial plan endorsement is proposing the designation of a Town Center within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Township is successful in achieving 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 will work with the applicant on a scope of work needed, with a timeline for completion.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon as follows:

1. The Initial Petition for Plan Endorsement is hereby endorsed for submission to the Office of Planning Advocacy and State Planning Commission.
2. The Mayor is hereby directed to submit the Petition and execute the final Planning and Implementation Agreement which shall outline the commitments on the part of the State and the petitioner to implement the endorsed plan.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Vernon at their Regular Meeting held on August 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernon Municipal Center.

  
Marcy Giarrattasio, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

#### **VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Auberger, J			X			
Murphy, J.	X		X			
Pitsker, A.		X	X			
Weller, K.						X
Shortway, H.			X			