

**COLLINGSWOOD PLANNING BOARD
CROSS ACCEPTANCE AND AMENDMENTS**

RESOLUTION 2007 – 7

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD IN
THE STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN CROSS-
ACCEPTANCE PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act of 1985 (N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 et. seq.) created a State Planning Commission and an Office of Smart Growth for the purpose of establishing a cooperative planning process that involves the full participation of state, county and local governments; and,

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act states that New Jersey needs integrated and coordinated planning in order to conserve its natural resources, to revitalize its urban centers, to provide affordable housing and adequate public facilities at a reasonable cost, to promote equal social and economic opportunity for New Jersey's citizens, and to prevent sprawl and promote the suitable use of land; and,

WHEREAS, the primary duty and responsibility of the State Planning Commission under the State Planning Act is the preparation of a "State Development and Redevelopment Plan" (or State Plan); and,

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act also provides that the State's municipalities are to have an essential role in the development of the State Plan through their participation in the Cross-Acceptance process to be conducted under the Act; and,

WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission released a Preliminary State Plan and Map on April 28, 2004, thus beginning the Cross-Acceptance process; and,

WHEREAS, the Cross-Acceptance process is the primary vehicle under the Act for promoting vertical coordination and integration of state, county and local plans by affording county and municipal governments a full and open opportunity to be involved in reconciling inconsistencies between state and local policies; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Camden County has concluded that it is appropriate, necessary and in the County's interest to fully participate in the development of the State Plan through the full and active participation of the County government, including its Planning Board, in the Cross-Acceptance process as the designed county negotiation entity; and,

WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission unilaterally amended the Preliminary State Planning Map without proper notice and procedure on July 19, 2006 and again on August 1, 2006 and compelled all municipalities and counties to re-open the Cross-Acceptance map comparison phase and to amend their local Cross-Acceptance Reports and county Negotiation Reports; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Planning Board has agreed, under protest, to provide Camden County municipalities with information about the Commission's amendments to the Preliminary State Plan Map and its staff's recommendations as to the applicability of the Commission's proposed map amendments, and to amend its County Negotiation Report to reflect these map amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood have concluded that it is necessary and in the municipal interest to provide comment on these map amendments and to fully participate in the development of the State Plan through the full and active participation of the Municipal government, including in particular its Planning Board, in the Cross-Acceptance process, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood by Resolution No. 46, adopted February 5, 2007 authorized and directed the Municipal Planning Board of the Borough of Collingswood to carry out the Cross Acceptance Process pursuant to the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 et seq. and the State Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 17:32 and any other rules promulgated by the State Planning Commission for this purpose; and,

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this assignment, the Planning Board of the Borough of Collingswood conducted a public hearing on February 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Collingswood Borough Hall, 678 Haddon Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey to determine whether, and, if so, how, the Camden County's April 21, 2005 final negotiation report should be amended to respond to the State Planning Commission's July 19, 2006 and August 1, 2006 amendments to the Preliminary State Plan Map; and,

WHEREAS, no one from the public appeared to testify or question any members of the Planning Board concerning this process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Borough of Collingswood that the Planning Board accepts fully the comments on the 2006 Preliminary State Plan Policy Map set forth by the Camden County Planning Board, in particular, the comments on page four pertaining to Collingswood Borough which comments are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Dated:

4/23/07


James Verzella, Chairman

Dated:

4/23/07


Carol Sickler, Secretary