

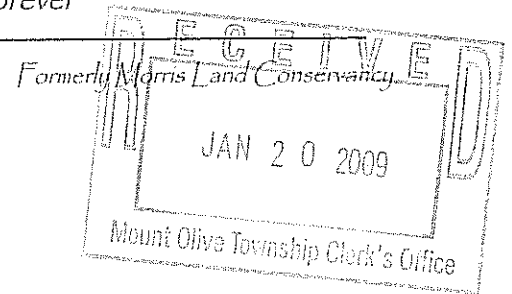


# THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY

Preserve Now - Protect Forever

January 16, 2009

Mayor David Scapicchio  
Mount Olive Township Municipal Building  
204 Flanders-Draketown Road  
Budd Lake, NJ 07828



Dear Mayor Scapicchio,

The decision of Mount Olive Township to file a notice of intent to conform to the Highlands Regional Master Plan is commendable and offers the municipality the time and ability to determine whether conformance is the right decision for your community. It also provides you with the ability to enhance your local land use planning and zoning for consistency and compatibility with the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

Conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan is a two-step process: basic and full conformance. Required for basic conformance is an Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) which includes data specific to the Highlands. An ERI is an integral component of determining the municipality's capacity to support additional growth. As part of the plan conformance, Mount Olive Township is required to update or create an ERI to incorporate Highlands Council's local build-out model, maps, data, and technical information developed and adopted as part of the Regional Master Plan.

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey is well-versed in the technical components of the Regional Master Plan and the requirements of the ERI and can quickly and efficiently assist the municipality in the completion of the inventory. In addition, Mount Olive Township is required to adopt an up-to-date, mapped Recreation and Open Space Inventory as part of basic plan conformance. These documents are to be developed and submitted digitally using computerized mapping on the ArcGIS system. The Land Conservancy has a state of the art computerized mapping system in-house with a large scale plotter for ease in developing and printing maps. Our maps are easy to read and quickly reproducible.

We would be pleased to meet with you, members of your staff and governing body to discuss our planning and mapping work. The costs for professional planning services in order to bring a municipality into conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan are eligible for grant funds from the Highlands Council and the application for these funds are located on their website: [www.highlands.state.nj.us](http://www.highlands.state.nj.us).

We look forward to speaking with you about this initiative. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Heskins Davis, AICP/P.P.  
Vice President, Programs

cc Ms. Lisa M. Lashway, Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Judith Herky, Environmental Commission





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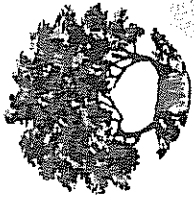
The Land Conservancy of New Jersey has completed 65 Open Space and Recreation Plans, Farmland Plans, and Trail Plans or towns, counties, and nonprofit organizations throughout the New Jersey. Each of our plans incorporate the most recent digital data. Our work has been consistently recognized by the State of New Jersey for excellence in design and planning. We have completed numerous Recreation and Open Space Inventories (ROSI) for towns throughout the Highlands Region and have partnered with the NJDEP Green Acres staff on presentations at statewide conferences on the completion of ROSI and natural resource based plans.

### **We can help you complete:**

- Environmental Resource Inventory
- Recreation and Open Space Inventory

*Conforming to all state requirements and regulations.*

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### Conforming to the Highlands Regional Master Plan?

*We Can Help...*

### SPECIALIZING IN

- Environmental Resource Inventories
- GIS Mapping and Data Analysis
- Recreation and Open Space Inventories
- Open Space and Farmland Planning

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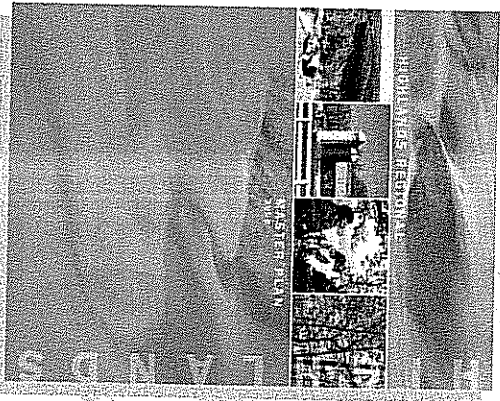
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## Conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan

Plan Conformance is a two-step process. Basic Conformance is the first step and needs to be completed by December of this year. Required for basic conformance is an Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) which incorporates data specific to the Highlands. The ERI will provide the legal basis for the municipality for protection of its natural resources and provides the framework to bring local Master Plans into Basic Conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan.



## The Land Conservancy of New Jersey Can Help

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey is well-versed in the technical components of the Highlands Regional Master Plan and the requirements of the ERI and can quickly and efficiently assist the municipality in the completion of the ERI.

**Our staff is well-versed in the Highlands regulatory requirements and can easily step in to assist your town meet its environmental needs to reach conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan.**

The Land Conservancy has a state of the art computerized mapping system with a large scale plotter for ease in developing and printing maps. Our maps are easy to read and quickly reproducible and are used in public presentations by the state to showcase comprehensive planning and mapping.

## Highlands Plan Conformance Grants

The costs for professional planning services to bring a municipality into conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan are eligible for grant funding from the Highlands Council. The application for these funds is located on the Council's website: [www.highlands.state.nj.us](http://www.highlands.state.nj.us)

## Submittal of Conformance Documents

In addition to the ERI, each town is required to identify all preserved lands, including conservation and agricultural easements. As part of this requirement, towns are to complete an updated Recreation and Open Space Inventory. All documentation for Basic Plan Conformance is to be developed and submitted electronically using digital data on the computerized mapping ArcGIS system.

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