

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION 2025-064

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION OF STILLWATER TOWNSHIP IN
THE STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN (State 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 Planning Advocacy 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;" 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 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 County Commissioners of Sussex 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 in particular its Planning Board and its Department of Planning, in the Cross-acceptance process,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Stillwater has concluded that it is appropriate, necessary and in the municipality's interest 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 and its Department of Planning, in the Cross-acceptance process,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stillwater Township Council of the County of Sussex as follows:

1. That the Municipal Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed 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. 15:30 and any other rules promulgated by the State Planning Commission for this purpose:

2. That the Municipal Planning Board shall coordinate with the County or Negotiating Entity in their preparation of a proposed work program and schedule for municipal and county Cross-acceptance and the Negotiating Entity shall submit said work program and schedule to the New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy by ;
3. That the Municipal Department of Planning shall provide staff assistance to the County Planning Board or Negotiating Entity in order to prepare a Cross-acceptance Response Template and successfully complete the Cross-acceptance process;
4. That all other Municipal Departments and Agencies shall cooperate with the Municipal and County Planning Board or Negotiating Entity and provide information and furnish such documents as may be required.

CERTIFICATION

I, Valerie Ingles, Township Clerk for the Township of Stillwater, hereby certify that the above Resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater at their regularly scheduled Township Committee Meeting of April 1, 2025.

Valerie Ingles, Township Clerk