

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEW BERGEN COUNTY MASTER PLAN

Bergen County Planning Board Vice-Chairperson Shergoh Alkiani offers the following Resolution and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the County Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 40:27-1 et seq.), the County Planning Board shall make and adopt a master plan for the physical development of the County. The master plan along with the accompanying maps, plats, charts, and descriptive and explanatory matter, shall show the County Planning Board's recommendations for the development of the territory covered by the plan, and may include, among other things, the general location, character, and extent of streets or roads, viaducts, bridges, waterway and waterfront developments, parkways, playgrounds, forests, reservations, parks, airports, and other public ways, grounds, places, and spaces; the general location and extent of forests, agricultural areas, and open-development areas for purposes of conservations, food and water supply, sanitary and drainage facilities, or the protection of urban development, and such other features as may be important to the development of the county; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen retained the services of the consulting firm Colliers Engineering (formerly Maser) to embark on a comprehensive update to the *Bergen County Master Plan*; and

WHEREAS, this *Master Plan* is the first comprehensive effort to update the Bergen County Master Plan since 1962, with amendments and addenda in subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, the *Bergen County Master Plan* provides a snapshot of existing conditions, a vision for the future, aspirational goals for future projects and implementation, compendium of best practices, and can act as a strategy tool by which agencies understand future priorities and budgeting; and

WHEREAS, this *Bergen County Master Plan* replaces the existing County Master Plan as the principal guiding document regarding land use coordination in the County; and

WHEREAS, this *Master Plan* also incorporates by reference the Map of Bergen County Required Road Right-of-Way Widths – Resolution No. 326-18, April 11, 2018

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40:27-4 et. seq., the Bergen County Planning Board held a public hearing on April 11th, 2023 on the adoption of the *Bergen County Master Plan* following the publication of an official notice in the *Bergen Record* on March 23, 2023, the *Herald News* on March 23, 2023, the Bergen County Website at <https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/county-master-plan-public-notice>, and notice to the Municipal Clerk and Planning Board Secretary of each municipality in Bergen County at least 20 days prior to the hearing; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of the public comments received prior to and at the April 11th, 2023 public hearing, the Bergen County Planning Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interest of the County to adopt the *Bergen County Master Plan*;

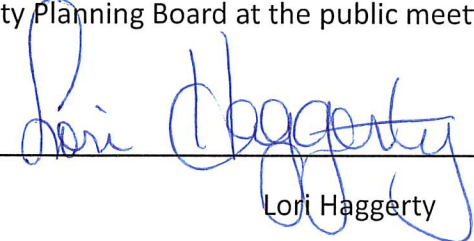
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bergen County Planning Board, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:27-4 et set., hereby adopts the new *Bergen County Master Plan*, as prepared by Colliers Engineering and Design and the Bergen County Department of Planning and Engineering as of April 11, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:27-4 that an attested copy of the *Bergen County Master Plan* be sent to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Commissioners and the legislative body of every municipality in Bergen County.

Seconded by Board of County Commissioner Joan Voss and adopted by the following roll call vote:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Chairperson Hedy Grant	X			
Vice Chairperson Shergoh Alkilani	X			
Commissioner Joan Voss	X			
Joe Femia – County Engineer	X			
Doug Lanzo				X
Karen Sasso	X			
Mobin Sheikh	X			
Zvonko Veskov	X			

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Bergen County Planning Board at the public meeting on April 11th, 2023.



 Lori Haggerty

SECRETARY TO THE BERGEN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD