

**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
WAYNE DUMONT JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
BELVIDERE, NEW JERSEY 07823**

RESOLUTION 359-04

On a motion by **Mr. DiMaio**, seconded by **Mr. Chamberlain**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2004.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION OF WARREN COUNTY
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 Smart Growth for the purpose of establishing a cooperative planning process that involves the full participation of state, county, and local government; 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 counties 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

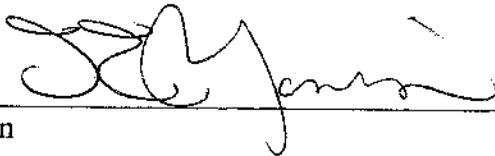
WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Warren County has concluded that it is appropriate, necessary and in the County's interest to fully participate in the development of the State Plan through the full and active participation of the county government, including, in particular, its Planning Board and its Department of Planning, in the Cross-Acceptance process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren as follows:

1. The Warren County Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to carry out the Cross-Acceptance process as the negotiating entity for Warren County 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.
2. The Warren County Planning Board shall prepare a proposed work program and schedule for negotiating municipal and county cross-acceptance and shall submit said work program and schedule to the New Jersey Office of Smart Growth.
3. The Warren County Planning Department shall provide staff assistance to the County Planning Board in order to prepare a Cross-Acceptance Report and successfully complete the Cross-Acceptance process.
4. All other Warren County Departments and Agencies shall cooperate with the County Planning Board and provide information and furnish such documents as may be required.
5. The Planning Director is hereby authorized to file the 2004 Cross-Acceptance Grant Application on behalf of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
6. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute a contract agreement with the State Planning Commission for any financial assistance which may become available for the administration of the Cross-Acceptance process.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chamberlain yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Gardner yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.



Steve Marvin

Clerk

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