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Resolution No. 2011-06  
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**R E S O L U T I O N**

**APPROVAL OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the State Planning Commission (hereafter the "Commission"), pursuant to the State Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 *et seq.*), is required to prepare and adopt a State Development and Redevelopment Plan (hereafter the "State Plan"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-199(a), the Commission is required to revise and readopt the State Plan regularly, with the latest version of the plan having been adopted in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, in revising and readopting the State Plan, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202.1(f), the Commission is required to follow a process including three phases: (1) preliminary plan adoption and use as the basis for cross-acceptance; (2) interim plan adoption which reflects changes that occurred during the cross-acceptance process; and (3) final plan adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is required to perform an Impact Assessment based on the Interim Plan which describes the impacts of the policies and strategies proposed in the Plan ("plan impacts") relative to the impacts that would likely occur without a Plan (referred to as "trend impacts") and includes an economic assessment that compares the plan impacts to the trend impacts, and shall identify desirable changes to be incorporated into the Final State Plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202.1(g)-(i), and

**WHEREAS**, the Impact Assessment must either be conducted by an independent firm or an institution of higher learning or be subject to review by said independent firm or institution, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202.2(a)-(b); and

**WHEREAS**, the Office for Planning Advocacy (OPA) has contracted with Dr. Burchell of the Center for Urban Policy Research at Rutgers University to perform the Impact Assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2011, the Plan Development Committee (PDC) considered the Impact Assessment as prepared by Dr. Burchell; and

**WHEREAS**, the PDC accepted the Impact Assessment and moved it be submitted for consideration by the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission wishes to formally accept the Impact Assessment and disseminate it as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-4.7; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined that the best way to distribute the Impact Assessment is by electronic means; and

**WHEREAS**, OPA will, upon request, make available a written copy of the Impact Assessment or a CD at a charge for reproduction; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commission hereby accepts the independent third party Impact Assessment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission directs OPA to disseminate the Impact Assessment electronically to the Governor, Legislature, governing bodies of each county and municipality pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-4.7(b) and to the Lieutenant Governor and members of the Cabinet with a memorandum explaining that the Final Draft State Strategic Plan recommends transitioning from a State Plan Policy Map into a criteria-based system for identifying "Priority Growth Investment Areas" and "Priority Preservation Investment Areas" and that the changes proposed to the 2001 State Plan Policy Map used by the independent third party for the Impact Assessment are not being accepted by the SPC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission directs OPA to disseminate hard copies of the Impact Assessment to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the Senate President, and the Assembly Speaker with a memorandum explaining that the Final Draft State Strategic Plan recommends transitioning from a State Plan Policy Map into a criteria-based system for identifying "Priority Growth Investment Areas" and "Priority Preservation Investment Areas" and that the changes proposed to the 2001 State Plan Policy Map used by the independent third party for the Impact Assessment are not being accepted by the SPC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission directs OPA to provide the accepted Impact Assessment in hard copy or CD on request for a charge for reproduction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members of the Commission and the Executive Director and staff of OPA are hereby authorized and directed to execute such documents and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate for the implementation of this resolution.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

This Resolution was adopted by the New Jersey State Planning Commission at its meeting held on Monday, November 14, 2011. Ayes: (11) Ken Albert, John Eskilson, Monique Purcell, Greg Acquaviva, Joyce Paul, Shing-Fu Hsueh, Marc Larkins, Bob Martin, Thomas Michnewicz, Andy Swords, Ed McKenna. Nays (0). Abstains: (0).



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