

IX. Next Steps

It is anticipated that this document will be supported by the municipalities, Middlesex County and the State as a result of the endorsed plan process.

Once the document is endorsed and accepted by the Smart Growth Task Force the document will be distributed to each municipality in the SPAs. Each municipality is asked to endorse and accept the Plan as representing the goals and objectives of the municipalities in the SPAs. As part of the acceptance and endorsement the municipalities will all be willing to participate in a regional, coordinated effort to carry out the Plan Implementation Agenda contained in the document.

Upon the acceptance of the SPA plan by the municipalities, the document will be presented to the Middlesex County Planning Board for its endorsement and acceptance. Upon County Planning Board action this document will be forwarded to the State Planning Commission for review and discussion as a request for endorsed plan status.

The Middlesex County Planning Department staff will monitor the status of the Plan Implementation Agenda (PIA) contained in this document and will make adjustments, additions, deletions and such other modifications that may be necessary to reflect ongoing efforts to complete all elements of the PIA. Periodic status reports regarding the progress of the PIA will be provided to the State Planning Commission, the municipalities and the Middlesex County Planning Board.

The Middlesex County Planning Department staff will also be continuing the effort to complete SPA plans for the remaining groups of SPAs in Middlesex County. It is anticipated that upon completion of all plans they will be compiled into a County-wide Strategic Plan for Middlesex County.

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