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Please be advised that the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council is proposing Rules related to a Highlands Open Space Partnership Funding Program and Highlands Development Credit Purchase program. The complete Rules will be published in the August 17 edition of the New Jersey Register and available for public comment through Friday, October 16, 2015. Instructions for comment will be provided in the proposal, which I will forward to you once it is published. A complete copy will also be available on the Highlands Council website (www.nj.gov/njhighlands/rules/) or by contacting the Highlands Council office. A public hearing regarding the proposed Rules will be held at the regularly scheduled Highlands Council meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Highlands Council office, located at 100 North Road, Chester, NJ.

The proposed Rules will create an Open Space Partnership Funding Program through which the Highlands Council will partner with government and non-profit land agencies to preserve privately owned land in the Highlands Region by contributing up to 50% of the total purchase price of the property for the acquisition of development rights. The Rules will also create a Highlands Development Credit Purchase Program that, in connection with the Highlands Development Credit Bank, would purchase Highlands Development Credits on a priority basis as established by the Highlands Regional Master Plan and any project-specific mitigation funding requirements.

Sincerely,

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