



## **NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COALITION**

# *ACTION ALERT*

### **Highlands Conformance Explained! Come to our Public Workshops and Learn How “Opting-In” Will Benefit your Township**

The process of conformance to the Regional Master Plan, in which 76 Highlands municipalities are currently participating, has been official and professional-based from the start leaving many citizens wondering what all this will mean for their community and their property. Educated citizens are key to successfully preserving the natural resources and community character of our towns and engaging municipal officials to make the right decision and conform. To help you get involved in this important issue, the New Jersey Highlands Coalition will be hosting Public Workshops explaining conformance and answering all your questions. Come out to one of our workshops and learn how conformance to the RMP will beneficially shape your community in the future and how you can get involved in the process!

We are currently offering 3 workshops and we hope to see you there! If you have any questions please call us at (973) 588-7190 or e-mail us at [info@njhighlandscoalition.org](mailto:info@njhighlandscoalition.org)

#### **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**

**WHERE:** Morris County Cultural Center  
300 Mendham Rd, Morristown

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 7th at 9:30 AM

**WHO:** Julia Somers, Executive Director, NJ Highlands Coalition  
Dave Peifer, Highlands Project Coordinator, Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions

#### **Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

**WHERE:** Washington Valley School House  
1 Schoolhouse Lane, Morristown

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 11th at 7:30 PM

**WHO:** Elliott Ruga, Campaign Coordinator, NJ Highlands Coalition

## **Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

**WHERE:** Kinnelon Public Library, Room 4  
130 Kinnelon Rd, Kinnelon

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

**WHO:** Julia Somers, Executive Director, NJ Highlands Coalition

### **Unable to Attend but Still Want to Get Involved?**

- Attend Town Council and Planning Board Meetings

Local officials need to know that their citizens support their “opting-in” and conforming to the Regional Master Plan so that they may protect the natural resources and unique character of their community. By attending planning board and town council or committee meetings you can reach out to local officials either during the public comment period, or before or after the meeting, to let them know how important conformance is for your town.

- Become Involved in a Local Environmental or Conservation Group

Connecting with your local community conservation group is another way to become involved. Many of these groups are already working on promoting conformance. If there is no such group, become involved and form such a group and stress the importance of this issue to others! Local groups across the Highlands are organizing petition drives and hosting informational meetings in town to attract attention to the issue.

Many such groups are members of the New Jersey Highlands Coalition. Check out our list of members and see if there is a group by you:

[http://www.njhighlandscoalition.org/HTML/about\\_orgs.html](http://www.njhighlandscoalition.org/HTML/about_orgs.html)

- Start a Petition Drive
- Hold Meetings to Discuss the Issue with Neighbors
- Invite the NJ Highlands Coalition to Make a Presentation

The New Jersey Highlands Coalition also makes presentations about conformance for local groups, organizations, and associations and would happily visit your community to discuss the benefits of conformance. If your group is interested please call our office at (973) 588-7190.