

I support the Holland Township Committee in their intent to conform to the Highlands Regional Master Plan because this will:

- Ensure that any **future growth in Holland is sustainable** and is based on scientific analysis of water availability and septic capacity.
- Limit the future full build-out of Holland to **262 residential units** instead of the **649 houses** allowed under our current zoning laws. (Not conforming means experiencing nearly **250 percent** of the housing growth allowed under the Highlands Plan.)
- Bring **10-13 acre zoning** in the **farmland** sections of Holland, with housing “clustered” on no more than 20% of the land so that 80% continues to be used for agriculture.
- Create **30-35 acre zoning** in the **wooded, hilly regions** of Holland, with housing again “clustered” on 20% of the land so that most of the forested areas remain untouched.
- Enable Holland to do all this by adopting **model ordinances** provided by the Highland Council.
- Provide Holland with grant funding from the Highlands Council to **pay for all the costs** of updating our ordinances, Master Plan and other documents.
- Give Holland and other conforming municipalities **priority** for Green Acres **preservation funding** and farmland preservation.
- Result in **lower affordable housing obligations** because there will be less growth in Holland Township.
- **Stabilize taxes** by reducing growth in single-family residential housing, which adds to the cost of community services.

Therefore, I commend the Holland Township Committee and urge them to petition for Basic Plan Conformance by the deadline in December 2009.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please return to: Friends of Holland Highlands, 130 Shire Road, Milford, NJ 08848

To submit a signed petition electronically, go to www.hollandhighlands.org, then click the link to the petition at the top of the website.