

Resolution # 15 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION OF BRANCHVILLE BOROUGH IN
THE STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN (State Plan) CROSS-ACCEPTANCE PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act of 1985 (N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 et. seq.) created a State Planning Commission and an Office of Planning Advocacy for the purpose of establishing a cooperative planning process that involves the full participation of state, county and local governments; and,

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act states that New Jersey needs integrated and coordinated planning in order to conserve its natural resources, to revitalize its urban centers, to provide affordable housing and adequate public facilities at a reasonable cost, to promote equal social and economic opportunity for New Jersey's citizens, and to prevent sprawl and promote the suitable use of land; and,

WHEREAS, the primary duty and responsibility of the State Planning Commission under the State Planning Act is the preparation of a "State Development and Redevelopment Plan"; and,

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act also provides that the State's municipalities are to have an essential role in the development of the State Plan through their participation in the Cross- acceptance process to be conducted under the Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Cross-acceptance process is the primary vehicle under the Act for promoting vertical coordination and integration of state, county and local plans by affording county and municipal governments a full and open opportunity to be involved in reconciling inconsistencies between state and local policies; and,

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Board of County Commissioners has concluded that it is appropriate, necessary and in the County's interest to fully participate in the development of the State Plan through the full and active participation of the County government, including in particular its Planning Board and its Department of Planning, in the Cross-acceptance process,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Branchville Borough has concluded that it is appropriate, necessary and in the municipality interest to fully participate in the development of the State Plan through the full and active participation of the Municipal government, including in particular its Planning Board and its Department of Planning, in the Cross-acceptance process,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the County of Sussex as follows:

1. That the Municipal Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to carry out the Cross acceptance process pursuant to the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 et. seq. and the State Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 15:30 and any other rules promulgated by the State Planning Commission for this purpose;

2. That the Municipal Department of Planning shall provide staff assistance to the County Planning Board or Negotiating Entity in order to prepare a Cross-acceptance Response Template and successfully complete the Cross-acceptance process;
3. That all other Municipal Departments and Agencies shall cooperate with the Municipal and County Planning Board or Negotiating Entity and provide information and furnish such documents as may be required;

CERTIFICATION

I certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Branchville at a regular meeting held on March 5, 2025.



Kathryn Leissler RMC CTC CMR
Municipal Clerk