

## MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2010

Updates are in *italics*

### I. PLANNING

#### F. OTHER PLANNING ITEMS

**k. Buena Vista Township:** In response to reports received regarding certain development activities occurring in the Township without application to the Commission, the staff met with representatives of the Township on August 25, 2009. To address this matter, the Township initiated and completed two applications for changes of two existing residential uses to retail uses (Applications #2006-0054.002 and #2006-0054.003). The staff issued a Report on an Application for Public Development for each of these applications on October 26, 2009 which will be considered by the Commission at its November 11, 2009 meeting. The Township initiated an application for a change in use of a retail use to a municipal visitor's center and private commercial model railroad display and the expansion of an existing parking lot (Application #1985-0238.003). The staff issued an incomplete letter for Application #1985-0238.003 on October 23, 2009 requesting additional information. The Township has also initiated an application for improvements to Sawmill Park (Application #2009-0180.001), which is currently under review. The staff continues to review development activities that have occurred on lands owned by NJ Transit. Staff has been in contact with NJ Transit and has had several

discussions with NJ Transit regarding the concerned development activities. The Commission approved two applications for changes of two existing residential uses to retail uses on November 11, 2009 (Applications #2006-0054.002 and #2006-0054.003) and issued an incomplete letter for the application for improvements to Sawmill Park (Application #2009-0180.001) on November 19, 2009. The staff continues to review the matter to determine the responsible party for improvements that have occurred within the railroad right-of-way. By letter to Buena Vista Township dated January 8, 2010 (App. No. 2009-0089.001), Commission staff indicated that an application is required for development that has occurred within the NJ Transit right-of-way and on municipally owned property. On February 19, 2010, the Commission approved an application for a change in use of a retail use to a municipal visitor's center and private commercial model railroad display and the expansion of an existing parking lot (Application #1985-0238.003). *Staff issued a July 21, 2010 letter to the Township requesting an update to status of the municipality's submission of an application for development that has occurred within the railroad right-of-way (Application #2009-0089.001). A letter from the Buena Vista Township engineer was received on July 30, 2010, which provided a time line for completing an application for the development that has occurred within the railroad right-of-way. The staff issued a letter dated September 15, 2010 requesting clarification of the information that will be submitted consistent with the municipality's time line. The Commission staff issued another letter dated July 21, 2010 requesting an update to the status of submission of information to complete an application for improvements to Sawmill park (Application #2009-0180.001). The Commission staff received a letter from the Buena Vista Township engineer on August 2, 2010, which provided a time line for submission of the information to complete an application for improvements to Sawmill Park. The staff issued a follow up letter on August 5, 2010 identifying the necessary information to complete an application for improvements to Sawmill Park. Staff met with officials from Buena Vista Township on July 27, 2010, regarding the installation of stormwater management swales required for the installation of sidewalks along Route 40 pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement between Buena Vista Township and the Pinelands Commission (Application #2004-0319.001). Information regarding the concerned stormwater management swales was received by the Commission on August 2, 2010. The staff issued a letter dated August 17, 2010 requesting that the municipality submit a proposed approach to resolve the stormwater management issue associated with the sidewalk installation by October 1, 2010.*