



Cape May County Planning Board

Resolution #1-2022- January 20th, 2022

Resolution Adopting the 2022 Cape May County Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS, the New Jersey County Planning Enabling Act (N.J.S.A. 40:27-1 et. seq.) empowers the Board of County Commissioners (formerly known as Board of Chosen Freeholders) of any County to create a County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Cape May County Board of Commissioners established the Cape May County Planning Board on October 20th, 1953; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Enabling Act directs County Planning Boards to “make and adopt a master plan for the physical development of the County” (N.J.S.A. 40:27-2); and

WHEREAS, the Cape May County Planning Board adopted the Cape May County Comprehensive Plan on September 17th, 1962 and this Plan was formally amended in 1976, 1978, 1985, 1996, and 2002; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the 2002 plan, the Planning Board has worked with municipalities and other regional partners and has participated in a number of regional planning initiatives including Transportation Planning, Watershed Management Planning, Open Space & Farmland Preservation Planning, and other studies that further the intent of the County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Planning Board embarked on an initiative to provide a complete rewrite of the Cape May County Comprehensive Plan in an effort to present a clear vision with actionable goals and objectives that, through cooperation and collaboration with local and regional partners, guide development and redevelopment practices to meet the needs of tomorrow while ensuring that the character of the County is preserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS, throughout 2021 the Board undertook a robust stakeholder engagement process for soliciting input on the plan which included stakeholder outreach sessions, discussions with regional partners, outreach to the general public, and presentations to the

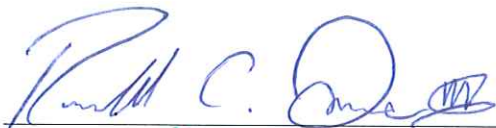
public meetings of the County Planning Board on September 16th, 2021 and November 18th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board has met the statutory requirements for an official public hearing held on Thursday, January 20th, 2022 by providing publication of notices in the Press of Atlantic City (12/23/21) and the Cape May County Herald (12/29/21) and notice to each Municipal Clerk and Municipal Planning Board Secretary via certified mail at least 20 days in advance of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Planning Department Staff have thoroughly reviewed the document and they are confident that: 1) the Plan can be used to guide the future decisions of the Planning Board of the County of Cape May; 2) it is in important reference for the general public and government officials; and 3) it provides a regional context and perspective for land use decisions at the local level;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cape May County Planning Board that the Board hereby formally adopts the 2022 Cape May County Comprehensive Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby recommend, request, and heartily encourage the consultation of the Plan in matters related to the future development and redevelopment of the County of Cape May.



Ronald Simone, Chairperson



Bob Ashman, Vice-Chairperson



Robert Church, PE, Secretary