

Plans, Master Plans and Amendments

Report to the Board June 13th 2014 through Sept. 11th 2014

Municipality	Borough of Madison
Document	Environmental Resources Inventory/Master Plan Amendment
Public Hearing	August 5, 2014
Summary	Update concerns two addenda/amendments of the Madison Environmental Resource Inventory approved as part of the Master Plan.

- The Madison Environmental Commission completed two addenda for the Environmental Resources Inventory that was approved as part of the Master Plan in 2013. The addenda include the Conservation Easement Inventory and Map and the Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Map consistent with the NJ Wildlife Action Plan.
- The addenda reference the NJ Wildlife Action Plan which “coordinates wildlife research and management among programs within the Division of Fish and Wildlife, state and federal agencies and partners in the conservation community.” The focus is on protecting and restoring habitat. To this end, the addenda incorporate the NJDEP Landscape Project database by reference, and include a summary of Landscape Project data and a summary of the NJ Wildlife Action Plan.
- Adoption is made in coordination with the Borough’s pledge of support for the NJ Wildlife Action Plan made by resolution in accordance with the Borough’s Sustainable New Jersey certification. Madison Borough is a “silver certified” sustainable NJ community.
- The addenda describe Madison Borough’s relationship to Landscape Project “Map Patches with Endangered Species Habitat.” Identified are 319 acres in Madison where occurrences of one or more species have been recorded, representing 12% of the Borough’s total area. An additional 31 acres, or 1% of the Borough have been identified as habitat suitable for endangered, threatened or priority wildlife species.
- The goals of the Borough in relation to the Wildlife Action Plan include:
 - ❑ Maintain natural biodiversity, community integrity and structure, and ecosystem function by controlling invasive and overabundant species;
 - ❑ Protect and enhance important and unique habitats; and
 - ❑ Promote public education and awareness and wildlife conservation.

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Municipality	Borough of Morris Plains
Document	Master Plan Amendment – Proposed Apartment/Multi-Family Rental Residential
Public Hearing	9/15/14
Summary	Land Use Plan amendment reclassifying a 15.67 acre site currently zoned for office use to allow the development of rental residential units, including a affordable housing component.

- The Master Plan Amendment identifies a “a site of interest that would benefit from reclassification to future multi-family apartment residential development.” The 15.67 acre site is identified as Block 171, Lot 1, located along Malapardis Road and contains an underutilized office building. The site is currently zoned L-2 and is located on the border with Parsippany Troy Hills Township.
- The site is bounded to the north and west by nonresidential use consistent with the L-2 zone and to the northwest by the Sunrise Assisted Living Facility. The southern property line of the site goes through the center of Vreeland’s Pond.
- The amendment proposes that the land use classification of the site be amended to allow multi-family development, to a maximum of 197 units with 30 COAH affordable housing units. The proposed bedroom mix would include 1 and 2 bedroom market rate units and 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units in accordance with COAH regulations. A maximum building height of 3 stories is proposed.



- The amendment identifies several purposes of the MLUL advanced by the reclassification of the subject property and states that the change “directly promotes the goals and objectives of the Borough in so far as providing an additional housing type in an appropriate location without impacting the established residential character of the Borough.”