

## **Hunterdon County Planning Board Seeks Public Comment On Open Space Plan**

Hunterdon County residents are invited and encouraged to offer comments regarding the County's parks and open space strategic plan, that was introduced as a new element of the Master Plan by the County Planning Board on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

“The strategic parks and open space plan is an extremely important document that will guide the County’s land preservation and improvements over the next decade. Our parks and open space vistas are a key part of the Hunterdon County experience for residents and visitors alike,” Freeholder Board Director Matt Holt said.

The introduced strategic plan calls for the addition of over 4000 acres of preserved open space to the County Park System, trail and existing open space enhancements, the development of four general use parks in different regions in the County, and a focus on preserving connecting links between various already preserved acreage.

Hunterdon County Planning Board Chair Carol Hoffman stated, “The draft plan has had valuable input and review from many land preservation organizations and municipal leaders,” according to Hunterdon County Planning Board Chair Carol Hoffmann. The Planning Board and Freeholders are reaching out to Hunterdon County residents for their comments on the Plan.

Hunterdon County residents can provide their feedback at:

[www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/openspace/StrategicPlan.htm#publiccomments](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/openspace/StrategicPlan.htm#publiccomments) or on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/HunterdonCountyOpenSpace](http://www.facebook.com/HunterdonCountyOpenSpace). The full plan is available here [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/openspace/StrategicPlan.htm](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/openspace/StrategicPlan.htm) as well as an executive summary copy. A hard copy of the Plan is available for review at the County Complex between the hours of 8am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Written comments may be submitted to Open Space Trust Fund Program, Rt. 12 County Complex, Bldg. #1, Flemington, NJ, 08822.

Following a 30-day comment period, the County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the plan on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm, in Building #1, Hunterdon County complex on Route 12, in Raritan.

“As always, the public is welcome to provide their input in person at the public meeting,” Ms. Hoffman concluded.