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AN ACT

Amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), entitled, as amended, "An act to empower cities of the second class A, and third class, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships of 3 the first and second classes including those within a county of the second class and counties of the second through eighth classes, individually or jointly, to plan their development and to govern the same by zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances, planned residential development and 8 other ordinances, by official maps, by the reservation of 9 certain land for future public purpose and by the acquisition 10 of such land; to promote the conservation of energy through 11 the use of planning practices and to promote the effective 12 utilization of renewable energy sources; providing for the 13 establishment of planning commissions, planning departments, 14 15 planning committees and zoning hearing boards, authorizing them to charge fees, make inspections and hold public 16 hearings; providing for mediation; providing for transferable 17 development rights; providing for appropriations, appeals to 18 courts and penalties for violations; and repealing acts and 19 parts of acts," further providing for definitions, for 20 comprehensive plans and for compliance by counties; providing 21 for proposed ordinances; and further providing for impact 22 fees and for transportation capital improvement plans. 23 24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 25 hereby enacts as follows: 26 Section 1. The definitions of "public infrastructure area," "public infrastructure services" and "rural resource area" in 27

section 107(a) of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247),

- 1 known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code,
- 2 reenacted and amended December 21, 1988 (P.L.1329, No.170) and
- 3 added June 22, 2000 (P.L.483, No.67), are amended and the
- 4 subsection is amended by adding definitions to read:
- 5 Section 107. Definitions. -- (a) The following words and
- 6 phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to
- 7 them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates
- 8 otherwise:
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- 10 "Capital improvements program," a proposed general schedule
- 11 of all future projects listed in order of acquisition,
- 12 <u>construction or development priority together with cost</u>
- 13 <u>estimates and the anticipated means of financing each project.</u>
- 14 <u>Included are all major projects requiring the expenditure of</u>
- 15 public funds, over and above the annual local government's
- 16 operating expenses for the purchase, construction or replacement
- 17 of the physical assets of the municipality.
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- 19 "Infrastructure," essential services and related structures,
- 20 systems, networks, developed facilities or devices, both
- 21 <u>immovable and movable</u>, either publicly or privately owned,
- 22 operated and maintained, that are provided or available to or
- 23 for the benefit of persons within a municipality or the public
- 24 generally or for the benefit of the Commonwealth or one or more
- 25 of its political subdivisions. These include wastewater and
- 26 sewage collection and treatment; potable water supply, treatment
- 27 and distribution; transportation of people and goods via road,
- 28 rail, air, water, mass transit, bicycle or on foot; storm water
- 29 management systems and facilities; fire, police, emergency and
- 30 medical services; schools and educational institutions; networks

- 1 and facilities for the delivery of energy and
- 2 telecommunications; parks and recreation facilities, greenways;
- 3 <u>and natural and managed water resource systems</u>, whether natural_
- 4 <u>or man-made</u>.
- 5 * * *
- 6 "Public infrastructure service area," a designated growth
- 7 area and all or any portion of a future growth area described in
- 8 a county, municipal or multimunicipal comprehensive plan where
- 9 public infrastructure services will be provided and outside of
- 10 which such public infrastructure services will not be required
- 11 to be publicly financed.
- 12 ["Public infrastructure services," services that are provided
- 13 to areas with densities of one or more units to the acre, which
- 14 may include sanitary sewers and facilities for the collection
- 15 and treatment of sewage, water lines and facilities for the
- 16 pumping and treating of water, parks and open space, streets and
- 17 sidewalks, public transportation and other services that may be
- 18 appropriate within a growth area, but shall exclude fire
- 19 protection and emergency medical services and any other service
- 20 required to protect the health and safety of residents.]
- 21 * * *
- "Rural resource area," an area described in a municipal or
- 23 multimunicipal plan within which rural resource uses including,
- 24 but not limited to, agriculture, timbering, mining, quarrying
- 25 and other extractive industries, forest and game lands and
- 26 recreation and tourism are encouraged and enhanced, development
- 27 that is compatible with or supportive of such uses is permitted
- 28 and public infrastructure services are not provided except in
- 29 villages[.] and except that public safety and emergency services
- 30 may be provided and certain infrastructure, such as parks,

- 1 greenways and water resources, may be deemed consistent and
- 2 included.
- 3 * * *
- 4 Section 2. Sections 301, 301.4(a), 302(a) and 303(c) and (d)
- 5 of the act, amended June 22, 2000 (P.L.495, No.68), are amended
- 6 to read:
- 7 Section 301. Preparation of Comprehensive Plan--(a) The
- 8 municipal, multimunicipal or county comprehensive plan,
- 9 consisting of maps, charts and textual matter, shall include,
- 10 but need not be limited to, the following related basic
- 11 elements:
- 12 (1) A statement of objectives of the municipality
- concerning its future development, including, but not limited
- 14 to, the location, character and timing of future development,
- that may also serve as a statement of community development
- objectives as provided in section 606.
- 17 (2) A plan for land use, which may include provisions
- for the amount, intensity, character and timing of land use
- 19 proposed for residence, industry, business, agriculture,
- 20 major traffic and transit facilities, utilities, community
- 21 facilities, public grounds, parks and recreation,
- 22 preservation of prime agricultural lands, flood plains and
- 23 other areas of special hazards and other similar uses.
- 24 (2.1) A plan to meet the housing needs of present
- residents and of those individuals and families anticipated
- to reside in the municipality, which may include conservation
- of presently sound housing, rehabilitation of housing in
- declining neighborhoods and the accommodation of expected new
- 29 housing in different dwelling types and at appropriate
- densities for households of all income levels.

- (3) A plan for movement of people and goods, which may include expressways, highways, local street systems, parking facilities, pedestrian and bikeway systems, <u>trails</u>, public transit routes, terminals, airfields, port facilities, railroad facilities and other similar facilities or uses.
 - (4) A plan for community facilities and utilities, which may include schools and institutions for public and private education, recreation, municipal buildings, fire and police stations, libraries, hospitals, water supply and distribution, sewerage and waste treatment, solid waste management, [storm drainage, and flood plain management], storm water and flood plain management systems and facilities, utility corridors and associated facilities, networks and facilities for the delivery of energy and telecommunications and other similar facilities or uses.
 - [(4.1) A statement of the interrelationships among the various plan components, which may include an estimate of the environmental, energy conservation, fiscal, economic development and social consequences on the municipality.
 - (4.2) A discussion of short- and long-range plan implementation strategies, which may include implications for capital improvements programming, new or updated development regulations, and identification of public funds potentially available.
 - (5) A statement indicating that the existing and proposed development of the municipality is compatible with the existing and proposed development and plans in contiguous portions of neighboring municipalities, or a statement indicating measures which have been taken to provide buffers or other transitional devices between disparate uses, and a

- statement indicating that the existing and proposed
 development of the municipality is generally consistent with
 the objectives and plans of the county comprehensive plan.
 - (6) A plan for the protection of natural and historic resources to the extent not preempted by Federal or State law. This clause includes, but is not limited to, wetlands and aquifer recharge zones, woodlands, steep slopes, prime agricultural land, agricultural security areas, flood plains, unique natural areas and historic [sites.] resources. The plan may include a scheme for a connected natural resource system throughout the municipal, multimunicipal or county planning area that encompasses water resources, woodlands, parks, greenways, conservation easements and agricultural and forest lands with conservation values, which, as a connected system contributes to ecological and community health and well-being. The plan shall be consistent with and may not exceed those requirements imposed under the following:
- 18 (i) act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), known
 19 as "The Clean Streams Law";
 - (ii) act of May 31, 1945 (P.L.1198, No.418), known as the "Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act";
- (iii) act of April 27, 1966 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.31,
 No.1), known as "The Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land
 Conservation Act";
- 25 (iv) act of September 24, 1968 (P.L.1040, No.318), 26 known as the "Coal Refuse Disposal Control Act";
- 27 (v) act of December 19, 1984 (P.L.1140, No.223),
 28 known as the "Oil and Gas Act";
- 29 (vi) act of December 19, 1984 (P.L.1093, No.219), 30 known as the "Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and

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1	Reclamation Act";					
2	(vii) act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known					
3	as the "Agricultural Area Security Law"; and					
4	(viii) act of June 10, 1982 (P.L.454, No.133),					
5	entitled "An act protecting agricultural operations from					
6	nuisance suits and ordinances under certain					
7	circumstances".[; and					
8	(ix) act of May 20, 1993 (P.L.12, No.6), known as					
9	the "Nutrient Management Act," regardless of whether any					
10	agricultural operation within the area to be affected by					
11	the plan is a concentrated animal operation as defined					
12	under the act.]					
13	(6.1) A statement of the interrelationships among the					
14	various plan components, including the sewage facilities plan					
15	adopted by the municipality under the act of January 24, 1966					
16	(1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the "Pennsylvania Sewage					
17	Facilities Act," and any applicable storm water management					
18	plan adopted by the county or the municipality under the act					
19	of October 4, 1978 (P.L.864, No.167), known as the "Storm					
20	Water Management Act," as such plans may be amended and					
21	revised from time to time, which shall be included as					
22	elements of the comprehensive plan. The statement of					
23	interrelationships may include an estimate of the					
24	environmental, energy conservation, fiscal, economic					
25	development and social consequences for the municipalities					
26	affected by a municipal, multimunicipal or county					
27	comprehensive plan.					
28	(6.2) Short-term and long-term implementation					
29	strategies, including implementing regulations and a capital					
30	improvements program for the acquisition, construction or					

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- 2 structures, and major equipment identified in the
- 3 comprehensive plan, and a list of proposed expenditures on a
- 4 <u>six-year basis and identification of public funds potentially</u>
- 5 <u>available for such purposes. The capital improvements program</u>
- 6 shall be maintained or revised, as necessary, on an annual
- 7 <u>basis by the governing body.</u>
- 8 (6.3) A statement indicating that the existing and
- 9 proposed development of the municipality is compatible with
- 10 the existing and proposed development and plans in contiguous
- 11 portions of neighboring municipalities, or a statement
- 12 indicating measures which have been taken to provide buffers
- or other transitional devices between disparate uses, and a
- 14 <u>statement indicating that the existing and proposed</u>
- development of the municipality is generally consistent with
- the objectives and plans of the county comprehensive plan.
- 17 (7) In addition to any other requirements of this act, a
- 18 county comprehensive plan shall:
- 19 (i) Identify land uses as they relate to important
 20 natural resources and appropriate utilization of existing
- 21 minerals.
- 22 (ii) Identify current and proposed land uses which
- have a regional impact and significance, such as large
- 24 shopping centers, major industrial parks, mines and
- 25 related activities, office parks, storage facilities,
- large residential developments, regional entertainment
- and recreational complexes, hospitals, airports and port
- 28 facilities.
- 29 (iii) Identify a plan for the preservation and
- 30 enhancement of prime agricultural land and encourage the

- 1 compatibility of land use regulation with existing
- 2 agricultural operations.
- 3 (iv) Identify a plan for historic preservation.
- 4 (b) The comprehensive plan shall include a plan for the
- 5 reliable supply of water, considering current and future water
- 6 resources availability, uses and limitations, including
- 7 provisions adequate to protect water supply sources. Any such
- 8 plan shall be generally consistent with the State Water Plan and
- 9 any applicable water resources plan adopted by a river basin
- 10 commission. It shall also contain a statement recognizing that:
- 11 (1) Lawful activities such as extraction of minerals may
- impact water supply sources and such activities are governed
- by statutes regulating mineral extraction that specify
- 14 replacement and restoration of water supplies affected by
- 15 such activities.
- 16 (2) Commercial agriculture production may impact water
- 17 supply sources.
- 18 (c) The municipal or multimunicipal comprehensive plan shall
- 19 be reviewed at least every ten years. The municipal or
- 20 multimunicipal comprehensive plan shall be sent to the governing
- 21 bodies of contiquous municipalities for review and comment and
- 22 shall also be sent to the Center for Local Government Services
- 23 for informational purposes. The municipal or multimunicipal
- 24 comprehensive plan shall also be sent to the county planning
- 25 commissions or, upon request of a county planning commission, a
- 26 regional planning commission when the comprehensive plan is
- 27 updated or at ten-year intervals, whichever comes first, for
- 28 review and comment on whether the municipal or multimunicipal
- 29 comprehensive plan remains generally consistent with the county
- 30 comprehensive plan and to indicate where the local plan may

- 1 deviate from the county comprehensive plan.
- 2 (d) The municipal, multimunicipal or county comprehensive
- 3 plan may identify those areas where growth and development will
- 4 occur so that a full range of public infrastructure services,
- 5 including sewer, water, highways, police and fire protection,
- 6 public schools, parks, open space and other services can be
- 7 adequately planned and provided as needed to accommodate growth.
- 8 (e) The municipal, multimunicipal or county comprehensive
- 9 plan may incorporate a plan for economic development that
- 10 includes prioritization of economic and community development
- 11 projects and the integration of such projects with
- 12 transportation, infrastructure, and the land use plans.
- 13 Section 301.4. Compliance by Counties.--(a) [If a county
- 14 does not have a comprehensive plan, then that county shall,
- 15 within three years of the effective date of this act and with
- 16 the opportunity for the review, comment and participation of the
- 17 municipalities and school districts within the respective county
- 18 and contiguous counties, school districts and municipalities,
- 19 prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan in accordance with the
- 20 requirements of section 301.] Municipal comprehensive plans
- 21 which are adopted shall be generally consistent with the adopted
- 22 county comprehensive plan.
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- 24 Section 302. Adoption of Municipal, Multimunicipal and
- 25 County Comprehensive Plans and Plan Amendments. -- (a) The
- 26 governing body [may] shall adopt and amend the comprehensive
- 27 plan as a whole or in part. Before adopting or amending a
- 28 comprehensive plan, or any part thereof, the planning agency
- 29 shall hold at least one public meeting before forwarding the
- 30 proposed comprehensive plan or amendment thereof to the

- 1 governing body. In reviewing the proposed comprehensive plan,
- 2 the governing body shall consider the comments of the county,
- 3 contiguous municipalities and the school district, as well as
- 4 the public meeting comments and the recommendations of the
- 5 municipal planning agency. The comments of the county,
- 6 contiguous municipalities and the local school district shall be
- 7 made to the governing body within 45 days of receipt by the
- 8 governing body, and the proposed plan or amendment thereto shall
- 9 not be acted upon until such comment is received. If, however,
- 10 the contiguous municipalities and the local school district fail
- 11 to respond within 45 days, the governing body may proceed
- 12 without their comments.
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- 14 Section 303. Legal Status of Comprehensive Plan Within the
- 15 Jurisdiction that Adopted the Plan.--* * *
- 16 (c) [Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, no
- 17 action by the governing body of a municipality shall be invalid
- 18 nor shall the same be subject to challenge or appeal on the
- 19 basis that such action is inconsistent with, or fails to comply
- 20 with, the provision of a comprehensive plan.]
- 21 (1) A formally adopted county, municipal or
- 22 <u>multimunicipal comprehensive plan, if one exists, shall be</u>
- used as a guide by the governing body of a municipality, its
- departments, agencies and appointed authorities in adopting
- or amending any land use ordinance or taking any proposed
- action that is to be submitted to the planning agency in
- 27 <u>accordance with subsection (a).</u>
- 28 [(d)]
- 29 (2) Municipal zoning, subdivision and land development
- 30 regulations and capital improvement programs shall generally

- 1 implement the municipal and multimunicipal comprehensive plan
- or, where none exists, the municipal statement of community
- 3 development objectives.
- 4 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
- 5 <u>Section 303.1. General Consistency.--(a) In accordance with</u>
- 6 this section, a municipal governing body shall make a finding
- 7 that a proposed ordinance is generally consistent with the
- 8 <u>comprehensive plan. A finding of general consistency shall be</u>
- 9 <u>considered and made concurrently with and as part of the</u>
- 10 ordinance enactment process prescribed in this act and as
- 11 <u>further prescribed in this section.</u>
- 12 (b) The issue of the general consistency of a proposed
- 13 ordinance with the comprehensive plan shall be considered at the
- 14 public hearing required to be held prior to a municipal
- 15 governing body voting to approve the ordinance.
- 16 (c) The public notice of the public hearing shall include a
- 17 <u>statement that any person, including a representative of the</u>
- 18 municipal or county planning agency, may provide written
- 19 comments prior to the hearing or may request to present
- 20 testimony at the hearing on the question of whether a proposed
- 21 ordinance is generally consistent with the comprehensive plan.
- 22 (d) After receiving comments and testimony pursuant to
- 23 subsection (c), and prior to voting on the proposed ordinance,
- 24 the governing body shall find that general consistency exists if
- 25 it determines that the proposed ordinance promotes, rather than
- 26 conflicts with the goals, objectives, policies and strategies
- 27 <u>set forth in the comprehensive plan. In order to be found</u>
- 28 generally consistent with a comprehensive plan, an ordinance
- 29 need not accomplish all of the goals, objectives, policies and
- 30 strategies set forth in the comprehensive plan.

- 1 (e) The finding made pursuant to this section shall be
- 2 evidenced by a resolution of the governing body, but it need not
- 3 contain detailed findings of fact and may be in the form of a
- 4 conclusion.
- 5 (f) An ordinance adopted after a finding of general
- 6 consistency as provided in this section shall not be invalid nor
- 7 <u>shall the same be subject to challenge or appeal on the basis</u>
- 8 that the ordinance is inconsistent with, or fails to comply
- 9 with, the comprehensive plan.
- 10 (q) Applicants for any permit, approval or variance
- 11 <u>authorized by an ordinance duly enacted by the municipal</u>
- 12 governing body shall be entitled to rely on the land use
- 13 <u>ordinance in effect at the time of their application.</u>
- 14 (h) A permit, approval or variance issued or granted
- 15 pursuant to a duly adopted land use ordinance, or the issuance,
- 16 approval or denial of any of the following may not be challenged
- 17 on the basis that it is inconsistent with, or fails to comply
- 18 with, a comprehensive plan:
- 19 <u>(1) A zoning permit, variance, special exception or</u>
- 20 conditional use.
- 21 (2) A preliminary or final subdivision or land
- development plan, development plan or program for a planned
- 23 residential development.
- 24 (3) A demolition or building permit, certificate-of-
- 25 <u>occupancy or other approval or permit required for</u>
- 26 construction, land development, subdivision or occupancy.
- 27 (i) A finding of general consistency in accordance with this
- 28 section shall satisfy all requirements of this act concerning an
- 29 ordinance's implementation of, or general consistency with, the
- 30 comprehensive plan.

- 1 (j) Nothing in this act shall prevent either of the
- 2 <u>following:</u>
- 3 (1) The concurrent amendment of a zoning ordinance with
- 4 <u>a comprehensive plan in accordance with section 603(j) in</u>
- 5 order to maintain general consistency of the ordinance with
- 6 <u>the comprehensive plan.</u>
- 7 (2) The implementation of a multimunicipal comprehensive
- 8 plan by participating municipalities through one or more
- 9 cooperative implementation agreements, not inconsistent with
- this section, for the purpose of achieving general
- 11 consistency in accordance with section 1104.
- 12 (k) The following words and phrases when used in this
- 13 section shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection
- 14 <u>unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:</u>
- "Comprehensive plan," a formally adopted municipal or
- 16 <u>multimunicipal comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to this act.</u>
- 17 "Ordinance," a land use ordinance or an amendment of a land
- 18 use ordinance adopted pursuant to this act.
- 19 Section 4. Section 503-A(d) of the act, added December 19,
- 20 1990 (P.L.1343, No.209), is amended to read:
- 21 Section 503-A. Grant of Power.--* * *
- 22 (d) Impact fees may be used for those costs incurred for
- 23 improvements designated in the transportation capital
- 24 improvement program which are attributable to new development,
- 25 including the acquisition of land and rights-of-way;
- 26 engineering, legal and planning costs; and all other costs which
- 27 are directly related to road improvements within the service
- 28 area or areas, including debt service. Impact fees shall not be
- 29 imposed or used for costs associated with any of the following:
- 30 (1) Construction, acquisition or expansion of municipal

- facilities other than capital improvements identified in the transportation capital improvements plan required by this act.
 - (2) Repair, operation or maintenance of existing or new capital improvements.
 - (3) Upgrading, updating, expanding or replacing existing capital improvements to serve existing developments in order to meet stricter safety, efficiency, environmental or regulatory standards not attributable to new development.
 - (4) Upgrading, updating, expanding or replacing existing capital improvements to remedy deficiencies in service to existing development or fund deficiencies in existing municipal capital improvements resulting from a lack of adequate municipal funding over the years for maintenance or capital construction costs.
- 16 Preparing and developing the land use assumptions, 17 roadway sufficiency analysis and transportation capital improvement plan, except that impact fees may be used for no 18 19 more than a proportionate amount of the cost of professional 20 consultants incurred in preparing a roadway sufficiency 21 analysis [of infrastructure within] for a specified 22 transportation service area, such allowable proportion to be 23 calculated by dividing the total costs of all road 24 improvements in the adopted transportation capital 25 improvement program within the transportation service area 26 attributable to projected future development within the 27 service area, as defined in section 504-A(e)(1)(iii), by the 28 total costs of all road improvements in the adopted 29 transportation capital improvement program within the 30 specific transportation service area, as defined in section

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- 3 Section 5. Sections 504-A(d)(1) and 1103(a) of the act,
- 4 amended June 22, 2000 (P.L.495, No.68), are amended to read:
- 5 Section 504-A. Transportation Capital Improvements Plans.--*
- 6 * *
- 7 (d) (1) Upon adoption of the land use assumptions by the
- 8 municipality, the advisory committee shall prepare, or cause
- 9 to be prepared, a roadway sufficiency analysis which shall
- 10 establish the existing level of [infrastructure] sufficiency
- and preferred levels of service within any designated area or
- areas of the municipality as described by the resolution
- adopted pursuant to the creation of the advisory committee.
- 14 The roadway sufficiency analysis shall be prepared for any
- highway, road or street within the designated area or areas
- on which the need for road improvements attributable to
- 17 projected future new development is anticipated. The
- 18 municipality shall commission a traffic or transportation
- 19 engineer or planner to assist the advisory committee in the
- 20 preparation of the roadway sufficiency analysis.
- 21 Municipalities may jointly commission such engineer or
- 22 planner to assist in the preparation of multiple municipality
- 23 roadway sufficiency analyses. In preparing the roadway
- sufficiency analysis report, the engineer may consider and
- refer to previously produced professional studies and reports
- 26 relevant to the production of the roadway sufficiency
- 27 analysis as required by this section. It shall be deemed that
- the roads, streets and highways not on the roadway
- 29 sufficiency analysis report are not impacted by future
- development. The roadway sufficiency analysis shall include

the following components:

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- 2 (i) The establishment of existing volumes of traffic 3 and existing levels of service.
 - (ii) The identification of a preferred level of service established pursuant to the following:
 - The level of service shall be one of the (A) categories of road service as defined by the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences or the Institute of Transportation Engineers. The municipality may choose to select a level of service on a transportation service area basis as the preferred level of service. The preferred levels of service shall be designated by the governing body of the municipality following determination of the existing level of service as established by the roadway sufficiency analysis. If the preferred level of service is designated as greater than the existing level of service, the municipality shall be required to identify road improvements needed to correct the existing deficiencies.
 - (B) Following adoption of the preferred level of service, such level of service may be waived for a particular road segment or intersection if the municipality finds that one or more of the following effectively precludes provision of road improvements necessary to meet the level of service: geometric design limitations, topographic limitations or the unavailability of necessary right-of-way.
 - (iii) The identification of existing deficiencies

- which need to be remedied to accommodate existing traffic at the preferred level of service.
 - (iv) The specification of the required road improvements needed to bring the existing level of service to the preferred level of service.
 - (v) A projection of anticipated traffic volumes, with a separate determination of pass-through trips, for a period of not less than five years from the date of the preparation of the roadway sufficiency analysis based upon the land use assumptions adopted under this section.
- 11 (vi) The identification of forecasted deficiencies 12 which will be created by "pass-through" trips.

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- 14 Section 1103. County or Multimunicipal Comprehensive
- 15 Plans. -- (a) The comprehensive plan that is the subject of an
- 16 agreement may be developed by the municipalities or, at the
- 17 request of the municipalities, by the county planning agency, or
- 18 agencies in the case of a plan covering municipalities in more
- 19 than one county, in cooperation with municipalities within the
- 20 area and shall include all the elements required or authorized
- 21 in section 301 for the region of the plan, including a plan to
- 22 meet the housing needs of present residents and those
- 23 individuals and families anticipated to reside in the area of
- 24 the plan, which may include conservation of presently sound
- 25 housing, rehabilitation of housing in declining neighborhoods
- 26 and the accommodations of expected new housing in different
- 27 dwelling types and of appropriate densities for households of
- 28 all income levels. The plan may:
- 29 (1) Designate growth areas where:
- 30 (i) Orderly and efficient development to accommodate

- the projected growth of the area within the next 20 years is planned for residential and mixed use densities of one unit or more per acre.
 - (ii) Commercial, industrial and institutional uses to provide for the economic and employment needs of the area and to insure that the area has an adequate tax base are planned for.
 - (iii) [Services] <u>Infrastructure</u> to serve such development [are] <u>is</u> provided or planned for.
 - (2) Designate potential future growth areas where future development is planned for densities to accompany the orderly extension and provision of [services] <u>infrastructure</u>.
 - (3) Designate rural resource areas, if applicable, where:
 - (i) Rural resource uses are planned for.
 - (ii) Development at densities that are compatible with rural resource uses are or may be permitted.
 - (iii) Infrastructure extensions or improvements are not intended to be publicly financed by municipalities, except in villages, unless the participating or affected municipalities agree that such [service] <u>infrastructure</u> should be provided to an area for health or safety reasons to support or be consistent with rural resources or to accomplish one or more of the purposes set forth in section 1101.
 - (4) Plan for the accommodation of all categories of uses within the area of the plan, provided, however, that all uses need not be provided in every municipality but shall be planned and provided for within a reasonable geographic area of the plan.

- 1 (5) Plan for developments of areawide significance and
- 2 impact, particularly those identified in section 301(3) and
- 3 (4).
- 4 (6) Plan for the conservation and enhancement of the
- 5 natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic resources within the
- 6 area of the plan.
- 7 * * *
- 8 Section 6. This act shall take effect in 60 days.