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June 30, 2025

Ms. Julie Goodyear
Town Manager, Town of Townsend
141 Main Street
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Townsend, DE 19734

RE: Response Letter for PLUS 2024-03-03 Townsend Comprehensive Plan
Amendment to Update the Annexation Map

Dear Ms. Goodyear:

Thank you for reviewing the comments from State agencies as part of the PLUS review for application 2024-03-03 Townsend Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Future Land Use & Growth & Total Annexation Areas Map Update. We have received your letter dated May 13, 2025, in response to some of the concerns outlined in the a PLUS review letter.

Before we can proceed, we need to have confirmation in writing that there has been intergovernmental coordination with the Town of Middletown and New Castle County. I understand you have made several attempts to do this, but if you need further assistance in coordinating a response, please know that I am here to help.

If a resolution between the Town of Townsend and the other jurisdictions cannot be made there are other avenues we can try to open lines of communication to work towards resolving the discrepancies.

In addition, there are multiple mentions in your letter of property owners coming forward and expressing interest in annexation. Are you able to share what interests these property owners have? This may help further shape our discussion as we work to refine the proposed annexation areas.

Please continue to work on communicating with New Castle County as addressing some of their concerns could resolve some of the issues brought up by DNREC and the

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Department of Agriculture. We will be in touch to help you continue to move through this process by reviewing and amending the proposed annexation areas map with you until everyone can come to an agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Samantha Bulkilish". The script is cursive and fluid.

Samantha Bulkilish, AICP
Principal Planner
Office of State Planning Coordination