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March 14, 2016

VIA Hand Delivery

Mr. Gregory J. Bonin, Administrator Township of Branchburg 1077 US Highway 202 North Branchburg, NJ 08876-3936

RE: Response to Affordable Housing RFP

Block 3 Lot 19, with street address of 18 Lamington Road

Dear Mr. Bonin;

TJC Homes, LLC is pleased to submit this response to the Township of Branchburg's Request for Affordable Housing Development Proposal for the above referenced property owned by our organization. We proudly submit two (2) copies of the requested information along with one CD for your review and consideration.

As a family owned company who is local to the area, we have a strong resume of development experience that you should expect from an honest developer. Our in depth knowledge of the real estate market, predevelopment planning, marketing, development planning, and implementation experience makes TJC Homes ideally suited for this special assignment. We provide the shortest distance between two points in the planning process – a line starting from how the property exists today then straight to providing on-site affordable housing.

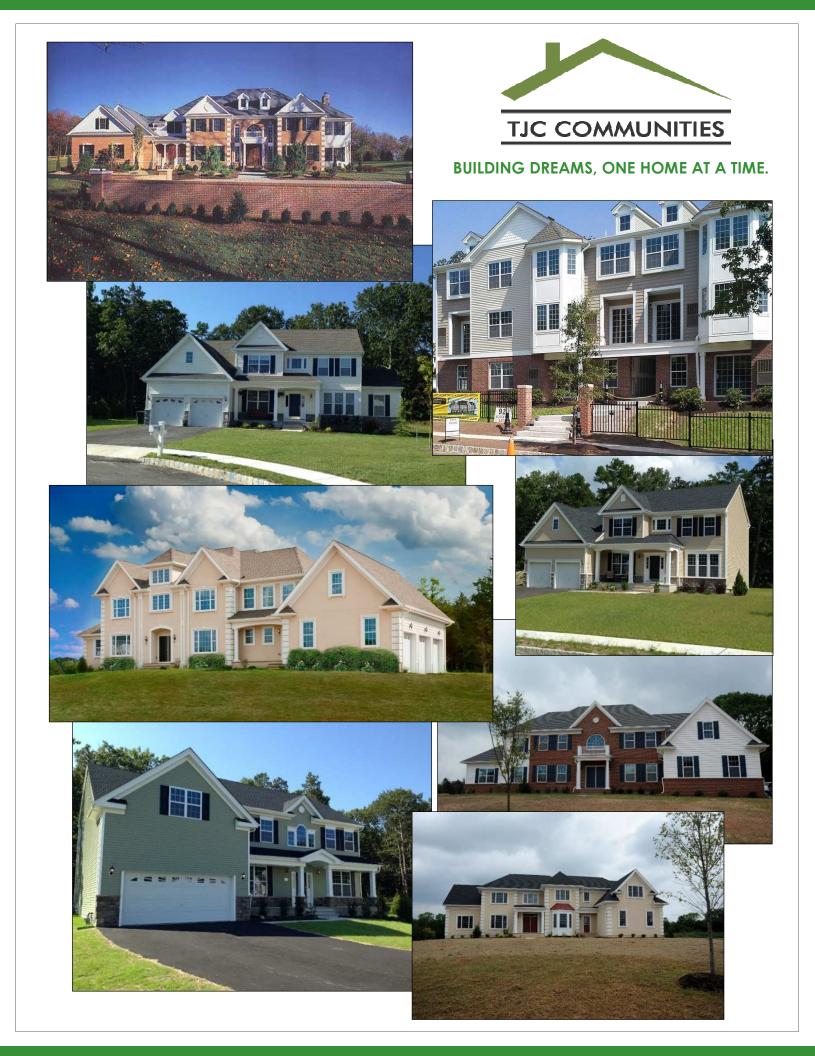
Our submission responds directly to your RFP. We have organized the information to cover each of the required areas of competence. We link our experience with specific issues and needs by highlighting our experience and relevant projects. TJC Homes is excited about this fantastic opportunity as we are pleased to submit this proposal to you.

Thanking you in advance, I am, Sincerely yours,

Scott Slagle

TJC Homes, LLC

cc: Timothy E. Jones





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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

REQUEST FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

The Township of Branchburg is seeking proposals from property owners and developers, profit or nonprofit, for the provision of affordable housing in the Township.

The Township of Branchburg is engaged in the declaratory judgment process permitted by the New Jersey Supreme Court in its March 10, 2015 affordable housing decision. That process is expected to result in specific affordable housing numbers for Branchburg and a plan for the provision for that affordable housing. Until a final resolution of the affordable housing obligation, the Township cannot adopt a final plan. However, Branchburg is seeking to identify elements that may contribute to a plan.

Branchburg will accept proposals from property owners and developers for their development of affordable housing on properties that are owned or controlled by them.

Two copies of each Proposal, one paper copy and one .pdf copy on a CD/DVD or flash drive, shall be submitted and shall include all maps and proposed development sites.

Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope. The outside of the sealed envelope must clearly state "Affordable Housing Development Proposal" and be addressed to the Administrator and shall also bear the name and address of the person/company submitting the proposal.

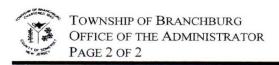
Sealed Proposals will be received by the Administrator of the Township of Branchburg on March 14, 2016 at 10:30 A.M. local prevailing time in the Meeting Room at the Municipal Building, 1077 U.S. Highway 202 North, Branchburg, NJ 08876, at which time and place the Proposals will be opened.

Proposals will be considered and ranked according to desirability and benefit by the Township. The ranking shall be subjective, with the intention of prioritizing proposals for inclusion in an affordable housing plan to be developed for Branchburg.

Branchburg will not accept changes or amendments to proposals after they are publicly opened, but Branchburg reserves the right to negotiate with property owners or developers to ascertain the details of proposals and to modify proposal for the greater benefit of Branchburg.

All proposals shall include:

- The tax map identification, zoning designation, current development and tax qualification of 1. property included within the proposal;
- A statement of ownership for the property proposed for development or of legal control of the 2. property, including any contingencies and expiration dates;
- The nature, type and extent of all development proposed including, but not limited to, affordable 3. housing;
- An explanation of owner's or developer's financial resources sufficient to demonstrate that the 4. proposal can reasonably be developed;
- An explanation of why the owner or developer believes that its proposal would be particularly 5. beneficial;
- The timing of the proposed development; 6.
- Any in-kind or monetary contribution required from Branchburg; FEB 2 9 2016 7.



8. Whether each component of the proposed development is intended to be rented or sold.

The non-affordable components of a proposal need not be residential. Branchburg is seeking creative proposals that will maximize the provision of affordable housing and minimize the negative impacts on Branchburg.

Branchburg intends to meet with those owners or developers that it determines, in its sole discretion, may contribute most beneficially to a Township affordable housing plan. Owners and developers are encouraged to provide their very best proposals, as lower ranked proposals will be considered last and may not be reached at all. Branchburg does not expect the majority of proposals to be included in its plan. Lower ranked proposals may receive no consideration.

Gregory J. Bonin Administrator



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RE: 18 LAMINGTON ROAD

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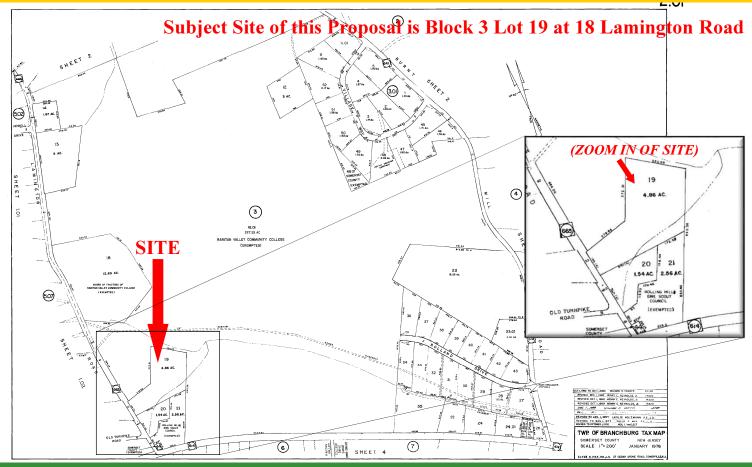
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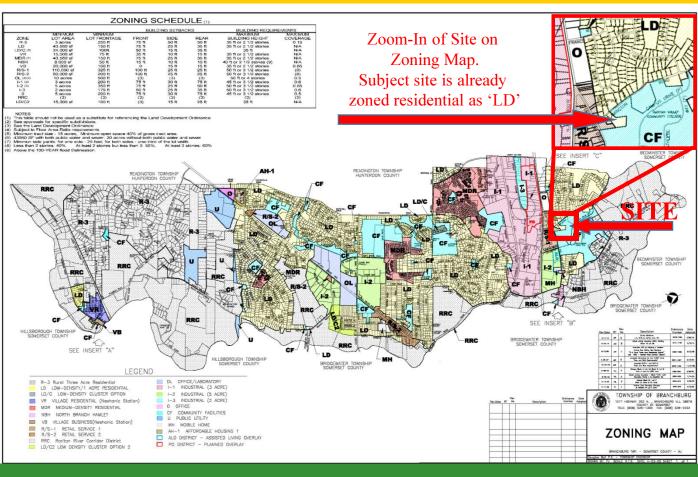
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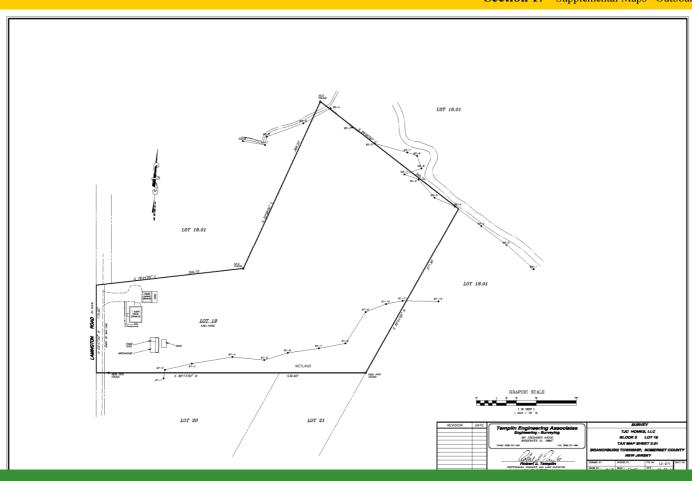




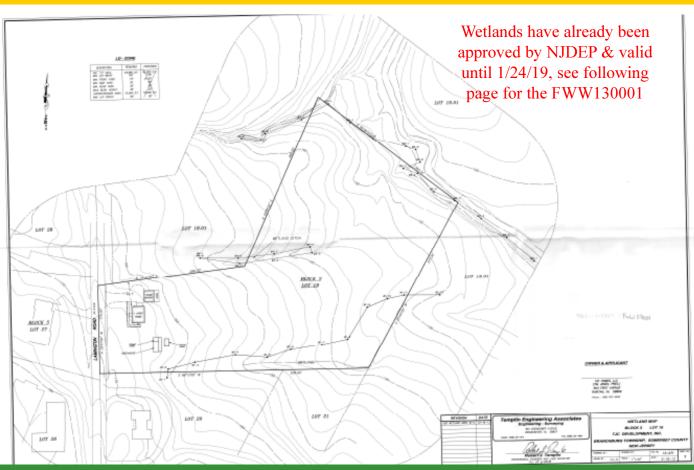
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Tim Jones TJC Homes, LLC 603 1st Avenue Raritan, NJ 08869

KIM GUADAGNO Li. Governor

RE: Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation: Line Verification File No.: 1808-13-0002.]
Activity Number FWW130001
Applicant: TUC HOMES LLC
Block: 3, Lot. 19
Branchburg Township, Somenet County

Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter is in response to your request for a Letter of Interpretation to have Division of Land Use Regulation (Division) staff verify the boundary of the freshwater wetlands and/or State open waters on the referenced property.

In accordance with agreements between the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia and New York Districts, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the NDISm'the Division is the lead agency for establishing the extent of State and Federally regulated were the Control of the State of State and Federally regulated were control of the part of the Control of the State of the Control of the Control of the State of the Control of the State of the Control of the

Based upon the information submitted, and upon site inspections conducted by Division staff on November 26, 2013 and December 4, 2013, the Division has determined that the wetlands and waster boundary line() as above no the plan map entitle.* The BLOCK 3 LOT 19 TLO BEVELOPMENT, INC. BRANCHBURG TOWNSHIP, SOMERIET COUNTY NEW JERSEY ", consisting of one sheet, dated, have 18, 2013, but revised December 16, 2013, and prepared by Templin Engineering Associates, is accurate as shown.

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Intermediate: W1-1 to W1-12; W2-1 to W2-9; W3-1 to W3-8. [50 foot wetland buffer]

Ordinary Resource Value Ditch: W4-1 to W4-8. [No wetland buffer]

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RNC may affect sequirements for wetland and/or transition area permitting. This
classification may affect the requirements for an Individual Wetlands Permit (see N.J.A.C. 77A-7), the type of Senvide Cream Permits and enables for the property (see N.J.A.C. 77A-4) and any modification available may be a supported by the property (see N.J.A.C. 77A-6). Please refer to the Freedward Permits and Permits and Permits and Permits and Implementing rules for additional information. Please note that pursuant to the Flood Haga-Plant (PAI) and property of the Permits Prop

Wetlands resource value classification is based on the best information available to the Department. The classification is subject to reevaluation at any time if additional or updated information is made available, including, but not limited to, information supplied by the

Under N.J.S.A. 13:9B-7a(2), if the Division has classified a wetland as exceptional resource value, based on a finding that the wetland is documented habitat for threatened and candaggreed species that remains suitable for use for breefing, retting or feeling by such species, an applicant may request a change in this classification. Such requests for a classification change must demonstrate that the abitat is no longer suitable for the documented projects because there has been a change in the suitability of this habitat. Requests for resource value classification changes and associated documentation should be submitted to the Division at the address at the top of this letter.

General Information

Parsunt to the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules, you are entitled to rely upon this jurisdictional determination for a period of five years from the date of this letter unless it is determined that the letter is based on inaccurate or incomplete information. Should additional should be added to the state of the protection of the protection of the properties of the properties of the properties of the protection and same a revisited letter of interpretation.

Regulated activities proposed within a wetland, wetland transition area or water area, as defined by N.J.A.C. 7:7A-2.2 and 2.6 of the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules, require a permit from this office unless specifically exempted at N.J.A.C. 7:7A-2.8. The approved plan and supporting jurisdictional limit information are now part of the Division's public records.



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This letter in no way legalizes any fill which may have been placed, or other regulated activities which may have occurred on-site. This determination of juxtidiction extent or presence does not make a finding that wetlands or water areas are "isolated" or part of a surface wetter tributary system unless specifically called our in this letter as such. Furthermore, obtaining this determination does not affect your responsibility to obtain any local, State, or Federal permits which may be required.

Appeal Process

In seconfunce with N.J.A.C. 7:7A-1.7, any person who is agarieved by this decision may request a bearing within 10 days of the dust the decision is published in the DEP Bulletin by writing to New Jensey Department of Environmental Protection. Office of Legal Affairs, Attention: Adjudicatory Hearing Requests, P.O. Box 402, Terenton, NJ 08625-0402. This request must include a completed copy of the Administrative Hearing Requests Checklist found at www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse/forms. Hearing requests received after 30 days of publication notice may be deried. The DEP Bulletin is available on the Department's website at www.state.nj.us/dep/bulletin. In addition to your hearing request, you may file a request with the Office of Dispute Resolution to engage in alternative dispute resolution. Please see the website www.nj.gov/dep/def for more information on this process.

Please contact Mark Harris of our staff by e-mail at mark.harris@dep.state.ni.us or (609) 633-6563 should you have any questions regarding this letter. Be sure to indicate the Department's file number in all communication.

Sincerely. Andrew Clark
Northeast Region Supervisor
Division of Land Use Regulation

Branchburg Township Clerk Branchburg Township Construction Official Edward Kuc, Eastern States Environmental Associates- Agent



Section 2: "Statement of ownership for the property proposed"

Ownership Statement

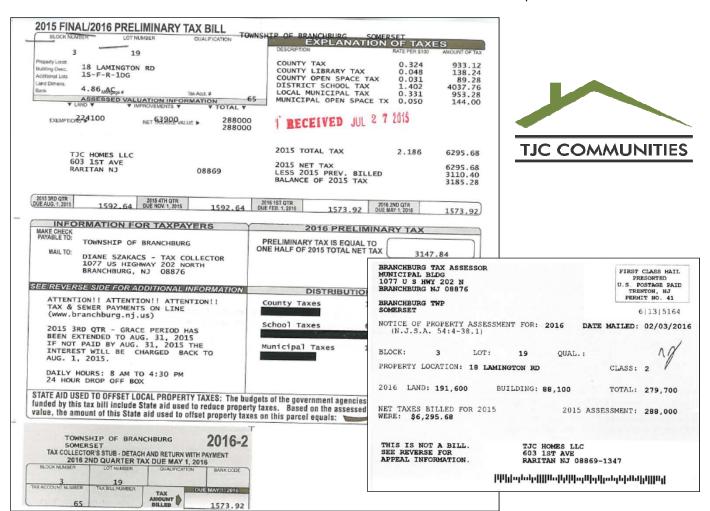
TJC Homes, LLC owns clear and marketable title to the subject property of this Proposal and received Resolution 2013-018P MSUB from the municipal planning board. Currently the property is improved with a small single family home which would be removed as part of this proposal.

Unlike most developers who have a contract to purchase a property that is contingent upon their receipt of certain approvals (and therefore have an option to withdraw from their contract and walk from the project) we own this property outright. We're not walking.

We are committed to working with Branchburg Township on providing Affordable Housing at a yield that works for both the municipality and TJC. Because we own this property outright, we have the most flexibility in negotiating the best yield with the municipality since we are not locked into an approval contingency contract with a landowner. We are the landowner.

We own this land and would warmly welcome a discussion with Branchburg Township on how we can help provide Affordable Housing.

We offer the below documentation to validate our ownership statement.



We are certain the Township of Branchburg is looking for a Developer with experience in the area. Below are projects we have completed, currently developing, or currently selling:

- 1. Hillsborough Township, Somerset County obtained all approvals for 16 lots. This project, called ""Hidden Brook at Belle Mead" is currently selling new homes.
- 2. Ewing Township, Mercer County entitlement process for 35 lots
- 3. Voorhees Township, Camden County entitlement process for 23 lots
- 4. Burlington Township, Burlington County entitlement process for 70 townhomes
- **5. Plainfield City. Union County –** obtained all approvals for 25 rental units. This project, called "Netherwood Pointe" is for rent but currently 100% occupied.
- **6. Howell Township, Monmouth County –** obtained all entitlements for 16 lots. This project, called ""Coddington Hill" sold out 2012.
- **7. Clark Township, Union County –** obtained all entitlements for 5 lots. This project, called "Madison Hill Estates" sold out 2010.







Section 3: "Nature, type, & extent of development including affordable housing"

Affordable Housing Development

TJC Homes, LLC is very experienced in developing raw land suitable for residential construction with a variety of densities and product types.

The Nature

The nature of our affordable housing development will be to not look like an affordable housing development. All too often developers skimp out on the details in order to save money. That is not the case with any of our developments. We take pride in the details and provide it in all our communities. With creative construction details, wonderful architecture, and beautiful landscaping that works with the environment, we anticipate this Affordable Development to be one of a kind. We are incentivized to ensure that the affordable units in our development look just as good as the market-rate units.

The Type

The type of our affordable housing development can be either fee-simple multi-family townhomes, or, multi-family rental apartments. In any event, TJC Homes is willing to provide up to 20% of any yield to be set-aside for Affordable Housing suitable to residents of Low to Moderate Income levels.

The Extent

Although our property totals 4.693 gross acres, we trust the municipality shares our sentiment that our property is not too small for an affordable housing community. We're experienced with obtaining high residential densities. With our creative engineering and architectural designs, we are capable of providing any one of these proposed densities, all of which shall have **20%** set-aside as Affordable Housing.

DU/Gross Acre *	Total Units	Product Type	Marketability	Affordable Units %	Max. Affordable Unit Yield	Max. Market Rate Unit Yield
4	19	Townhomes	Fee-Simple	20%	4	15
8	38	Townhomes	Fee-Simple	20%	8	30
12	56	Apartments	Rental	20%	11	45
16	75	Apartments	Rental	20%	15	60

These proposed densities work for either fee-simple or rental product and we warmly welcome a discussion with Branchburg Township about providing any one of these densities that could yield up to **15 Affordable Units.**

^{*} DU/Gross Acre is a planning term for describing unit yield density more commonly known as "dwelling units per gross acre". For example, $[4du \times 4.693]$ gross acres = 19 total units, $\times 20\% = 4$ Affordable Units + 15 market rate units.

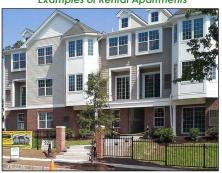
examples of Fee-simple







Examples of Rental Apartments







Market-Rate Product Offering

Fee-Simple townhomes or rental Apartments will provide a variety of floor plans and boast architectural elements consistent with Branchburg. The target demographic for this offering will be primarily young professionals, singles, beginning families, and empty nesters.

Affordable Product Offering

Designed for Low and Moderate income buyers, the 'affordable' product offering will consist of multifamily fee-simple or rental product. We will provide the necessary quantity of 1-Bedroom, 2-Bedroom, and 3-Bedroom units required by Branchburg Township. The target buyer for this product offering will be required to meet all state and municipal regulations of income levels in order to qualify to purchase or rent these units.

These images are for illustrative purposes and express the vision of product types suitable for this proposal.

Mr. Tim Jones - Owner & President

TJC Homes is a multi-faceted real estate developer, homebuilder, and remodeling group headquartered in Raritan, NJ owned and managed by Timothy E. Jones.

Tim's interest in home building traces back to his father, a homebuilder in Connecticut from whom as a youth Tim learned "the basics". After graduation from Temple University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Construction Engineering, Tim first worked for one of the East Coast's largest homebuilders, where he successfully tackled a myriad of responsibilities and learned all aspects of sitework as a site superintendent. Jones then went on to another major homebuilder, quickly advancing from site and framing superintendent to Construction Manager in charge of multiple communities.

For more than three decades, Tim has had intense hands-on involvement in virtually every component of home-building and community development, always from the viewpoint of "value and quality" to the homebuyer. Today Tim Jones specializes in building and renovating high-end homes in New Jersey and proudly puts his name atop all of his companies.

Financial Resources

The TJC Companies have built hundreds of homes throughout New Jersey and has over \$22,000,000 in assets and over \$5,00,000 annual revenue. In addition, TJC owns clear and marketable title to the subject property of this proposal. TJC finances its acquisitions and construction projects through the use of its cash balances and the use of a credit facility if needed. We believe that our existing cash balances and credit facility are sufficient to support this proposal.







Personnel Qualifications of TJC Homes

TJC boasts an experienced staff of committed specialists in land acquisition, product planning and development, finance, construction, and sales and marketing. Our professional staff will bring the same high level of expertise and well-rounded knowledge of the development process to Branchburg Township. We are:

Mr. Scott Slagle- Vice President

Mr. Slagle will manage TJC's efforts in project design, entitlements, and sales and marketing of the proposal from conceptual to build-out completion.

Mr. Slagle has contracted or developed over 1,500 residential units and acquired over 2,000 acres of open space during his 17 year career. Mr. Slagle is currently developing six residential projects with a combined build-out value exceeding \$71,000,000.

Mr. Slagle holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

Mr. Robert Conforti - Director of Construction

Mr. Conforti will manage TJC's efforts in sitework installation, home construction, and bond management for the proposed project through the end of build-out.

Mr. Conforti has built over 3,000 residential units throughout New Jersey and the Mid-Atlantic States earned through multiple national home builders over a span of 35 years.

Mr. Conforti holds a degree in Building Construction / Project Management from Delhi State University of New York.



QUALIFICATIONS OF THE APPLICANT

Developer's Name and Contact information

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The TJC Homes Team

TJC recognizes the importance of selecting the right team of experts to successfully execute a development plan that provides for a sufficient amount of affordable housing on our property. In each of our development efforts, we carefully assemble an experienced team of well-respected companies with expertise in the necessary development disciplines.

Each of our professionals will have extensive experience with affordable housing development initiatives in New Jersey. We at TJC shall continue our efforts with the Township of Branchburg to realize our shared goal of maximizing the property's potential by providing an adequate density which provides up to 20% set-aside for affordable housing.



Section 5: "Explanation why owner believes proposal would be beneficial"

The Benefits of Our Proposal

- We are a homebuilder, we own the land outright, and we are negotiable on density.
- We are proposing up to **20%** set-aside for the construction of on-site affordable housing for any density approved on the property, fee-simple or rental.
- We could provide up to 15 Affordable Units for the municipality.
- <u>Little, if any, neighbor opposition.</u> We have only one adjacent neighbor and one neighbor across the street. The majority of our property is bordered by preserved open space due to wetlands.
- Our property meets all the necessary criteria as an inclusionary development:
 - > Immediate connection to sanitary sewer within Lamington Road
 - > Approximately 600' to municipal water lines
 - > We are in a state designated sewer service area
 - ➤ We are in the state planning area referred to as "PA-2"
 - > Electric and natural gas lines exist within Lamington Road
- Our property is already "half engineered" with:
 - outbound survey
 - > topographic survey
 - > steep slope/resourse conservation survey
 - > NJDEP approved wetlands delineation valid until 1/24/19
- Because we are already half engineered, we can obtain the necessary land entitlements faster than any other developer who would be "starting from scratch" with raw land. Faster entitlements means <u>faster delivery of the</u> Affordable Units.
- Immediate access to Routes 28 and 22 which ensures any traffic generated will utilize these state highways and not municipal roads.
- Our property is heavily wooded and its unique "L" shape ensures that most of the community will not be visible from Lamington Road.
- Our property slopes gently towards the rear which ensures that most of the community will not be visible from Lamington Road
- Our on-site wetlands and required 50' buffers provide a heavily vegetated screen to our only adjacent neighbor. Vegetation in this area will be preserved which minimizes any visual impact.
- Our property is already zoned for residential use.

Section 6: "Timing of the proposed development"

Timing

TJC Homes, LLC is very experienced in developing raw land suitable for residential construction. We develop our own projects by sourcing the land, managing the design, obtaining the entitlements, installing the sitework, building the homes, then marketing and selling the homes. We are an all-in-one development and construction company.

Obtaining residential development entitlements in NJ is a lengthy process and involves multiple permits from municipal, county, state, and utility agencies. A typical major subdivision takes approximately 24-30 months starting with raw land until the Final Plat is filed and construction can commence. However, we have much of the preliminary work already completed (outbound survey, topography survey, steep slope/conservation survey, and wetlands survey with corresponding NJDEP LOI permit). Since half the initial engineering work is already done, and with Branchburg's help to expedite the municipal approval requirements, TJC could anticipate filing the Final Plat in as little as 12-18 months!

Section 7: "Any in-kind or monetary contribution required from Branchburg"

Contributions

TJC Homes, LLC is ready, willing, and able to work closely with Branchburg Township on all levels. Should Branchburg Township choose to meet with us in order to discuss our Affordable Housing proposal, we are very open to hear what contributions will be anticipated from the municipality as part of a development application.

Section 8: "Whether the proposed development is intended to be rented or sold"

Fee-Simple or Rental Units

TJC Homes, LLC is the most flexible developer since we already own the land. We are very negotiable and are willing to hear the municipalities preference towards fee-simple or rental units. We are experienced in developing both fee-simple and rental communities and are receptive to providing either on our property.