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Gov. Whitman Nominates State Planning Commission Chairman

Gov. Christie Whitman today nominated Joseph Maraziti, Jr. of Chatham to be a member of the State Planning Commission. After his confirmation by the N.J. Senate, the Governor plans to designate Maraziti as chairman of the commission.

"I believe that under Mr. Maraziti's leadership, the State Planning Commission will enhance its focus on implementing the state plan," said Gov. Whitman. "I am also confident that, by working hand in hand with all of the state's counties and municipalities, the commission will be able to refine and help implement a strategic plan for the state that ensures a vibrant economy and a high quality of life for all of New Jersey's citizens."

The Governor noted that Maraziti brings to the commission extensive experience with effective growth management. He is vice-chair of New Jersey Future, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering a productive economy and sustainable natural environment. He was past chairman of Morris 2000, a public service project co-sponsored by the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Morris County Chamber of Commerce regarding growth issues facing the county in the 21st century.

Maraziti is also a member of the Regional Plan Association, an organization that created a long-term management plan for the NY/NJ/CT metropolitan region, and he served on the Environment of the 21st Century Task Force of the NJ General Assembly.

An attorney with Maraziti, Falcon and Healy, Maraziti has advised public and private sector clients for more than 25 years regarding environmental and infrastructure related matters.

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