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TWO HIGHLANDS HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK

TRENTON - According to Senator Bob Smith, Chairman of the Senate Environment Committee, and Assemblyman John F. McKeon, Chairman of the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, the joint legislative environmental committees will meet twice this week to receive public comment on a proposal to protect New Jersey's Highlands region from overdevelopment and suburban sprawl.

The public hearings being held this week are part of an ongoing series of meetings to address the issue of water resource protection in the New Jersey Highlands, which provides water for more than half of the population in the State. The first hearing will be held tonight at the Haggerty Center at Morris County Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown, and the second hearing will be held Thursday night at Voorhees High School in Lebanon Township. Both meetings are scheduled from 7 PM until approximately 9 PM.

For directions to either location, or for a full schedule of Highlands hearings, visit the New Jersey Senate Democratic Web site at www.njsendems.com.

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WHO: Senator Bob Smith, Assemblyman John F. McKeon, members of the Senate Environment Committee and Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

WHAT: Two public hearings on legislation proposal to protect New Jersey's Highlands.

WHEN: Monday, April 12th, and Thursday, April 15th, from 7 PM to 9 PM

WHERE: Monday - Haggerty Center, Morris County Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown Thursday - Voorhees High School, Lebanon Township