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## NJMC Issues Green Building, Transportation Guidelines

**LYNDHURST, N.J.** – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) today released the latest in a series of green development guidelines to help builders be more energy efficient and environmentally-conscious, while also cutting their costs and qualifying for NJMC financial incentives. The new guidelines focus on transportation and home remodeling.

“These reports are valuable resources that can help developers, business owners and homeowners save money while improving the environment,” said Joseph Doria, Chairman of the NJMC and Commissioner of the state Department of Community Affairs. “The guidelines reflect the NJMC’s commitment to helping people go green and save green.”

The NJMC Guidelines for Transportation Efficient Development detail the importance of building near transit hubs, encouraging car-pools and promoting other alternative transportation methods. They also identify incentives that companies can offer employees to leave their cars at home. Developers who take on such energy-efficient transportation initiatives are eligible for NJMC credits to reduce development impact fees.

In addition, developers who meet criteria established by the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, or comparable programs, are eligible for partial refunds of zoning fees and density bonuses. They also receive top priority in the plan review process.

The Green Home Remodeling analysis offers a variety of energy-efficient strategies that allow homeowners to help the environment and save money. The guide includes details on energy-efficient heating, cooling, and lighting systems, suggests tips for working with contractors to reduce construction waste, and recommends landscaping that has environmental and aesthetic value.

“Green building and sound transportation planning are critical elements to smart growth in the Meadowlands,” said Robert Ceberio, Executive Director of the NJMC. “By being proactive and educating people about all aspects and benefits of green building and planning, we can help secure a healthy economic and environmental future.”

The NJMC's green development guidelines can be found on the Commission's Web site, [www.njmeadowlands.gov](http://www.njmeadowlands.gov). Other guides in this series include Guidelines for Green Building (January 2009), Guidelines for Low Impact Development (November 2008), and the Developer's Guide to LEED in the Meadowlands (October 2008).

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