



## **Warren Township Committee Continues to Manage Trenton's Affordable Housing Mandate**

**The Warren Township Committee continues to work to maintain our community's quality of life as we manage the State of New Jersey's burdensome mandate to provide excessive affordable housing.**

**"We are proud of the work we and our residents have done to make Warren Township one of the most attractive places to live in New Jersey," said Mayor Carolann Garafola. To maintain the character of our neighborhoods, lessen the impact on our schools, and in other ways maintain our quality of life, the Township Committee has fought hard to keep the number of mandated affordable housing units as low as possible, the Mayor said.**

**Warren Township is one of hundreds of municipalities across the state who are facing the same challenges presented by litigation that has lasted over 15 years. In March 2015, the NJ Supreme Court ruled that towns across the state must increase affordable housing opportunities and set in place a process for determining by how much. By working with other municipal leaders, our Township Committee continues to negotiate a responsible outcome.**

**The ultimate number of affordable housing units is not yet known, but we will share it when negotiations are complete. Meanwhile, the Committee has begun to identify locations in the Township where development best fits the character of the neighborhood, has the least impact on traffic and our schools, and supports our ongoing efforts to maintain open space and develop recreational opportunities.**

**"As we go forward to accommodate the State's affordable housing mandate," Mayor Garafola said, "our pledge is to work with community leaders, residents and developers to keep municipal taxes in check, maintain municipal services and protect the character of our town and our neighborhoods."**

