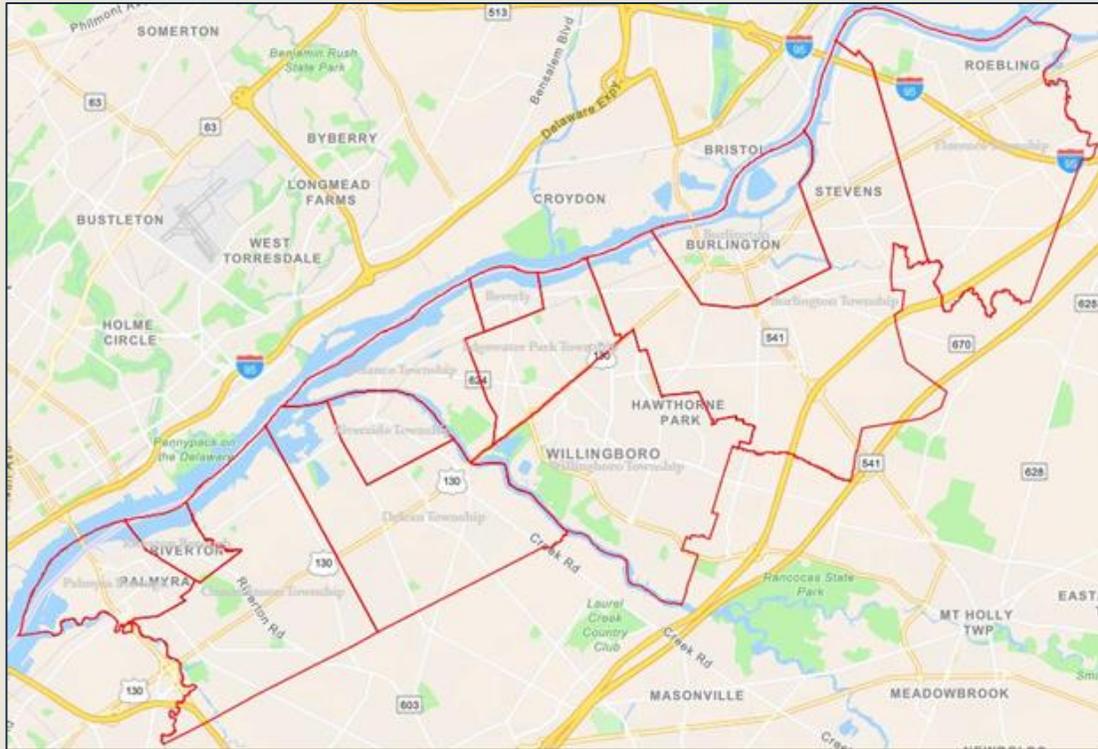


**TOWNSHIP OF BURLINGTON
PLAN ENDORSEMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**PRESENTED TO THE
PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

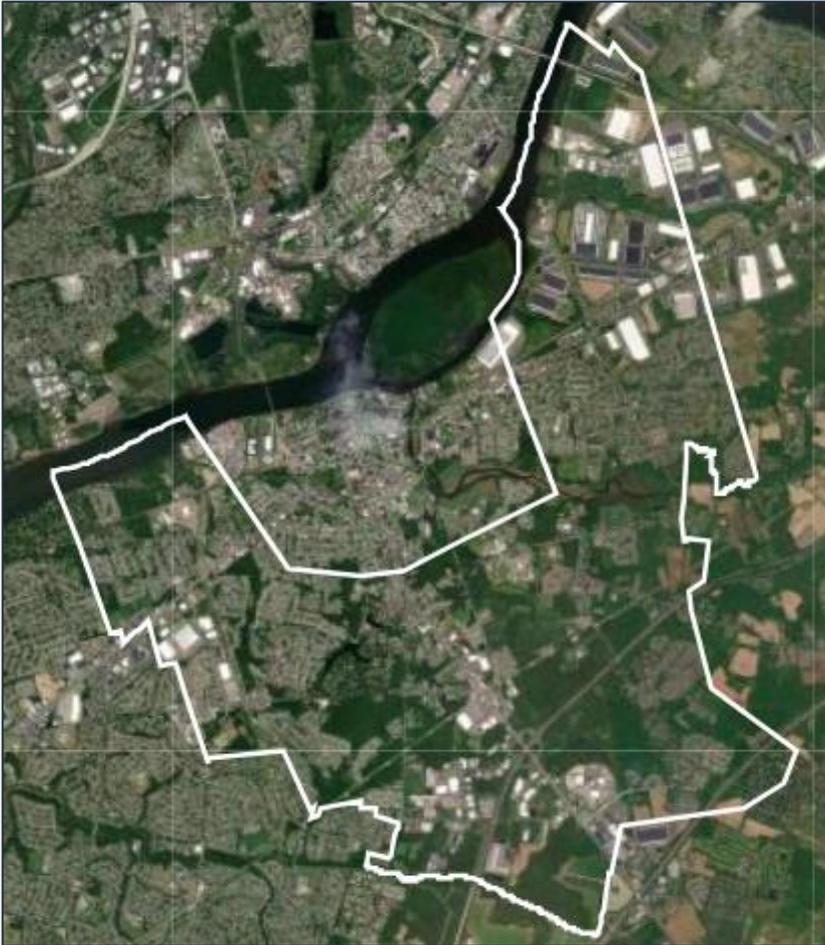
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Location and Regional Context



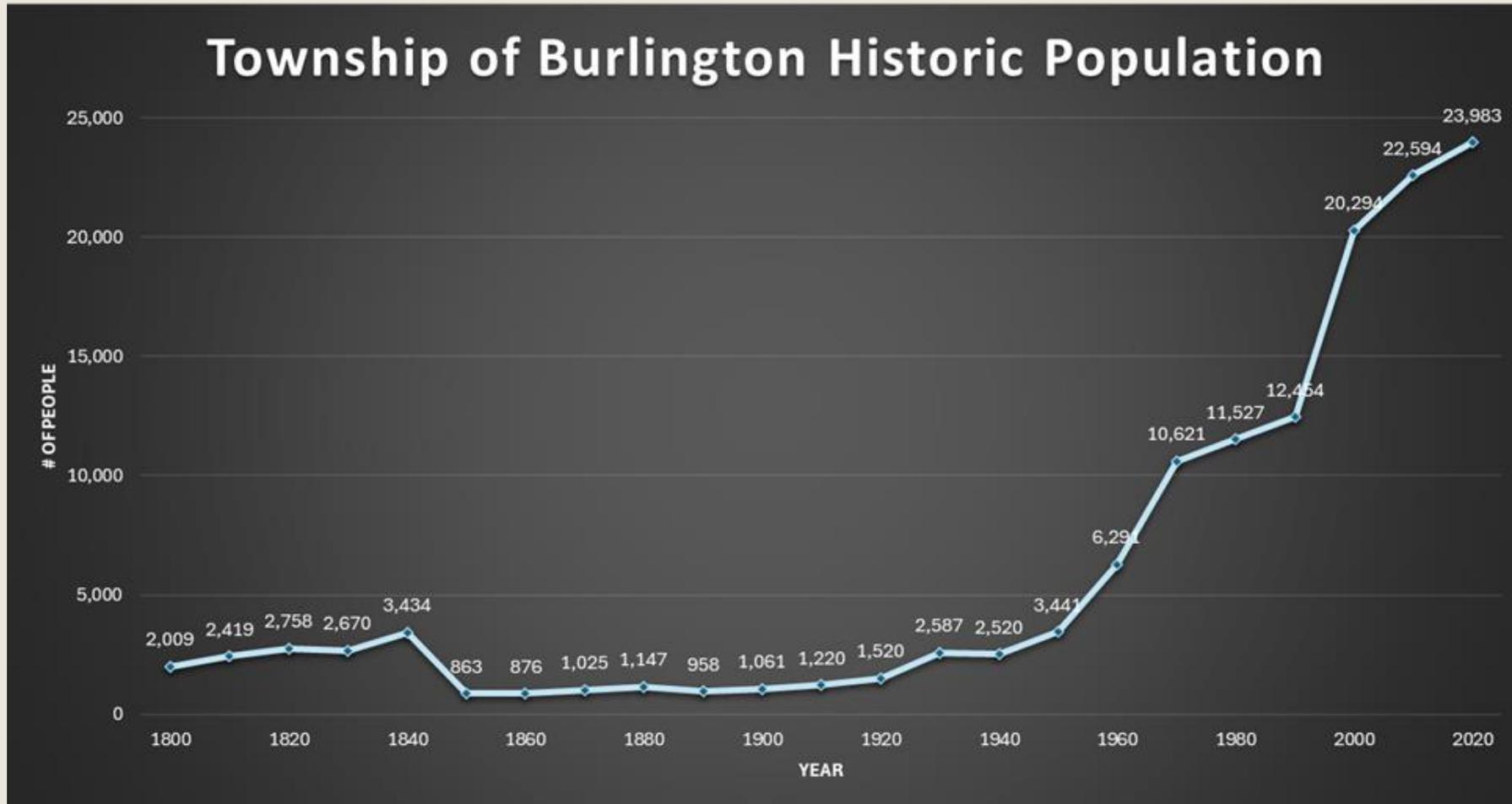
- The Route 130 Corridor is in the western portion of Burlington County.
- The Corridor extends approximately 16 miles.
- The combined area of the 12 municipalities is approximately 64 square miles.
- Burlington Township is part of the Route 130 Corridor.

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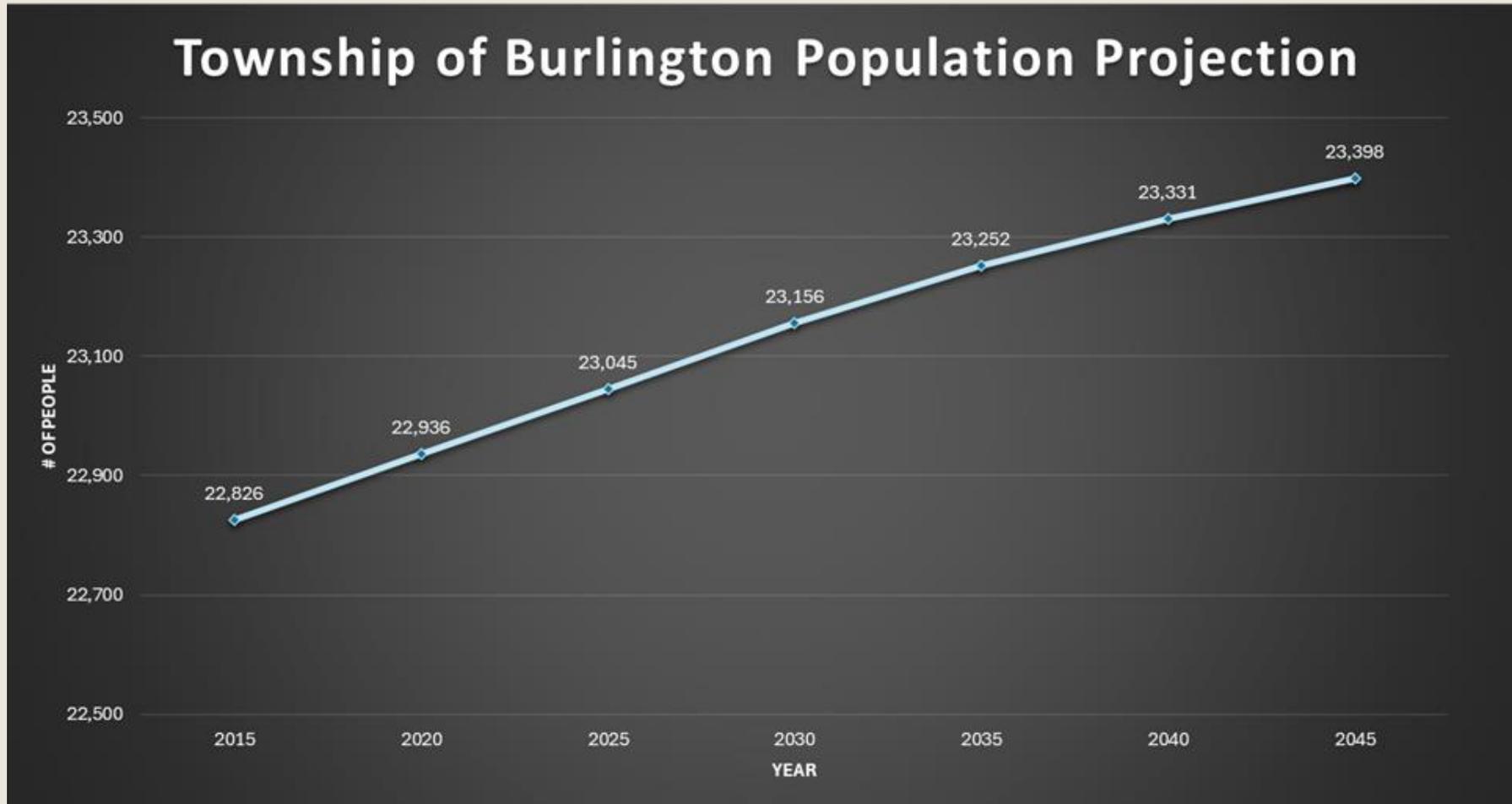


- Approximately 14.08 square miles
 - *13.5 sq. miles of land*
 - *.58 square miles of water*
- Bordering Municipalities:
 - *Burlington City*
 - *Edgewater Park*
 - *Florence*
 - *Springfield*
 - *Westampton*
 - *Willingboro*

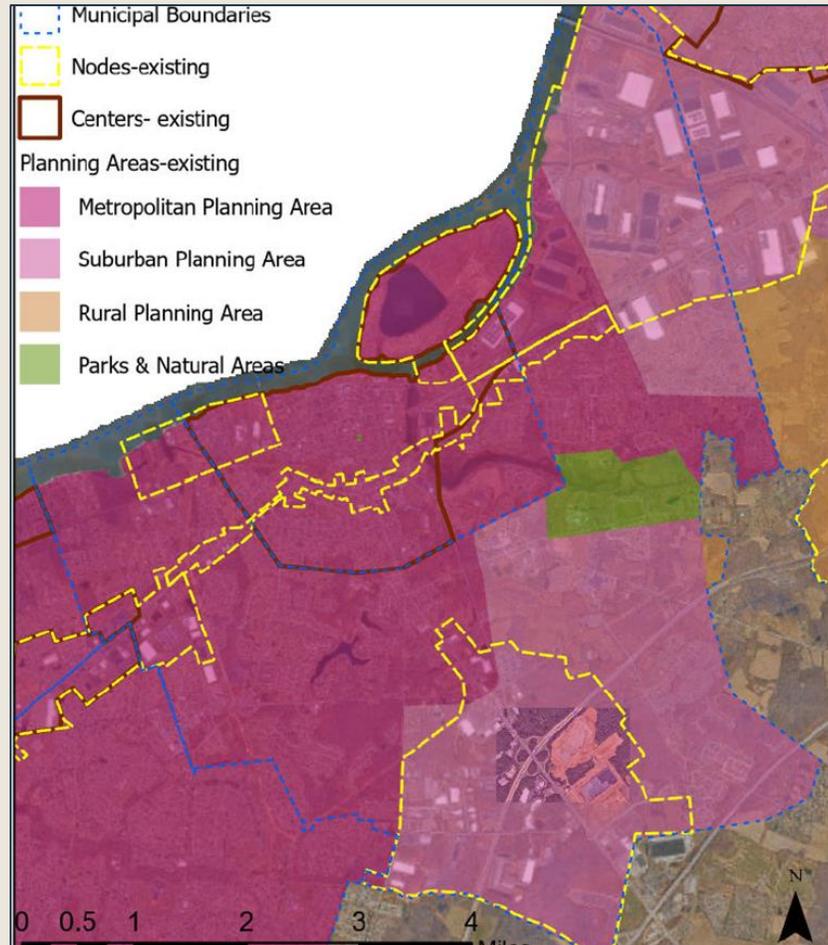
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Plan Endorsement

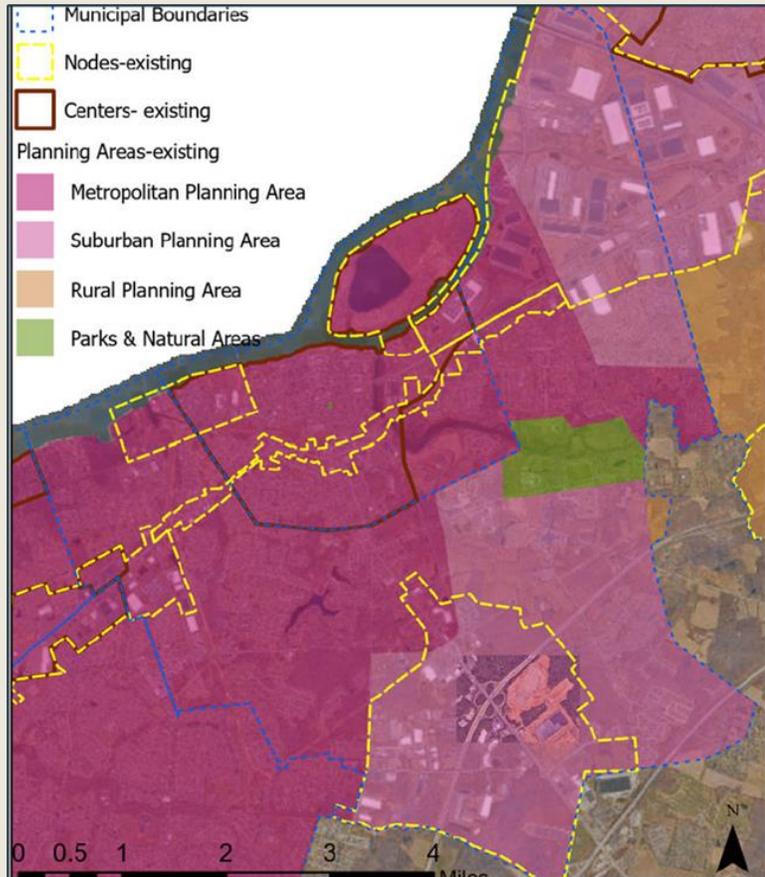


- Burlington Township received Town Center designation on April 28, 1999.
- The designation was set to expire June 30, 2020, but received extension approval.
- This designation expired on March 31, 2023.

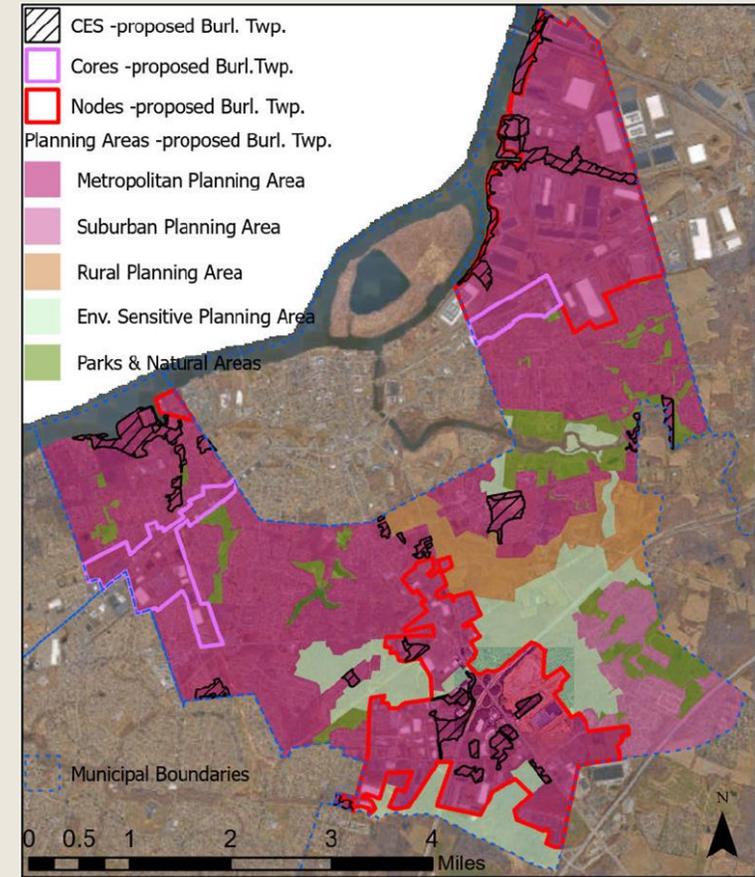
Planning Milestones

Event(s)	Date	Notes
Town Center Designation	4/28/1999	
Burlington Township Stormwater Management Plan	4/26/2006	
Master Plan	2008	Reexam in 2003,
Burlington County Wastewater Management Plan	5/24/2017	With Build-out analysis
Burlington Township Flood Control Ordinance	11/14/2017	
Burlington Township Coastal Vulnerability Assessment Report	12/2017	
Master Plan Reexamination Report	2018	
Burlington County Hazard Mitigation Plan	2019	
Pre-petition Meeting	3/10/2019	
Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee	2/22/2022	
Burlington County Route 541 Transportation and Circulation Plan	6/2020	
Municipal Self-Assessment	3/22/2022	
Plan Implementation Agreement	2/13/2024	Resolution 2024-R-038

Mapping

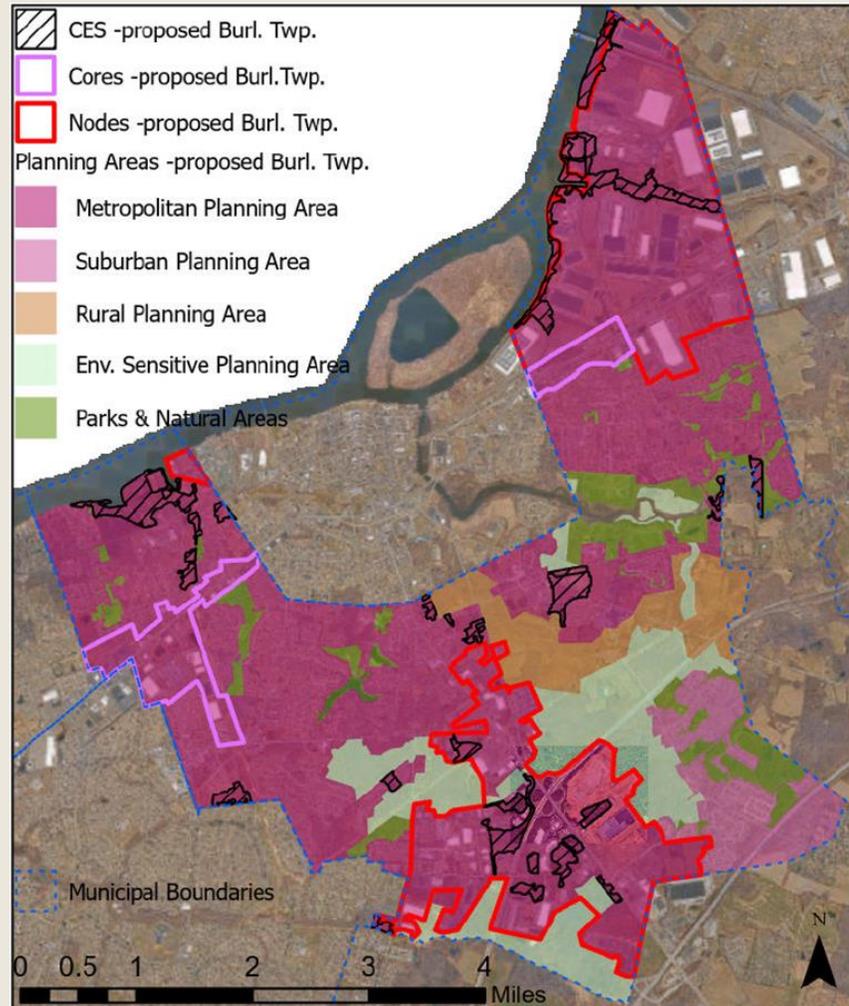


Previous



Proposed

Proposed Mapping



Summary of Proposed Map

Planning Area	Label	Existing Acreage	Proposed Acreage
PA 1	Metropolitan	3,710.86	6,114.77
PA 2	Suburban	4,668.97	471.79
PA 4	Rural	34.40	456.50
PA 5	Environmentally Sensitive	0	1,050.63
Parks & Open Space	Parks & Open Space	304.84	581.31
CES	Critical Environmental Site	0	405.94

Center Designation	Previous Acreage	Proposed Acreage	Change in Acreage
Center(s)	45.51	0	- 45.51
Core(s)	0	362.49	362.49
Node(s)	3,612.19	2,576.48	- 1,035.71

Consistency with the State Plan

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Consistency with the State Plan

- The vision for the Corridor contemplates revitalized downtowns surrounded by stable, traditional residential neighborhoods located along the Delaware River.
- Communities are actively coordinating with multiple State agencies and the Burlington County Economic and Regional Planning Department to find and attract investments to their community and focus development efforts in areas designated for redevelopment.
- Planning Area 1 provides for much of the state's future redevelopment; revitalize cities and towns; promote growth in compact forms; stabilize older suburbs; redesign areas of sprawl; and protect the character of existing stable communities.

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Consistency with the State Plan

- There are several initiatives in Burlington County charged with promoting beneficial economic growth, development and renewal in the County.
- Township's 2018 Reexamination Report vision

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Consistency with the State Plan

- Revitalizing vacant and obsolete industrial and commercial sites is a prominent goal of the County Strategic Plan
- Township's Natural Resources Conservation Plan Element

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Consistency with the State Plan

- The Township has the following:
 - *schools*
 - *police department*
 - *fire department*
 - *water and sewer department*
 - *municipal building located at 851 Old York Road.*
 - *The recreation department also provides pavilions for rent and many recreational fields/facilities.*
- Community Facilities Plan Element

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Consistency with the State Plan

- The Township has a settlement agreement with the Fair Share Housing Center that is Court approved (order on fairness hearing issued on March 13, 2020).
- The Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan was reviewed by the Planning Board on December 3, 2020 and adopted by the Governing Body before the end of that year.

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Consistency with the State Plan

- Open Space and Recreational Plan Element

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Consistency with the State Plan

- Burlington Township is pursuing Plan Endorsement in order to have consistency with the State's goals and policies and County plans.
- The Burlington Township Governing Body approved the Planning & Implementation Agreement (PIA)

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Planning & Implementation Agreement

- The Office of Planning Advocacy, Township of Burlington, and our State Agency partners have completed negotiations regarding the Plan Endorsement Agreement.
- The Burlington Township Governing Body approved the Planning & Implementation Agreement and State proposed map on February 13, 2024

Recommendation

- Based on the Township of Burlington's continuing efforts in working with the State and Burlington County in achieving consistency with both the State Development and Redevelopment Plan and with the Burlington County Plan, it is recommended that the Plan Implementation Committee move this petition to the State Planning Commission in order to be awarded Plan Endorsement.