ACTIVITY	LOCAL EFFORT	STATE/COUNTY ASSISTANCE	TIMEFRAME
Land Use			
Town-wide Continue to support and refine procedures for increasing local participation, input and support for the Town Center concept plan and for implementation.	Planning Board, Municipal Council, local advisory group to generate public support for plan implementation.	OSG, SCPD USEPA Env. Education Grants program	Fall 2003
Town-wide Modify Master Plan to incorporate the designated Town Center boundary and this PIA.  Open Space acquisition in the environs in combination with other growth management practices.	Organize open space Council, assess targeted preservation areas, acquire properties and/or development rights or easements.		
Utilize non-contiguous parcel clustering (and TDR, TDC when available) as an option to send density or other development potential into the Town Center.  Encourage creative land planning & design through tools such as clustering, phasing & density transfers, purchase & donation of development rights, agricultural enterprise zones & districts and the provision of self-contained community wastewater treatment systems to serve Centers, to accommodate future growth in ways that maintain the viability of agriculture as an industry, while avoiding conflict with agricultural uses.	The Township's goal that between 15 - 25% percent of growth that otherwise would occur in the environs would be transferred into the Town Center by 2010. Township to use current MLUL provisions until TDR legislation is effective. This opportunity is also predicated on the availability of appropriate infrastructure.  Township to continue to support this SDRP policy relative to this center and any future centers that may be proposed through Plan Endorsement.	DCA to continue to advocate for TDR legislation; OSG to provide technical support.	Ongoing
Provide the opportunity for OSG to review and comment on the design for new development along the Route 517 Bypass. The Sparta Town Center design ordinance and the SDRP policies on design should be used to incorporate creative design techniques that link this site to the remainder of the Town Center through pedestrian and bikeway linkages as well as through the provision of limited access roadway connections.	Planning Board will consider the review comments of OSG regarding development along the By-pass road. However, the MLUL does not require the Planning Board to accept these recommendations. Developer will submit for a DEP Letter of Interpretation to determine the extent of wetlands and transition areas.	OSG review comments will adhere to the time frames stipulated within the MLUL. OSG feels the very visible significance of this site cannot be overstated, where a quality design will enhance the overall Town Center.	When submitted

The design of this site and designs throughout the Town Center should seek to mix uses & activities as closely & as thoroughly as possible; develop, adopt & implement design guidelines; create spatially defined, visually appealing & functionally efficient places in ways that establish an identity; design circulation systems to promote connectivity; maintain an appropriate scale in the built environment; and redesign areas of sprawl.	Township to continue to support this SDRP policy relative to this center and any future centers that may be proposed through Plan Endorsement.	SPC to continue to review effectiveness of this policy to support center-based growth with a goal of encouraging and supporting positive human-scale community design.	Ongoing
Housing	LOCAL EFFORT	STATE/COUNTY ASSISTANCE	TIMEFRAME
Town-wide Establish a housing rehabilitation program.	Coordinate with housing code enforcement; coordinate with local banks; process applicants and administer program.	Technical and financial assistance from DCA and HMFA such as the 100% mortgage program.	Ongoing
Town-wide Develop methodology to monitor home conversion activity throughout Sparta.	Coordinate information from local agencies involved with construction and health.	SSPD, SCHD.	Fall 2003
Support the Fair Housing Act through compliance with COAH certification.	COAH Certification granted December 6, 2000.	Approved by COAH.	Completed.
1. Support the construction Makor/Round Top at Sparta 120 Town House units including 24 low and moderate-income units.	1. Preliminary Site Plan granted February 19, 2003.	1. Pending NJDOT, NJDEP and County approvals.	1. Start of construction anticipated summer of 2003.
2. Support the construction of a senior Housing project with 34 apartment units with cash contribution to Trust Fund.	2. Preliminary and Final Site Plan granted May 8, 2002.	2. State and County approvals granted.	2. Under construction.
3. Support construction of other COAH approved sites.	3. Ongoing review process by Township.		
Identify new opportunities for Senior & Affordable Family Housing and support construction of the same within the Town Center or within new centers consistent with the SDRP policies on Senior and Affordable housing through Plan Endorsement.	Identify other sites for infill housing opportunities.	Rental Housing Incentive Finance Fund; CDBG program	Ongoing

Rehabilitate historic homes as needed.  Support mixed-use designs that encourage second floor apartments over retail stores within the Town Center.	Township or other organizations should identify needs and opportunities.  Township ordinances to continue to support mixeduse second residential homes	DCA: Upstairs- downtown Mortgages; Downtown Living Initiative Program	Ongoing
Transportation	throughout Town Center.  LOCAL EFFORT	STATE/COUNTY ASSISTANCE	TIMEFRAME
Promote flexible transportation design standards & flexible application of standards which take into consideration the needs of people and the design & natural characteristics of adjacent areas.	Township to continue to support this SDRP policy relative to this center and any future centers that may be proposed through Plan Endorsement.	SPC to continue to review effectiveness of this policy to support center-based growth with a goal of encouraging and supporting positive human-scale community design.	Ongoing
Develop & adhere to highway access management plans & programs that protect system capacity & provide for safe travel. Control local access to highway capacity through plans, regulations & negotiated agreements between appropriate levels of government in ways that ensure that regional needs, adequate system capacity and public health & safety are protected & minimize sprawl. Encourage parallel service roads, shared driveways & parking, and pedestrian access between neighboring uses.	Township to continue to support this SDRP policy relative to this center and any future centers that may be proposed through Plan Endorsement.	SPC to continue to review effectiveness of this policy to support center-based growth with a goal of encouraging and supporting positive human-scale community design.	Ongoing
State Highway 15 ends as an expressway within Sparta Township. Potential expansion of this expressway is "under study" by the NJDOT. Ongoing planning and continual refinement of municipal zoning in the township, should look to reinforce the land use/transportation link in the vicinity of Route 15 especially if these studies and designs continue to move forward.	Township to through the Sussex County Strategic Growth Plan will continually refine its focus for growth and capacity issues along Route 15 recognizing the opportunities to reshape existing light-industrialmanufacturing zones into a node as per the State Plan.	OSG technical support for Plan Endorsement petition.	Ongoing
Evaluate opportunities to establish existing and new commercial-Manufacturing nodes within the PCD and ED zones in accordance with the SDRP policies on nodes through a petition for Plan Endorsement.	Township to continue to support this SDRP policy relative to this center and any future centers that may be proposed through Plan Endorsement.	SPC to continue to review effectiveness of this policy to support center-based growth with a goal of encouraging and	

Improve transportation systems by coordinating transportation & land-use planning; integrating transportation systems; developing & enhancing alternative modes of transportation; improving management structures & techniques; and utilizing transportation as an economic development tool.		supporting positive human-scale community design.	
Separate regional through traffic from local traffic by way of limited access bypass roads—planned to minimize sprawl & adverse impacts on adjacent communities—where alternative circulation patterns using existing roads are not feasible.	Promote planned limited access to Route 517 By-pass and provide connector between Main Street and the Route 517 Bypass with pedestrian streetscape improvements to provide connection to the historic Main Street of the Town Center.	DOT Ped. & Bike planning; Local Aid for Centers; TEA-21; NJ Tree Planting; Livable Communities; Smart growth future grants.	2005
Construct various sidewalk, bikeway and streetscape improvements including:		DOT Ped. & Bike planning; Local Aid for Centers; TEA-21; NJ Tree Planting; Livable Communities; Smart growth future grants	
1. Bikeway and walking path Phase 1.	1. High school to County Route 517.	State approved and grant funded.	1. Completion July 2003.
2. Bikeway and walking path Phase 2.	2. County Route 517 to Main St. & Glen Road.	2. Construction plans under State review and grant approved.	2. Completion July 2004.
3. Bikeway and walking path Phase 3.	3. Glen Road to White Deer Plaza in Lake Mohawk.	3. Not funded.	3. Dependent upon available funding.
4. Pedestrian and streetscape improvements, Main Street Phase 1.	4. Funded and constructed by Sparta Township.	4. State no funding available. County provided some funds for road take over.	4. Completed.
5. Pedestrian and streetscape improvements, Lower Main Street Phase 2.	5 Design completed and bid awarded.	5. State no funding available. County provided funding for road take over.	5. Start of construction summer of 2003.
6. Pedestrian and streetscape improvements, Sparta Avenue.	6. Design completed and Enhancement Grant submitted.	6. Pending Grant.	6. Dependent on Grant.
7. Pedestrian and streetscape improvements, Route 181 and Mohawk Avenue to White Deer Plaza.	7. Design completed and Enhancement Grant submitted.	7. Pending Grant.	7. Dependent on Grant.

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8. Pedestrian improvements, Glen Road from Main St. to Sparta Glen recreation area.	8. Design completed with funding.	8. Funding by County.	8. Construction fall of 2003.
9. Pedestrian and streetscape improvements, Route 181 jug handle to Theatre Center.	9. Concept Plan completed.	9. Future funding.	9. Dependent on future funding.
Develop and adopt a 6 year Transportation Improvement Plan, as a part of the Capital Improvements Plan. TIP to be reviewed at least every second year.	Municipal Council and Planning Board to review, recommend and adopt.	Technical assistance from DOT and County Planning Department Financial assistance from DOT.	Fall 2004
Environmental Protection	LOCAL EFFORT	STATE/COUNTY ASSISTANCE	TIMEFRAME
Build-out analysis of Sparta Town Center to determine accuracy of projected wastewater flow to be generated by the center.	Planning Board, Engineer to conduct and submit analysis of Town Center under current zoning ordinance.	DCA, DEP technical assistance	December 2004
Apply to DEP Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program for Tier A Municipal Stormwater Permit	Municipal Committee and Planning Board to prepare stormwater plan and adopt storm water ordinances pursuant to DEP NJPDES Rules.	OSG, SCPD, DEP. Watershed assistance grants, non-point source pollution control grants, watershed education grants.	Summer 2003
Evaluate and adopt changes to local plans and ordinances required by Rules.			Summer 2004
Develop and Adopt revised DEP-approved Stormwater Management Plan			Summer 2004
Develop and Adopt revised DEP-approved Stormwater Control Ordinance			Summer 2005
Identify the surface water quality resource classification (i.e. C1, FW2-TP) of all streams within the Township Master Plan.	Township and PB to obtain data, incorporate into master plan		2004
Protect, establish & maintain appropriately vegetated buffers along streams, rivers, wetlands, reservoirs & scenic waterways to protect the natural functions & quality of surface water resources. Note: Stream buffers up to 300' may be required as part of a DEP stormwater plan. Property owners within these buffer areas should be notified as part of the planning process.	Township to set goal within Storm water plan to maintain or improve existing water quality conditions in streams and groundwater.	Green acres; Recreation and Park Department assistance.	

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Encourage retention of large contiguous open space and forested areas, while maintaining the State Plan's Equity Policy.			
A Greenway plan should be planned to incorporate streams, wetlands and buffers into the overall plans for the Town Center. Farmed buffers may need special consideration within these plans to be sensitive to agriculture and the adjoining natural resources.	PB to prepare Plan	Eastman Kodak Greenways grants  Grants for Local Environmental agencies; Watershed Protection grants; Watershed assistance	
Develop and support a septic system management program by ordinance that requires inspections and upgrades to individual systems throughout the township.	Township to develop and adopt ordinance	DEP technical assistance	2005
Delineate prime & locally important aquifer recharge areas and include them in municipal plans to protect ground water resources and improve the statewide coordination of planning efforts.	Planning Board to obtain data and adapt ordinance.	DEP technical assistance.	2004
Establish a wellhead/aquifer recharge protection program in order to insure a safe and adequate supply of potable water.		DEP technical assistance EPA grant for well-head protection.	Summer 2003
Protect & enhance water resources through coordinated planning efforts aimed at reducing sources of pollution & other adverse effects of development, encouraging designs in hazard-free areas that will protect the natural function of stream & wetland systems, and optimizing sustainable resource use.	Township to continue to support this SDRP policy relative to this center and any future centers that may be proposed through Plan Endorsement. Township is an active participant in the Watershed Management Area planning process for WMA 2.		Ongoing
Manage the location & design of land uses & structures that involve the use, storage, treatment or disposal of toxic & hazardous materials to prevent contamination of ground & surface water.	Township to continue to support this SDRP policy relative to this center and any future centers that may be proposed through Plan Endorsement.		Ongoing
Establish the character, location, magnitude & timing of development & redevelopment based on, and linked to, the			Ongoing

quantity of water that is available without adversely affecting water-dependent habitats & ecosystems and without exceeding the sustainable yield of the water source.			
Wallkill River Watershed recommendations:			
Support and promote the restoration of riparian habitats along the Wallkill and its tributaries to improve habitat and water quality. This effort should include the restoration of riparian habitat along Sparta Glen Brook and within the Sparta Glen reserve.	The Township supports finding creative ways to improve habitat values and water quality within its streams, and rivers especially those, which feed the Wallkill River Watershed. The Township also supports	Wetlands reserve program; Non-point source pollution grants; Bring back the natives program; Wetlands mitigation Council resources; Flood mitigation restoration	As opportunity arises.
Support and promote methods to increase populations of grassland-nesting birds through cooperative agreements or easements with landowners, restoration of grasslands, and maintenance of grasslands through fire and/or mowing.	the creation of partnerships with non-profit groups and other governmental agencies to find the grants and other financial resources to implement these action items on public or private lands as	grants; Partners for Wildlife program; Land and Conservation fund; Five-star restoration program etc.	
Support and promote methods to increase populations of water birds and waterfowl through restoration and maintenance of emergent and forested wetlands.	appropriate.  See comments above.		
Special consideration must be given to development in sensitive limestone areas with their associated rare communities and fragile karst topography.	See comments above.		
Support and promote methods to develop a better understanding of the distribution of bog turtle in this area and connections between local populations, as well as of ways to restore or enhance wetland habitat for bog turtle. Existing efforts by the New Jersey Nongame and Endangered Species Program to identify, map, protect, and restore bog turtle habitats in the Wallkill, Paulins Kill, and Papakating Creek watersheds should continue to be supported.	See comments above.		
Support and promote the acquisition of upland and wetland habitats for inclusion in the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge should be given a high priority. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should consider expanding the Refuge boundary to include additional important bog turtle	See comments above.		

population areas.			
In areas experiencing stressed water supply resources, improve current systems & manage water use & development intensity, to minimize the need for additional water supply facilities.			
Redevelopment of Lower Main Street.	Sanitary Sewers available, study on hold.		Ongoing
2. Redevelopment of White Deer Plaza.	2. Investigation under consideration.		
Town-wide Expand inter-local agreements with surrounding municipalities. Continue to participate within the Sussex County Strategic Plan workgroup.	Municipal Council to continue dialogues with surrounding municipalities to examine possibility of additional joint services	Technical assistance from DCA and SCPD	
Maintain viability of the commercial core of the Sparta Center.	Limit neighborhood retail and service uses permitted outside of the Town Center.	OSG, SCPD	Ongoing
Germany Flats Well development.	Completed design and required NJDEP studies over a 5 year period.		
2. Plan and Develop Community Center.	2. Feasibility Study under consideration.		
Town-wide Develop indicators and targets to measure progress of the current center designation and to be used to evaluate an application for plan endorsement.	Planning Board, with local participation of advisory Councils, public hearings, etc.	SCPD, OSG.	Fall 2004
Submit application for Plan Endorsement upon expiration of the center designation. See notes below.			Fall 2008
Enforce design standards to ensure that new development is attractive and compatible with the character of the Sparta Town Center. Design standards should look to incorporate the concept of developing a mixed-use pedestrian scale community within the Town Center.	Continue to refine and adopt design and historic preservation guidelines for the Town Center and the township.  Consider formation of a local historic preservation commission.	OSG, SCPD	Fall 2003

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Sparta will continue to participate in the development of the Sussex County Strategic Plan and will consider the submission of a municipal petition for Plan endorsement within one year of the endorsement of the Sussex County Smart Growth Strategic Plan, if not submitted simultaneously with the county's plan.		OSG technical assistance for Plan Endorsement	2005 Fall 2008
Submit application for Plan Endorsement upon expiration of the center designation. See notes below.			Fall 2008
Agriculture	Local Effort	State and County Effort	Timeline
Maintain viability of agriculture in Sparta; aid in the development of plans and regulations that support and promote agriculture as a business.	Adopt right to farm ordinance, maintain an agriculture zone.		Spring 2004
Preserve farmland in the environs of Sparta. Develop an agriculture Advisory Council.	Cluster and lot averaging development pattern; farmland preservation.	DOA, SCADB, SCBOA.	Fall 2003

Notes: Center designations by the State Planning Commission are valid for a period of six years from the date of issuance. Following expiration of the above village center designations, Sparta Township may choose to obtain Plan Endorsement, whereby compliance with this PIA would be an integral review component. Information regarding Plan Endorsement may be found on the Office of Smart Growth's website at njsmartgrowth.com.

Development projects that are located within the floodplain or the NJ Flood Hazard Area will require a stream encroachment permit from the NJDEP. Development plans should identify the elevation of the floodplain or NJ Flood Hazard Area so as to determine if any properties fall within the NJ FHA.

Prior to the site planning of any parcel within the villages it is recommended that the extent of wetlands be verified on these parcels by obtaining a Letter of Interpretation from NJDEP. This requires the identification of the limits of wetlands on these properties, if any, using the three-parameter approach in accordance with the FWPA Rules.

COAH - New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing DCA - New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

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DEP - New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

DOT - New Jersey Department of Transportation

HMFA - New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency

NJEDA - New Jersey Economic Development Authority

OSG - New Jersey Office of Smart Growth

SCPD - Sussex County Planning Department

DOA – New Jersey Department of Agriculture

SCBOA – Sussex County Board of Agriculture

SCADB - Sussex County Agriculture Development Board

SCHD – Sussex County Health Department

The following program descriptions can be found in the **New Jersey Smart Growth Planning and Program Resources** Guide to Technical and Financial Assistance, prepared by Paul M. Drake, dated November 2002.

The programs on the list below were selected as being the most applicable resources to implement the PIA for the Sparta Town Center. Consult the above guide for a full description. Also consult the websites included herein for additional resources.

### PIA Short List of Smart Growth Funding Sources

	Dept	Phone #
100% Mortgage Program	NJHMFA	800-654-6873
Bring Back the Natives Program	NFWF	303-289-0526
CHDO Seed Money Loans	NJDCA	609-292-9470
Clean energy program	NJBPU	973-648-7420
Combined Sewer Overflow Planning Grants	NJDEP	609-292-8961
Community Development Block Grant	NJDCA	609-633-6278
Community Facilities Program	USDA	856-787-7700
Community Outreach Partnership Program	USHUD	202-7083061
Community Stewardship Incentive Grants	NJDEP	609-292-2532
Conservation Cost share Program	NJDAg	609-292-5540
Conservation Technology Support Program	CTSP	415-979-0474
Downtown Living Initiative Program	NJDCA	609-633-6302
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	NJDEP	609-292-5550
Eastman Kodak American Greenways Grants	Kodak	703-525-6300
Environmental Education Grants	USEPA	202-564-0443
Environmental Infrastructure Finance Program	NJDEP	609-292-8961
Five-star Restoration Program	USEPA	202-566-1350
Flood Mitigation/Ecosystem Restoration	USACOE	202-761-0115
Grants for Local Environmental Agencies	NJDEP	609-984-0828
Grants to Support NJ History	State	609-292-6062
Green Acres Grants & Loans	NJDEP	609-984-0570
Green Communities Challenge grants	NJDEP	609-292-2532
Green Homes Office	NJDCA	609-292-3931
GS Historic Preservation Trust - Grants	NJDCA	609-984-0473
Highway and Clean shore program	DOC	609-777-4985
Historic Preservation Revolving Loans	NJDCA	609-984-0473

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Land and Water Conservation Fund	USNPS	202-354-6900
Livable Communities Pilot	NJDOT	609-530-3640
Local Aid for Centers of Place	NJDOT	609-530-3640
National Recreational Trails Program	NJDEP	609-984-1339
Neighborhood Preservation	NJDCA	609-633-6283
New Jersey Tree Planting Grants	NJDEP	609-292-2532
NJ Million Solar Roof Partnership	NJBPU	609-777-3316
NJ Smart Start Building Program	NJBPU	800-854-4444
NJEDA Bond Financing	NJEDA	609 292-0192
NJEDA Loan Guarantees	NJEDA	609-292-0187
Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants	NJDEP	609-633-1349
Park and Ride - proposed	NJDOT	609-530-5950
Partners For Wildlife Grants	USFWS	703-358-2201
Paying Communities Back	NJDOC	609-984-7414
Pedestrian and Bikeway Planning	NJDOT	609-530-6551
Planning Incentive Grants	SADC	609-984-2504
Public Works Facilities Program	USDOC	503-326-3078
Real Estate Development Program	NJEDA	609-292-0369
Recreation and Park Department Assistance	NJDCA	609-292-9807
Rural Development	USDA	202-205-1657
SID Challenge Grants	NJDCA	609-633-6272
SID Loans	NJDCA	609-633-6272
Smart Future Planning Grants	NJDCA	609-292-7156
Southern State Industries Program	NJDOC	856-785-1300
Statewide Loan Pool For Business	NJEDA	609-292-0187
Sustainable Development Challenge Grant	USEPA	202-260-6812
Sustainable Development Loan Fund	NJCEG	609-777-0885
Transportation and Community Preservation	USFHA	202-366-3407
Transportation Enhancements - TEA 21	NJDOT	609-530-3640
Upstairs-downtown Mortgages	NJHMFA	800-654-6873
Watershed Assistance Grants	USEPA	202-364-2550
Watershed Management Public Education	NJDEP	609-984-0828
Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention	NRCS	202-720-3534
Wetlands Reserve Program	NRCS	202-690-0848

### Other Funding Sources on the Web

Center for Sustainable Development www.sustainable.doe.gov **CREES Funding Opportunities** www.reeusda.gov/1700/funding/our **Energy Resources** www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html Federal Domestic Assistance www.cfda.gov Federal Funding For Watershed Protection www.epa.gov/owow Foundation Center www.fdncenter.org Funders Networks for Smart Growth www.fundersnetwork.org Funding Sources for Watershed Groups www.rivernetwork.org

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