

Burlington County Route 130 Corridor Municipal Questionnaire

1. Visioning

Do you have a vision statement for your future? Please share it here:

The Township of Burlington envisions a fiscally beneficial mix of retail, office and industrial uses; “destination” retail centers, variety of housing that creates a strong community of all ages in safe and friendly neighborhoods; services that efficiently and effectively serve the common good; ample recreational facilities and opportunities; preserved natural resources and open spaces; and the orderly and efficient movement of people and goods.” (Ref. 2008 BTMP II.A. Pg. 1.) Burlington Township advances its established vision by governmental actions of Township Mayor and Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board and municipal departments. Burlington Township residents advance community and neighborhood cohesion.

If so, when was it last affirmed? **DECEMBER 2018**

Through what process? **MASTER PLAN RE-EXAMINATION**

Who participated? **THE PUBLIC, TWP. PROFESSIONAL STAFF, PLANNING BOARD AND GOVERNING BODY**

What matters most to your community? **TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY THAT BALANCES VARIOUS LAND USES AND CONTINUES TO PROVIDE A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.**

Have you thought about your sustainability? Your contributions to Green House Gases (GHG)? How to reduce your GHG contributions? **YES, WE HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED BY SUSTAINABLE JERSEY AT THE BRONZE LEVEL SINCE 2010.**

2. Resiliency

Have you started planning for resiliency to climate change and sea level rise? **YES**

If so, please attach any planning documents.

Who has been engaged in the discussions? **BURLINGTON COUNTY COASTAL COALITION and the NAI/CHARM PROCESS THROUGH THE STATE OFFICE OF PLANNING ADVOCACY. THE TWP. ENGINEER AND MAYOR HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROCESS.**

Have you identified your risks? (Flooding? Erosion? Heat island effect? Increased storms? Disease? Other?) **FLOOD PRONE AREAS ARE IDENTIFIED IN OUR MUNICIPAL SWM PLAN. IN ADDITION, ICE & WIND STORMS ARE OF A HIGH CONCERN.**

Have you assessed vulnerable populations? **NO**

We are in the process of evaluating and identifying the needs of these population, we use all the guidance offered by both the State and County Governments in all of the planning that goes into and development.

Do you have an inventory of community assets? (Schools, emergency buildings, senior care, churches, businesses, infrastructure, transportation, energy, communications, health & medical facilities, hazardous materials; food water & shelter; safety & security, natural areas, parks, other?) **YES**

3. Equity

Do you have issues of Environmental Justice or other concerns about equity in your community? **NO**

If so, list communities/neighborhoods that have borne an outsized burden of pollution, traffic and or other considerations that impact on quality of life.

What is the status of your affordable housing agreement? And, the status of implementation? **THE TOWNSHIP HAS A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER THAT IS COURT APPROVED (ORDER ON FAIRNESS HEARING ISSUED BY JUDGE DOW ON MARCH 13, 2020). OUR HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN WAS REVIEWED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON DECEMBER 3, 2020 AND IS EXPECTED TO BE ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.**

4. Community Characterization

If not identified in the earlier questions, what are the key elements that define your community? **DIVERSITY; AFFORDABILITY; BALANCE OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL TAX RATEABLES; STRONG SCHOOLS; AMPLE PUBLIC RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

5. Mapping

Please attach a file with your zoning map in GIS format (shape files). **COPY ATTACHED**

If you have your community assets and vulnerabilities mapped, please include them as well. **COPY ATTACHED**

Who is your municipal contact for GIS mapping? (please include email and phone #) **DAVID DIETSCH, ENGINEERING DEPT., 609-239-5836, ddietsch@twp.burlington.nj.us**

6. State Plan Consistency

Please review the 8 goals of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (attached) and address how your master plan and vision for your community is (or is not) consistent with these goals, policies & indicators. **WE BELIEVE THAT OUR MASTER PLAN IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT THE GOALS OF THE STATE DEVELOPMENT & REDEVELOPMENT PLAN. OUR MASTER PLAN INCLUDES "SECTION IV. LOCAL AND REGIONAL CONSISTENCY" WHICH INCLUDES A DETAILED DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSISTENCY WITH BURLINGTON COUNTY'S STRATEGIC VISION, THE DVRPC'S LONG RANGE PLAN AND THE STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

7. State requests

Please list any 'asks' that you have of the state including OPA, DEP, DOT, DCA, BPU or any other state agencies. OPA is committed to bringing them to the table, though we can't guarantee exactly the resolution that you're looking for.

BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP HAS JOINED WITH ITS REGIONAL NEIGHBORS TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC RELATED CONCERNS ALONG THE ROUTE 130 AND 541 CORRIDORS RESULTING FROM RECENT DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, IN OUR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. AS WE WORK TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS, WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE NJDOT WILL BE A WILLING AND RELIABLE PARTNER.