

PUBLIC MEETING

I-295/I-76/NJ 42 Interchange

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

Location

Purpose & Need

Process

Your Role

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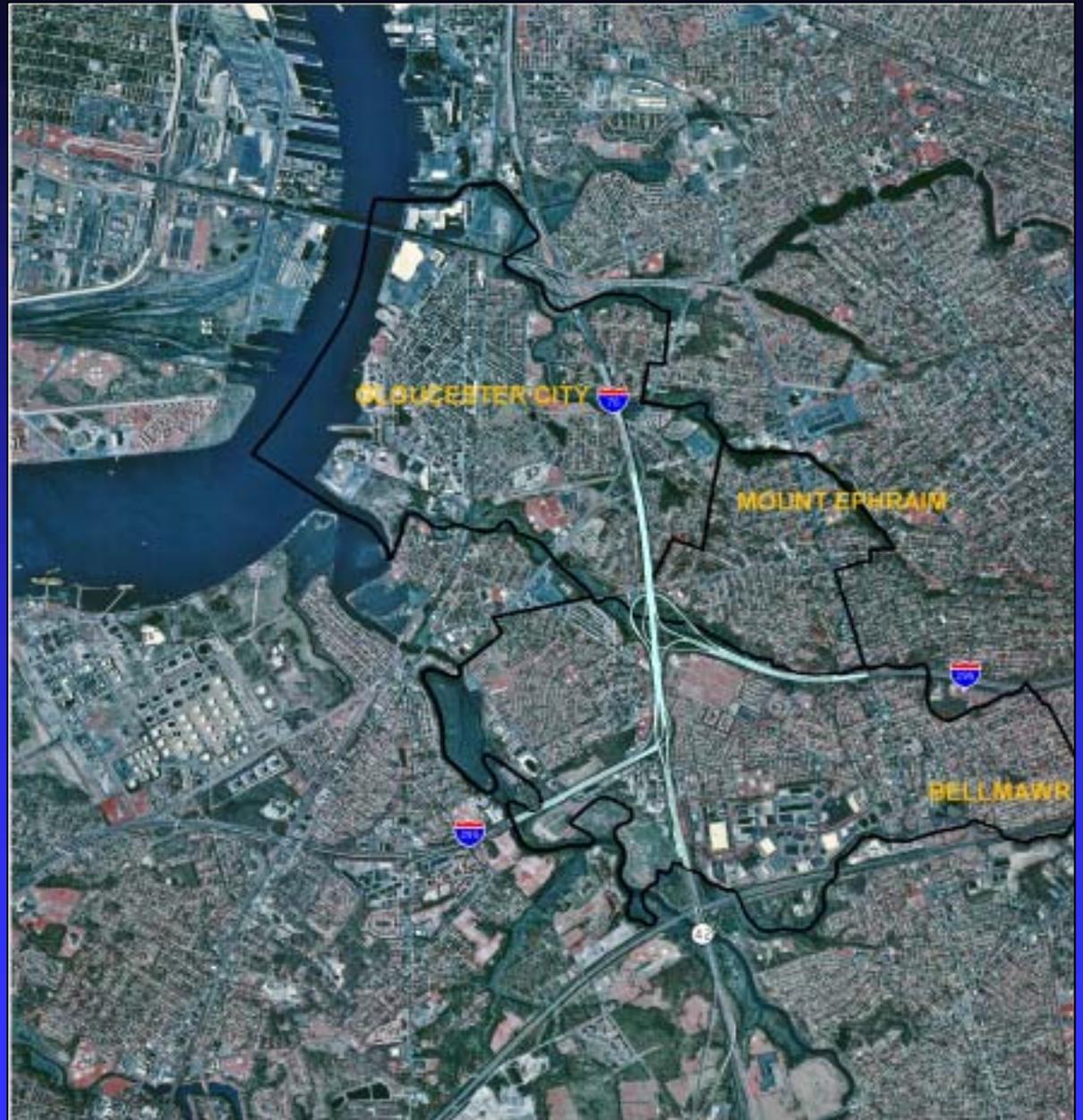


GOALS

- Build credibility
 - ◆ Present facts
 - ◆ Accept mistakes
 - ◆ Show impacts clearly
 - ◆ Be honest
 - ◆ Follow through with commitments
- Understand and address community quality of life issues
- Meet permit requirements
- Improve safety/congestion



SITE MAP



PROJECT AREA



PROJECT AREA (NJ 42)



PROJECT AREA (Creek Road over I-295)



PROJECT AREA (I-295 SB - Al-Joe's Curve)



PROJECT AREA

(I-295/NJ 42
Weave)



TRAFFIC (everywhere)

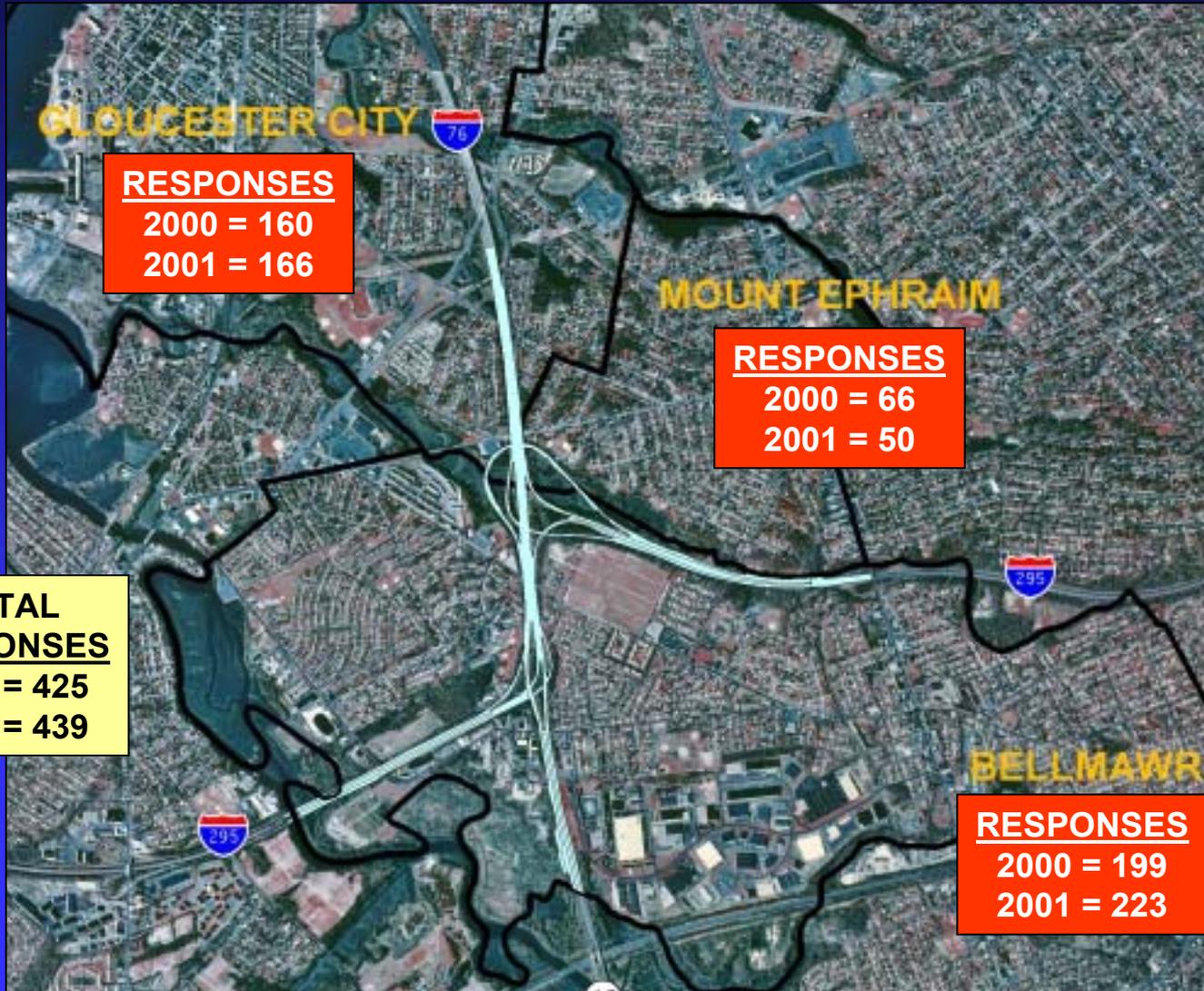


PROJECT AREA

(local streets)



EMERGENCY RESPONSES



1999 ACCIDENT RATES



less than the State average



1 - 2x the State average



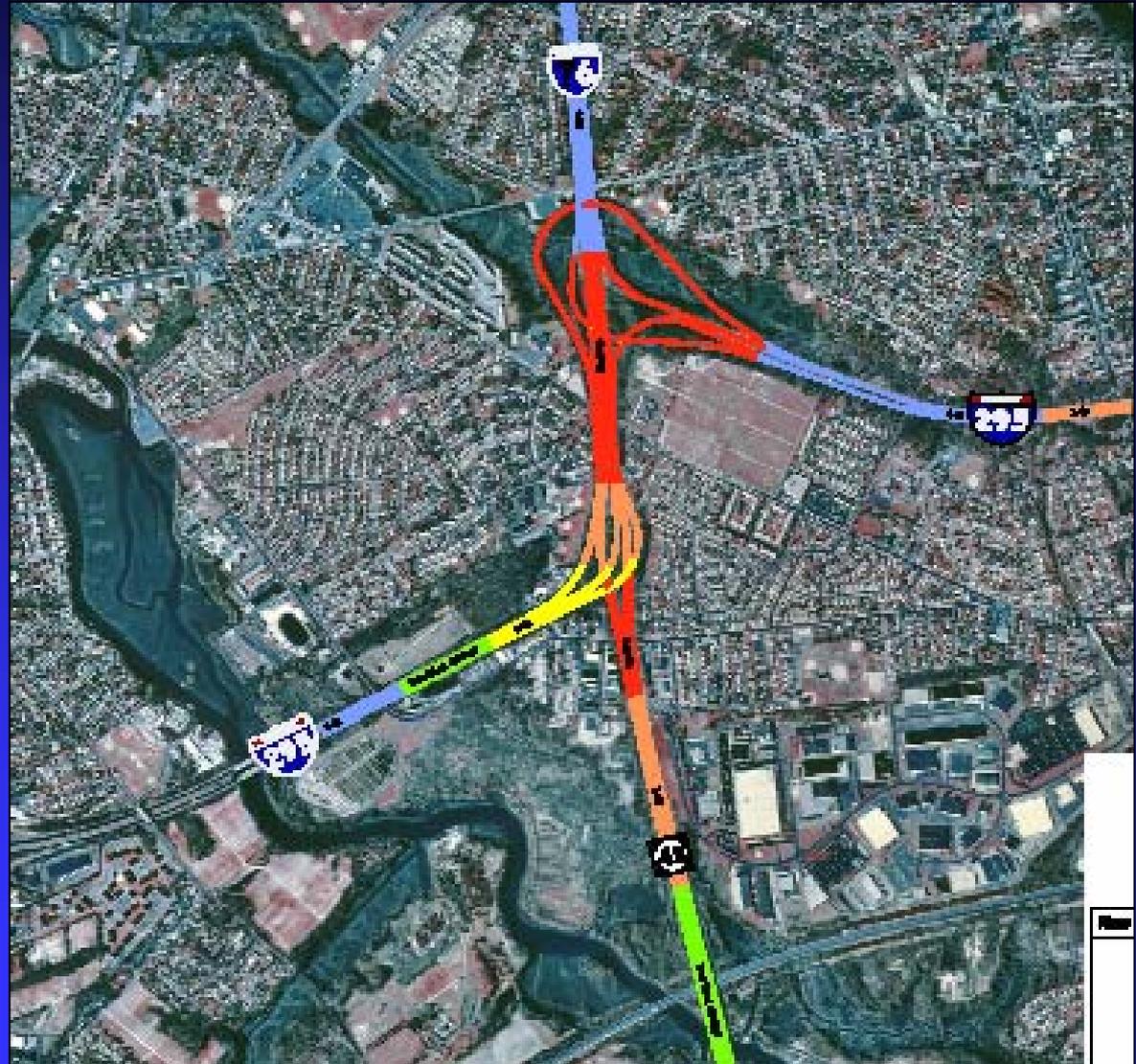
2 - 3x the State average



3 - 4x the State average



over 4x the State average



PROJECT AREA



PURPOSE OF PROJECT

- Improve safety
- Reduce congestion



PROJECT PROCESS

- NEPA Process – The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
 - ◆ Our basic national charter for protecting the environment.
 - ◆ Applies to all Federal agencies and their actions.
 - ◆ Federal Agency – Federal Highway Administration

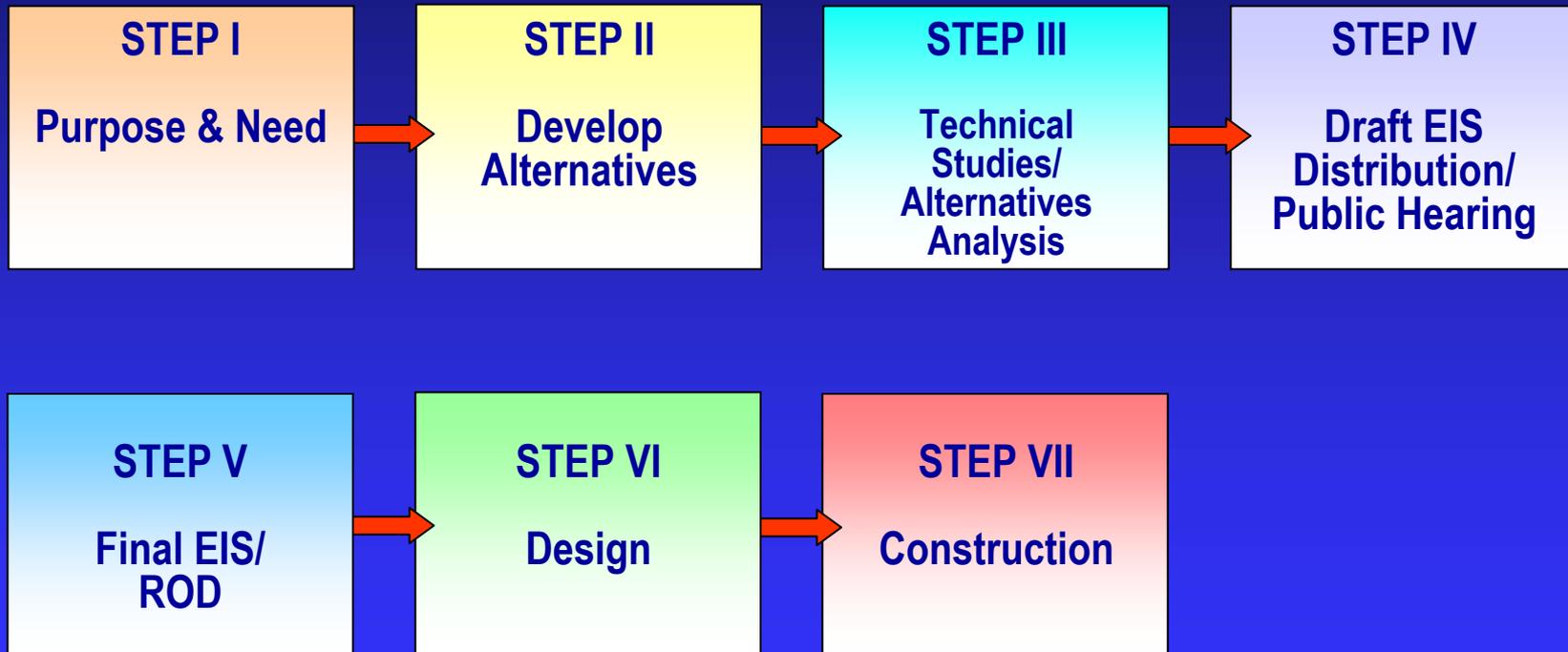


EIS FUNCTION

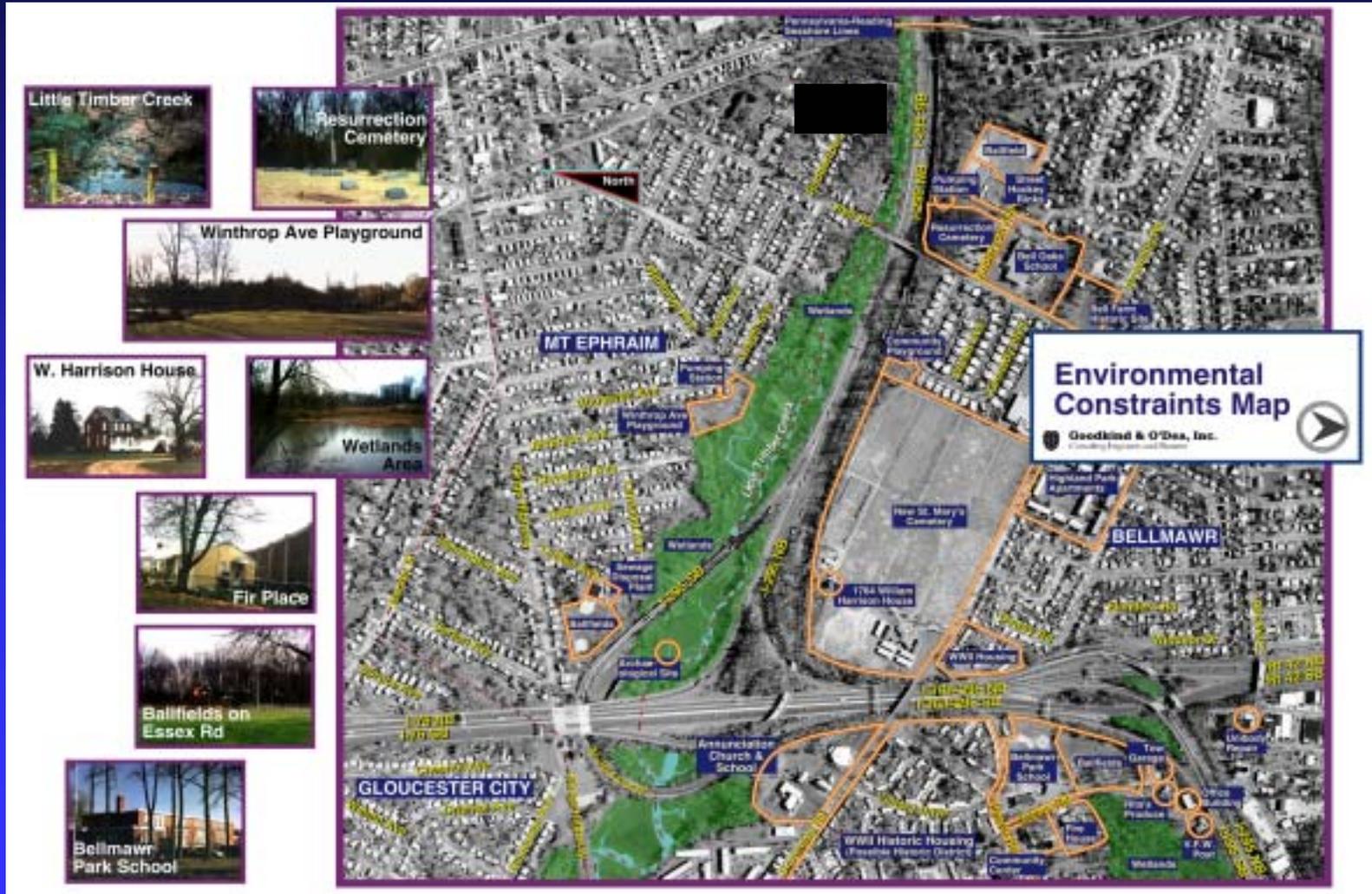
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has two major functions:
 - ◆ Evaluate Social Economic and Environmental (SEE) impacts.
 - ◆ It is a public disclosure and decision-making document.



EIS PROCESS



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS MAP



PROJECT BOUNDARY



Source: NJDEP Bureau of Geographic Information & Analysis, 1999, 1997



Project Screening
Study Area Boundary

LEGEND

 Project Screening Study Area Boundary

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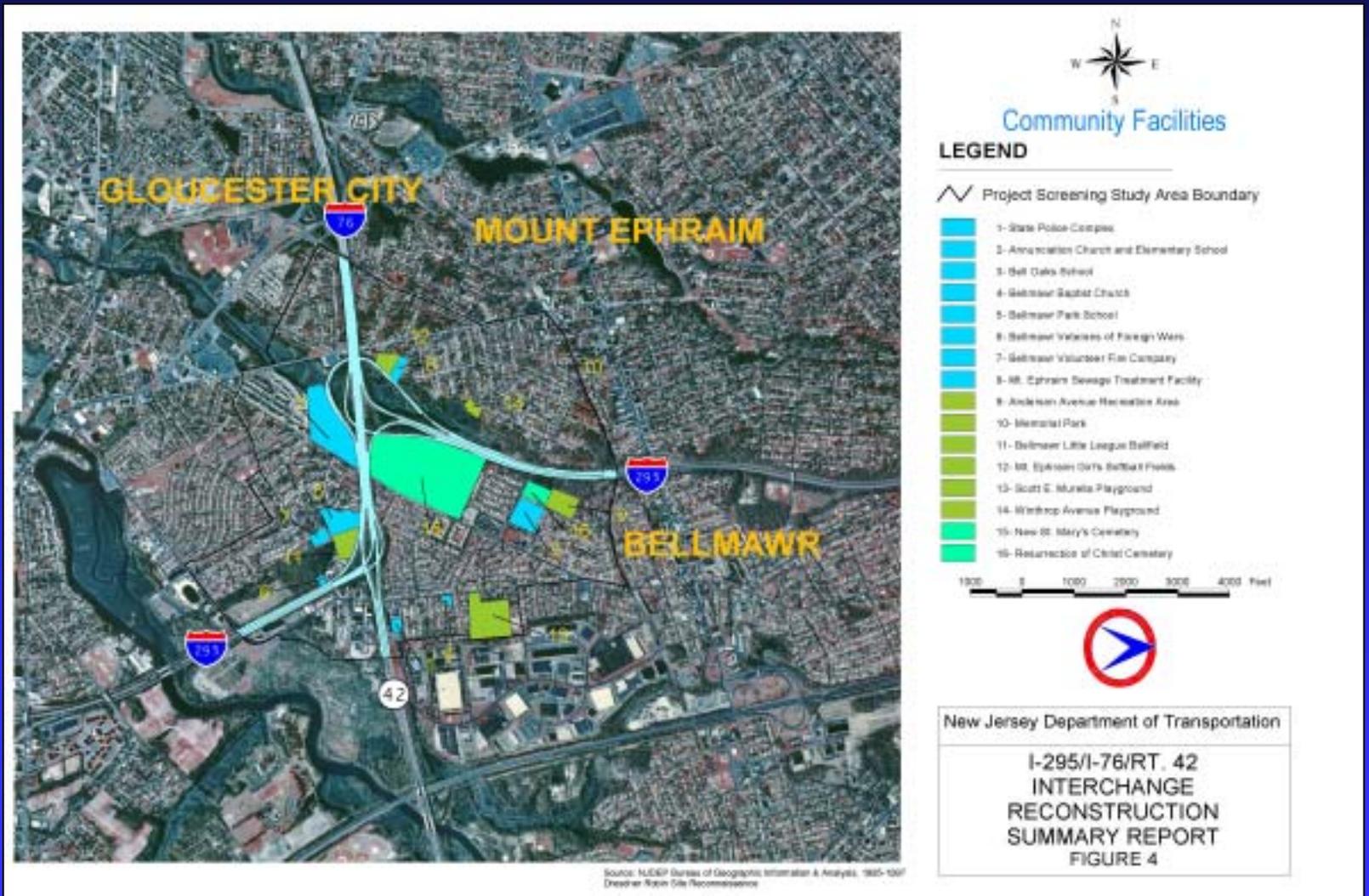


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FIGURE 1

COMMUNITY FACILITIES



LAND USE



Land Use

LEGEND

- Project Screening Study Area Boundary
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Recreation/Athletic Fields
- Residential
- Public/Institutions
- Cemetery
- Vacant
- Proposed Development

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FIGURE 3

Source: NJCEP, Bureau of Geographic Information & Analysis, 1995, 2007
MFO Director, Robert J. Rucinski

CULTURAL RESOURCES



Cultural Resource
Sensitive Areas

LEGEND

Project Screening Study Area Boundary

- High Historic Sensitivity
- Medium Historic Sensitivity
- High Prehistoric Sensitivity
- Medium Prehistoric Sensitivity

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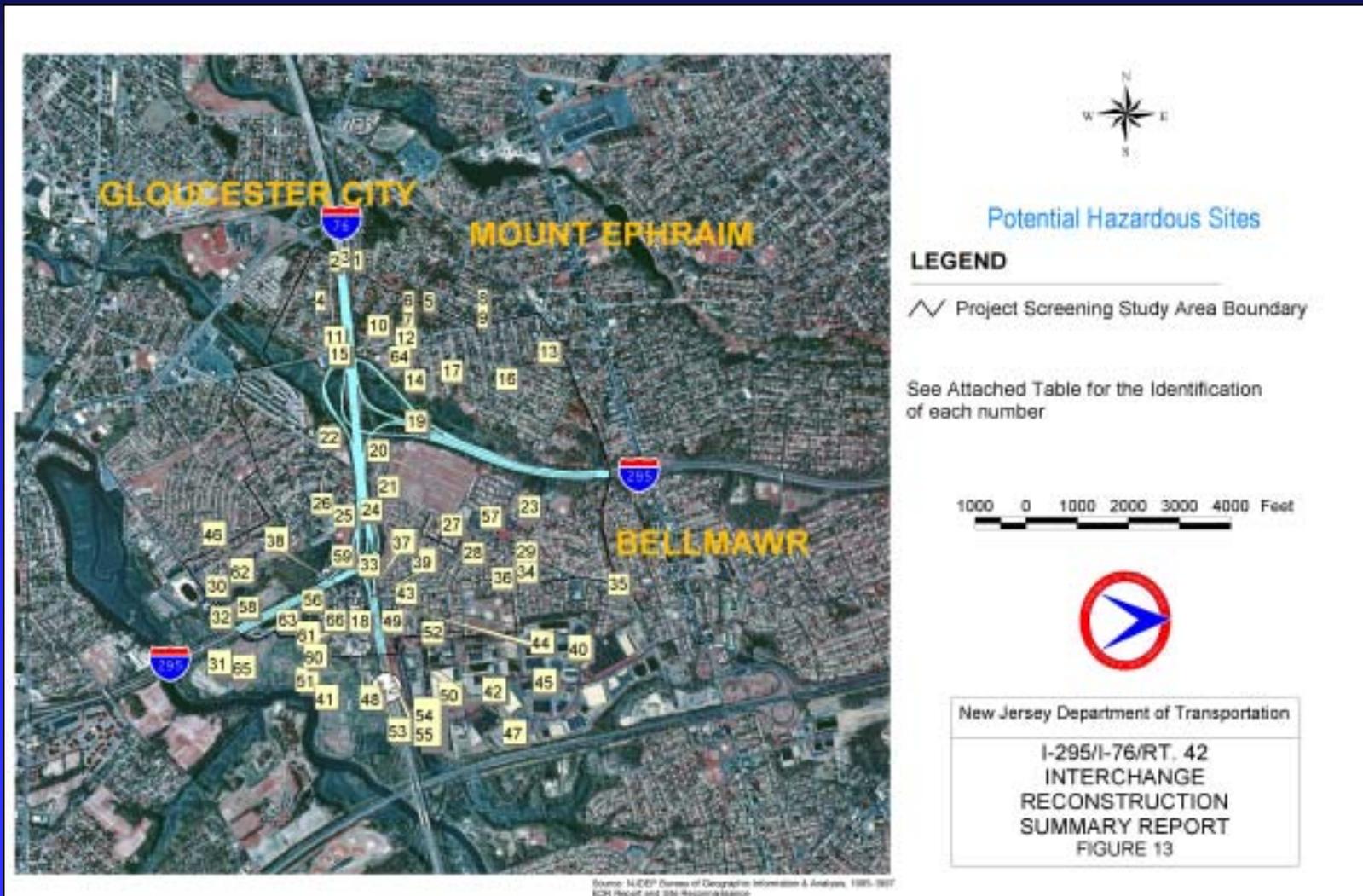


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FIGURE 11



POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS SITES



MINORITY POPULATIONS



Minority Populations

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-  Project Screening Study Area Boundary
-  2000 Census Tracts
-  Block 3012 2000 Blocks
-  Less Than 10 %
-  10 to 30%

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Source: NJCEP Bureau of Geographic Information & Analysis, 1990-2007
and Director Robert Site Reconnaissance
US Bureau of the Census, 2000

NOISE MONITORING LOCATIONS



Noise Monitoring Locations

LEGEND

 Project Screening Study Area Boundary

 Noise Monitoring Location

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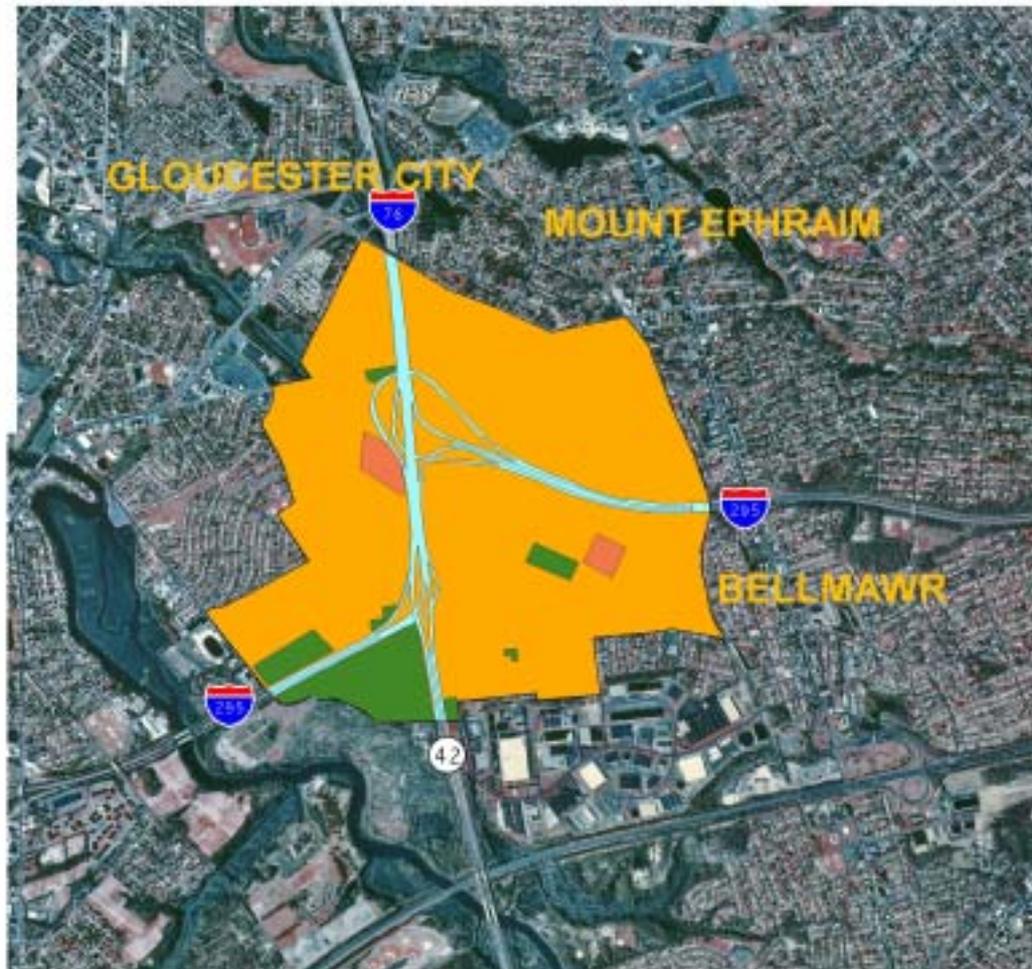


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FIGURE 8

Source: Paul Carpenter Associates, Inc. and
FLS&P Bureau of Geographic Information & Analysis, 1991/1997

NOISE SENSITIVE LAND USE



Noise Sensitive Land Use

LEGEND

Project Screening Study Area Boundary

FHWA Land Use Activity Category

- B- Residential, schools, places of worship and recreational areas
- C- Commercial/Industrial
- E- Interior churches, schools and auditoriums

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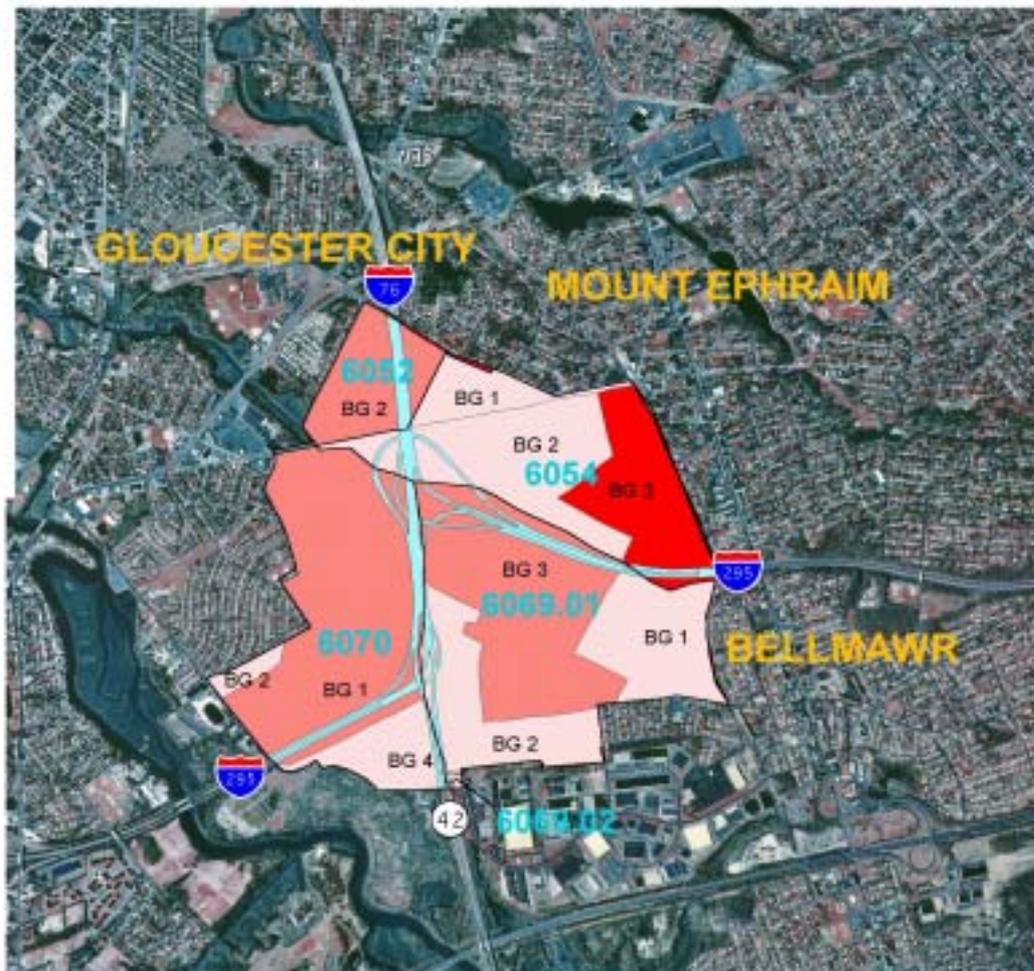


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Source: Paul Carpenter Associates, Inc. and
NCEP Bureau of Geographic Information & Analysis, 10/05-10/07

POVERTY LEVEL



Poverty Level

LEGEND

- Project Screening Study Area Boundary
- 1990 Census Tracts
- BG 1 1990 Block Groups

Percent Below the Poverty Level

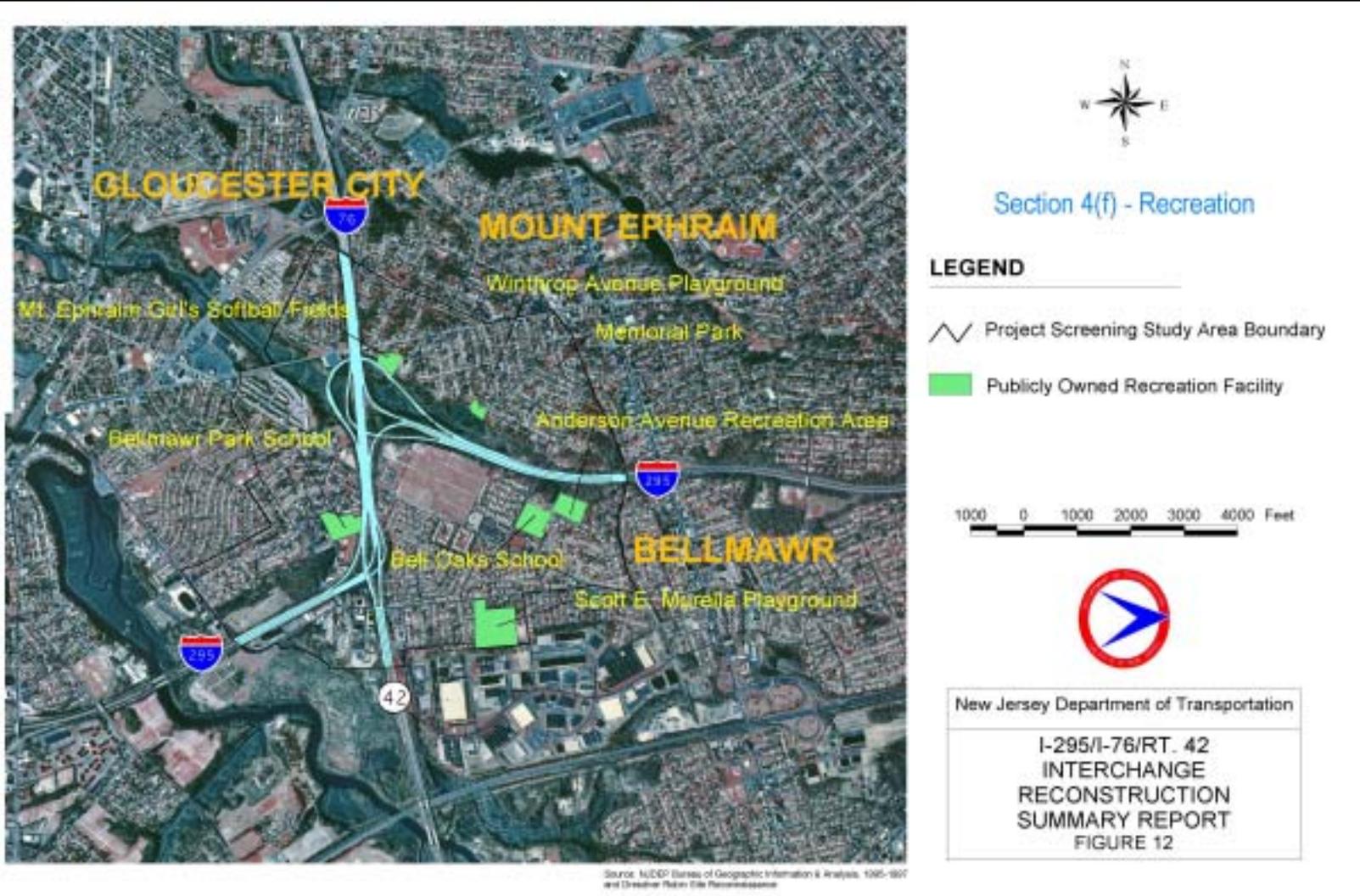
- 0 - 4.99 Percent
- 5 - 9.99 Percent
- 10 - 15 Percent



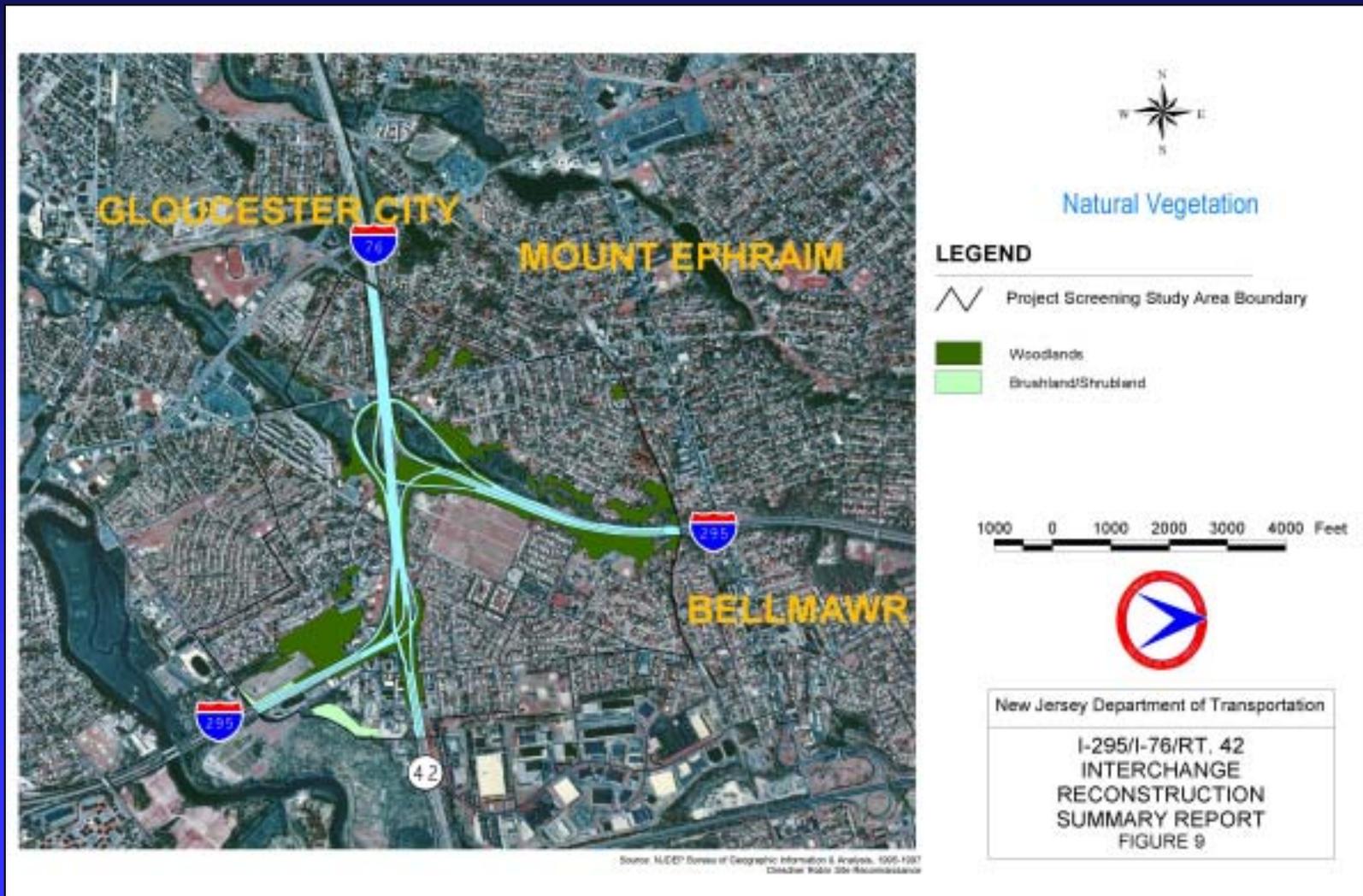
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Source: NJCEP Bureau of Geographic Information & Analysis, 1980-1987
 Director: Robt. Site Reconnaissance
 US Bureau of the Census, 1990

SECTION 4(f) - RECREATION



NATURAL VEGETATION



WETLANDS



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Project Screening Study Area Boundary

Tidal Wetlands

Tidal Marshes

Freshwater Wetlands

Mixed Forest

Scrub/Shrubland

Herbaceous

Wetlands Buffer

30 Foot Freshwater Wetlands Buffer

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CONCLUDING THE EIS PROCESS

- Assess significance of impacts
- Determine preferred alternative
- Community comments
- Address agency comments
- Consensus



PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Develop alternatives (2001 – 2002)
- Draft EIS (2002 – 2003)
- Final EIS (2003)
- Design (2003 – 2006)
- Construction (2006 – 2008)

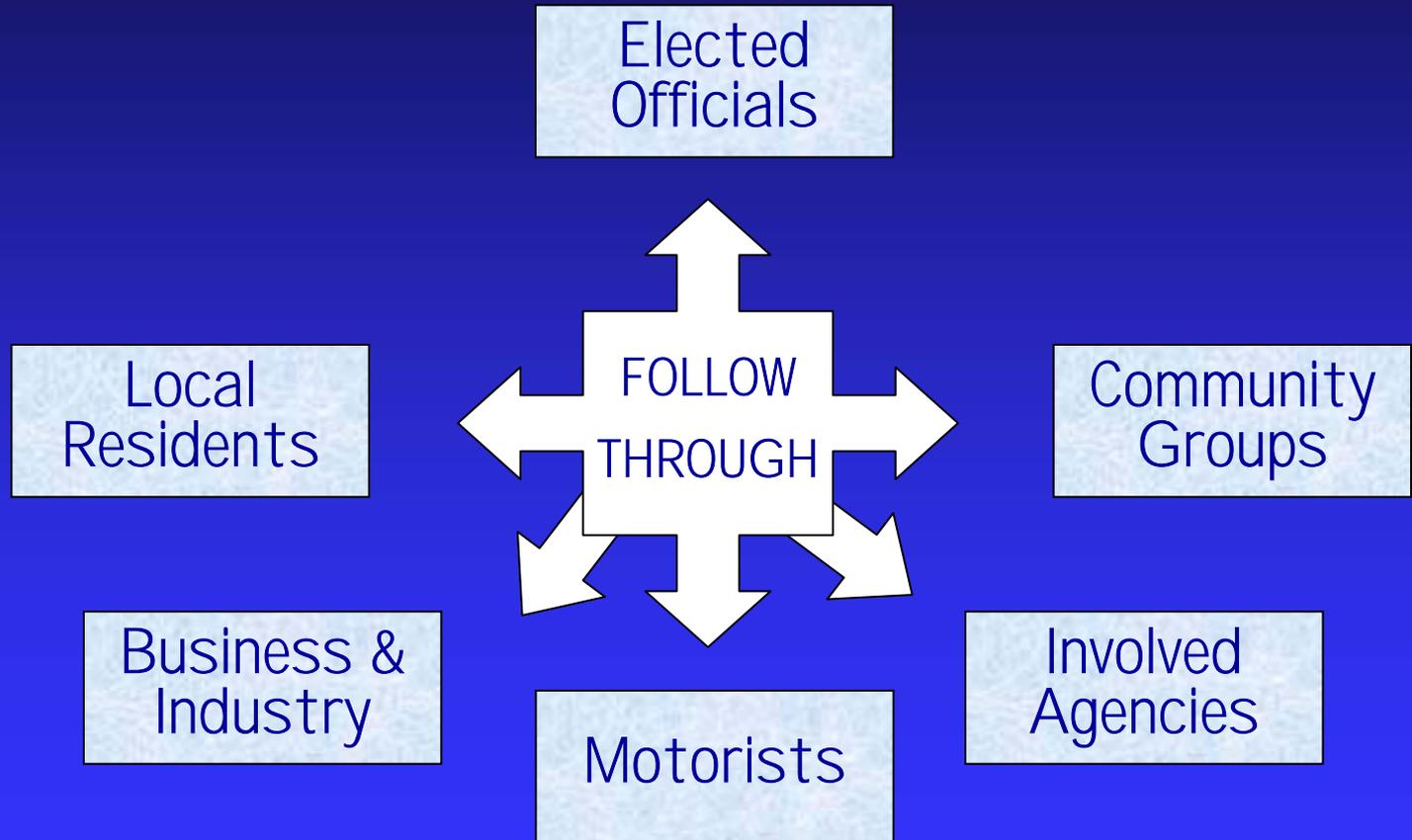


PROJECT ROLES

- NJDOT
- Consultants
- Authorized agencies
- Elected officials
- Public



PARTNERING



OUTREACH TOOLS

- What kinds of outreach tools will be used?
 - ◆ Web site
 - ◆ Newsletters
 - ◆ Public meetings



WHAT KIND OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Public Information Centers
- Community Advisory Committee
- Meetings with elected officials
- Follow-up meetings of partnering focus group
- Public hearings



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Ask questions
- Give feedback
- Share your expertise/experiences
- Attend workshops, alternatives suggestions
- Visit the web site
- Talk to representatives
- Stay involved



ANY QUESTIONS?

