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NJBPRC Inspires Teens to Bring Positive Change to Their Communities

Boys to Men Conference

This past Friday, April 24, 2015, Raritan Valley Community College hosted over two hundred Black and Hispanic teenagers for the 7th Annual From Boys to Men Conference. The conference was organized and co-hosted by the New Brunswick Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., a fraternity of college and professional



Participants in front of their model.

African American men, who have a proud history of mentoring high school youths.

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When a State Route is a Main Street

State Route 27

New Jersey State Route 27, stretching from Princeton to Newark, has an identity crisis. In downtown Princeton, NJ-27 is a vibrant, slow moving main street (Nassau Street), while just a few miles to the north, NJ-27 is virtually a country road, running alongside a lake with no pedestrian or bicycle facilities. Further north still, NJ-27 ventures through several downtown areas, including New Brunswick, Highland Park, Metuchen, and Elizabeth, where it once again slows down and morphs into something more than just thru-traffic paradise. One might wonder how each segment of NJ-27 was designed and why different segments seem so different from one another. The answer to this question is multi-faceted, but ultimately boils down to the context of the street in each segment. One of the most important design challenges that planners and engineers encounter is how to adequately transition state roads from car-centric speedways into slow, pedestrian friendly main streets.



NJ-27 in Princeton, a slow moving main street that complements downtown.

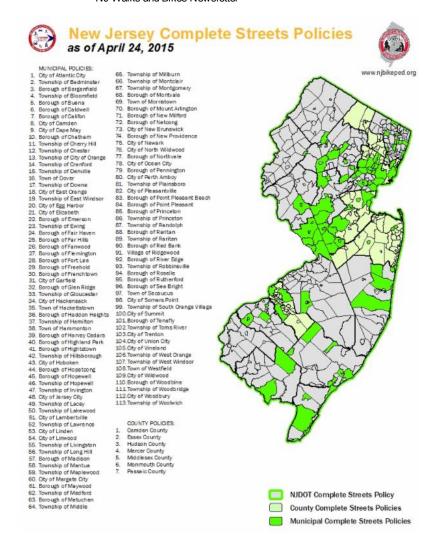
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Complete Streets in New Jersey

An up-to-date list of Complete Street Policies in New Jersey

There are currently 113 municipalities and 7 counties with Complete Streets policies in NJ, with Egg Harbor City in Atlantic County being the most recent addition. This brings the total NJ population living in municipalities with Complete Streets policies to over 3 million people or 36.67% of the population. Essex County leads the way with 14 municipalities having adopted policies, followed by Bergen County (13) and Mercer County (12). Salem and Passaic Counties remain the only counties without any municipal Complete Streets policies.

To access the most up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies adopted in the state, please click here.



News Feed Highlights

AAA: 58 Percent of Teens Involved in Traffic Crashes are Distracted

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety analyzed 1,700 crash videos and found that 58% of teens involved in traffic crashes are distracted. Distractions ranged from interacting with other passengers (15%) to cellphone use (12%). These findings far exceeded previous estimates from police reports. These findings



Source: The Washington Post

emphasized the need to extend restrictions on passenger and non-family members for new drivers.

Road Warrior: NJ Pedestrian Deaths Rise; Police Look for Reasons

Pedestrian deaths totaled 169 last year and are on pace to reach similar numbers this year.

Traffic police have begun to analyze their files to better understand the causes and promote potential solutions. Their investigation not only includes pedestrian deaths but also serious injuries in order to increase the sample size



Source: NorthJersey.com

and gain a better understanding of the situation.

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April 11, 2015 - April 24, 2015

Catching up on changes to the Duke Farms Bikeshare Service, now open for the 2015 season

NJ.com - April 12th

Trail grants help bring us closer to nature

My Central Jersey - April 15th

The State of New Jersey
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Transportation

Work starts on pedestrian crossing to Broadway rail station in Fair Lawn

NJ.com - April 16th



Hoboken: Observer Highway gets a \$2.7 million facelift

Hoboken Patch - April 18th



Five cities show the future of walkability

The City Fixer - April 20th

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