

DCA Bicycle & Pedestrian Related Initiatives & Services

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Services by Division

Local Planning Services (LPS)

- Local Planning Assistance
- Main Street New Jersey Program Administration

Housing & Community Resources

- Neighborhood Preservation Program
- Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program (NRTC)

Disaster Recovery and Mitigation

- State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF)

Local Planning Assistance through LPS

Master Plans And Redevelopment Plans

- Assist municipalities in the development, drafting and re-examination of Master Plans, including Master Plan Elements. Prepare Redevelopment Plans.

Land Use Planning And Mapping

- Review existing studies and plans, analyze census and other demographic data, create GIS maps, facilitate public focus group meetings, draft land use ordinances, and propose recommendations.

Economic Development Plans

- Analyze demographic trends including characteristics of residents, housing conditions, property values, and employment data to propose strategies to create economic development in the municipality.

Local Planning Assistance through LPS

Assistance Application



To be eligible for LPS services, a municipality must demonstrate one of the following:

1. The municipality qualifies for:

- Urban Aid;
- Transitional Aid; or
- NJRA Financing

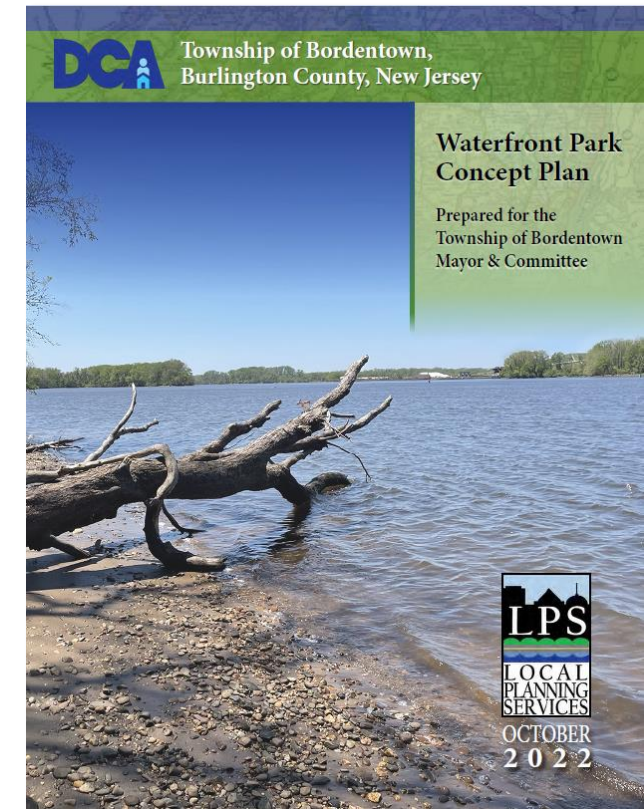
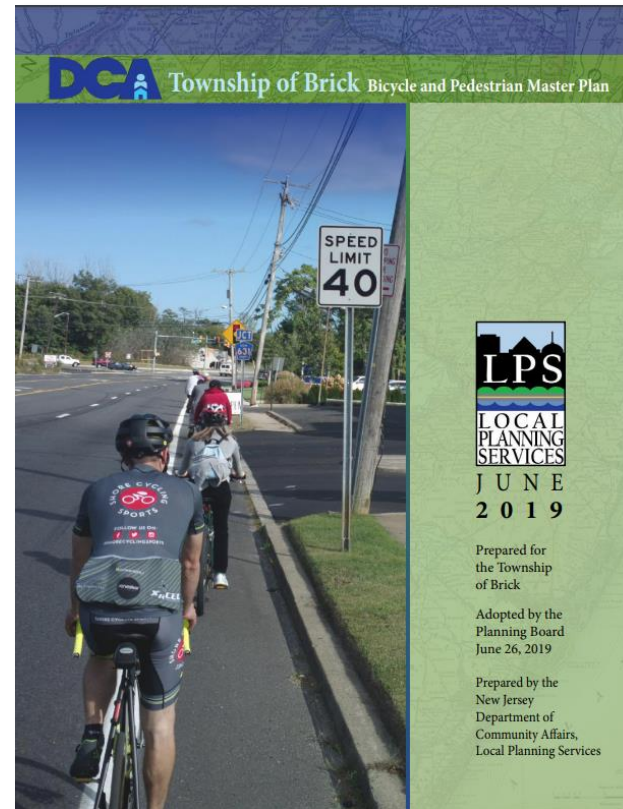
2. The municipality has a designated:

- Urban Enterprise Zone;
- Opportunity Zone;
- Brownfield Development Area; or
- Main Street or Neighborhood Preservation Program

3. The municipality has been impacted by natural disasters (e.g. Ida) or is temporarily fiscally distressed due to unexpected circumstances.

Recent Planning Assistance Projects

- Brick Township Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (2019)
- City of Hackensack Open Space & Recreation Plan (2022)
- Bordentown Township Waterfront Park Concept Plan (2022)
- City of Passaic Bicycle Master Plan (2024)
- City of Passaic Pedestrian Master Plan (In Progress)



Project Example: City of Passaic Bicycle Plan

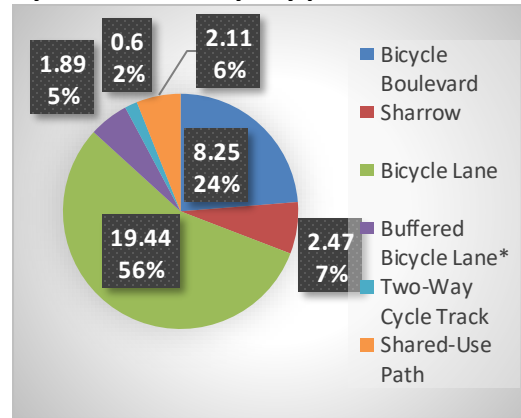
Project Story
Map



Current Bicycle Usage Statistics



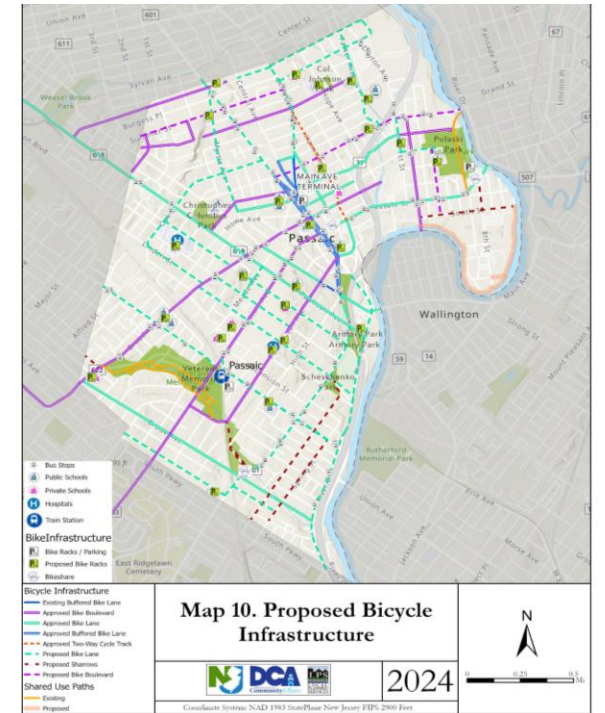
Bicycle Facility Types



Central Avenue



Infrastructure Proposal

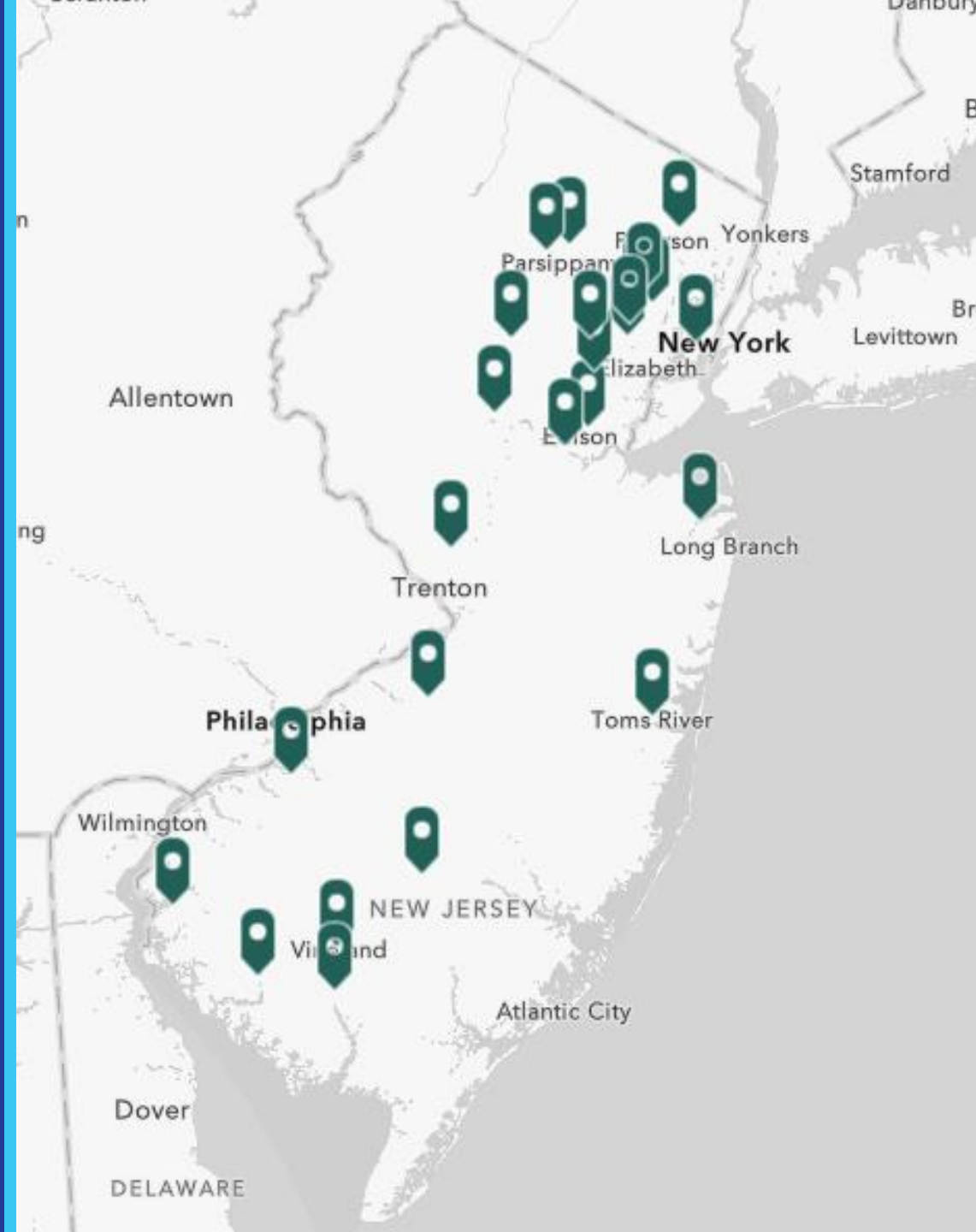


Main Street New Jersey

- A comprehensive revitalization program that promotes the historic and economic redevelopment of traditional business districts in New Jersey.
- Communities receive technical support and training to assist in restoring their Main Streets as centers of community and economic activity.
- Information on upcoming application periods will be posted on the MSNJ website.



Main Street New Jersey



- Maplewood
- Millville
- Hammonton
- Denville
- South Orange
- Summit
- Somerville
- Boonton
- Mount Holly
- Westfield
- Bridgeton
- Salem
- Highland Park
- Metuchen
- Red Bank
- And more....



Main Street New Jersey

Recent Grant Recipients

Maplewood: \$50,000 for the installation of new benches

Metuchen: \$140,000 for work including the upgrades for two existing outdoor dining/parklet spaces.

South Orange: \$110,000 for work including additional pedestrian seating, and pedestrian accessibility improvements

Bernardsville: \$150,000 for a Placer.ai subscription, street banner/signage program, and other initiatives

West Orange: \$150,000 for installation of planters, garbage cans, murals, and parklets

Housing & Community Resources

Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP)

- A municipally driven grant program that began with the passage of the “Maintenance of Viable Neighborhoods Act” in 1975.
- NPP Neighborhoods are provided with annual \$125,000 grants that can fund a variety of improvements.
- NPP Neighborhoods are required to develop and update a Neighborhood Implementation Plan.



Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC)

- Designed to foster revitalization of New Jersey’s distressed neighborhoods.
- To qualify a neighborhood’s population must be at least 50% low/moderate income households.
- NRTC funds are used by neighborhood-based non-profit organizations that have prepared, submitted, and received approval for a revitalization plan.



Recently Funded Improvements

Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP)

- Bike Racks in Atlantic City (\$7,500), Belvidere (\$8,000), Garfield (\$40,500), and Roselle (\$30,000).
- Crosswalks and Signage in Belvidere(\$6,884), Keyport (\$50,964), Maplewood (\$17,065), and South Orange (\$3,722).
- Bicycle Infrastructure and Pedestrian Safety Improvements in Cape May City (\$20,000), Phillipsburg (\$19,494), and Somers Point (\$15,500).

Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC)

- Implementation of an Art Crosswalk and Connector Trail in Camden, applied for by Saint Joseph's Carpenter Society.



Disaster Recovery and Mitigation

State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF)

- **Newark Pedestrianization Initiative:** awarded \$6.5 million from the SFRF to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in several high-risk areas. This grant supports a component of Newark's broader, long-term Safe Streets project, aimed at making the city's streets safer and more accessible for all.
- **Boardwalk Preservation Fund:** The Murphy Administration has announced a significant investment in our coastal communities with the allocation of \$100 million in SFRF. This funding will be directed towards the enhancement and expansion of boardwalks across various communities.
- **Greenway Project:** NJDEP was awarded \$65 million from the SFRF over a three-year period. These funds will be used for the acquisition and remediation of an approximately 9-mile-long, 100-foot-wide walking and biking path, connecting Montclair to Jersey City.



Thank you!

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