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DEP Permit Efficiency Review Task Force
Priorities Committee

Objectives:

1. Identify outcome priorities for projects and develop performance measures that are as objective as possible.
2. Identify and articulate the sustainable development/smart growth rationale for a planning-centric approach to the environmental permitting process;
3. Define "good" and "bad" development in terms of smart growth and sustainable development principles regarding location, design and construction;
4. Evaluate whether/how current NJDEP permit processing encourages "good" and discourages "bad" development;
5. Evaluate how NJDEP permit processing can be managed to advance the State Plan objectives for sustainable, smart growth and discourage inappropriate growth;
6. Evaluate whether a smart growth/sustainable development checklist would help to identify projects that merit priority treatment;
7. Evaluate the readiness checklist developed by NJDEP for its ability to improve management of priorities;
8. Evaluate the role of incentives/disincentives in the permitting process to facilitate sustainable, smart growth and discourage inappropriate development;
9. Evaluate whether "engineered solutions" will be important in facilitating beneficial redevelopment and what any "alternative" standards should be designed to accomplish (i.e.-regenerative designs and remedial strategies to improve existing environmental conditions)