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The photographs in this book present for the first time a special view of initiatives by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and its partners to make our state a better place to live, work and raise a family. As we work to provide excellent transportation service, we also strive to enhance the quality of our environment, add an aesthetic dimension to our designs and preserve our heritage. And we do this because our citizens desire it.

The planning and design concepts we used during most of the 20th century, when our mandate was to complete the major highway networks, served us well. But we have begun to reshape these standards and make them flexible enough to meet our latest challenges. We need to make the most efficient use of existing investments, to expand public transit and to rebuild worn out elements in a way that enhances our environment, respects our history and augments the beauty around us.

To accomplish this, we will spend more time listening to the voices in the communities hosting our projects. We will strive to exceed the requirements of the state and federal agencies to protect our environment.

The photographs in this publication include recent examples of our commitment to these ideals. They show work completed by NJDOT, NJ TRANSIT and other partners, funded through our Department's many programs. It is a pictorial tour of environmental innovations, construction and maintenance operations. You may be pleasantly surprised by their range.

As you travel around our state, please take the time to notice some of the projects we have called to your attention in this book. Tell us when you see something you like or something we missed. It will give us a clearer understanding of what you value and will motivate us to do more.

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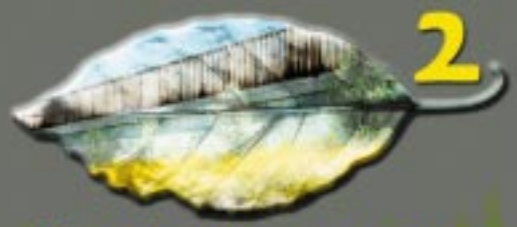
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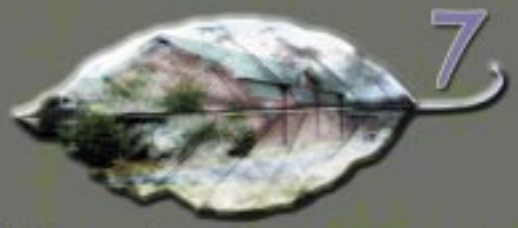
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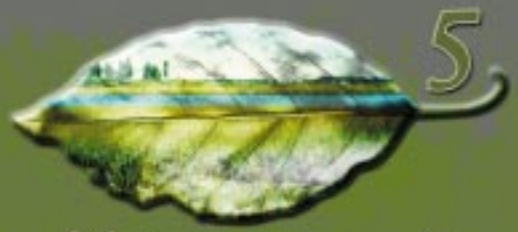
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