

Ordinance Review	C5	Wellhead Protection Ordinance	Allentown contains multiple community and non-community wellhead protection areas in the municipality as identified in the 2011 Environmental Resource Inventory. The Department can offer a model ordinance. There are no identified TMDLs. Update as necessary and to address climate resilience and areas in flood zone. The MP 2018 only included a map of wellhead protection areas. Includes in plan lots and blocks of public and private potable wells, capacity of public wells, proximity to flood zones and known contaminated sites and septic systems.	DEP	1-4 years	
Ordinance Review	C6	Stream Corridor Protection/Riparian Zone Ordinance	The Town's 2018 Master Plan update includes a plan, but not an ordinance. A Riparian Zone Ordinance should be adopted to be consistent with the most recent DEP model (https://www.state.nj.us/dep/wqmp/docs/min_riparian_zone_model_ordinance20100223.pdf)	DEP	1-4 years	All surface waters in the town require at least a 50-foot riparian zone buffer and C-1 classified streams require a 300 foot buffer, which are determined and regulated in the NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules. NJ DEP is recommending the inclusion of Critical Environmental Site Overlay on all areas of the town within the 100-year (1%) floodplain and additional 500 year (0.2%) floodplain acres and areas of environmental sensitivity larger than 25 contiguous acres (mostly along stream corridors) to be incorporated into the Designated Center mapping.
Ordinance Review	C7	Adopt a Flood Damage Protection Ordinance	This should be current with the current NJ Riverine Model Ordinance (https://www.nj.gov/dep/floodcontrol/modelord.htm) revised in 2020, in order to stay compliant with NFIP. NJ DEP encourages the Town to utilize the 500-year (0.2%) floodplain for planning purposes.	DEP	1-4 years	
Ordinance Review	C8	Adopt a Floodplain Development Ordinance	This should be in compliance with 2021 standards of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).	DEP	1-4 years	
Ordinance Review	C9	Adopt a Wildfire Protection Ordinance	Adopt and Ordinance	DEP	1-3 years	
Ordinance Review	C10	Update the Zoning Ordinances	Update zoning regulations and building codes to encourage building outside the flood zone and to minimize construction in flood prone area to reconstruction of existing buildings. Add historic district overlay, 100 and 500 year flood zone overlays, habitat corridor overlay, environmentally sensitive area overlay	DEP, OPA	2-4 years	
Ordinance Review	C11	Adopt a Steep Slope Ordinance	NJ DEP's 2008 Steep Slope model ordinance is available for the town to use, and while the standards defined in it are minimum requirements, the Department encourages Allentown to implement higher standards as it sees fit.	DEP	1-4 years	
Ordinance Review	C12	Adopt an Impervious Surface Reduction Ordinance	Incorporate expected increases in precipitation and temperature related to adverse impacts of climate change Include measures to manage stormwater on-site rather than as runoff Future redevelopment projects shall incorporate means to minimize and/or reduce new and/or existing impervious surfaces.	DEP	1-4 years	
Infrastructure	D1	Update Municipal Stormwater Management Plan (MSWP)	The Town's MSWP was adopted in 1987 and updated in 2017. The document should be updated to ensure consistency with the Town's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and the 2021 updated Municipal Stormwater Control Ordinance.	DEP	1-2 years	As discussed in OCA, this is important to mitigate the effects of impervious surfaces. In relation to Allentown's updated stormwater control ordinance, future plans in this realm should incorporate green infrastructure where possible.
Infrastructure	D2	Develop a five year capital improvement plan with a five year planning horizon per the Municipal Land Use Law 40:55D-29	Planning Board	Technical Assistance	Ongoing	
Conservation	E1	Update Natural Resource Inventory or Environmental Resource Inventory (NRI/ERI)	Last updated in 2011, this document should be updated to include climate change observations and concerns as they are relevant as well as any changes in conditions since the last update.	DEP	1-3 years	
Conservation	E2	Update Wastewater Management Plan	Included in the 2018 MP re-examine report, Allentown should ensure that the Wastewater Management Plan is consistent with County Plans and State Rules. Update 2018 plan as necessary and confirm resiliency upgrades to WWTP and potable water infrastructure.	DEP	1-3 years	
Conservation	E3	Update Water Supply Plan	Included in 2018 MP report. Update as necessary and to address climate resilience and potable water infrastructure in flood zone	DEP	1-3 years	Although there are no immediate water supply concerns, the Town should analyze its water supply sources, current capacity, and projected build-out for planning purposes to identify any existing or potential issues. Any issues that may be identified through this analysis should be part of an action plan to address them and future deficiencies.
Conservation	E4	Conservation Plan	The Borough shall adopt a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Easement Protection Plan as proposed in the 2018 MP update. The MP recommends a Community Stewardship Incentive Program due to the existing environmentally sensitive areas and habitat corridors in the town particularly along stream corridors. These areas should be considered for conservation planning purposes, habitat and species tracking and monitoring and addressed in the Master Plan and Land Use Plan Element update.	DEP	1-4 years	
Conservation	E5	Adopt a Flood Control Plan	Due to projected increases in precipitation and flooding, as well as the Town's high levels of impervious cover, it is recommended that Allentown utilize the SFHA for the 0.2 % (500-year) storm and consider flood hazard area riparian buffers of any waterway for planning purposes. Further explanation is available in the OCA dated June 4, 2021. Build on findings of climate vulnerability assessment and incorporate into Local Resilience Strategy. Adopt zoning and building codes that reflect climate resiliency and avoiding flood zones.	DEP	1-4 years	This should build on the required climate vulnerability assessment and can be a component of the Local Resilience Strategy. Construction of new critical infrastructure and facilities should be avoided in the floodplain as a tenet of this plan.
Conservation	E6	Adopt a Farmland Preservation Plan	While only 0.9 acres of farmland is identified, the town should consider adopting a preservation plan	DEP	1-4 years	
Conservation	E7	Adopt Green Infrastructure Plan	Green infrastructure should be incorporated into all projects within the floodplain and elsewhere in the Borough. Municipality should seek opportunities to install green infrastructure measures to offset increased stormwater and lower impacts of the heat-island effect.	DEP	1-4 years	
Conservation	E8	Prepare and adopt a Habitat Conservation Plan and protection measures to maintain habitat. Coordinate with county and surrounding municipalities to expand corridors of open space and natural features to support habitat connectivity		DEP technical assistance and funding	2-3 years	The Habitat Conservation may potentially be included as part of the Conservation Plan (F8) rather than an individual plan. NJDEP Connecting Habitats Across NJ (CHAN) mapping can be of assistance to identify potential corridors https://www.njshandwildlife.com/ensp/chanj.htm
Transportation	F1	Adopt a Complete Streets Policy	Improve pedestrian and bicycle mobility safety. The County conducted a traffic study in 2019 recommending a bypass route around the town. Incorporate early planning and environmental constraints review of any proposed bypass route to minimize adverse impact to natural resources.	DOT	2-4 years	
Transportation	F2	Continue to explore options to address circulation along specific County and local roads	Planning Board and Municipal Committee	DOT	Ongoing	
Transportation	F3	Revise Circulation Element of Master Plan to address parking, including opportunities for shared parking, rail and truck freight movement, transit, and improvements to bicycle and pedestrian access along with continued growth in the community.	Planning Board	DOT	1 year	
Transportation	F4	Develop a Complete Streets Implementation Plan	Apply for appropriate funding programs or seek NIDOT technical assistance	DOT	2 year after adoption of complete Streets Policy	
Transportation	F5	Monitor Complete Streets Implementation Plan	Apply for appropriate funding programs or seek NIDOT technical assistance	DOT	Ongoing after Complete Street implementation Plan is adopted	
Intergovernmental Coordination	G1	Communicate with neighboring municipalities	Planning Board and governing body	OPA, County, NJ DCA and adjacent municipality	Ongoing	Submit any new or modified land use ordinance or other planning document that supplements previously submitted material. Explore intermunicipal agreements
Planning	H1	Update the Community Facilities Plan	Planning Board	Technical assistance	3 years	
Historic Preservation	I1	Review the NJ Historical Commission's (NJ Department of State) grant program at http://www.nj.gov/state/divisions/historical/grants .	Historic Advisory Committee and Municipal Committee	SHPO, County	Ongoing	
Sustainability	J1	Modify zoning code and permit forms to streamline and reduce or waive permit fees to encourage solar, wind, and geothermal.	Planning Board and Township Committee	DEP, BPU, SJ	1-2 year	Sustainable Jersey points and support
Sustainability	J2	Consider using Green Team to getting certification in the Sustainable Jersey program			Ongoing	Implementation of FIA items could lead to Bronze Certification