Route 130/Delaware River Corridor Plan Endorsement

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Plan Implementation Committee

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DRAFT ROUTE 130/DELAWARE RIVER CORRIDOR STRATEGIC PLAN

PART ONE: CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES ANALYSIS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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DECEMBER 1997

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Benefits (Why do this?)

- Coordinated Planning Assistance among State Agencies
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund Financing Program
- Brownfields Redevelopment Interagency Team planning assistance
- Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Program
- Municipal Aid Formula Funding
- Economic Recovery Act tax credit benefits
- Increased resiliency and equity
- Increased support for impervious cover and SSA in designated Centers/Cores
- To not lose existing & future benefits associated with Centers/Cores & Endorsed Plans
Differences in process between 1999 & 2022

1999 Route 130/Delaware River Corridor Plan was endorsed prior to the creation of the State Plan Endorsement Rules in 2001 (Regional Plan Endorsement Process approved in 2020)

Each municipality must now meet 2001 Plan Endorsement criteria – using 2020 Regional Planning Guidance. Twelve Municipal Planning documents consistent with 1 Corridor Plan (Towns individually engaged, County assisting)

Based on changing conditions on the ground and Executive Orders 23 & 89, new strategies are required

- Resiliency/Sustainability and Climate Change
- Social/Environmental Justice and Equity
- Other Smart Growth Principals
Timeline of Accomplishments

- April 28, 1999 – SPC endorses Route 130/Delaware River Corridor Strategic Plan
- 2009 – Designation of centers extended to June 30, 2019
- 2019 – N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.21 amended to extend the date to June 30, 2020
- Summer/Fall 2019 – BCBC gathers & submits municipal prepetition data
- Winter 2019 – BCBC submits pre-petition meeting request from all 12 Towns
- February 2020 – SPC adopts County & Regional Planning Guidance
- March 2020 – Pre-petition meeting (3/10) & COVID-19 hits County & Towns redirect
- October 2020 – SPC amends Municipal Plan Endorsement Guidelines
- December 1, 2020 – Municipal Questionnaire sent to all 12 Towns
- October 2021 – BCBC submits Draft MSA
- December 2021 – Questionnaires, MSAs & Resolutions submitted OPA & to Agencies
- Winter/Spring 2021/22 – Local Visioning & receipt of O&C Reports from agencies
- February 2022 – Status meeting with municipalities/OPA/BCBC
- March 2022 – Windshield tour & Mapping meetings with South of Rancocas representatives
- May 2022 – Consistency for South of Rancocas
Plan Endorsement Guidelines / Process

- Step 1: Prepetition (Done.)
- Step 2: Plan Endorsement Citizens’ Advisory Committee (Done.)
- Step 3: Municipal Self-Assessment (Done.)
- Step 4: Opportunities & Constraints Assessment (Mostly done.)
- Step 5: Community Visioning (First round complete, regional visioning underway with County/OPA support.)
- Step 6: Consistency Review (Partially done.)
- Step 7: Action Plan Implementation (No Action Plans anticipated.)
- Step 8: Recommendation Report and Draft Planning & Implementation Agreement (PIA) (Under development to be developed and presented incrementally.)
- Step 9: State Planning Commission Endorsement (Proposed to start coming before PIC in June.)
### Plan Endorsement Step Analysis

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*Step 4 O&C – OPA has received reports from NJ DOT and NJ DEP. OPA received build-out analysis from Tom Stanuikynas (Burlington County Bridge Commission)*
Concerns

- Due to flooding and T&E issues, many present-day nodes, cores, and centers will be cut back to reflect good planning.
- Several Redevelopment Areas have flood hazard areas and habitat/T&E considerations.
- Warehousing and traffic issues
- Riverine flooding concerns in many municipalities
- Benefits of PE versus work required are out of balance (advantage for some grants uncertain)
Still to Come – Proposed Timeline

- May 18, 2022 – Status presented to PIC
- May 17th & 19th – Mapping Meetings North of Rancocas
- May 2022 – Consistency for North of Rancocas
- May & June 2022 – draft PIAs circulate for approval with DEP & municipalities
- Spring 2022 – Regional Visioning session (3 or 4 with first May 18th)
- June 2022 – Secure map consensus with OPA, municipalities & DEP
- June & July 2022 – PIA Resolutions approved by municipalities
- June, July & August 2022 – Present PE Recommendations to PIC & SPC
BCBC / County has already:
• Compiled pre-petition documents for each municipality
• Coordinated with the State
• Contributed text / data / maps to the municipal self-assessment
• Drafted a Municipal Self Assessment Report for municipal tweaking
• Prepared for and facilitated local visioning sessions for most of the 12 municipalities
• Preparing for four regional visioning sessions including all 12 municipalities

A HUGE Thank You for BCBC / County Support

BCBC / County will continue to assist:
• Finding grant opportunities and technical assistance, as needed to implement PIA
• Facilitating meetings
• Collecting data
• Providing GIS mapping support
• Support coordination/communications with OPA & municipalities
Questions/Comments?