

February 3, 2021

Burlington County Route 130 Corridor Municipal Questionnaire

**Please review these questions and fill in as much as you can
to paint a picture of your status and trends in planning:**

(We'd love to see additional planning documents if you have them, though we're primarily interested in you telling the story of your community in narrative form so that we get a feel for what makes it unique and what's important to you and your citizens.)

1. Visioning

Do you have a vision statement for your future?

Please share it here:

Cinnaminson is a community of 15,569 people and is a family friendly, vibrant, and ideally situated affordable suburban town. Our residents enjoy a high quality of life and we pride ourselves on quality municipal services, attractive and safe neighborhoods, first-rate schools, exceptional parks and recreation opportunities, engaging community events, and a thriving business district.

Cinnaminson Township is proud of our fiscal efforts to control spending and being ever mindful of the portion our residents pay towards their local purpose (municipal) taxes – which is only 18% of the total tax bill. Our Township Committee and local government officials are dedicated to effectively serving all of our citizens with an emphasis on treating each other with civility and respect.

If so, when was it last affirmed?

January 1, 2021

Through what process?

Through a collaborative process of the governing body.

Who participated?

The vision statement was developed and enhanced following the reexamination of the Master Plan. Led by the Burlington County Office of Economic Development, participants included all elected officials, the Township Administrator, the Solicitor, the Economic Development Committee and the Planning Board.

What matters most to your community?

Cinnaminson is home to both long standing residents as well as younger families. Existing homes are reselling at a record pace while new housing elements are being added featuring age restricted and multifamily dwellings. Most notably, we have witnessed second and third generations who grew up in town returning to Cinnaminson to raise their families. Therefore, it is somewhat difficult to express what matters most to our populace. In summary, our residents have come to expect a safe community with a superior school system, prudent fiscal policy and controls as well as exemplary stewardship in regards to all socio-economic issues.

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Have you thought about your sustainability? Your contributions to Green House Gases (GHG)? How to reduce your GHG contributions?

The community is keenly aware of on-going sustainability issues. We have not yet formally considered any measures to mitigate the town's GHG contributions.

2. Resiliency

Have you started planning for resiliency to climate change and sea level rise?

No

If so, please attach any planning documents.

Who has been engaged in the discussions?

Have you identified your risks? (Flooding? Erosion? Heat island effect? Increased storms? Disease? Other?)

Over the last thirty-six months, the Township has prioritized the planning and remediation of various stormwater management matters in all areas of town and especially in the East Riverton section of our town which is adjacent to the Delaware River. The governing body authorized a professional engineering study to examine these issues and have begun to implement the recommended corrective action items.

Have you assessed vulnerable populations?

Through our Emergency Management professionals, we have developed an awareness of the special needs of vulnerable residents. However, we have not formally assessed vulnerable populations.

Do you have an inventory of community assets? (Schools, emergency buildings, senior care, churches, businesses, infrastructure, transportation, energy, communications, health & medical facilities, hazardous materials; food water & shelter; safety & security, natural areas, parks, other?)

Emergency Management professionals maintain such an inventory.

3. Equity

Do you have issues of Environmental Justice or other concerns about equity in your community? If so, list communities/neighborhoods that have borne an outsized burden of pollution, traffic and or other considerations that impact on quality of life.

Other than general community awareness, we have not been presented with any specific equity issues. We would note that the Cinnaminson Township Police Department is extremely proactive in all aspects of community policing and has developed an excellent rapport with various constituencies within the community.

What is the status of your affordable housing agreement? And, the status of implementation?

On January 11, 2021, an Amended Fairness and Compliance Hearing was conducted before The Honorable Jeanne T. Covert, AJSC. Judge Covert approved both the Amended Settlement Agreement, the Amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and the Spending Plan. Implementation is on-going.

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4. Community Characterization

If not identified in the earlier questions, what are the key elements that define your community?

We believe that we have identified these elements in our prior answers.

5. Mapping

Please attach a file with your zoning map in GIS format (shape files).

PDF format of Zoning Map is attached. GIS format will be forwarded as soon as possible.

If you have your community assets and vulnerabilities mapped, please include them as well.

Who is your municipal contact for GIS mapping? (please include email and phone #)

Remington and Vernick Engineers

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6. State Plan Consistency

Please review the 8 goals of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (attached) and address how your master plan and vision for your community is (or is not) consistent with these goals, policies & indicators.

With technical assistance and planning leadership provide by the Burlington Department of Economic Development and the Burlington County Bridge Commission, approximately 18 months ago we completed out reexamination of the Cinnaminson Township Master Plan. Accordingly, the following eight (8) goals were examined and assessed. Please note the consistency determination annotated ed next to each goal as proved for in the master plan as well as the community's vision:

- a) Goal 1: Revitalize the State's Cities and Towns **(Highly Consistent)**
- b) Goal 2: Conserve the State's Natural Resources and System **(Consistent)**
- c) Goal 3: Promote Beneficial Economic Growth, Development and Renewal for All Residents of NJ **(Highly Consistent)**
- d) Goal 4: Protect the Environment, Prevent and Clean Up Pollution **(Consistent)**
- e) Goal 5: Provide Adequate Public Facilities and Services at a Reasonable Cost **(Consistent with an emphasis on Reasonable Costs)**
- f) Goal 6: Provide Adequate Housing at a Reasonable Cost **(Consistent)**
- g) Goal 7: Preserve and Enhance Areas with Historic, Cultural, Scenic, Open Space and Recreational Value **(Consistent)**
- h) Goal 8: Ensure Sound, Integrated Planning and Implementation Statewide **(Neither Consistent nor Inconsistent, such a review and integration has not yet occurred)**

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7. State requests

Please list any 'asks' that you have of the state including OPA, DEP, DOT, DCA, BPU or any other state agencies. OPA is committed to bringing them to the table, though we can't guarantee exactly the resolution that you're looking for.

Cinnaminson Township has benefited from an excellent working relationship with all regional governmental leaders and stakeholders. The Township recognizes the expertise of the professionals associated with the Burlington County Bridge Commission/Economic Development Department and regularly consults with them on various land use and planning matters. They are a resource that has proven to be invaluable to our town.

In addition, State Senator Singleton and his staff have been extremely helpful as an advocate for the community with various state agencies.

At this time, we cannot identify a specific request or "ask" of the state.

**Please feel free to add anything else that you feel would be pertinent to a planning discussion and
THANK YOU for your time!**

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October 15, 2021
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Re: State Planning Commission Plan Endorsement Renewal
River Route (formerly Route 130 Corridor) Regional Strategic Plan
2021 County Assessment Report: Introduction

Mr. Eric Schubiger
Township Administrator
Cinnaminson Township
1621 Riverton Road
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Dear Mr. Schubiger:

Congratulations to the Township for investing in the creation of a Plan Endorsement Citizens' Advisory Committee to work on all those smart growth planning and implementation projects noted in Resolution 2021-119 for the mutual benefit of Cinnaminson Township and the other 11 River Route Corridor municipalities.

Burlington County Bridge Commission Regional Planning Manager Tom J. Stanuikynas, AICP PP has asked the Advisory Committee to prepare for its first regional meeting by having the Township Committee adopt a resolution indicating whether it has any comments on his draft *2021 County Assessment Report of the 1997 Burlington County River Route [formerly Route 130 Corridor] Regional Strategic Plan (Plan)*. I have reviewed the draft *2021 Report* and discussed its findings on the Township's status of its community development / comprehensive planning agenda with Mr. Stanuikynas.

As your Township Planner, I would recommend that the draft *2021 Report* is consistent and acceptable for the Township's endorsement if it were revised to identify the following critical transportation-related issues have deteriorated significantly since Cinnaminson and the other municipalities endorsed the *Plan* in 1998:

1. The Riverton Road pedestrian overpass, which was designed to connect the folks on the east side of US 130 with the Township municipal building, library, community center, and high school on the other side of the highway, has not been made accessible to people with disabilities since the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 nor have any ADA at-grade improvements been made in the past 31 years. Cinnaminson Township requests that the report identify this issue and prioritize the recommendations on pages 123-126 in the *2018 DVRPC Burlington County River Route Corridor Study*.
2. The Taylors Lane intersection at US 130 will have significantly more truck traffic when several currently vacant industrial properties are redeveloped into distribution warehouses, as recently announced. The report should identify that the Township's two independent fire companies merged to become a Township fire department with two stations, one of which, Fire Station 202, was rebuilt at 1900 Taylors Lane. Increase traffic volumes without any planned improvements for this intersection will threaten public safety for properties in the eastern part of the Township. Cinnaminson Township requests that the report identify this issue and prioritize the recommendations on pages 116-118 and 122 in the *2018 DVRPC Burlington County River Route Corridor Study*.

3. The one-lane-wide Fork Landing Bridge, which connects the portion of Cinnaminson Township west of NJ 73 with the rest of the Township, was not mentioned in the *2018 DVRPC Burlington County River Route Corridor Study*, although it was recognized as a significant flood closure issue in 1998. This problem has only worsened in the past two decades with continued silting from upstream development and rising sea levels in this tidal area. Cinnaminson Township is deeply concerned that the draft *2021 Report* did not identify this issue, particularly since the County Commissioners recently removed the Centerton Road Bridge, which had similar redesign issues.
4. Community connectivity across US 130. Finally, Cinnaminson Township would like the draft *2021 Report* to identify that there has not been much progress on one of the underlying themes of the Plan was the desire of the suburban municipalities that straddle the highway, like Cinnaminson and Delran, to find and implement ways to “knit” their communities together through circulation and other improvements. This need to prevent different parts of suburban communities from feeling like they are on the “other side of the tracks” continues to be important to Cinnaminson. Unless the group re-prioritizes this problem now, it will likely to become a future problem for Florence Township.

Please contact me if our office can be of any additional help in this matter.

Sincerely,



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