

Township of Bridgewater Planning and Implementation Agreement

SOMERSET REGIONAL CENTER DRAFT PIA

OPA Draft: 8/24/11)

NOTE: Let the OPA Planner know if there are additions, questions or issues

Topic	Item No.	Activity	Local Effort	Assistance	Time Frame
Land Use	A2	Implement the zoning modification recommendations in its Master Plan Update and the Somerset County Regional Center Strategic Plan.	Planning Board and Township Committee	Somerset Regional Partnership, County, OPA and NJDEP technical assistance	Immediate and Ongoing
Land Use	A3	Conduct a comprehensive review of its ordinances, as is recommended in the Somerset County Regional Center Strategic Plan	Planning Board and Township Committee	Somerset Regional Partnership, County	Immediate and Ongoing
Land Use	A4	Review and update Master Plan goals and objectives as directed by the MLUL.	Planning Board and Township Committee	N/A	Immediate and Ongoing
Land Use	A5	Revise the official zoning map and ordinances based on the Future Land Use Plan.	Planning Board and Township Committee	N/A	Immediate and Ongoing
Land Use	A6	Review parking and circulation plans to ensure that non-vehicular transportation is encouraged.	Planning Board and Township Committee	DOT technical assistance	Ongoing
Land Use	A7	Review ordinances, and make necessary modifications, to ensure that innovative roofing alternatives and materials (such as green roofs) are permitted. You may also consider approving incentives for using such innovative roofing alternatives and materials.	Planning Board and Township Committee	OPA, NJDEP technical assistance	Immediate and Ongoing
Land Use	A8	Locate and potentially purchase additional properties for active recreation	Work with Somerset County	Green Acres Funding	Ongoing

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Land Use	A9	Evaluate use of school facilities	Board of Education, Planning Board and Township Committee	NJ School Development Authority and NJ Department of Education	Ongoing
Land Use	A10	Contact the USDA Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services program to identify and implement appropriate Canada Geese Management strategies.	Planning Board and Township Committee	Somerset County Planning Board, and NJDEP assistance and seek assistance from USDA	Ongoing
Housing	B1	<p>Address affordable housing needs of the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify opportunities to create diverse housing opportunities and affordable housing • Continue to rehabilitate housing units • Develop an action plan to meet affordable housing goals • Adapt housing strategy as needed • Update the Housing Element of the Master Plan 	Prepare a Housing Element		Ongoing
Transportation	C1	Draft zoning regulations consistent with the State Highway Access Management Code	Township Committee and Planning Board	When requested, NJDOT will give priority consideration to providing technical assistance consistent with program requirements and subject to the availability of state resources.	
Transportation	C2	In proximity to Bridgewater Train Station, encourage complementary uses that are mutually beneficial that might result in fewer automobile trips.	Planning Board and Township Committee	NJDOT can provide technical guidance	

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Transportation	C3	When reexamining the circulation element of the master plan analyze and include a discussion of freight rail service.	Planning Board and Township Committee	NJDOT can provide technical guidance	Master Plan reexamination
Transportation	C4	When reexamining the circulation element of the master plan be sure to include a discussion of all relevant modes of transportation, including transit, bicycle, pedestrian, truck and rail freight, parking and access management. The circulation element should also reference how Bridgewater is addressing the Highway Access Code.	Planning Board and Township Committee	NJDOT can provide technical guidance	Master Plan reexamination
Transportation	C5	Examine traffic calming measures	Township Committee (Main Street Redevelopment Plan) -Apply for appropriate funding programs or seek NJDOT assistance	When requested, NJDOT will give priority consideration to providing assistance consistent with program requirements and subject to the availability of funding and staff resources	
Transportation	C6	Improve pedestrian mobility	Engineer, Township Committee - Apply for appropriate funding programs or seek NJDOT technical assistance	When requested, NJDOT will give priority consideration to providing assistance consistent with program requirements and subject to the availability of funding and staff resources	

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Transportation	C7	Explore, where applicable, the appropriateness of developing Access Management Plans for pertinent sections of state highways as provided for in the State Highway Access Management Code	Engineer, Township Committee - Apply for appropriate funding programs or seek NJDOT technical assistance	-When requested, NJDOT will give priority consideration to providing assistance consistent with program requirements and subject to the availability of funding and staff resources	
Transportation	C8	Update Circulation Element of Master Plan based on the study completed in 2010 and update in the future as needed.	Planning Board		Ongoing
Infrastructure	D1	Continue to implement and enforce its existing Stormwater Management Plan and ordinances.	Engineer, Township Committee and Planning Board	DEP and Somerset County technical assistance	
Infrastructure	D3	Develop a five year capital improvement plan with a five year planning horizon per the Municipal Land Use Law 40:55D-29	Planning Board		
Infrastructure	D4	Confirm the condition and capacity of the stormwater drainage system through creation of a Utilities Element of the Master Plan	Planning Board		Ongoing
Infrastructure	D5	Confirm the condition and capacity of existing sanitary sewer lines through creation of a Utilities Element of the Master Plan	Planning Board		Ongoing
Economic Development	E1	Develop and implement municipal redevelopment plans: 1. Finderne Neighborhood 2. Train Station 3. American Cyanamid/ Pfizer Site 4. Bridgewater Commons	Planning Board and Township Committee	Somerset Regional Partnership, County, OPA, DOT, NJ Transit and NJDEP technical assistance	Ongoing

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Economic Development	E2	Explore other economic development options for the Township then develop and implement plans.	Planning Board and Township Committee	Somerset Regional Partnership, County, State Agencies	Immediate and Ongoing
Economic Development	E3	Promote public art in public spaces	Township Committee could place provision in redeveloper agreements		Ongoing
Intergovernmental Coordination	F3	Coordinate with surrounding municipalities, County, State and regional planning efforts, RE: transportation, park system, regional planning	Township Committee and Planning Board to coordinate with Somerset County, Somerset Regional Partnership, neighboring municipalities -Attend County meetings addressing regional and local planning issues	Somerset Regional Partnership, County PB, OPA	Ongoing
Intergovernmental Coordination	F4	By FIX DATE and biennially thereafter and within six months after adoption of any new or significantly reexamination report, land use ordinance or other planning document submitted as part of the petition for plan endorsement, the Township of Bridgewater shall submit a report to OPA and the public concerning the statutes of the Town's Planning and Implementation Agreement.	Planning Board and Township Committee		Ongoing

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Historic Preservation	G1	Develop an Historic Preservation Plan and implementing ordinance. (See DEP Guidance document)	Planning Board and Township Committee	SHPO	
Historic Preservation	G2	Establish an historical commission or committee to advise the governing body on historic preservation issues.	Historic Advisory Committee and Township Committee	SHPO	
Historic Preservation	G3	At the appropriate time, 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 Township Committee	SHPO, Somerset County	
Environmental	H1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adopt a suite of ordinances related to TMDL including: • Pet Waste Management ordinance (TMDL ordinance/PIA); • Fertilizer Application ordinance (TMDL ordinance/PIA). 	Planning Board and Township Committee	OPA technical assistance	Ongoing
Environmental	H2	Continue to work closely with Responsible Parties and DEP to ensure that development and redevelopment plans are consistent, and coordinated, with the remediation being conducted at contaminated sites.	Planning Board and Township Committee	DEP	Ongoing
Environmental	H3	Amend the Conservation Plan to manage potential sources of contamination and threatening activities that occur within a source water protection area. (See DEP Guidance document)	Governing body	DEP, BPU	Ongoing

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Environmental	H4	To address green house gas (GHG) emissions, conduct energy audits of municipal facilities and operations, at a minimum, and community-wide audits, if feasible, and 2) using the results of these audits, develop action plans for reducing municipal energy consumption and GHG emissions (using NJ's 2020 GHG emissions reduction target as a goal). The Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Clean Energy Program provides funding for municipal energy audits (http://www.njcleanenergy.com/commercial-industrial/programs/local-government-energy-audit/local-government-energy-audit).	Governing body	DEP, BPU	Ongoing
Environmental	H5	The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority prepared a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory for the geographic area covered by that MPO (http://www.njtpa.org/plan/Element/Climate/documents/NJTPAGHGInventoryFINALReport_pdf.pdf). This inventory provides county and municipal-level GHG emissions information for the various major community sectors/activities (e.g., residential, transportation, waste generation). It is recommended that Bridgewater acquire its local inventory data and use this information as the basis for developing a community GHG reduction action plan, including GHG reduction targets. A number of models and case studies are available to guide this process.	Planning Board and Township Committee	DEP - Office of Planning and Sustainable Communities, NJTPA	Ongoing

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Environmental	H6	<p>Sustainability Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review plans and ordinances and remove impediments to, and encourage, green design throughout the Town. • Township of Bridgewater could require "green buildings" (LEED, Green Globes) in redevelopment areas, to the extent practicable. • Develop education programs for local residents, homeowners, and property owners on ecologically sound landscaping techniques, composting, etc. • Develop and adopt a Green Buildings and Environmental Sustainability Master Plan Element. • Continue participating in the Sustainable Jersey program. 	Planning Board and Township Committee	DEP - Office of Planning and Sustainable Communities, Sustainable NJ	Ongoing
Environmental	H7	To expand recycling efforts develop innovative ways to reduce waste and promote recycling. Develop a recycling education program targeted toward the schools and small businesses in the community will allow Township of Bridgewater to investigate opportunities to recycle additional materials beyond what is required by the county plan.	Planning Board and Township Committee	DEP - Office of Planning and Sustainable Communities	Ongoing
Open Space	H8	Acquire lands along the Raritan River for open space and parkland preservation.	Planning Board and Township Committee	DEP - Green Acres, Somerset County	Ongoing
Water Supply	I2	At Bridgewater Township's request, DEP can help in identifying potential financial sources for water system projects that may also result in water conservation. DEP recommends Bridgewater Township review the information at http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/loanprog.htm .	Planning Board and Township Committee	DEP, Highlands Council & Somerset County	Ongoing
Hazard Planning	J1	It is recommended that Bridgewater participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), if it is not already.	Planning Board and Township Committee	DEP & Somerset County	Ongoing

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Hazard Planning	J2	Develop a Flood Protection Ordinance	Planning Board and Township Committee	DEP	Ongoing
Hazard Planning	J3	Evaluate all land-use planning efforts against the County All Hazards Mitigation Plan to ensure consistency between the two.	Planning Board and Township Committee	Somerset County	Ongoing
Environmental / Hazard Planning	J4	Where appropriate, planning documents should reflect the potential for flooding.	Planning Board and Township Committee	Somerset Regional Partnership, County, OPA and DEP technical assistance	Ongoing
Report to SPC	K1	On a bi-annual basis, report to the SPC about the status of your planning efforts.	Planning Board and Township Committee	OPA	1 year after PE and then every 2 years after

