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“From the simple etiquette of addressing other officials to forming your ideas into persuasive presentations, the League tries to simplify the right way to communicate.”

Your Voice Opens the Doors at Town Hall and Under the Gold Dome

As this is being written, the Federal government has been partially shut down for 25 days. That would not score well on the “Best Practice Checklist” each New Jersey municipality prepares every year. Mayors and governing bodies must engage and produce results on time, over many years. That open line of communication is vitally important and, as you will read in this issue of *NJ Municipalities*, the League offers tools and guidance to help bring your voice to the conversation that prevents impasse.

From the simple etiquette of addressing other officials to forming your ideas into persuasive presentations, the League tries to simplify the right way to communicate. Whether it is with legislators, agencies, or stakeholders—local or distant; individually or in committees—the League can help you prepare with facts and details that make you more knowledgeable. And we can keep you informed of opportunities for you to engage in impactful processes beyond your municipal boundaries.

You will need to invest a little time learning from sources like The Town

Crier blog as well as the Daily Update and Weekly Roundup. Then listen to your constituents so you can learn their views while also educating them on the issues’ background.

Your actions will make all the difference as you mobilize your citizens to add their voices at the right time and manner to convey the messages. And then follow up with the right people who can vote, act, regulate, or change as your needs may be.

Acting in unison with other local officials in your region and around the state, messages can be made clear and forceful.

It cannot happen without you, the local official. You provide the concern, the leadership, and the community focus. Your voice opens the door to discussions and keeps it open until results are achieved. Throughout this year you will often hear the League President Mayor Colleen Mahr call for your engagement. Your community needs your engagement, and the League cannot succeed without your engagement. When you add your voice to the conversation in the right way, you help prevent impasse. ❧

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Robbinsville Hydroponic Farm

Short time, major success for community garden

By John Nalbone, Office of Communications & Public Information, Robbinsville Township;
Kyle Clement, Hydroponic Farm Coordinator

Can a municipality successfully incorporate modern agriculture as a purposeful, engaging, and self-sustaining program?

That was the main question that sparked the beginning of Robbinsville Township's Agricultural Initiative, and on November 28, 2017, it launched the Robbinsville Hydroponic Farm. Reflecting on the one-year anniversary of its inception, the answer to that question is a resounding 'Yes!'

Both the initiative and the Robbinsville Hydroponic Farm (RHF) continue to grow, thrive, and exceed all of the goals set forth by Mayor Dave Fried and his administration. Kyle Clement, a lifelong farmer and a 2017 graduate of Rutgers University with a degree in Plant Science, is the Township's farm coordinator. Clement and Kevin Holt, Hydroponic Farm manager, are members of the Robbinsville Township Recreation Division, which is under the direction of Township Business Administrator Joy Tozzi.

"I will go a step forward and say the Hydroponic Farm has surpassed even our wildest expectations," Mayor Fried said. "The response from the public has been tremendous, and the output is nothing short of astounding. Residents often raise their eyebrows when their tax dollars are used for certain initiatives, and rightfully so as it is their money; but not with this. The public support of the farm and their curiosity to learn more has been really inspiring."

The RHF, also known as "The Leafy Green Machine," is an automated, vertical hydroponic farm engineered inside an upcycled shipping container. A fully outfitted container costs approximately \$104,000.



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Robbinsville Hydroponic Farm

An optimal environment

The Township set out with three objectives: To grow, to educate, and to unite. Playing a significant role in bringing greater food access to those in need by growing and donating a fresh source of leafy greens, Robbinsville also brings educational opportunities to the table for anyone seeking to learn more about where their food comes from.

Through building a skilled and committed team of volunteers, and forming partnerships with various food relief organizations, the Township is rallying neighboring communities around the cause of battling hunger.

The “Leafy Green Machine” (LGM) provides an optimal environment for leafy and hearty greens to grow by controlling every environmental variable from temperature and humidity to nutrients and duration of growth.

On average, the LGM is capable of growing 500 full heads of lettuce per week, or two tons of greens a year, all within that 320 square foot shipping container. Comparing those yields to a conventional soil farm, Robbinsville



Touring the Robbinsville Hydroponic Farm: (l to r) Kevin Holt, Council President Ron Witt, New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher, Mayor Dave Fried, Agricultural Education Program Leader Nancy Trivette, and Kyle Clement.

Township is producing 10 times more per square foot in relation to land used.

Robbinsville has donated over 1,000 pounds of lettuce to the Robbinsville Senior Center, its food pantry and Mercer Street Friends—a food bank located in Trenton. The lettuce also has been distributed at numerous Robbinsville events, including being served, unbeknownst to guests at the time, as the salad course during the 2018 State of Robbinsville Township Pay it Forward event in May.

Sharing the crop

Spreading the wealth far and wide, the Township prioritizes its senior community.

Greens are harvested at the beginning of each week, at which time the Senior Center gets first choice of the harvest. Many who have tried the product said it was “the best salad they’ve ever had,” and more than one senior have shared their anticipation of the weekly harvests. Seniors (and the general public) have enjoyed tours of the RHF.

“We love our seniors and it’s made a huge impact,” Clement said. “We’re thrilled to be able to provide our seniors with a weekly source of top quality greens, but we’re even more thrilled to provide the education that goes hand-in-hand.”

Robbinsville is the first municipality in the United States to acquire this type of growing unit with an emphasis on pursuing such an aggressive agricultural initiative. The RHF has been visited by many dignitaries, including New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher. It has attracted the attention of both individuals and organizations, many of whom are now researching how to begin their own agricultural initiatives.

With the goal of providing educational opportunities to anyone interested in modern and sustainable agricultural techniques, Robbinsville welcomes anyone and everyone to the farm. Interactive tours and workshops for young students in groups small and large have been set up, including those from the local library’s Little Explorer’s group and Robbinsville’s Cub Scout Pack 78.

Students gain an understanding of hydroponics, go on a farm component scavenger hunt, and build their own mini-hydroponic planter out of recycled water bottles. Township representatives also hit the road to deliver presentations to classrooms and clubs both throughout Robbinsville and beyond.

In Your Town

For other municipalities, organizations, schools, or individuals considering hydroponic gardening, here are some questions that should be asked, and things Robbinsville has learned:

- **What are your goals?** What are the needs in your community? How big do you want to start? Do you want to grow year round? Once you know your community needs, you can find the best crops to meet them, research the crops’ required growing conditions, and from there pick the best farm technique, design, and size to meet every need and goal. Figure out your objectives, then go ahead and plan your farm.
- **Look to similar operations as models.** Robbinsville toured numerous facilities and operations carrying out similar objectives, such as Beth Greenhouse at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, in order to get a clearer picture of what the initiative could look like, and to help us think outside the box. They were encouraged by seeing the success of others first-hand.
- **Garner community interest.** Ensure residents are in support of such a project and would be interested in volunteering. Also, make sure that your produce has an ultimate destination before you begin growing.
- **Utilize your local network.** Local farmers will likely be willing to take part and help with the planning phase. Additionally, the local (county) Agricultural Extension Agents should be more than willing to provide resources to help get your farm planted and thriving.

While the farm requires just one key operator to meet all of its maintenance needs, including setting the onboard computer's parameters, crop scheduling, and reservoir flushing and cleaning, the bulk of the work boils down to three main tasks: harvesting, transplanting, and seeding. Volunteers from all age groups are trained in food safety and proper produce handling playing a vital role in these weekly tasks. While this sort of community engagement is a huge goal, it is also vital for our program as this initiative simply would not work without their help. Because of that assistance, farm work is completed within 10-20 hours each week, giving farm coordinators the time needed to execute and develop other aspects of the program.

The Township is particularly proud of its partnership with Mercer Street Friends. Weekly, the Township delivers a ready-to-eat product of between 200-350 lettuce heads (between 40-70 pounds). Typically, approximately 75% of greens harvested are donated to the organiza-

tion, amounting to over 1,000 pounds. Each head of lettuce is individually packaged, so at the time of delivery all that is left to be done is the distribution to schools and others in need throughout the surrounding area. Since the partnership began, Mercer Street Friends has provided produce to Rivera School, Grant Elementary School, Wychoff School, John Witherspoon Middle School, Mercer Street Friends Pre-School, Princeton Nursery, along with other schools throughout the nearby West Windsor and Plainsboro School Districts.

As the Township marked the one-year anniversary of the Hydroponic Farm in November, the ability to successfully incorporate agricultural programs and offerings were clear, and all systems were running at full capacity. 🌱

@ For a tour or to learn more about Robbinsville Hydroponic Farm, contact Kyle Clement, Farm Coordinator, at 609-259-1567, ext. 3102 or kclement@robbinsville.net.

HYDROPONICS... BY THE NUMBERS

- Total of **4,169** mini heads of lettuce grown
- Total of **7,886** full heads of lettuce grown
- Total of **19,941** servings of salad greens donated
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Empowering the Future

The Garden State has always been a forerunner when it comes to harnessing energy via technology. From the Great Falls in Paterson to Thomas Edison's Laboratory to the Wind Farm of Atlantic City, the Garden State has helped to lead the nation in matters of energy.

And as municipalities turn the corner on the path to the year 2020, they continue to examine new ways to provide better living conditions for residents by tapping into green power sources for renewable energy. In this issue, we look at several different aspects of the new takes on the energy issue.

Frank A. Felder, Director of the Rutgers Energy Institute and Research Professor at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, talks about the State's plans to have 100% clean energy by 2050 and how that impacts municipalities. He observes, "Municipalities are and will continue to be on the front lines of energy policy and bear the costs and reap the rewards of decisions being made at the State and Federal levels. If a fundamental shift away from fossil fuels is to be successful, New Jerseyans must insist that such a transformation is desirable, press that it be accomplished in a cost-effective and fair manner, and stipulate that policies are objectively and rigorously evaluated so ensure that they are actually succeeding."

One way to help that happen, notes BPU President Joseph Fiordaliso, is to participate in programs such as the BPU's New Jersey Community Solar Energy Pilot Program. He adds, "With the myriad of economic and environmental benefits, community solar may be an option well worth considering."

Also in this issue, we look at Robbinsville's hydroponic farm and The Leafy Green Machine, which utilizes an upcycled shipping container to locally and efficiently produce 3 tons of greens per year for the community and grows health, knowledge, and cooperation to boot. Talk about positive energy! ⚡

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Townspeople Should Buy Volts In Bulk

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In October 1997, Blossom A. Peretz, Director, Division of the Ratepayer Advocate, wrote about something new—electric deregulation and the resulting municipal aggregation. "If New Jersey's municipalities join together

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Shared Services Symposium Presents Ideas for Action

The Shared Services Symposium at Madison's Drew University for local government leaders, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) joined Governor Phil Murphy to signal a renewed commitment from the State to help communities further shared services ideas and bring them to completion.

DCA is expanding its capacity to provide assistance and direct consulting to local governments that are interested in sharing services so they do not have to spend money on feasibility studies, which are often costly and an impediment to starting the shared services process.

"My administration wants to close the book on the days of the State leaving local governments to figure out shared services on their own with no support from Trenton," said Governor Murphy, who addressed symposium attendees. "We know that we, as a State, need to be a partner in shared services efforts from the outset in order to increase their likelihood of success."

The Division of Local Government Services within DCA will return to the work it previously did in the 1990s and early 2000s and provide local governments with models of shared services that show how to save costs by reducing redundancy, generating revenue, standardizing processes, and overcoming implementation challenges.

"As we move into 2019, DCA is focused on rebuilding and restoring the 'services' aspects of the Division of Local Government Services to help towns achieve much needed property tax savings," said Lieutenant Governor Oliver, who also serves as DCA Commissioner. "Providing a reliable resource to help New Jersey's municipalities thrive is something that the Department prides itself on."

This is the latest effort by the Murphy administration on this front, and it supports the DCA's launch of a new web portal: www.nj.gov/sharedservices, which features information shared services.

The goals DCA is working toward is to get 10 shared services agreements in the works by the middle of 2019.

Shared Services Czars Jordan Glatt and Nic Platt offered the Do's, Don'ts, and How To's of service sharing that highlighted lessons learned in the past while offering ideas designed to help



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move the state forward, including "to start small and build trust with neighboring towns."

The local government participants also discussed various ways they could potentially enter agreements with others in their county. 📍

@ For more information about DCA, visit:
www.nj.gov/dca/



At the State of the State address in Trenton, (l to r) Newark Council President Mildred Crump, NJLM President Mayor Colleen Mahr of Fanwood, Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle, and NJLM 2nd Vice President Janice Kovach of Clinton Town. A report on the State of the State and NJLM's pre-speech reception will run next month.

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After developing the concept of civic capital, the National Civic League developed resources to help communities explore and measure it. For more than 30 years, the Civic Index has been an essential tool for measuring a community’s capacity to solve problems and overall resilience.

The Civic Index—a set of 32 questions within seven key components—provides a framework for discussing and measuring a community’s civic capital. Communities use Civic Index to better understand their civic strengths and to identify gaps. Communities use the Civic Index as a self-assessment tool, measuring their civic capital. 

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3. Hunterdon **88.2%**
4. Bergen **87.4%**
5. Burlington & Sussex (tied) **86.3%**



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1. Cumberland **71.4%**
2. Salem **74.4%**
3. Essex **76.2%**
4. Passaic **76.7%**
5. Atlantic **78.4%** 

Garden Statements

Six Municipalities Join AARP Network

This year several New Jersey communities took on the challenge of incorporating Age Friendly initiatives into their community plans and joined the AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities. In 2018, the cities of Elizabeth, Englewood, Garfield, Maplewood and South Orange (SOMA), and Teaneck were accepted into the Network! The addition of these communities brings New Jersey to eight municipalities in the age-friendly network, joining Montclair and Princeton. Nationwide there are 304 communities who have joined the network and three states.

The AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities encourages states, cities, towns and counties to prepare for the rapid aging of the U.S. population by paying increased attention to the environmental, economic and social factors that influence the health and well-being of older adults.

Being admitted to the AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities means that a community's elected leadership has made the commitment to actively work toward making their town, city or county a great place for people of all ages. After being admitted, most communities then conduct an age-friendly assessment. This includes a survey of residents in the community, an inventory of resources, a gathering of community partners and more.

Following the community assessment, the community makes a plan of action and proceeds with implementation and evaluation after a two-year period.

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League Honors Neely



At the NJ League of Municipalities final Legislative Committee Meeting for the year, L. "Lou" Mason Neely, East Brunswick CFO, was recognized for his service. A four-decade member of the Committee, Neely served on the finance committee and was a resource to the League on all matters financial, including his particular specialty: the state's public pension system,

in addition to his many years of service to the Township of East Brunswick. His final day in the office was December 31, 2018.

We thank him for his service and wish him a happy retirement. He is pictured above with (l to r) NJLM Executive Director Michael J. Darcy, CAE and then-NJLM President Mayor James Cassella of East Rutherford. 🍷

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Bipartisan Solutions For a Better State

By Thomas Kean, Senate Republican Leader, District 21

When Governor Murphy began his term, I pledged to work with the administration and the Senate Majority, in hopes that we could find bipartisan ways to create a more affordable and welcoming state for New Jersey families, regardless of where they live or for whom they voted.

I made that pledge because I believe that government works best when we work together. I hope that the recent redistricting battle will serve as a reminder to all of my colleagues that good public servants must always put people before politics. That's the true mission of what we do here, and we should never forget that.

I have faith that we can continue to serve that noble mission. For years now, Senate Republicans have put forward a number of fiscal reforms that will enable generations of New Jerseyans to continue to live together in the state they are proud to call home. And in 2018, we started to see some Democrats in the Legislature call for action on these reforms as well.

Unfortunately, Governor Murphy hasn't always been willing to come to the table. That's alarming, because contrary to what he seems to believe, you can't solve New Jersey's financial crisis by asking hardworking taxpayers to fork over more and more of their income.

We already have the highest property taxes in the nation—and the worst business climate. Taxpayers are not the State of New Jersey's piggy bank. It's wrong to ask people to pay even more, when we can pass reforms that would reduce costs and increase government efficiency.

The reality is that if we had passed these reforms last year, that \$1.4 billion in new taxes passed by the Democratic Legislature wouldn't even have been on the table.

Thankfully, there is now a bipartisan coalition of leaders who are committed to getting New Jersey's finances back on track. The Economic Fiscal Policy Workgroup has proposed some policies that mirror reforms that Senate Republicans have long called for, such as public employee benefit reform.

Our current pension and retiree health benefit liability is four times the state's annual budget, and it's not going to get better until we take action.

"Platinum-to-gold" public employee health benefit reform will generate more than \$1 billion in savings for taxpayers. By making this one change, we can significantly reduce our debt, and ensure dedicated state workers still have access to high quality, affordable healthcare. In fact, their out of pocket costs would be even lower. This is a win-win and it's something that we can do on a bipartisan basis immediately. It should be one of our top legislative priorities in 2019.

“It's wrong to ask people to pay even more, when we can pass reforms that would reduce costs and increase government efficiency.”

I also believe that in 2019, the Legislature must answer your calls for action on court-ordered high density housing mandates. This impacts almost every town in New Jersey and it's been a problem since the days of the now defunct Council on Affordable Housing (COAH.)

The bottom line is that the courts should not be forcing a one-size-fits-all solution in New Jersey. The Legislature should be responsible for finding the right policy. This is one the most diverse states in the nation in every sense of the word, including geographically. Forcing towns that don't have the infrastructure or the resources to destroy open space and raise taxes in order to build thousands of new units is wrong. I hope that this year, we can finally address this issue.

There are a number of other issues that must be addressed on a bipartisan basis, such as minimum wage and marijuana. Good politicians listen to their constituents. There are at least 50 towns across New Jersey that have passed resolutions opposing recreational marijuana. Many local police officers have told us that they don't have the funds or tech-

the social justice advocates who are worried about the impact legalization could have on people who are already disenfranchised. If the goal of this legislation is social justice, then let's move forward with legislation that will make things better for those who have long been the victims of the war on drugs—not worse.

stands or your favorite ice cream shop.

In general, the best laws are enacted in a measured and meticulous fashion, with the input of legislators from both sides of the aisle. No bill should be passed in the dark of night.

In every town across this great state, parents are sitting down at the kitchen table and figuring out what they can and can't afford. They work hard to balance their budgets so they can build a good life for their children. Legislators should tackle the state budget with the same goal in mind—building a better future for those who will live here, long after we are gone.

In 2019, let's focus on working together to make New Jersey more affordable. Proposing ideas is easy, but getting them signed into law is harder. Now that we have found compromises on issues like public employee benefit reform, let's take action—and let's do it at the earliest opportunity. ♣

“Legislators should tackle the state budget with the same goal in mind—building a better future for those who will live here, long after we are gone.”

nology to combat an increase in drugged driving. We should listen to them, before rushing towards legalization.

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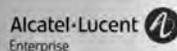
On minimum wage, we must consider how a ramp-up to \$15 an hour would negatively impact small business owners and seasonal operations, like local farm



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Hitting the Ground Running

By Craig J. Coughlin, Speaker, NJ General Assembly, District 19

The New Jersey Legislature produced several significant pieces of legislation in 2018, which naturally impacts our municipalities, communities, and the overall quality of life in our beloved state.

Among them, the state enacted a landmark equal pay law and revamped our entire clean energy sector. We protected medical patients by ending surprise medical bills and guaranteed paid sick leave for all workers. We rebalanced the School Funding Reform Act to reapportion School Aid to follow the students and deliver property tax relief. We ensured tax fairness between Main Street and e-commerce outlets. We expanded the use of Public-Private Partnerships and enacted Automatic Voter Registration.

The General Assembly has a strong appetite for more change. After a summer of robust research and meetings throughout the fall, we are primed to hit the ground running in the New Year.

First among them, the Assembly will move to enact a phased-in Minimum Wage increase to \$15 for New Jersey workers. New Jersey has one of the highest costs of living in the U.S., but it promises a minimum wage that pays a full-time worker poverty wages. The Assembly will consider a responsible bill that balances the needs of workers and respects businesses.

The Legislature will once again enact a responsible, fiscally sound SFY2020 budget that adequately protects our state's working, middle class families with priorities such as school aid and other forms of property tax relief, transportation funding, higher education, public employee pension payment, and Medicaid among other social safety net programs to name a few. Part and parcel of the state's finances, we will consider new legislation to address structural costs such as procurement and other fixed expenses.

The Assembly will continue to invest in infrastructure such as increasing the number of projects through the Transportation Trust Fund. We will work to find ways to assist NJ Transit in becoming once again the premier commuter system. The February 2019 passage of legislation that codified many of the recommendations of the year-long comprehensive NJ Transit audit, including new leadership, oversight, and transparency mandates sets in motion the much needed progress to the customer experience. The Legislature is also nearing completion of the bistate legislative reforms at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Our state's economy is dependent on our transportation systems getting people and goods to their desired locations on time and safely. Nothing less is acceptable.

Our state's primary business incentive programs—Grow NJ and ERGG, are set to expire June 30, 2019. The Assembly will

be aggressively reviewing the current programs and new proposals to ensure that New Jersey can responsibly compete for new businesses and jobs while also focusing incentives on growth sectors and playing to our strengths in life sciences, logistics, tourism, and agriculture, to name a few.

Housing is a significant portion of any state's economy and two areas are in need of improvement—the availability of affordable housing that respects the concerns of local communities. Addressing affordable housing is a tremendous challenge, but the Assembly will be judiciously addressing this matter through legislation. Also, the state's foreclosure process too often has resulted in abandoned homes which is a detriment to neighborhoods. We will look to correct that condition with a comprehensive package of legislation ready for the New Year.

“A large package of bills tackling access to nutritious food, cutting red tape, curbing food waste, and helping our farmers is pending completion.”

For months now, the Legislature and Governor have deliberated on legislation to end the prohibition of personal-use cannabis for adults and create a regulatory system to permit its cultivation, processing, and distribution. Equally as important, the proposed legislation offers those previously arrested and/or convicted of simple possession with an opportunity to expunge their records. I am hopeful that months of work will yield a product that changes the status quo by denting the illegal drug market, achieves social justice, and offers thousands of New Jerseyans an economic opportunity.

An issue near and dear to my heart is to continue to address the challenge of food insecurity. A large package of bills tackling access to nutritious food, cutting red tape, curbing food waste, and helping our farmers is pending completion.

Finally, the Assembly will address issues affecting senior citizen quality of life issues. Our senior population only continues to grow and too often seeks cheaper alternatives in neighboring states. Keeping our grandparents in their homes or near their families ought to be valued.

I thank the League of Municipalities for continuing to engage my staff and me on the issues important to our Mayors, Councils, and the people who make our municipal governments work. I welcome your feedback and support of our agenda and look forward to continuing to serve you. 🍄

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Special Needs Housing Partnership Loan Program

Meeting a local challenge to provide homes for those with developmental disabilities

By Charles A. Richman, Executive Director,
NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency

Providing housing for individuals with special needs is a challenge nationally and even more so in New Jersey, where housing costs are high and funding resources for special needs housing are limited.

But a one-of-a-kind state partnership, combined with a dollar-to-dollar match of a municipality's Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF), is helping to meet that need. Because of this partnership, nonprofit organizations like Advancing Opportunities have been able to help those with special needs live more independently. With the creation of Middle Tree Home, Advancing Opportunities helps integrate its residents into the community.

“For every home produced in their community, the municipality receives two Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) credits.”

Middle Tree, opened in October 2017 in Jackson Township, began with the rehabilitation of an existing single-family home and funding provided through New Jersey's Special Needs Housing Partnership Loan Program (SNHPLP). The SNHPLP program provides financing for the new construction and/or rehabilitation of existing single-family homes into fully accessible residences that provide affordable and independent housing for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Middle Tree residents are helped by 24-hour aides who cook meals, assist with dressing and hygiene, teach skills, and organize outings. There is a plan for each resident, with the goal of having them live as independently as possible. For Ethan, who is in his early 20s and has autism, Middle Tree Home is his first time living on his own away from family.

Because the staff is dedicated to working with Middle Tree's residents, Ethan is getting “more attention and time than we could give him at home,” said his father.

“When we visit, he seems happy, calm, comfortable,” he said. “Even though he can't tell us, we can tell by his body language. It's a great setup.”

Residents, like Ethan, come through referrals from the state's Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD).

An appealing advantage to this program is that SNHPLP helps the municipality meet its affordable housing obligation. SNHPLP was launched in 2011 under a partnership among the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), and New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA). An integral part of the program allows municipalities to leverage their AHTF dollars and/or other funding available to create much needed affordable supportive housing in their communities for individuals with special needs.

For every home produced in their community, the municipality receives two Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) credits. Also, the SNHPLP program can replace a long-vacant lot or improve a deteriorating structure, both of which add to the benefit of the municipality.

Developers and social service providers participating in SNHPLP include nonprofit groups, such as Our House, Inc., and Enable, Inc., and for-profit developers that partner with social service providers like GQR Development LLC, an affiliate of Regan Development Corp., and Bergen County's United Way. Developers work closely with municipalities on approvals, permitting, and other issues related to the projects.

The benefits of the program are evident, with homes thriving in communities throughout the state. In Northvale, a newly constructed residence, developed by GQR Development LLC, is providing a home for four residents with developmental disabilities enabling them to fully integrate in the community.

Seeing program results in other communities led Princeton to approach Our House Inc., resulting in its own supportive housing development for residents with developmental disabilities. Communities in Edison, Montvale, Robbinsville, Bernards Township, and Hammonton, to name a few, have also participated in the program and welcomed new residents. In total, 45 municipalities have participated so far. ♣

@ For more information on the SNHPLP program, contact Yirgu Wolde, Director, NJHMFA Division of Supported Housing and Special Needs, at 609-278-7521 or email ywolde@njhmfa.gov.

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Considering the Energy Economy

By Erick Ford, Executive Director, NJ Energy Coalition

Each day we wake up and turn on a switch, adjust our thermostats, or charge our devices, all of which are now unassuming tasks, but rewind 200 years ago and these mindless everyday tasks would be impossible to accomplish. We can give our gratitude to the energy economy.

What is the energy economy? It is everything that goes into making that light bulb turn on for you. Let's look at what it takes to turn on a light bulb. Every morning when we turn the switch or click that button and our life rapidly moves about, how often do we stop and wonder what make this happen? We all know the obvious, the electrician runs wire, connects it to an outlet, switch, circuit breaker, and so forth. In order for the electrician to even start, energy needs to be able to connect and reach your home. This involves countless entities and businesses which must work together seamlessly for our society to function at a higher level and be able to focus on critical issues and work on life-changing innovations.

Let's dive deeper into what it really takes for our energy economy to work. Someone had to make a trench in the ground or run the lines on the poles, which also means heavy equipment had to be brought in, either owned or leased by the company doing the work. Someone had to install the poles, someone needed to connect the wires to a distribution hub, which had to be built by many others and in turn, connected again along another set of transmission lines from a generation facility. There are a lot of interconnected systems for it all to work. If you have natural gas, which is a low-cost energy source, it is supplied by another system of pipes and distribution hubs, again creating more jobs and more materials needed for all it all to work, trickling into the overall economy. Natural gas also supplies generation facilities with energy to produce electricity and approximately 75% of New Jersey's residents now use natural gas for home heating. In fact, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), between 2011 and 2016, natural gas consumption in New Jersey for electricity generation increased two-thirds.

So, we covered the foundational aspects, but what about the maintenance for the energy systems to operate safely and adequately? There is a lot more that goes into our energy economy that needs to be taken into consideration. When upgrades are necessary, companies proficient in land-use and title-work are hired, unions provide a well-versed workforce in the industry,

engineers are hired to design and ensure the buildout of the systems, paper has to be bought, mail is sent out, tree trimmers are hired, cyber security experts are brought in to protect the systems, not to mention the future supply chains for off-shore wind. Let's not forget all the material needed, which has to be created, built, or assembled in a manufacturing plant, where the raw materials were brought together, to create the systems we depend on for our way of life. All of these are micro-economies within the overall energy economy, which positively touch local towns, boroughs, and cities (and townships and villages).

“The energy economy breaks people free to build success, invent amazing technology, and positively impact future generations.”

The energy economy breaks people free to build success, invent amazing technology, and positively impact future generations. Because of the energy economy, society is able to focus our intelligence to develop vaccines, put humans on the moon and one day on Mars, invent better building material and produce energy more efficiently. All of which translates into real economic impacts. Think about the technology that the world has gained just because these mindless tasks are out of the way. Individuals don't have to spend countless hours every morning chopping wood to heat their homes and offices before they start their day, no, quite the contrary. Emails and news are being read before 7 a.m. to obtain the latest information, data is being transferred day and night to allow breakthrough discoveries, this all translates to a more intellectually better world and a stronger economy for everyone. As we continue into the 21st century, the idea of a smart city will be more dominant, which means we need to think how do we get to the smart city of the future. Energy will be vital for the development of smart cities and the future economy. The micro-economies touched and influenced by the energy economy cannot be understated now or into the future.

At the New Jersey Energy Coalition, we are here to ensure the gateway to knowledge continues to grow and the energy economy is strong for everyone to benefit. 📌

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Focus: Energy Awareness

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Municipalities take the lead to meet New Jersey's energy goals

By Randall Solomon, Executive Director, Sustainable Jersey



Maplewood Mayor Victor DeLuca helps open the town's new electric vehicle charging stations.

Municipalities play a crucial role in statewide efforts to address the climate crisis. In New Jersey, towns are well-prepared to meet the challenge with the help of Sustainable Jersey's Gold Star Standard in Energy that provides a roadmap to reducing emissions at the local level with a performance standard and guidelines for municipal action.

Significant progress has already been made. In February 2018, the New Jersey Mayors' Climate Summit drew over 175 mayors, officials, and leaders from municipalities large and small. At the event, New Jersey mayors publicly pledged to collaborate with Sustainable Jersey and make a significant effort to achieve Sustainable Jersey's Gold Star Standard in Energy. In June 2018, Woodbridge Township was the first town to be awarded a Gold Star in Energy.

The primary goal of the Gold Standard in Energy is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. New Jersey's Global Warming Response Act calls for an 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from 2006 levels by the year 2050. The Sustainable Jersey Gold Star Standard in Energy is calibrated to achieve this target. To meet the target, New Jersey must reduce greenhouse gas emissions at a rate of 3.6% a year, every year. For comparison, the Paris Climate Agreement set the United States' target for greenhouse gas reductions of 26% to 28% from 2015 levels by 2025, or about 1% per year.

Not only do municipal operations contribute significantly to greenhouse gas emissions, municipalities also play a key role in influencing greenhouse gas-emitting behavior in the broader community. So, in addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations and facilities, a town working on Sustainable Jersey's Gold Star Standard in Energy also must take effective steps to bring down energy consumption in the broader community.

There are six mandatory actions for the community-wide emissions:

- Make your town electric vehicle friendly
- Public electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- Make your town solar friendly
- Community-led solar initiatives
- Residential energy efficiency outreach
- Commercial energy efficiency outreach

Research indicates that these six actions, taken together, can lower community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 1% a year or more. To meet the municipal operations and facilities greenhouse gas reduction targets, towns will work on Sustainable Jersey actions from three categories: renewable energy generation, vehicle fleet management, and building energy efficiency.

Denville Township makes municipal buildings energy efficient (Morris County)

Energy efficiency projects are a great example of local action that municipalities can do to make a large impact while also saving money. Buildings are the biggest source of emissions and energy consumption. The United States Environmental Protection Agency estimates that if the energy efficiency of commercial and industrial buildings improved by just 10%, Americans would save about \$20 billion annually and reduce greenhouse gas emissions equal to the emissions from almost 30 million vehicles.

Between 2010 and 2016, Denville Township achieved a 20% increase in cost savings through energy efficiency initiatives offered through New Jersey's Clean Energy Program and included in Sustainable Jersey energy actions. The township completed the Sustainable Jersey Energy Efficiency for Municipal Building action and added points toward the town's Sustainable Jersey certification at the silver level. The first step that Denville Township took was conducting a Local Government Energy Audit (LGEA). Understanding historical energy use through energy tracking, management, and benchmarking is an essential starting point. The LGEA report provided the township with Energy Star scores for buildings through Energy Star Portfolio Manager. This gave the township leadership a good idea of how its buildings compared to similar buildings for energy efficiency.

To implement energy efficiency building improvements, Denville used the Direct Install program to complete upgrades in 2011, 2013, and 2017. The Direct Install program covers up to 70% of upgrade costs, while the municipality

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funds the remaining 30% from other mechanisms, like the capital budget. In some cases, there may be complementary utility programs that can help finance the project as well. Energy-efficiency upgrades can include equipment in a building such as air conditioners, boilers, and lighting. Lowering the energy use of municipal properties is good for the environment and good for the bottom line. In Denville, the total annual energy savings for all the Direct Install upgrades was 349,950 kilowatt hours. At \$0.11 per kilowatt hour, that equals approximately \$38,500 in annual electric savings.

Maplewood Township provides public electric vehicle charging infrastructure (Essex County)

On November 10, 2018, Maplewood Township held a ribbon cutting to celebrate its new public electric charging stations. Located in downtown, the charging stations will provide options for those who want to charge their electric vehicles while they shop, eat out, or visit the Woodland, a facility at the center of Maplewood's cultural, educational, and recreational activities.

For the event, the entire Woodland parking lot was reserved for electric-powered vehicles. Residents that own electric vehicles brought their cars and provided advice to community members considering buying an electric car. Successful completion of Sustainable Jersey's Public Electric Vehicle Charging



Hoboken Mayor Ravinder Bhalla with Sustainable Jersey officials and other local government leaders at the NJ Mayors' Climate Summit.

Infrastructure action is a requirement for earning a Gold Star in Energy.

The widespread adoption of electric vehicles is one of the most powerful actions that can be taken to ensure more sustainable energy use, and municipalities can play a unique leading role in facilitating and encouraging that transition. The electric vehicle charging station in Maplewood became a reality thanks to funding from DCH Audi, the Maplewood Green Team, and the Environmental Advisory Committee. The electrical wiring and installation costs were provided as a prize for Maplewood's second place finish in the statewide Solar Challenge, sponsored by Sustainable Jersey and the Gardinier Environmental Fund.

Mayor Victor DeLuca of Maplewood is one of the mayors that publicly pledged to collaborate with Sustainable Jersey and make a significant effort to achieve the Gold Star Standard in Energy. Mayor DeLuca said, "It's very important as elected officials that we speak up and speak out about our commitment to climate action." Maplewood Township is certified with Sustainable Jersey at the silver level and

is now working on completing the energy actions required to achieve the Gold Star Standard for Energy.

In addition to adding the charging stations and holding the public event to increase electric vehicle awareness, the Green Team is coordinating with the governing body to amend the zoning ordinances to include electric vehicle charging stations and working with the local first responders to train their staff on the differences in the emergency response needed for electric vehicles versus conventional vehicles.

City of Summit works to bring down energy consumption in the community (Union County)

Homes are significant consumers of energy in New Jersey, accounting for approximately 24% of the annual statewide energy usage. The City of Summit has had impressive results with its Home Energy Audit Program. The campaign was established to promote awareness of practical resources that will help residents save energy and money.

Using the purchasing power of the city to secure a negotiated rate on a home energy audit for Summit residents, the City was able to get a significant discount from the prevailing rate. Summit added points to its Sustainable Jersey certification with this work by completing the Sustainable Jersey Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach action.

Summit Mayor Nora Radest sent a citywide email to promote the Home Energy Audit Program and shared a video of her own home energy audit. Incentives and low-interest loans are available to homeowners to pay for the work recommended in the energy audit through the Home Performance with Energy Star program offered by New Jersey's Clean Energy Program. ♻️

Grants Available to Support Municipal Projects

Sustainable Jersey identifies resources to help municipalities make progress toward a sustainable future. Almost \$4.9 million has been provided to towns and schools for community-based projects in New Jersey.

Sustainable Jersey is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. Over the last 10 years, Sustainable Jersey has helped communities become national leaders in implementing solutions to the key sustainability challenges. From new technologies, infrastructure, policies, plans ordinances and education campaigns, New Jersey communities are on the front lines working to create a sustainable future.



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New Energy Directions

Implications for New Jersey's Municipalities

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What a difference a year makes. Energy politics and policy have turned on a dime in New Jersey as the Governor and the Legislature are moving aggressively to implement a clean energy economy. This ambitious transformation of the State's energy sector has already started, and more initiatives are expected this year and over the next decade.

On May 23 of last year, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed legislation, to advance New Jersey's clean energy economy. It contains provisions regarding renewable energy, solar, offshore wind, energy storage, and nuclear power. Governor Murphy has also issued Executive Order No. 28, which orders the development of a new Energy Master Plan by June 1, 2019.

100% clean energy by 2050

So, what are some of the specifics? Starting with nuclear power—New Jersey obtains roughly 40% of its electricity from three nuclear reactors located in Salem County. Low natural gas prices due to the development of hydraulic fracturing have contributed to low wholesale electricity prices, putting financial pressure on nuclear power plants.

The May 2018 clean energy legislation puts in motion an extensive process to determine if the owners and operators of nuclear power plants should receive financial incentives paid for by electric ratepayers to prevent their closure within three years. The law also contains provisions to protect the workers at these plants and to ensure that nuclear power makes a significant contribution to clean air in the State.

The legislation also increases the State's renewable energy standard to 35% by the year 2025 and 50% by 2050, requires a review and potential revamping of the solar market, codifies the Governor's goal of 3,500 megawatts of offshore wind by 2030, mandates both gas and electric utilities to achieve 2% and 0.75%, respectively, of energy savings per year, and achieve 600 megawatts of energy storage by 2021 and 2,000 megawatts by 2030. The Murphy Administration's goal is to have 100% clean energy in New Jersey by the year 2050.

New green industry

Clean energy policy is also closely linked to economic development. The thinking behind the development of offshore wind is

that it will create a new industry of manufacturing, operations, and maintenance to support this development along with the supporting jobs and accompanying economic activity.

The Governor's Economic Master Plan, released on Oct. 1, 2018, connects the dots on clean energy, innovation, and economic development.

Municipal impacts

What does all this activity mean for municipalities?

First and foremost, municipal energy efficiency projects should be at the top of the list. Both the New Jersey Office of Clean Energy, under the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, and the electric and natural gas distribution utilities have extensive offerings. As noted above, the Clean Energy Legislation mandates that utilities implement bold energy efficiency programs. Now is the time to reassess municipal and school district energy efficiency efforts, learn about existing and potentially new programs, and develop a plan to implement and evaluate energy efficiency measures.

Second, municipalities should review their critical energy infrastructure needs and consider distributed generation such as combined heat and power, solar, and energy storage that is financed in part with State support. As climate change continues to impact the State, coastal communities in particular may need to consider making the distribution systems that serve their residents more robust. Distributed generation integrated with distribution system hardening measures should be seriously considered.

Third, expect State initiatives regarding electric vehicles. One area of active policy formation is funding charging stations along key corridors and locations to help increase sales of EVs. Without a sufficient number of such stations strategically located to address range anxiety, drivers will be concerned that they will not be able to recharge their vehicles.

Web Resources

New Jersey Economic Master Plan: www.njeda.com

New Jersey Energy Master Plan: <https://nj.gov/emp>

New Jersey Office of Clean Energy: www.njcleanenergy.com

New Jersey Clean Energy Legislation: bit.ly/CleanEnergyLeg05232018

Rutgers Energy Institute: <https://rei.rutgers.edu/>

Fourth, municipalities should learn more about the clean energy supply chain and how it intersects with the community. The clean energy infrastructure is more than just large-scale manufacturing but may include specialized manufacturing perhaps retooled from other applications, low to high-value support services, and educational and training programs.

Municipal leaders need to engage their constituents in energy policy. There are and will continue to be numerous outlets for leaders and residents to communicate their views, support, and concerns through the legislative and regulatory processes. At its core, energy policy should reflect the fundamental values and concerns of New Jersey residents.

Municipalities are and will continue to be on the front lines of energy policy and bear the costs and reap the rewards of decisions being made at the State and Federal levels. If a fundamental shift away from fossil fuels is to be successful, New Jerseyans must insist that such a transformation is desirable, press that it be accomplished in a cost-effective and fair manner, and stipulate that policies are objectively and rigorously evaluated so ensure that they are actually succeeding.

Changing the State's energy sector will not be an easy task, but New Jersey has started down this long and winding road. There will be success, setbacks, and shocks. Nonetheless, clear and consistent policy informed by independent and unbiased analysis and assessments can help navigate these twists and turns and improve the economy, environment, and public health of New Jersey. 🦋

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Focus: Energy Awareness

NJBPU New Jersey Community Solar Energy Pilot Program

Bringing open access to solar to your neighborhood

By Joseph L. Fiordaliso, President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

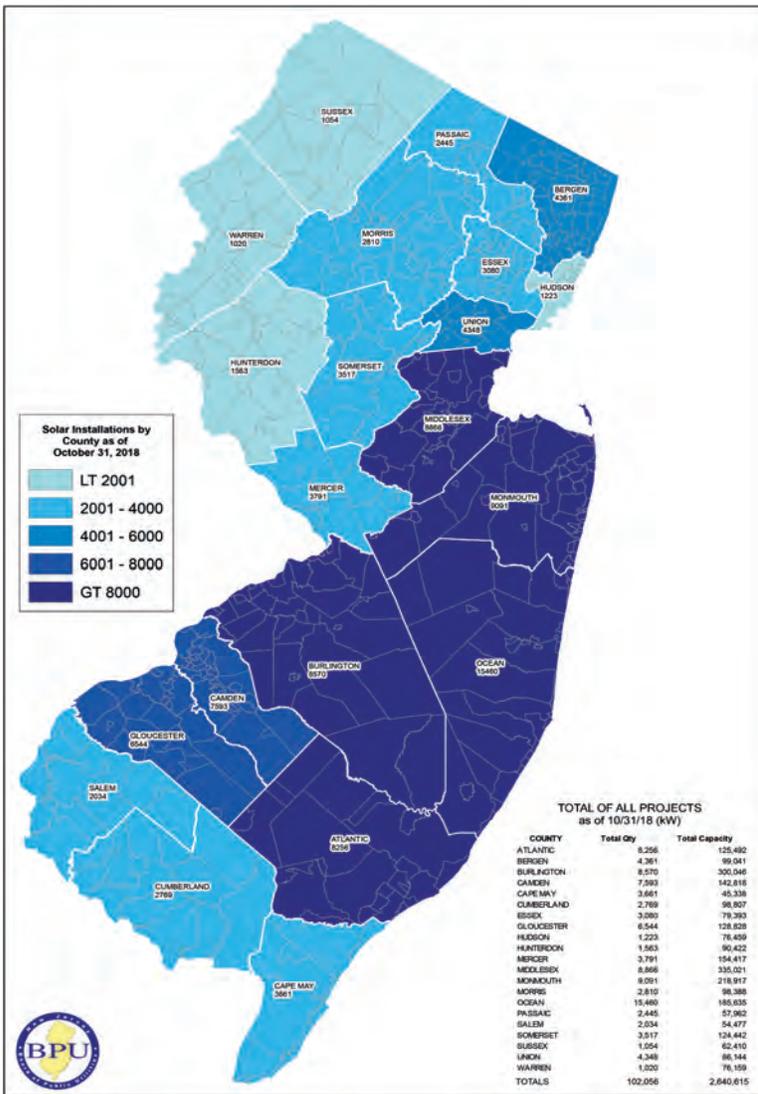
Starting from virtually zero in 2003, this year New Jersey reached a milestone with more than 100,000 solar projects installed in the state. Located in urban and suburban areas, more than 100,000 homes and businesses are now able to benefit from clean, renewable power.

While the majority of these systems are on residential homes, economies of scale and lower installation costs mean that most energy is produced by systems operated by large commercial customers. The main benefit of solar is therefore accessed through net metering, which basically allows the electric meter to spin backwards, offsetting the energy used onsite with energy produced by the solar system. This means that at the end of the year a person with solar may have a net zero electric bill. As the cost of systems continues to fall, going solar makes sense for more New Jerseyans. But not all New Jerseyans are able to build solar directly on their roof or property.

Enter Community Solar. Community solar is a new program under which customers of an electric public utility are able to participate in a solar project not actually located on their property. Unlike a traditional solar system with net metering, the community solar system does not need to be directly connected to the user's electric system. Instead, the system can be located anywhere in the subscriber's electric utility service territory. For instance, the community solar system could be on a neighborhood parking lot, a municipal landfill, or an industrial warehouse roof. It could be on the roof of an apartment complex or affordable housing building, with the power divided among the building's residents.

In order to join, subscribers can choose to either purchase an ownership share of the community solar system, or sign up for





Solar Energy Program, which is expected to launch early this year. Under the current proposal, BPU will approve at least 75 megawatts (MW) of community solar projects per year for the next three years (roughly enough to cover the electric usage of 45,000 residential homes). At least 40% of the Pilot Program will be reserved for projects serving low- and moderate-income households, with additional initiatives under development to serve low-income residents specifically.

The BPU aims to realize four key objectives for the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program:

- 1) Enable access to solar energy for electric utility customers who have previously been unable to go solar, due to a variety of factors including cost, unsuitable roof, lack of roof control.
- 2) Enable low- and moderate-income households and environmental justice communities to access clean energy and save on their electricity bills.
- 3) Pursue local clean energy development that is tied to the communities without materially compromising the preservation of open space or protected lands in New Jersey.
- 4) Lower the cost for installing solar and the cost to all ratepayers.

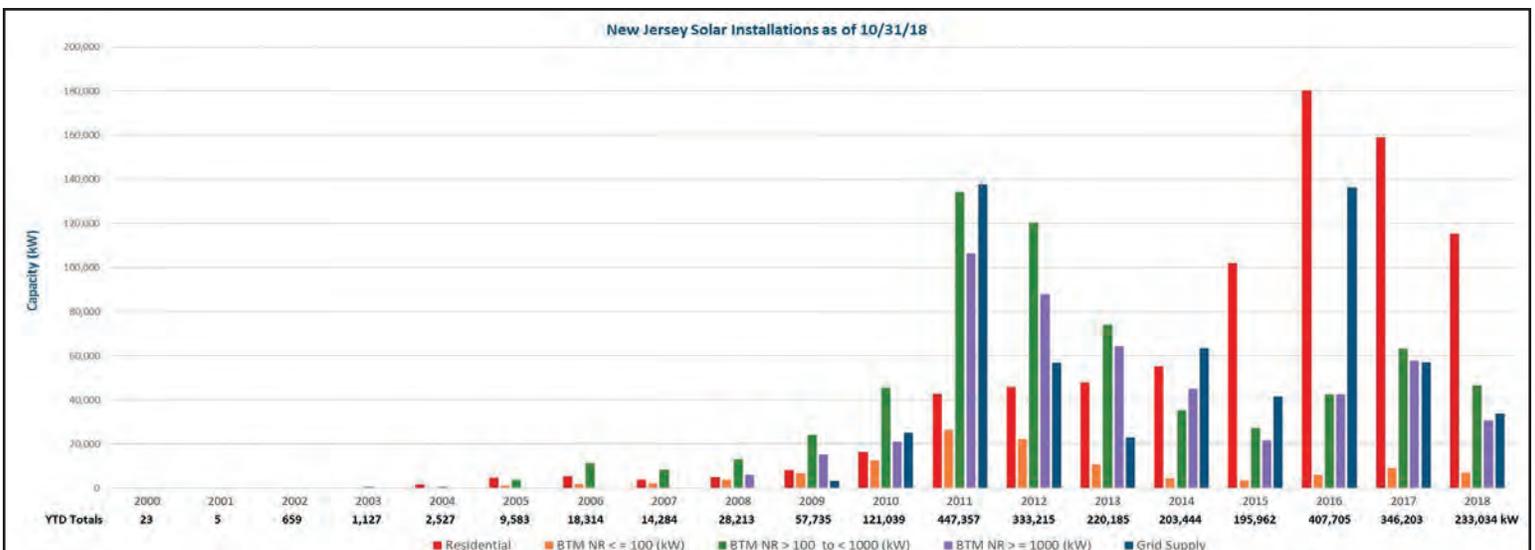
Mayors, municipalities, and developers are already starting to think about how they can bring projects to their communities. Is there, for example, an affordable housing building with sufficient roof space for solar whose residents could benefit from a reduction in electric utility bills? Is there a brownfield site sitting vacant, which could be put to productive use powering neighboring homes and businesses? With the myriad of economic and environmental benefits, community solar may be an option well worth considering.

@ Consider community solar for your municipality and to contact BPU at communitysolar@njcleanenergy.com for further information. Let us know if you would like us to come to you to talk about Community Solar and go into more details on Community Solar 101.

a recurring monthly subscription. The benefit of participating is represented as a bill credit (a bill savings) on each subscriber's utility bill.

Municipal pilot

The Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is currently working to develop rules and regulations establishing a pilot Community





Public Private Partnerships

New procurement models to benefit New Jersey's local governments, school districts, public authorities, and institutions of higher education

By Seth Miller Gabriel, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Programs, Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure

The public-private partnership (P3) market is expanding as State and Local governments are embracing the value-for-money aspect that the P3 model can bring to needed infrastructure improvements. An excerpt from a recent report from The Brattle Group's, *The Rising Tide of Next Generation U.S. P3s—and How to Sustain It*, shares a similar sentiment: "Infrastructure public-private partnership (P3) activity in the U.S. has taken off since 2015. Today more than 30 states are procuring at least one project as a P3 and over 200 projects are in the pipeline—well above prior levels of activity. P3 projects in the pipeline today are also much more diverse in asset class than the classic toll road P3. Road projects are now the minority, with social infrastructure accounting for 24% of the total, followed by broadband and water."

Additionally, Brattle Group shared: "Social Infrastructure P3s have increased from less than five projects from 2006-2014, to 30 during the 2015-17 timeframe." The report also notes, "New sectors include prisons, student housing, street lighting, and government buildings." For industry interested in the airport sector, the report cites that airport P3s now exceed \$51.7 billion in the United States alone.

In August 2018, New Jersey's Public Private Partnership statute (P.L. 2018, c. 90) was enacted. This created a platform of opportunity for New Jersey. The new legislation, which takes effect February 10, will enable the use of alternative project delivery methods, including P3s to meet the infrastructure needs in the Garden State.

Government agencies will be able to utilize innovative procurement options to deliver on their capital plans and develop infrastructure to benefit their communities, promoting economic development and empowerment to cities and townships.

So, what is a P3?

A P3 is a contractual agreement between a public entity and a private entity that allows for greater private sector participation in the delivery and financing of a project. There are roles for the private sector in solving extraordinary public challenges, through innovation, resource commitments, and risk sharing

with the procurement agency. P3s represent an additional procurement option for the development and delivery of public projects. Through performance-based, outcome-focused solutions, P3s work to operate and maintain infrastructure more efficiently.

As public officials try to figure out how to deliver and properly maintain infrastructure, many are turning to alternative delivery and looking to partner with the private sector to invest in their communities. When leveraging private investment into public infrastructure, there is an opportunity to deliver greater value to the taxpayers.

Increasingly across the United States, P3s are being utilized by counties, municipalities, school districts, and other specialized public authorities. The model can be used for a variety of infrastructure types, including educational facilities, municipal buildings, or highway projects.

At their core, public-private partnerships are simply a better execution of basic design, construction, financing, operations, and maintenance functions of any good infrastructure project. These elements—all in one contract—allow for several benefits:

- **Better public control.** The public agency is entering into one long-term contract with a private sector partner to deliver assets and services for the benefit of the public.

- **Better risk management.**

P3s are a risk-sharing approach to public infrastructure between the public and private partners.

- **Better lifecycle planning.**

P3s are a lifecycle procurement approach that guarantees performance by integrating design, construction, and financing with operations and maintenance, the asset performance is optimized for the long term.

- **Better public involvement.**

P3s represent a transparent relationship in which the public stakeholders hold full control of the project and can expect to be regularly updated and informed throughout the life of the project.

Best value and performance

The focus of a P3 is on best value and performance, and governments across the United States are turning to P3s as one way of addressing their infrastructure challenges. New Jersey could lead the way in this growing field, especially

“New Jersey could lead the way in this growing field, especially in the social infrastructure and higher education spaces.”

in the social infrastructure and higher education spaces. New Jersey must find better ways to do more with less and be willing to make the needed investment to repair and expand the Garden State’s infrastructure systems.

Public-private partnerships offer a solution. In times when public budgets are constrained, P3s offer governments a way to transfer appropriate risks to the private sector, help ensure infrastructure projects are built on time and on budget, and better maintain public facilities over many decades. ↴

What is AIAI?

The Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI), is a non-profit organization formed to help shape the direction of the national Public Private Partnership marketplace. AIAI serves as a national proponent to facilitate education and legislation through targeted advocacy.

AIAI maintains that effective and well-planned education can provide civic leaders with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about the benefits of public private partnerships.

AIAI’s P3Direct program provides education and resources to public sector representatives seeking a greater understanding of P3s, as well as best practices, to bring value to taxpayers and deliver on their infrastructure needs.

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Leading the Return of Faith in Government Institutions

Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal inspires with
League Mayors' Luncheon Remarks

By Gurbir S. Grewal,
Attorney General, New Jersey

For more than a century, the League of Municipalities has helped local government officials represent the interests of their communities, and I'm honored to speak at the Mayor's Box Lunch.



Lt. Gov. Shiela Oliver, NJ Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, and NJLM then-president East Rutherford Mayor James Cassella at the Mayors' Box Luncheon.

This is my first time attending the Annual Conference.

At an event like this, I'd usually talk about a few of our priorities at the AG's [Attorney General's] office, and I'd end with a standard call for the state and municipalities to work together.

But I'm not going to do that today.

I want to discuss something more urgent—an issue that affects all of us in public life.

And that's the declining faith in our government institutions.

Since becoming Attorney General 10 months ago, I've had the chance to travel the state and meet people from all across New Jersey. And one theme jumps out from our conversations: too many residents of this state are losing faith in our public institutions.

They don't trust politicians. Increasingly, they view law enforcement with skepticism. And they question whether the deck is stacked in favor of the powerful.

To be clear, this isn't about a particular officeholder or political party. It's something more pervasive than that.

The statistics show a decades-long decline in public trust. In the 1960s, more than 80% of Americans said they trusted their government. Today, it's less than 20% (Pew Research Center, Public Trust in Government: 1958-2017).

This decline affects all of us in this room, whether you're in local government or in law enforcement.

In one recent study (Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics, Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes towards Politics and Public Service), 60% of Americans under the age of 30 said that they don't trust their local government to do the right thing most of the time. A separate study (Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics, Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes towards Politics and Public Service) showed that only 23% of Americans have confidence in our criminal justice system.

There is no single cause for this decline and I'm not going to try to catalogue all the possible reasons. But it's clear that most Americans—and most New Jerseyans—view their public institutions with a deep skepticism.

It's understandably frustrating for those of us who have devoted our careers to public service. I know that the vast majority of people in government are good and decent, whether they're police officers or desk clerks or elected mayors.

They're doing their jobs—day in and day out—because they care deeply about their communities and they perform their work honorably and responsibly.

But that’s exactly why we need to address this problem head-on. We must return the public’s attention to the good people in government who are trying to make their lives better.

So how do we tackle the decline in public trust? At the Attorney General’s Office, we do it by holding the powerful responsible for their actions. We shine a light on those who serve themselves rather than the general public. And we create a culture of accountability—one where powerful individuals and institutions know that they must act with integrity, or else face the consequences.

At the AG’s office, this drive for accountability takes three forms.

First, we’re using our enforcement powers to root out misconduct by powerful institutions and businesses. We’re refusing to sweep problems under the rug simply because they affect influential citizens.

For example, earlier this summer, a Pennsylvania grand jury published a report alleging more than 1,000 victims of sexual abuse by Catholic priests over a 70-year period.

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The report revealed that sexual assaults on children—and efforts to cover up such assaults—were far more widespread in Pennsylvania than we ever thought possible. And equally concerning, the report included allegations against a number of

priests who had worked in New Jersey.

For too long, these problems have been minimized.

But once we reviewed the grand jury report, we knew we needed to take action. We owed it to the people of New Jersey to find out whether the type of conduct that allegedly occurred in Pennsylvania also took place here.

So we formed a statewide task force to investigate.

We staffed the task force with experienced sex crimes prosecutors and investigators from across the state. And we created a hotline to receive allegations.

And while I can’t get into the details of our investigation, I can say that we needed to add additional staff to man

The Power of Collaboration

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The Bergen and South Bergen Joint Insurance Funds worked together with Bergen County to develop and finance a mobile driving simulator for training fire, police and emergency medical services personnel. The simulator uses both typical and unusual hazards to teach emergency response driving skills. A trailer was purchased to transport the simulator directly to municipal first responders.

The program was developed by Rich Blohm, Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute and Ken Schulz, a Senior Risk Control Consultant at JA Montgomery.

“The two MEL JIFs serve 61 towns in Bergen” said Chuck Cuccia, South Bergen MEL Commissioner. “We now have a cost effective resource that makes training much more convenient and accessible.”

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the phone lines—and we’re following the facts wherever they go.

Another very different example of holding the powerful responsible came just yesterday.

We sued Janssen Pharmaceuticals for its role in fueling the opioid crisis. As alleged in our 97-page complaint, the company deceived doctors and patients for years about the dangers of their products.

It targeted the elderly in nursing homes and hospitals. It created front companies to peddle misleading ads.

And in order to make opioids seem less dangerous, the company went so far as to use scientifically discredited information to promote their drugs.

Janssen, as you might know, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson—the state’s largest company and the bedrock of our state’s most important industry.

And don’t get me wrong—New Jersey’s pharmaceutical industry is the envy of the world, with a long history of developing vital, life-saving drugs.

But we cannot turn a blind eye when a major New Jersey company violates the law and threatens the lives of our residents.

And I can assure you that we will hold wrongdoers accountable.

The second thing we’re doing is strengthening the culture of accountability within law enforcement.

I’ve spent most of my career as a prosecutor, and during that time, I’ve had the opportunity to work with a broad range of officers, from FBI agents to State Police Troopers to local beat cops. The ability of state and federal law enforcement agencies to attract men and women of the highest integrity and ability, despite the exhausting, dangerous jobs—it never ceases to amaze me, and to make me proud.

But in recent years, a handful of high-profile incidents around the country have highlighted the small number of officers who fall short of the profession’s standards. These incidents threaten to undermine the strong relationship between New Jersey’s law enforcement officers and the communities they serve.



NJ Attorney General Grewal, addresses the Mayors’ Luncheon attendees.

That’s why, since becoming Attorney General in January, I’ve issued a number of law enforcement directives designed to promote trust, transparency, and accountability.

One of them, for example, requires the creation of “early warning systems,” programs that help police departments identify officers who present behavioral issues before those problems escalate. Another one mandates statewide drug testing for officers.

We are also committed to ensuring a fair and transparent process for the investigation of officer-involved shootings. These are among the most challenging and sensitive cases we handle, and it is crucial that they be conducted in a manner that is independent and free of bias.

And while we certainly hope that no officer uses force against a civilian without justification, we will not shy away from our responsibility to bring criminal charges when justice requires it.

Earlier this year, we took an additional step to bring transparency to investigations of officer-involved shootings. In the past, some law enforcement agencies have faced criticism for refusing to release footage from an officer’s body-worn camera.

My view is—the public has a right to know what happened, even if the facts are unflattering, so long as it does not compromise the investigation. So we issued a new directive that requires the release of body-cam and dash-cam footage as soon as the initial investigation

is complete, typically within 20 days of the incident.

By releasing the footage, we hope to give the public confidence that we take the matter seriously, and we’re committed to following the facts, wherever they may lead.

Our effort to increase accountability also takes a third and final form. It involves holding public officials accountable when they break the law. I know that may not be the most popular thing to say in a room full of elected officials. I know that you work hard and act honorably. But let’s be blunt. New Jersey has a long and sordid history of politicians behaving badly.

It was right here, nearly 15 years ago, at the League of Municipalities conference, that undercover FBI agents videotaped local officials accepting cash bribes.

At some point or another over the past half century, the mayor of virtually every major city in New Jersey has been convicted of a public corruption offense.

This history fills many New Jerseyans—including many in this room—with disgust. And rightly so.

For many years, the federal government took the lead investigating public corruption offenses. Most cases were investigated by the FBI and prosecuted by my former colleagues at the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

But over the past two decades, the U.S. Supreme Court has chipped away at federal corruption law, making it

increasingly difficult for federal prosecutors to go after the most common forms of corruption. As the law has shifted, it's become increasingly important that the Attorney General's Office step into the void and expand its efforts.

That's why, earlier this fall, I established a new unit called the Office of Public Integrity & Accountability, or OPIA. It's a team of prosecutors and detectives who are tasked with rooting out corruption and misconduct in state and local government.

To run the unit, we recruited Tom Eicher, a 30 veteran of the Justice Department, who previously served as the Chief of the Criminal Division at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark. He's prosecuted a wide range of public corruption offenses—everyone from Congressmen to city council members.

To ensure that these cases are given the highest priority, Tom reports directly to me. I meet with him on a regular basis for updates on investigations and

cases. And I can tell you: we will hold officials responsible for their actions—no matter their political positions or their political allies.

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New Jersey has some of the country's strongest anti-corruption laws, including an “official misconduct” statute that requires mandatory prison sentences for public officials.

I hope we don't have to use these laws. But if history is any guide, we will.

And if we're serious about rebuilding trust—if we're truly serious about it—we will hold ourselves to the same high standards that we expect from others in power.

I started my remarks by saying that I wouldn't make a standard call for state and local governments to work together.

I'm asking you to do something different. I'm asking you to commit to a shared goal—a goal of rebuilding the public's confidence in the institutions we represent. Our country and our state face significant challenges—and we won't be able to meet them unless the public believes our institutions are up to the task.

We must be willing to use our power to improve the lives of others and we must be willing to call out those in power when they act improperly.

Together, we can accomplish much, and I look forward to working with all of you on this shared task. ♣

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New Jersey's Hidden Gems

50 unique places in the Garden State featured in New Jersey Chamber of Commerce book

New Jersey has some of the most spectacular, fascinating and oddest places on earth. Many are not as well known as they should be. To change that, the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce has released a list of 50 of New Jersey's hidden gems.

The NJ Chamber of Commerce has released a video highlighting some of the gems, and will soon release its picture book revealing and celebrating the full list of 50. The list contains at least two hidden gems in each county and contains places even the most-well-traveled New Jerseyans may not have heard of or visited.

The folks at the New Jersey Chamber offer a sneak peek, and revealed a few of the gems described below and in the following pages.

@ For more information and to be a partner in the book, contact Ray Zardetto at ray@njchamber.com.

Points of Pride

Battleship New Jersey Museum & Memorial

Camden, Camden County (Admission Charged)

Walk the decks, sit in the commander's chair, sleep in the bunks, and help load the huge guns of the most decorated battleship in U.S. Naval history.

The ship saw heavy action in World War II, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and in Lebanon and the Persian Gulf until it was decommissioned in 1991. Overall, the ship earned 19 battle and campaign stars. Today, the 45,000-ton, 887-foot ship proudly anchors the Camden waterfront and hosts a wide variety of events including beer festivals, luaus, and even overnight stays.



The Red Mill Museum Village

Clinton, Hunterdon County (Admission Charged)

Sitting on the western shore of the Raritan River across from downtown Clinton, the 200-year-old one-time wool mill now anchors a thriving artistic community and vibrant shopping district.

In any given month, the Mill may host a music festival, an old fashion bicycle tour, a nature walk, or a late-night ghost tour as the Mill is allegedly inhabited by restless souls of former workers. Every October the building and surrounding property are transformed into the Haunted Mill, one of the state's largest and most popular Halloween attractions.





Family Fun Grammy Museum Experience

Prudential Center, Newark, Essex County
(Admission Charged)

This is not a museum in the traditional sense. It is an interactive experience.

Guests can sing or play instruments in a recording studio while virtually interacting with legends of the industry. Guests can also see what it is like to perform on stage.

The museum also has a generous amount of exhibits paying homage to Grammy winners with a special focus on New Jersey talent.

Animal Friendly Lakota Wolf Preserve

(located within Camp Taylor Campground)

Columbia, Warren County

(Admission Charged)

Check out these magnificent animals in a natural habitat instead of a zoo. When you enter the observation area, you will be surrounded by four different packs of wolves.

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Past is Present Salem Oak Tree

Salem, Salem County

(No Admission Charged)

Standing magnificent and alone in the Friends Burial Ground is the only surviving tree from the forest that greeted the town's founder John Fenwick and his party when they arrived in 1675. This white oak is reputed to be the one under which Fenwick concluded a treaty of friendship with the local Indians after his arrival.

The tree is estimated to be between 400- to 500-years-old. It stands about 90-feet tall and boasts an aggregate span of a quarter mile.



The Doo Wop Experience

Wildwood, Cape May County

(No Admission Charged)

Take a quick trip back to the era of Elvis, neon, and Formica in this quaint building featuring the “space-age” design so popular in the 1950s. It sits right across from the Wildwood Convention Center.



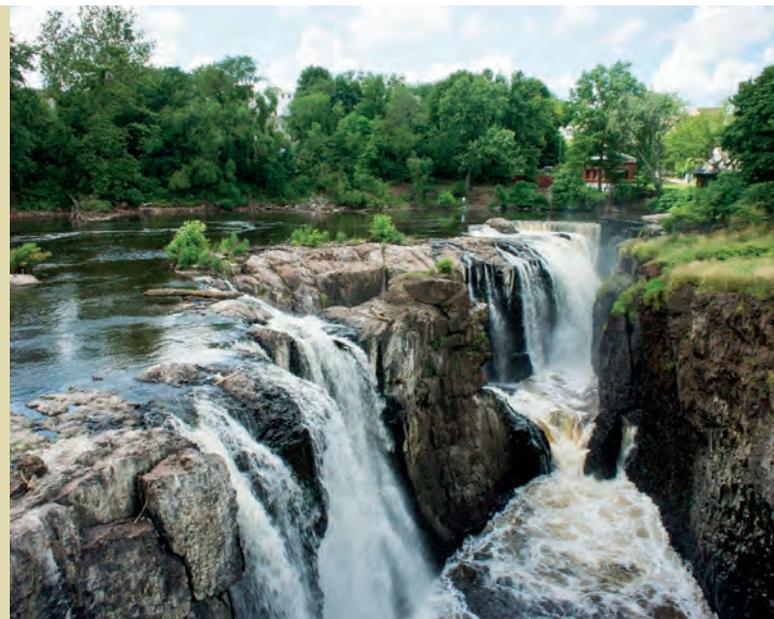
Natural Splendor The Great Falls of the Passaic River

Paterson, Passaic County

(No Admission Charged)

This 77-foot waterfall is one of the tallest in the United States. Its power so impressed Alexander Hamilton that when he became the first Secretary of the Treasury, he selected Paterson to be the nation's first planned industrial city. The Falls equally impressed the crew of the iconic TV show *The Sopranos* as a site where they too could do some of their business.

The Great Falls and its adjacent park comprise the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park.





Oddities

The Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park

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Paw Patrol

Canines “flock” to join Lavallette’s goose control effort



By Susan Kotch, Coordinator, Lavallette Goose Patrol

As a parent of a young child, Joanne LaCicero would gaze out her front window at the ballfield across the street and watch the Lavallette Elementary School children playing with their sports teams in the grassy, fenced-in Chandler Ball Park. She knew her own son might one day be playing as well on that field. The only problem was it was covered in goose droppings. And that didn’t sit well with her.

In a barrier island resort town where lawns are made of stones and sand, grass becomes a luxury for wild fowl. The Canada Geese would literally flock to the field to enjoy uninterrupted meals and rest, leaving behind a dirty mess. Baseball and soccer players, as well as kids who just wanted to fly a kite on a breezy day, found themselves in the middle of that mess. But from necessity comes invention. And being the wife of the Mayor of Lavallette, Mrs. LaCicero knew to take her idea right to the top.

Back in 2005, Lavallette’s Goose Patrol was established out of need. The idea of allowing residents to bring their dogs to the enclosed ballfield when the students weren’t using it and allowing them to run off-leash to deter geese from getting comfortable was not widely accepted at first. Some on the town’s Council questioned the logistics, the legality, and the safety aspects, but Mrs. LaCicero was determined to address all of those points. Now in its 12th year, the Lavallette Goose Patrol has been responsible for a very clean and dropping-free public ballfield at no cost to the borough.

Getting members that first year was a challenge, Mrs. LaCicero recalls. “I literally walked up and down the streets with my own dog trying to find others out walking, telling them to stop by to let their dog run in the field. To most I met, it was a very appealing proposition, and it soon caught on that the enclosed park provided a fantastic way for local dog owners to exercise their pets and socialize them with others. In doing so, the geese were given a clear warning to stay away from this ballfield. The result was tremendous.”

Fowl fight

Not only is the Goose Patrol a benefit to those using the ballfield, it does so at no cost to the Borough. In fact, the savings of not having to employ an outside company to do the same job proved to be significant.

“Prior to implementation of the program, the Borough investigated several other methods to deter the geese,” Lavallette Mayor Walter LaCicero explained. Patrols included periodic visits by commercial noise-producing devices, and predator



HOW IT WORKS

In order to ensure the safety of both human and canine participants, each member must register their dog with a \$10 annual fee.

The registration requires that all canines have proof of current rabies vaccination.

In return, a tag identifying the dog as a Lavallette Goose Patrol member is worn on the dog's collar.

A three-person committee, nominated by the Council each year, works to monitor the program, but members are encouraged to self-police each other. That part doesn't seem to be much of a problem, however, as the dog owners find that being part of the Goose Patrol is a social activity for themselves as well.

For convenience, small mailboxes have been secured to the fence along the field where members can grab a plastic bag to clean up any accidents, and with the registration funds collected for the program, the Lavallette Goose Patrol has already purchased two canine fresh water stations, one located at the ballfield and another installed along the town's scenic bayfront, for dogs to take a break during a walk to have a drink of water.

The group hopes to purchase more stations in the near future.

silhouettes. The cost for periodic patrol was extremely high, thousands of dollars per year. Silhouettes were tried and not effective. Sound deterrence was tried at the local yacht club and also proved ineffective. Several towns that had tried the periodic patrol found that the geese returned soon after the patrol ended. We had nothing to lose and everything to gain by trying this innovative approach. It has proven to be spectacularly successful.”

Community benefit

The program has built positive bonds in the community. “Many of the members have become friendly and look forward to seeing each other at certain times during the day,” Mrs. LaCicero commented. “Our members are very friendly and enjoy meeting the other members, so if someone shows up and inquires, veteran members will immediately explain the process for joining.”

Another positive aspect of the program Mrs. LaCicero has seen is the increased number of elderly members who may not have the stamina to exercise their dogs easily, and welcome the chance to have their dog roam the fenced-in area of the ballfield, chasing balls and other dogs around the grass.

“This was something we hadn't planned for, but are happy to see in a town where a large percentage of our population are older residents,” she added.

Currently, there are four areas within the town of Lavallette where the Goose Patrol dogs are encouraged to visit. There are over 100 dogs registered for the program this year. 🐾

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PILOTs—A Vital and Often Misunderstood Development Tool For Municipalities

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What is a PILOT? It's a contract by a private person or entity with a municipality to pay a sum of money for a limited period of time to a municipality In Lieu Of Property Taxes (hence "PILOT") on certain land and/or capital improvements to such property that has otherwise been declared to be exempt from traditional local real property taxation, usually as a result of the property being located in a redevelopment area and designated as such pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (*N.J.S.A. 12A-1 et seq.*; the "Redevelopment Law").

Forms of PILOTs

There are actually two different forms of PILOTs. As to why PILOTs are so vital to a municipality trying to develop its economy and tax base, the statutes referenced below enable the municipality to develop partnerships with private entities with financial incentives to encourage the development.

The first form is set forth in the "Five-Year Exemption and Abatement Law" at *N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq.* (the "Short Term Act"). This law states at the outset the findings of the New Jersey Legislature that "...the various statutes authorized by Article VIII Section 1, paragraph 6 of the New Jersey Constitution permitting municipalities to grant for periods of five years exemptions or abatements or both from taxation in areas of rehabilitation have powers to be effective in promoting the construction and rehabilitation of residential and commercial and industrial structures in areas throughout with economic and social decline."

Note that this uses the term "abatement" in addition to "exemption." The best that can be said about the Short Term Act is that it is confusing in its application. It provides for tax exemption and tax abatement. These can be done by ordinance of the municipality (usually in the case of improvements to single-family residences) or in the case of new improvements to commercial, industrial, or multiple-dwelling units by tax agreement between the municipality and the property owner. It is,

however, more often used in the "abatement" context to provide incentives to owners of residences or other properties to make capital improvements which the municipality provides by ordinance to either exempt such improvements from taxation for a five-year period or otherwise phase in such taxation over a five-year period (0% in year 1, 20% in year 2, 40% in year 3, 60% in year 4, 80% in year 5) and finally full taxes after that. In fact, there could also be a separate tax abatement of the underlying property tax prior to the improvements having

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been made. In any case, the "abatement" payment remains a "tax" whereas any phased-in payments on properties that are exempt from taxation referred to above are contract payments rather than taxes. As I said at the outset, it remains confusing in practice.

The real misunderstanding (often contrived by those who oppose the PILOT or otherwise) centers around the Long Term Tax Exemption Law at *N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq.* (the "Long Term Act"). The New Jersey Legislature made similar findings

PILOT Points

There are many issues that surface in the negotiations of this PILOT Agreement (known as the “Financial Agreement”). These include:

1. Term of years and the amount of the annual payments
2. Construction schedule timing and commencement of PILOTS in phases or otherwise
3. Annual or periodic escalation of PILOT payments
4. Effect on land taxes depending on type of project (land as well as improvements can be exempt on residential project)
5. Municipal liens
6. Payment of county portion

about the promotion of development within the context of the New Jersey Constitution as to the exemption from taxation as referenced in the explanation above of the Short Term Act. The Long Term Act, however, provides substantially broader contractual options to municipalities for offering financial incentives to encourage development in the context of the Redevelopment Law.

There are many more details worth discussion about these two Acts, but this article will focus only on the tax aspects of the Long Term Act as they relate to these developments, or more appropriately, the designated exemption from such taxes and the negotiations of an appropriate contract in lieu of such taxes.

The agreement between the municipality and the property owner is referred to as a “Financial Agreement” and the payments by the property owner, which are limited to 30 years over different stages, are referred to as “Service Charges.” There are formulas for the annual payments under the Long Term Act that generally define the amounts of such PILOTs based on either a percentage of the project costs or a percentage of the annual project revenues which differ for low to moderate income housing projects from all other projects. The limits of developer profits and other similar provisions that are all part of such negotiation. To the extent the municipality issues any bonds for infrastructure or other aspects of the development, the formulas can be replaced with a percent of otherwise applicable taxes or with broader terms within the formulas.

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not the school district or other governmental entities in the municipality, that has the burden and responsibility to develop the commercial, residential, and industrial ratable base of the municipality, to maintain and expand the financial viability of the municipality, and to provide the financial support for the other governmental entities, as well.

The municipality also bears the burden of billing and collecting the real estate taxes, not only for the municipality but also for the county, the school district, fire districts, and other similar entities within the municipality, all of which receive 100% of their budget requests contained in the taxes collected by the municipality.

The municipality on the other hand (except for revenues generated during the year for completed new development that came on line during the year) winds up financially with what is left below the 100% collection.

Municipal benefit

The PILOT is a voluntary contract between the municipality and the property owner and not an imposed tax. It reflects that the improvements made to the property (and in certain residential properties, the land itself) are exempt from real estate taxes and, as a result, the property is not a part of the municipality’s tax calculation for itself and the other tax entities. Thus, such PILOT revenues are not divided or allocated ratably among the municipality and the other tax entities, with the exception of the requirement to pay the county 5% of such payments. The financial effect is that the municipality receives 95% of

the negotiated PILOT. It should be recognized that 95% of even a smaller amount than otherwise full taxes, if that is what is negotiated as part of the incentive, can still be a significantly higher amount to the municipality than the regular percentage municipal share of full taxes that would have been paid.

The financial benefit to the municipal taxpayers is significant. Those who focus on the payment being smaller than the tax suggest that it is an unnecessary “giveaway” when, in fact, it is the opposite from the perspective of the municipal taxpayers. It is also an amount that would not have been a revenue realized by the municipality if the development had not occurred. Some often argue that the development would have occurred anyway without the incentive of the PILOT, but it is generally clear that this is not the case.

There is often a protest by school districts that feel “left out” of the PILOT revenues. While State aid is factored against the tax base, which the PILOT adversely affects, often marginally, school districts receive 100% of their budget needs. The “tax rate” is affected by the PILOT since that affected property doesn’t pay its “tax share” but not the amount requested by the school district for its budget which does not change. Often these PILOT projects have no impact on the needs of school districts. If there are residential components that affect the population of the school district, those can be factored into any discussions or negotiations between the municipality and the school district.

It should be noted, however, that any agreement between the municipality and the school district to provide a portion of the PILOT revenues to the school district would not be legally “binding” on the future municipal governing bodies, but because of its existence it is likely, nevertheless, to be honored in further municipal budgets.

It is important to understand the financial implications before either supporting PILOTs or challenging them so that whatever cause is being pursued, it is not based on a superficial understanding of the concept. ❧



Donation Bins; OPMA and Political Caucus Meetings

By Frank Marshall, Esq., NJLM Staff Attorney



Four members of our five member municipal council belong to the same political party. Those four members often attend political caucus meetings, not open to the public but with other members of the same political party, where they discuss a variety of issues including matters that are pending before the municipal council. Could this practice be a violation of the Open Public Meetings Act?



Probably not. The Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) specifically excludes “typical political caucus meetings” from OPMA requirements (see, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-7*). OPMA however, does not define or describe a ‘typical political caucus meeting.’ Fortunately, case law provides a bit of guidance. One case, which deals with a very similar fact pattern to the one you describe, is *Mountain Hill, L.L.C. v. Twp. of Middletown* 399 N.J. Super 486.

In the *Mountain Hill* case, Republican members of the municipal council would meet, often times only a few days prior to municipal council meetings, to discuss party issues. Frequently, matters that were pending before the municipal council would be discussed. However, when pending matters were brought up, the conversation was limited to a discussion of the potential political ramifications of the council’s action. Never would there be a discussion of how the council members would vote nor would a straw vote be taken in regards to matters before the municipal council. The court ruled that this meeting was indeed a typical political caucus meeting and thus exempt from OPMA requirements by finding that the Republican group of council members did not intend to discuss or act on council business at such meetings.

As a practical matter, council members in attendance at a typical political caucus meeting should take great care to avoid debating the matters that are pending before the council and must avoid agreeing on taking a specific action, otherwise they



Our municipality has a donation clothing bin problem. They are taking up much-needed parking spaces and some have been allowed to overflow leaving piles of clothes and other goods to sit out unprotected from the elements. It has become a real nuisance. What can we do to stop this?



New Jersey law requires that anyone seeking to place a donation clothing bin to first obtain a permit from the municipality. So, it is likely that your municipality already has an ordinance on the books regulating the use and placement of donation bins. Your issue could be resolved with better enforcement of the current ordinance, or you may need to amend the ordinance to incorporate tougher requirements.

You and your municipal attorney should review *N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.61*, which outlines what parameters your municipality can set for the placement of clothing donation bins. The law allows your municipality to deny an initial permit or renewal application if the placement of the bin could constitute a safety hazard. This could include denying a permit for a donation bin which is taking up needed parking space or has not been properly attended to.

It is important to note that under *N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.61*, your municipality has a duty to investigate complaints relating to clothing bins. You should take care to ensure that any complaints received regarding clothing donation bins are investigated within 30 days. If after an investigation it is determined that a violation has occurred, then the owner of the bin can be subject to severe penalties including seizure of the bin, which can also result in a penalty of up to \$20,000 for each violation. ♣

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The “Forgotten” Issue of 2018 is about to Come Back

By Ben Dworkin, Ph.D., Director, Rowan University
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The end of Governor Phil Murphy’s first year found a number of pundits and experts—including yours truly—offering their assessment on how he fared. Clearly, Murphy and the Democratic legislative majorities ushered in several new, progressive laws: paid family leave, pay equity, funding for Planned Parenthood, additional gun control legislation, a down-payment of offering free community college tuition, and creating a higher tax bracket for those making more than \$2.5 million annually.

But what about the bread-and-butter issue of New Jersey political life: property taxes? Why wasn’t it a bigger part of the Trenton agenda in 2018? It’s not as if the public didn’t care. A Monmouth Poll in May 2018 showed that property taxes were—at 45%—by far the most important issue in the state. (The second leading issue was “education” at 16%.) The average property tax bill hit a record high of \$8,690, an increase of \$141, in 2018, according to the state Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

“**The federal tax law changes that cap one’s deduction for state and local taxes (SALT) at \$10,000 may also translate into new hardships for at least a few New Jerseyans.**”

And yet, in Murphy’s inaugural address, “property tax” was mentioned just once. Was it a forgotten issue? Not quite.

Though it didn’t get much media attention, the Murphy administration tried to address the property tax issue in two ways:

Ramping up school aid. When Chris Christie became governor in 2009, he had to contend with the Great Recession and chose to cut over \$1 billion in school aid from the budget. Thereafter, increases came on top of the lower baseline, and school aid never quite made it back to where it should have been.

This was a big part of the Murphy campaign: to move towards fully funding the school aid formula—a formula that was adjusted significantly at the insistence of Senate President Steve Sweeney last year.

Because school aid is, in effect, a subsidy of local property taxes—in that, without it, local taxpayers would have to provide the funding themselves—the Murphy administration used its expansion of school aid by over \$350 million as its primary property tax relief program.

Promoting shared services. While additional school aid helped municipalities, it did nothing to reduce costs. On that front, the Murphy administration appointed two “shared services czars”—Nicolas Platt, former Republican Mayor of Harding Township, and Jordan Glatt, former Democratic Mayor of Summit—to lead the effort.

Working with the DCA, Platt and Glatt have worked to expand the expertise inside the department so that municipalities can rely on state experts for the critical feasibility studies that would otherwise be left to expensive outside consultants.

“I want to close the book on the days of the State saying to communities, in essence, ‘That’s a great idea. Good luck with it and come back when it’s done,’” explained Murphy during a Shared Services Symposium in November.

Later last year, the Governor further expanded the opportunity for governmental creativity when it comes to shared services by increasing the number of counties where high-level municipal employees with tenure could be terminated if it was considered necessary to improve the town’s efficiency and economy. Atlantic and Monmouth County now join Camden, Morris, Ocean, Sussex, and Warren County with this designation.

During the budget process, the legislature forced the governor to accept an additional property tax relief initiative. Previously, in the 2017 budget shutdown involving Christie, a \$292 million appropriation for the popular Homestead Rebate program was

cut by more than 50%. The incoming Murphy administration proposed maintaining the \$143.5 million allocation.

However, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin made the full restoration of the program one of his top priorities during last year's budget negotiations. Though Murphy was sympathetic to the issue, he noted that the state had "other big priorities." The final budget deal included the additional money, translating into an average \$515 credit for seniors (up from \$259) and approximately \$401 for homeowners earning up to \$75,000 (up from \$202).

In 2019, the issue of property taxes is likely to face much more scrutiny and public attention.

The 2% cap on arbitration awards handed out to professional police and firefighters seeking higher salaries is no longer in effect. By the late spring, in a few municipalities at least, it will become clear if this decision will have a serious negative effect on taxpayers.

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New Jerseyans. However, as some experts have noted, taking advantage of the expanded standard deduction—and not itemizing—may significantly, if not completely, offset any potential negative

impact of the SALT deduction cap for a large majority of property taxpayers in the state.

While the Murphy administration is likely to continue its three-pronged approach to property tax relief—increased education funding, promoting shared services, and homestead rebates—the legislature is expected to be much more aggressive.

The Path to Progress, the formal name of a bipartisan report calling for the reform of New Jersey's finances, offered a number of recommendations to reduce property taxes, including a regional 1% sales tax option, merging municipal courts, and combining school districts. With powerful advocates like Sweeney, Assembly Majority Leader Louis Greenwald, and Senator Steve Oroho, the top Republican on the Budget Committee, more than a few of these ideas are likely to find strong legislative support and end up on the Governor's desk in 2019. **✍**

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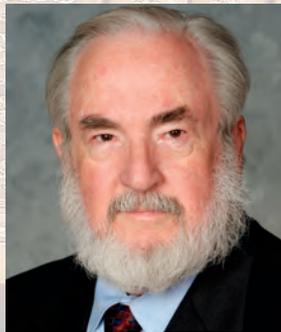
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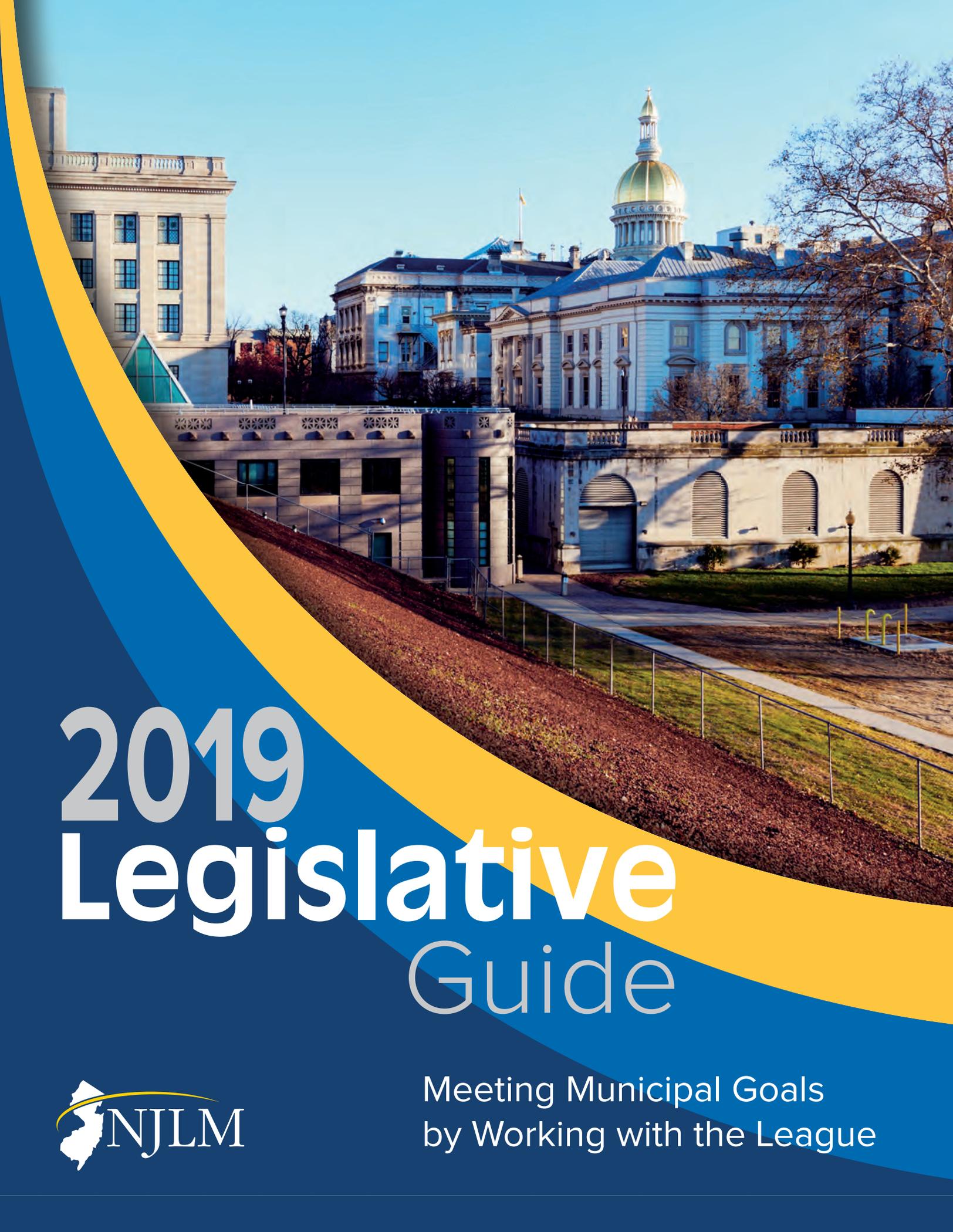
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Local Leadership Requires a Voice in Trenton

NJLM President's Letter



In many ways—some positive and some negative—developments in the State Capital affect our ability to meet local needs in the communities where we serve. Your League Officers and our Legislative Relations team strive to advance the cause of efficient, effective, economical, and ethical government in New Jersey municipalities. In the coming year, as in every year, developments in Trenton will bring new opportunities, as well as new obstacles, to those of us who have been entrusted with local governance.

State policies and priorities may change. But the League's mission remains constant: To challenge all assaults on local government, on our local liberties, and on the Home Rule principles that serve as their foundation. To reform our chronic overreliance on regressive property taxes to fund essential services. To encourage civic virtue and citizen involvement in collective decision making. To promote the health, safety, and welfare of our neighbors and their neighborhoods. And the League strives to do all of those things, without regard to partisan considerations.

In order to fulfill that mission, we need you to stay informed and to get involved. That can begin with a careful consideration of the information included in this issue of *New Jersey Municipalities*. But it can't end there.

We hope that you will take the time and make the effort to contact your colleagues in public service who operate on the State level. They will make better decisions and enact better policies by virtue of your efforts to explain to them the impacts that developments in Trenton can have on you and your citizens.

Please stay in touch with our staff in the Capital City. Please share your thoughts on State policy with them. If you are able, please volunteer to serve on any League committees or task forces studying issues important to you.

As New Jersey municipal officials, the League brings us together in a non-partisan force to promote the common good of the citizens of our several municipalities. And our Legislative Advocacy program carries our common perspective

to those who serve the same citizens in the halls of the Statehouse in Trenton.

“ Please stay in touch with our staff in the Capital City. Please share your thoughts on State policy with them. If you are able, please volunteer to serve on any League committees or task forces studying issues important to you.”

I encourage you to get involved in that dialogue and these pages will tell you how. A host of interests try to influence State decision-makers. Maybe not all of them have, as their primary focus, the greatest good for the people of our State.

Your Legislators will hear from them. Shouldn't they also hear from you? 🗣️

Very truly yours,
Colleen Mahr
President, NJLM; Mayor, Fanwood

Using Tools for Policy Results

While the League is your partner here in Trenton, we always encourage elected and appointed local officials to engage their representatives to ensure their voices are heard loud and clear. Our alerts and calls to action will help you stay informed and working toward a better Garden State.

In addition to our policy objectives, the League is focused on enhancing member engagement in our advocacy.

The first step in that effort is catching up on the details of the latest legislative issues through the local government lens.

Subscribing to The Town Crier at www.njlm.org gets you the latest analyses on the largest questions facing policy makers in our State and our Nation's capitals. The Town Crier is a blog focused on legislative and regulatory issues; using this tool helps you drill a bit deeper into important policy developments.

Past postings have dealt with issues like:

- The need to renew the 2% interest arbitration cap

- Cannabis legalization
- Regulatory updates
- The impact of the federal tax changes
- Legal updates

The League also has a very active social media presence. Please follow us on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube for the latest legislative developments.

Last March, a redesigned League website was launched and, with it, new opportunities to engage the League Legislative staff on key issues.

More information about Bills and other related information, can be viewed and printed free to the public through the Office of Legislative Services' website, njleg.state.nj.us. Digitized bills from the 1996-1997 session through today can be searched by Bill Number, Bill Sponsors, Bills in Committee, Keyword(s), and Bill Subject. 📄



Check the League Home Page, www.njlm.org, for the latest information on the League's legislative activities.

Getting Active

The League of Municipalities speaks on your behalf, and to be effective, it needs you to take an active part. Here are some of the things you can do to help the League help you.

Voice opposition to bills mandating new/increased local services without state funding.

Enlist the help of citizens in support of League positions—as taxpayers they will bear the burden on costly mandates.

Object to bills decreasing local tax revenue sources, including exemptions from local property tax, decreasing property tax relief programs to municipalities, and mandating local policies.

Read your Legislative Bulletin and file it for future reference.

Establish a dialogue with your legislators focusing on the bills that will be good or bad for your town.



Follow through on special alerts from the League and come to Trenton to testify at hearings with our legislative team.

How the League's Legislative Action Team Helps You

In the average two-year term of the Legislature, nearly 10,000 bills and resolutions are introduced. Approximately 2,500 of those bills will have an impact on the 565 municipalities in the Garden State. The debate in Trenton's legislative halls is of major importance and potential impact to municipal officials.

The Committees of the New Jersey State Senate and House of Assembly consider bills and resolutions in forums that represent the best of representative democracy in our Garden State. There, Legislators who have become experts in their committee jurisdictions listen to arguments for and against passage of scores of proposals over the two-year session.

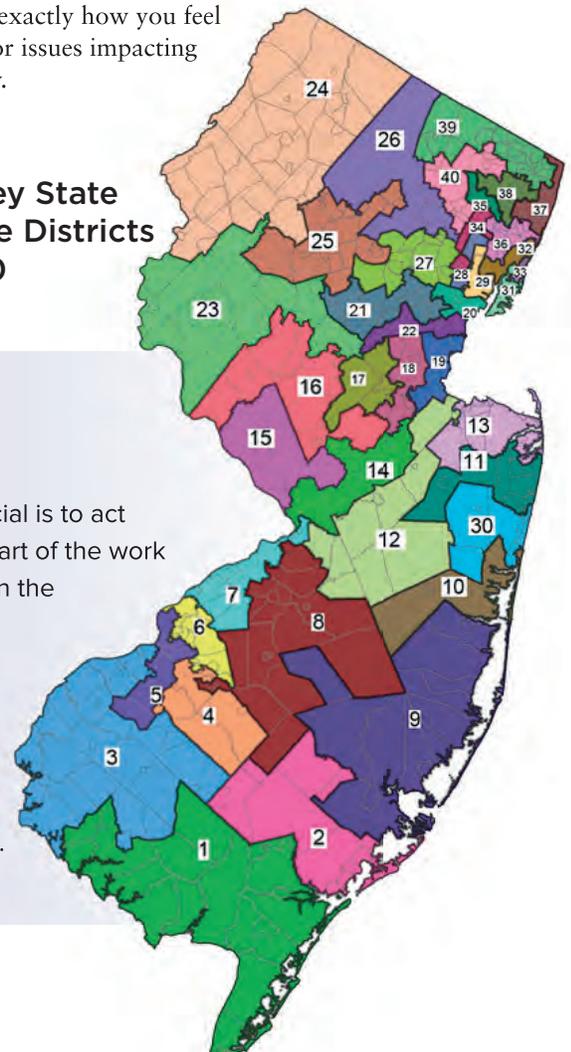
Whenever they consider a bill on which the League has a position, your League Legislative team will let them know about it. They'll tell Legislators what your position is and why you've taken that position. These actions make a difference when it comes to protecting the interests of local government.



l to r: NJLM's Lori Buckelew, Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick, Senator Robert Singer, NJLM's Michael Cerra, NJTV's Michael Aron, Senate President Steve Sweeney, and NJLM's Frank Marshall.

THE TEAM Your League Legislative team—a veteran staff of duly registered Governmental Affairs Agents—keeps you informed about proposals put forward by all our State's 40 Senators and 80 Assembly Members, as well as by the Governor's Administration. And, they reinforce with key policy makers exactly how you feel about the major issues impacting the community.

New Jersey State Legislative Districts 2011-2020



What District Is My Municipality?

One of the most important responsibilities of a local government official is to act as a conduit between local residents and state officials. A regular part of the work of municipal leaders is keeping in touch with their representatives in the Assembly and Senate.

The first step in creating an open line of communications is knowing the basics about your state representatives.

Not sure which district your municipality is in?

Check out the map on this page or visit www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/municipalities.asp for a complete rundown.

Mike Cerra, Assistant Executive Director, Senior Legislative Analysts Jon Moran and Lori Buckelew, and Staff Attorney Frank Marshall monitor the weekly meetings of Assembly and Senate Committees and provide the Committee Members with background on the League’s position on the bills under their consideration.

ALWAYS LISTENING The League represents the interests of municipalities by listening to you, person-to-person. The Legislative team meets you at the League Conference, they come to your county league sessions, you call or write the office, you send them resolutions you’ve adopted. From time to time, they seek your response to surveys. Also, they read media reports and research pieces to learn your concerns and opinions and they meet you at various other functions and seminars.

Because they’ve been listening, they are prepared to recognize proposed legislation that may present you with a problem or an opportunity.

IN COMMITTEE The League Legislative team reviews lists of bills recently introduced or amended, flagging those most likely to affect local government and pulling copies of those bills for more thorough analysis. Based on that analysis, they prepare an agenda of bills to take before the League Legislative Committee.

That Committee is composed of over 100 local officials (see page 7), just like you. In fact, if you can spare one work day a month, 6 to 9 days a year, we encourage you to join that Committee.

There you can help your colleagues from all around our State and serve on one of our Subcommittees:

- Taxation and Finance

- Intra-Municipal Affairs
- Land Use, Environment, and Community Development
- General Legislation

Each Subcommittee has an agenda of 10 to 15 bills, which it studies, debates, and votes upon. Then we convene as the Committee of the Whole, which takes final action on the recommendations of the Subcommittees.

FROM MEETING TO ACTION After the meetings, your League Legislative Action team returns to Trenton to draft position letters on the various bills based on the Committee’s debates and action.

These are sent to sponsors and to any Legislators who could be asked to vote on the proposals. Our Committee actions are also briefly summarized and published in our Legislative Bulletin, which enjoys broad circulation among municipal officials, State Legislators, and Executive Branch Officers. The Legislative Action team reports on several of them in the “Legislative Update” column—a regular feature of the award-winning magazine, *New Jersey Municipalities* and frequently updates *The Town Crier*, the League’s up-to-the-minute blog.

When your help is needed on a deadline, the members of the League Legislative Action team rely on their “Legislative Alert” letters and, if aware of your interest in a particular matter, personal emails, texts and phone calls. They use these tools most often whenever a particularly good bill needs a push and whenever an especially bad bill seems ripe for passage. At other times, they use these tools to inform you of the nature and consequences of new laws or regulations. 📧

The Right Way to Write

According to the NJ Legislature’s website, www.njleg.state.nj.us, “Legislators value the opinions and suggestions of their constituents. In addition, through their professionally staffed district offices, legislators are prepared to respond to requests for information about legislative matters or for assistance in dealing with State agencies.”

They suggest the following communications methods:

- Call, write, or email legislators at their district offices. Consult the Roster of Members listing at www.njleg.state.nj.us for district office addresses and phone numbers.
- Or you may write to your representatives either in care of:

New Jersey Senate
State House
P.O. Box 099
Trenton, NJ 08625-0099

OR

New Jersey General Assembly
State House
P.O. Box 098
Trenton, NJ 08625-0098

- When addressing mail to a legislator, the title “Honorable” should precede the representative’s full name.
- The letter’s salutation should read “Dear Senator” or “Dear Assemblyman/woman.”





Inside the Legislative Process



Idea Developed

A legislator from either the Senate or General Assembly may sponsor a bill individually or at the suggestion of a constituent, interest group, public official, or the Governor. The legislator may ask other legislators in the same House to join as co-sponsors.

Bill Drafted

At the legislator's direction, the Office of Legislative Services, a non-partisan agency of the Legislature, provides research and drafting assistance, and prepares the bill in proper technical form.

Bill Introduced

The prime sponsor delivers the bill to the House. Copies of the "proposed" bill are printed. The bill title is read aloud at the next session by the Senate Secretary or General Assembly Clerk. This is the first reading. The bill is made available in electronic form.

Committee Reference

The President of the Senate or Speaker of the General Assembly usually refers the bill to a committee for review, but may send the bill directly to second reading to speed its consideration.

Committee Action

When scheduled by the chair, the committee considers the bill at an open public meeting. The committee may report the bill to the House as is, with amendments, or by a substitute bill. If not considered or reported, the bill remains in committee.

Second Reading

When the bill is reported to the floor (or referred directly without committee review), its title is read aloud for the second reading. The bill can also be amended on the floor at this point.

Third Reading

When scheduled by the President or Speaker, the bill is given a third reading. As it is posted for a vote, members may debate the bill. To ensure thorough consideration, rules prohibit a second and third reading on the same day, except by an emergency vote of 3/4 of the members.

House Vote

A bill passes each House when approved by a majority of the authorized members (21 votes in the Senate, 41 votes in the Assembly).

Second House

When a bill is delivered to the second House, it will go through the same process from first reading, committee referral through final vote. If the second House amends the bill, it is returned to the first House for a vote on the changes. A bill received final legislative approval only when it passes both Houses in identical form.

Law

A bill becomes law upon the Governor's signature or after 45 days if no action is taken. If the House of origin is in recess on the 45th day, the time is extended until it reconvenes. (Different rules apply to bills passed during the last 45 days of a two-year session.) If vetoed, a bill can become law if the Legislature overrides the veto by a 2/3 vote in each house. A law takes effect on the day specified in its text or, if unspecified, the next July 4.

Governor's Action

After legislative passage, the bill is sent to the Governor.

The Governor may sign it, conditionally veto it (returning it for changes), or veto it absolutely. The Governor may also veto single line items of appropriation bills.

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The League would like to thank all the members of the Legislative Committee. Our advocacy efforts would not be possible without their willingness to share their valuable time and expertise.

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License Volume 5: License Fees for Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Zoning, Historic Preservation & Construction/ Building. Excel file only (2015).

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New Jersey Municipalities Magazine: Monthly magazine and the official publication of NJLM. Serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on municipal affairs for public officials. Combined print and digital subscription.

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Overview of NJ Personnel Policies with MEL-JIF (2015)

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Allentown's Historic Deeds

The rich history of Allentown is now on display at Borough Hall in the form of two deeds of sale. The deeds, from 1743 and 1774, provide pre-Revolutionary insights to life in the Monmouth County borough.

The pieces, displayed in the Borough's meeting room, were restored thanks to the efforts of the Borough Council and a grant from The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Jersey with a final cost of \$7,000 cited in an article by *The Examiner* newspaper's Managing Editor Mark Rosman. The setting is a great improvement from their previous locations in the Borough Hall's attic and in a sunny hallway, allowing public viewing in a more controlled environment.

The project has been three years in the making with the restoration work completed by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, Philadelphia.

Recorded on sheepskin and measuring about 30 by 30 inches framed, the Aug. 12, 1774, deed records the transfer of the Allentown mill and property, which was in the vicinity of the current "old mill" on South Main Street.

Written on parchment, the 12 by 14-inch April 16, 1743, deed transfers a half-acre from Nathan Allen Jr., the son of Allentown's founder, to Moses Robbins, Jr., for property located behind South Main Street. 



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