



MUNICIPAL PLANS

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EJ	Environmental Justice
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GSA	Green Space & Acquisition
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As part of this reexamination process, other plans and reports that address correlating topics throughout the County were reviewed in order to reformulate the goals and objectives for 2013. Municipal plans, as well as regional and state, were consulted. In this way, the County incorporated multiple entities’ and stakeholders’ visions for Hudson County’s open space, recreation, and historic preservation.

Through the review, we identified specific goals and objectives that correlate to this Plan’s goals. Each statement is connected to the relevant County goal. To the left you will note the abbreviations that will be used throughout this chapter.

Environmental Justice: To recognize that improving the quality of life of Hudson County residents is a unique challenge in urban areas and should be treated as a social justice issue.

Recreation: To provide accessible open space and recreation opportunities to all Hudson County residents.

Connectivity: To link proposed and existing recreation and open space areas into a network.

Green Space & Acquisition: To actively acquire and expand green/open spaces and recreational facilities where needed and feasible.

Urban Ecosystems: To encourage environmental resiliency by protecting and strengthening areas of critical resources, including wetlands, floodplains, steep slopes, wildlife habitat, open waters and waterfronts.

Culture and History: To ensure protection of the County’s historic and cultural resources.

Stewardship: To educate the citizenry about existing and future Open Space and recreation opportunities, and continue efforts to increase support for these activities.

BAYONNE

Master Plan (2000)<sup>1</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
GSA	Provide additional parks and open space in underserved sections of the City, including the area east of Avenue E.
EJ, UE	Address quality of life issues resulting from land use conflicts, intensive commercial and industrial uses, increases in residential density from illegal conversion, vacant or underutilized parcels, and limited parking in residential and commercial districts.
C	Encourage and support the development of a fully intermodal transportation system consisting of roads and highways, mass transit, ferries, freight rail, marine terminals and bicycle/ pedestrian facilities.

C, EJ	Improve LeFante Highway/Route 169 by creating a direct connection between the highway and the New Jersey Turnpike, enhancing access to the core area of the City in the northern and southern sections of the highway and providing for safer pedestrian crossings at key intersections.
C, EJ	Increase bicycle/pedestrian safety and circulation by improving traffic signals at key intersections, utilizing traffic calming measures and providing bike lanes that connect activity centers throughout the City.
UE	Preserve and maintain the existing system of parks, open space and recreation facilities.
EJ, GSA	Provide additional parks and open space in underserved areas including the east side of the City.
GSA	Implement plans for new parks, open space, and recreation facilities including the “North 40” site on Newark Bay, the 16 <sup>th</sup> Street boat launch, the waterfront park at the Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal and the linear passive park between LeFante Highway/ Route 169 and Avenue F.
C, GSA	Encourage the development of a Newark Bay/Hackensack River Walkway connecting existing parks and open space along Newark Bay from the Texaco site in the south to Hudson County Park and the planned “North 40” passive park in the north.
UE	Encourage the remediation of contaminated sites and brownfield redevelopment to enhance the local environment and return vacant sites to productive use.
H	Acknowledge the importance of historic resources in providing a link to the past, preserving the City’s unique character, enhancing the visual appearance of neighborhoods, and promoting economic development.
H	Complete an historic resources survey and identify structures, sites and districts for historic designation.

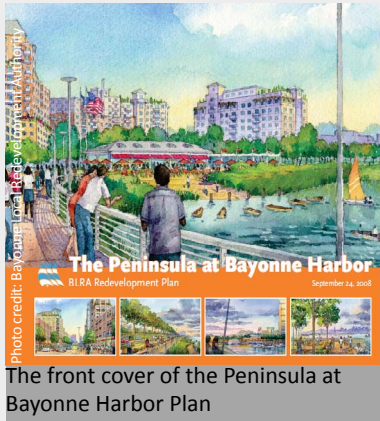
The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor BLRA Redevelopment Plan (September 2008)<sup>2</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
C, GSA	Develop new mixed-use blocks at a neighborhood scale and use a system of streets, parks and other public spaces to give structure and functionality to the Redevelopment Plan.
EJ, C	Implement the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway to improve public access to New York Harbor.
R, EJ	Develop active recreation facilities and publicly accessible marinas in conjunction with residential development of the Peninsula for Bayonne residents and citizens of the region.
C	Develop an internal street system to support automobile, bus, truck and pedestrian movements.
UE	Construct the infrastructure systems needed to support the proposed redevelopment that includes the sanitary and storm water systems, water supply, natural gas, electric, telephone, cable and other communication systems.

*In the coming years, we will see a new interest in our urban centers. Communities such as Bayonne with a strong transportation infrastructure are poised to resume their rightful place as leading, interesting places to live and raise a family. Our future is bright.*<sup>31</sup>

Mayor Mark Smith Inaugural Speech 2010

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The front cover of the Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor Plan



East Newark Borough Hall



Guttenberg’s 2012 summer concert series.

C	Comply with regional planning standards and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s regulations for Water-front Development.
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EAST NEWARK

East Newark Redevelopment Plan (March 2007)<sup>3</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
C, UE, EJ	The improvement of the pedestrian environment and traffic circulation within the Redevelopment Plan area and surrounding neighborhood with the provision of new sidewalks, street trees and other pedestrian amenities within the existing street rights-of-way.
C, EJ	To promote the principles of Smart Growth and sustainable economic and social development, including offering a variety of housing choices, providing pedestrian friendly streets and public rights-of-way, minimizing automobile use by maximizing the appeal of mass transit, encouraging reduced parking, and sharing use parking solutions, creating a livable community with convenient access to commercial facilities.
GSA, UE	To promote additional green space through the provision of landscaping and other open space areas either at grade or on decks over parking facilities within development sites.

Reexamination Report (July 2006)<sup>4</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
R	Provide for expansion of existing community facilities to better serve the residents of the borough.
UE	Endorse the recommendations of previous studies to eliminate traffic and water pressure problems and provide new improvements.

GUTTENBERG

Master Plan Reexamination (April 2002)<sup>4</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
R	To make play and recreation space available. Smaller vacant lots and those lots with non-conforming uses should be considered for development as local playgrounds and play space if said areas are deemed appropriate for such use.

EJ	New development and redevelopment shall be designed to minimize any negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood with regards to aesthetic and off-street parking concerns.
R	A new R-3 Zoning District permitting townhouses (include current yard requirements) should be established to protect the long term planning goals for the Hudson River waterfront area, now an established residential neighborhood within the Town of Guttenberg. Uses permitted in this zone should be strictly limited to townhouse residential and recreation uses.

HARRISON

Harrison Master Plan (December 2007)<sup>5</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
H, EJ	Encourage a balanced development pattern, which will preserve and improve the character of the community, protect and enhance long term economic and social interests of present and future residents, and enhance the Town’s overall quality of life.
C	Promote the continued revitalization of the central business district as a thriving, attractive, mixed-use pedestrian-oriented downtown.
H	Ensure that future development is aesthetically pleasing and is compatible with and/or enhances the character of the area.
H	Encourage historic preservation in order to maintain the Town’s character, protect existing historic resources, and complement economic development efforts.
UE	Preserve and enhance natural resources and habitat within the Town.
C, EJ	Effectuate the Waterfront Redevelopment Plan in order to create a vibrant mixed-use, transit-oriented, pedestrian-scale development that will make Harrison a regional destination for years to come.
EJ, C	Increase bicycle and pedestrian safety and circulation by improving traffic signals at key intersections, utilizing traffic calming measures and making necessary infrastructure improvements.
GSA, UE	Preserve and improve the existing system of parks and recreation facilities and pursue opportunities to increase the number of parks and recreation facilities in the Town.



The Harrison Courts celebrate the strong soccer tradition in the Town of Harrison.

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Waterfront construction in Harrison

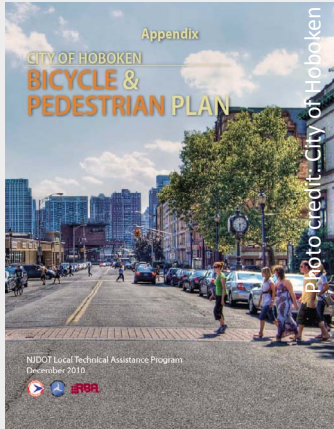


Photo credit: City of Hoboken

Amended Waterfront Redevelopment Plan (2012)<sup>7</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
EJ, C	To acknowledge the significance of the Passaic River waterfront to the Area, incorporate public access to the River in the Plan and to locate appropriate uses along the River which will capitalize on the views that the River affords.
EJ	To remediate potentially contaminated sites as part of the redevelopment process.
C	To capitalize on the PATH Station’s presence in the Area and the economic opportunities that it presents.
EJ	To improve the visual streetscapes within the Area through design and signage standards and landscaping. To encourage buildings to meet Sustainable/Green Standards.
C, EJ	To create a new mixed-use area that will complement the Town of Harrison, but will not compete to the detriment of existing commercial uses, primarily those along Harrison Avenue and Frank E. Rodgers Boulevard north of Railroad Avenue.
UE	To support the US Army Corps of Engineers’ Passaic River Flood Control Project for the Area and to incorporate the flood control design into the Plan.
C	To recognize the Area’s proximity to other major transportation links in the region such as Newark International Airport, the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway.

HOBOKEN

City of Hoboken Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (December 2010)<sup>8</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
EJ, C	Implement Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs at all schools.
EJ, C	Modify the speed of traffic through design and enforcement so that the rate of speed travelled is consistent with encouraging bicycling and walking throughout the City.
EJ	Encourage walking and bicycling to local destinations as a means to reduce traffic congestion, reduce auto emissions, and improve health.
EJ, C	Make car-free travel the preferred option to any destination in the City.

Hoboken Master Plan Reexamination Report (2010)<sup>9</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
H	Capitalize on the City’s urban village persona, its local artists and artisans, as well as the local economic development opportunities that they present and also seek to attract new “artists”.
UE	Evaluate the City’s redevelopment areas within the larger context of adopting climate change mitigation strategies.
C, EJ, GSA	Actively pursue a County/multi-jurisdictional park in the southern portion of the City, adjacent to Jersey City.
GSA	Create a plan for the financing and acquisition of open space.
S, EJ	Create signage for open space throughout the City.
UE	Begin the discussion of climate change, as well as potential mitigation strategies (such as flooding mitigation) and the relationship to infrastructure, especially as these relate to non-structural management of stormwater runoff.
UE	Consider re-introducing marshes with native plants and utilizing other creative storm water and flooding mitigation strategies.
UE	Utilize porous pavement, structural soils and progressive storage systems to increase stormwater detention and infiltration when rebuilding parking areas, streets, sidewalks, walkways and planting areas.
GSA	Continue to pursue the acquisition and development of properties identified on the Open Space Map.
C	Repair the waterfront walkway.
R, C	Create more waterfront recreational facilities such as floating pools, “squirt parks”, as well as fishing and boating structures to serve all ages and segments of the population.
UE	Perform an infrastructure review with regard to the water distribution system, not only in Hoboken, but perhaps within the context of the Hudson County Master Planning process.
C	Adopt a Complete Streets resolution, consistent with the Master Plan vision for a safe and efficient multimodal transportation system that provides a wide range of modal options for intra-City and regional travel.
C, EJ	Provide kiosks along the waterfront walkway to identify historic structures or events (utilize the local arts & industry to produce the signage).
C, S	Lower speed limits to improve pedestrian safety.



Bike lane in Hoboken

*This plan will help ensure that future development in Hoboken will be balanced and sustainable, with new parks, upgraded public facilities, and transportation improvements that will benefit the entire community.*

*- Excerpt from 2004 Master Plan*

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Journal Square, with the prominent Loews Theatre building

The purpose of the Journal Square 2060 Plan is to foster the redevelopment of Journal Square, Jersey City's central business district, by providing for transit oriented development of new housing, offices, commercial, and public open spaces within walking distance to the Square and transit facilities, returning Journal Square to aflourishing central business and shopping destination.<sup>11</sup>

- Excerpt from Journal Square 2060 Redevelopment Plan

## JERSEY CITY

Reexamination report (February 2011)<sup>10</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
UE, EJ	Adopt a package of zoning code amendments that would address everything from the definition of urban agriculture, to the identification of agricultural uses allowed in residential, commercial, and industrial zoning districts, to a set of development incentives for incorporating community gardens into mixed-use projects.
H	The following building/structures and R-O-W should be added as individual historic landmarks: Butler Brothers Warehouse, Merchants' Refrigerating Company Warehouse, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company Warehouse Auxiliary Building and Bakery, Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company Warehouse (Headquarters), The Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Powerhouse.

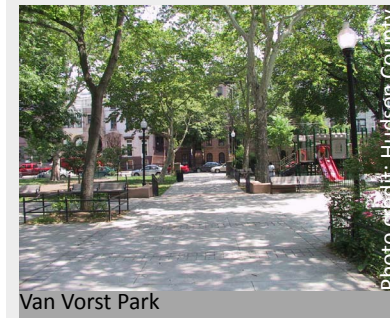
Journal Square 2060 Plan (July 2010)<sup>11</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
UE	Make sustainability a future theme of future development and redevelopment that guides land use and transportation decisions.
GSA	Integrate open space into the area by incorporating a system of parks, plazas, and natural amenities.
C, EJ, R	Make both walking and biking an easy, safe, desirable and convenient mode of transport.
C	Reduce automobile dependency by encouraging high density development in close proximity of mass transit with low automobile parking ratios and with bicycles parking requirements.
EJ	Provide for urban amenities such as transit, housing variety, open space, and entertainment that will attract new employers and a range of new residents to the area while sustaining existing neighborhoods.
UE	Encourage buildings to meet or exceed the US Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification or equivalent.
C	The overall improvement of traffic circulation through the development of new and improved vehicular and pedestrian circulation systems which provide for separation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and the maximum use of public transportation.
UE	Encourage the private sector to consolidate development parcels to allow for sufficient building stepbacks providing, light and air to the street and adjacent properties.
GSA, EJ	Provide for redevelopment without public acquisition or relocation of residents and business concerns.

UE, R	To maximize the use of rooftop open space for recreation and/or green roofs.
SJ	All structures within the project area shall be designed and maintained so as to improve the visual impact of the Jersey City skyline as viewed from within and beyond the City's borders.

Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (2008)<sup>12</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
GSA, R	Acquire and develop additional open space to create new parks and expand existing parks, where possible: Jersey City must aggressively continue to seek to acquire more park land in all wards, on an annual basis, to meet the recreational needs of its citizens. This report recommends the addition of nearly 100 acres of currently vacant land to the City park system.
C, UE, R, EJ	Construct greenways: Jersey City must continue to acquire the necessary easements, use agreements, and land purchases where possible to maximize the recreational potential of its two waterfronts by constructing several miles of pedestrian and bicycle trails and related facilities along both the Hudson River and Hackensack River and along the route of the East Coast Greenway.
C	Create an "Art in the Park" program and set aside a certain percentage of the redevelopment funding to incorporate public art into each municipal park.
S, H	Reconstruct a portion of the historic Morris Canal and delineate its former location: Historical preservation and reconstruction are important aspects of Jersey City's heritage, including the former Morris Canal within Jersey City. Descriptive markers should be placed in strategic locations along its former route, and the western entry/exit portion of the canal should be reconstructed as part of the proposed Hackensack River Greenway Park.
R	Work closely with Hudson County and the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry to provide additional recreation facilities at Lincoln Park West and Liberty State Park: These County and State parks within Jersey City presently contain over 100 acres of undeveloped land, which could enable the construction of both active and passive recreational facilities for use by Jersey City residents.
EJ, UE, C	Work closely with private developers to construct new parks and recreation areas: Requiring developers to provide public parks and recreation facilities should be part of the site plan approval process.
S	Continue to work closely with neighborhood associations and conservancies to improve existing parks: Several parks have neighborhood organizations which act as stewards. These organizations represent their neighborhoods, and Jersey City should respond to their requests for park improvements, safety, and proper maintenance.



Van Vorst Park

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Brighton Avenue Playground

GSA	Aggressively seek available funding to finance the proposed park improvements and new park development. All available sources of Federal, State, County and municipal funding should be aggressively pursued on an annual basis, to help defray the cost of the park acquisition and development projects.
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KEARNY

Master Plan Reexamination Report/ Master Plan Revision (February 2008)<sup>13</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
R, C	Enhance connections between the Town and the Meadowlands and between the Town’s recreation areas.
C	Coordinate land uses with transportation investments to promote intermodal connections and encourage alternatives to driving, such as mass transit and bicycle/pedestrian facilities.
R, UE	Preserve the existing system of parks and recreation facilities and ensure that there is a balance between the number of active and passive recreation facilities within the Town.
UE	Continue to promote and encourage sustainable design.
EJ	Promote the history of Kearny as part of the Town’s redevelopment and revitalization efforts.
EJ	Continue to improve the quality of life for all residents within the Town.
EJ	Improve the aesthetic appearance of the Town through a Town-wide “cleanup” initiative, a crackdown on littering, and the provision of more trash receptacles throughout Town.
C	Create attractive gateways at the principal and secondary entrances into the Town through upgraded land uses, streetscape improvements and signage.
C	Conserve and enhance the community’s parklands and environmental resources.
UE	Promote conservation and preservation through best management practices on new development that limit environmental impact on sensitive areas through buffers, siting, limiting impervious coverage and non-point source pollution from transportation uses.
C	Improve the circulation system by incorporating the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists in addition to other modes (autos, trucks, buses and rail), including adapting existing infrastructure to better accommodate biking and walking.
EJ	Reduce dependence on automobiles, especially for short trips within Town.

C	Improve public access to the Passaic waterfront through successful implementation of the Passaic Avenue Redevelopment Plan; coordinate with adjacent municipalities (e.g. East Newark and North Arlington) to connect finished portions of the waterfront walkway.
GSA, UE, EJ	Encourage the remediation of contaminated sites to enhance the local environment, protect residents and return vacant sites to productive use.
EJ, UE	Protect waterways from pollution and retain, and maintain and restore the natural appearance of these areas.
EJ	Improve non-motorized access to parks.
GSA	Acquire more open space.
UE	Seek to add new active recreation facilities wherever possible.
C	Coordinate with the County and NJMC to establish linkages between Town and County/Meadowlands facilities, and capitalize on planned projects such as the East Coast Greenway and the Meadows Path.
UE, GSA	Work with the Board of Education to maximize the use of school recreational and playground facilities, and to decrease blacktop and increase green space on school campuses.

NORTH BERGEN

North Bergen Reexamination Report (1994)<sup>14</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
UE	To promote environmental quality;
C	To promote safe and efficient circulation;
EJ	To protect the integrity of neighborhoods;
EJ, C	To provide visual and physical access to the waterfront and to the Palisades Cliff.

SECAUCUS

Reexamination of the Master Plan (April 2009)<sup>15</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
GSA, UE	Preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas: Encourage the HMDC to continue the purchase of environmentally sensitive lands for preservation.



North Bergen waterfront

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Union City continues to actively seek out opportunities to improve the quality of life for its residents to offset the developed nature of the City. Given the difficulty of achieving new open and public space goals, the City will need to “create” opportunity through redevelopment as well as through intergovernmental partnerships, grants and other sources combined with changes in zoning, land use and design standards.<sup>16</sup>

- Excerpt from 2009 Master Plan

EJ, R,	New recreational opportunities accessible to Secaucus residents should be developed in appropriate places: Encourage Hudson County to expand the Laurel Hill Park to include additional recreational facilities. Promote the development of recreational opportunities for young people.
EJ, UE, GSA	Maintain a healthy balance between development and open space: Protect existing public access to the river. While protecting public access to the river, preserve most of the edge in its natural form.
UE, EJ	Encourage tree plantings and maintenance of existing trees in order to enhance neighborhood quality.

### UNION CITY

Union City Master Plan (April 2009)<sup>16</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
GSA, UE	Preserve and enhance existing parks throughout the City. Where appropriate, allow new development and redevelopment incentives to provide for additional pubic open spaces.
C	Encourage transit-oriented development opportunities near the Light Rail Terminal, with strong pedestrian and bicycle linkages between the Terminal, the commercial corridors, and residential areas.
EJ	Preserve the views of Manhattan skyline by establishing height regulations in the eastern sections of the City.
H	Establish design standards for new construction that supports the preservation of unique architectural and historic features while remaining practical.
H	Expand and encourage the Union City CDA façade improvement program to guide and improve the aesthetics of established commercial corridors through guidance on appropriate storefront renovations and building maintenance practices that enhance the long-term values of the structure.
H	Promote historic preservation as a tool for successful economic development.
H	Recognition of structures listed on the National and State Register of Historic Places demolition and inappropriate alteration by designation and markings as an historic structure.
C, EJ	Adopt a streetscape plan that focuses on issues such as traffic, pedestrian flow, physical conditions of streets, street trees, utilities, signage, land uses affecting the quality of street environment, to complement the strong street network of Union City.
C	Ensure that any redevelopment efforts in the City are inextricably linked to and consider pedestrian, bicycle, and mass transit circulation access.

C	Anticipate and coordinate design and placement of directional and informational signs indicating parking areas, public facilities (town hall, library, schools, etc.) in graphics not dependent on language literacy.
E	Continue strengthening partnerships with institutional uses such as churches for increased cultural activities and social services.
EJ, GSA,C	Recognize the existing open-space assets of the City and make efforts to acquire land for new open spaces. Develop a network of open spaces so that every corner of the city is within a 5-minute walking distance from a park, playground or other public spaces.
EJ, GSA	Improve the provision of recreational facilities for residents of all ages within the City. Create a policy whereby developer agreements in redevelopment plans share their indoor and outdoor recreational facilities with the public
E, EJ, R	Consider exploration of additional opportunities to share City, County and School parks and recreational activity space given the built-out nature of the City and its needs to provide recreational space.
UE	Strengthen protection of the Palisades.

### WEEHAWKEN

Master Plan Amendment for Weehawken Waterfront: Land Use Element (1984)<sup>17</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
UE, EJ	Any land areas on top of the Palisades which will be preserved and beautified.
EJ, UE	The cliff face of the Palisades is to be preserved.
GSA, C	Construct a waterfront park consisting of at least 5 contiguous acres.
C, UE	Provide one or more view plazas on top of the Palisades accessible from Boulevard East.
UE	Create plazas and pedestrian areas, interspersed throughout the development on the waterfront.

Master Plan Amendment for Upper Weehawken: Land Use Element (1998)<sup>18</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
H	To preserve the present character of the Township of Weehawken as an established, mature urban community.
H	To preserve the character of the one, two and three family residential neighborhoods through the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance and Building Code; the rehabilitation of substandard units- streetscape improvements (ie, shade trees, sidewalk improvements and street improvements).

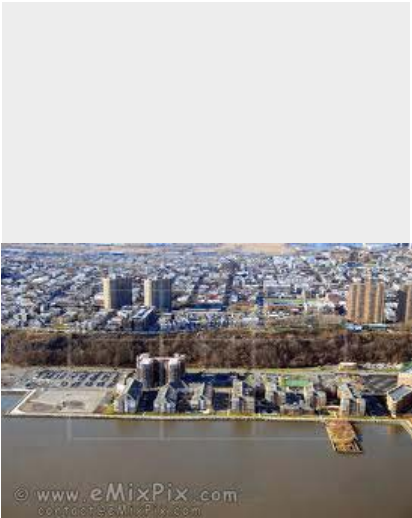


Abandoned railroads, shipyards, nothing was here. It started with Lincoln Harbor; now it’s spread up to Port Imperial. And 25 years later we have six buildings under construction simultaneously in Weehawken.<sup>30</sup>

- Weehawken Mayor Richard Turner

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West New York is an exciting place with an integrity and character of its own. The town's diverse community stands poised, proudly projecting a desire to move forward and capitalize on its many assets, creating a town that is the model of balanced, equitable development, and livability.<sup>20</sup>

- Excerpt from 2010 Master Plan Reexamination

EJ, UE	To prevent the improper development or unwise use of the steep slopes of the Palisades
EJ, UE, H	To protect views of the Hudson River and New York City skyline as well as the aesthetic quality of the cliffs.

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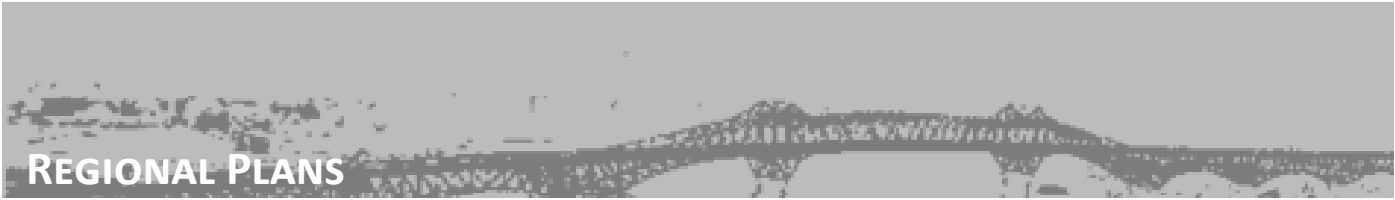
Master Plan Reexamination (October 2001)<sup>19</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
UE	To enable West New York's continued growth through a plan that acknowledges the existing pattern of development but recommends controls to reduce existing incompatible land uses and restricts over-intensification of land use.
R, C	To control the development of the Hudson River Waterfront area so as to provide the most desirable combination of residential, compatible nonresidential, and public uses according to comprehensive controls that protect the area's natural assets and enhance the Town's land use pattern and also provide land for needed recreational facilities. Special effort must be made to acquire Waterfront land for public recreational use in sizable quantities.
R	Schools: The West New York school system was found to be able to sufficiently handle present and anticipated enrollments. The major goals for the schools included the improvement and repair of existing buildings as need and the expansion of school sites to provide outdoor recreation space for students.
GSA	Parks: West New York was found to be severely deficient in acreage provided and it was recommended that existing parks should be expanded or redeveloped, new sites should be acquired, if possible and neighborhood centers for senior citizens and the young should be developed.

Master Plan Reexamination (May 2010)<sup>20</sup>

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C	Promote a transportation infrastructure that will safely and efficiently accommodate the current and future needs of the town, relieve automobile congestion.
R, C	Protect, maintain, and expand open space and natural areas for increased recreation.
EJ, C	Improve access to the waterfront by making it an open and accessible amenity and place of recreation for all residents.

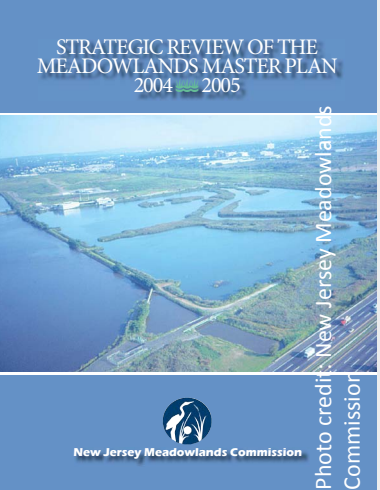
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NEW JERSEY MEADOWLANDS COMMISSION<sup>21</sup>

Strategic Review of the Meadowlands Master Plan (2004/2005)

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
GSA, UE	In two years, acquire or preserve 300 acres that are in most need of protection. In two years conclude habitat enhancement for 100 acres.
C	Complete and open two new waterside parks in two years.
S	Increase the number of participants in MEC activities by 25 percent and host a groundbreaking for a new MEC building. Launch first Field School activities with Lyndhurst, integrating high school students with MEC facilities and course work. Add a second school district to Field School program. Maintain or exceed current number of eco-tourists taking NJMC boat tours.
UE	Encourage active redevelopment and construction in all eight municipalities within targeted brownfield/grayfield sites. Specifically, this would require the sites in Carlstadt, East Rutherford, and Jersey City to move to active redevelopment.
C	Create inventory of existing trails, establish benchmarks for trail creation for next 10 years, and create a Meadowlands Trail Master Plan for achievement of a continuous trail system reaching from the northern boundary of the District to the southern boundary in 10 years.
H	Increase the number of significant resources included in the NJMC Historic Preservation Inventory to 100.



BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN<sup>22</sup>

Open Space and Recreation Master Plan (August 2004)<sup>17</sup>

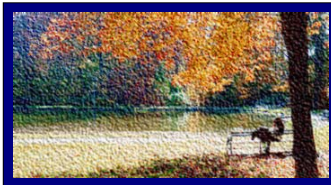
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UE, EJ	Conserve major ridgelines, significant treed areas and areas designated as natural areas.
R, GSA, UE	Improve the quantity, quality and availability of parks and open space, including active and passive recreational facilities, parks and environmentally sensitive areas.
UE	Preserve the environment, including wetland areas, streams and wetland corridors.
GSA, C	Promote the establishment of a linear greenway park system along the Hackensack, Passaic, and Ramapo Rivers.
EJ	Maintain, protect, and improve the quality of human life.



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Essex County Park System



Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan



April 2003

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Essex County Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan<sup>22</sup>

Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (October 2002)<sup>23</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
H	Provide for the care and maintenance of the Essex County Park System in a manner consistent with the Olmsted vision.
R, EJ	Rehabilitate each County park for the full use and enjoyment of all County residents.
S	Maintain each County park to a superior level.
S, UE	Protect the significant resources of Essex County.
UE, R, EJ	Support local and community-based efforts that preserve open space and that expand the recreational opportunities available to County residents.
S	Establish partnerships with community groups and user groups that support the County Park system
S, UE, H	Pursue Federal, State, and non-profit funding to improve County parks, preserve open space, and conserve natural and cultural resources.
H, EJ	Capitalize on the unique features of the Essex County Park System and provide new recreational programs and facilities to meet the needs of all County residents.
EJ	Establish a safe environment in each County park so that every visitor feels secure and at ease.
S,	Organize all parks functions under one management structure that is responsible for parks and recreation and empower it with an integrated management approach to ensure staff accountability, achieve standards, and promote an increased level of commitment for the care and improvement of each and every park in the Essex County Park System.

GSA, EJ	Enhance the appearance of neighborhoods through preservation of green spaces.
EJ	Encourage the participation by all age groups in the use and care of local open space tracts in residential areas.
H, UE	Conserve and enhance significant natural, cultural, historical and aesthetically significant areas and resources.
UE	Buffer environmental hazards and nuisances and separate incompatible land uses.
GSA, R	To encourage coordinated open space and recreation planning, acquisition and development initiatives of state and local governments, and conservation organizations.

GSA, R, H	Expand the County Park System, giving particular attention to including sites or lands contiguous to existing County parks or to acquiring new sites of substantial size that can be developed or redeveloped for active recreation facilities and special outdoor events.
H	Promote the preservation and restoration of cultural, archaeological and historic sites.

Hudson County Park Master Plan Update<sup>24</sup>

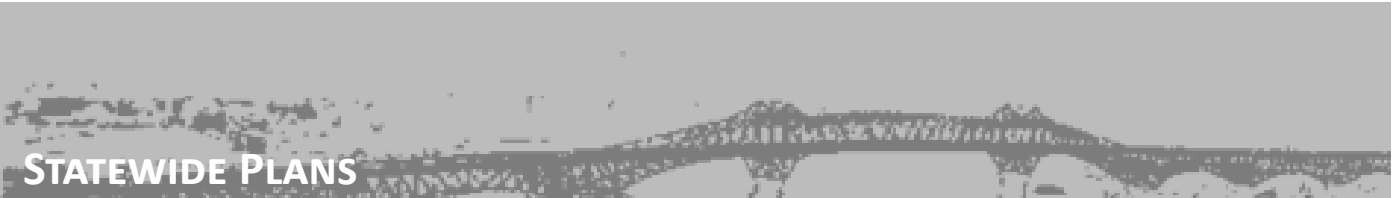
Park Master Plan Update (April 2007)<sup>19</sup>

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
GSA	To expand existing parks and encourage development of new parks where feasible.
C	To complete missing links in the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway and between major attractions.
EJ, R GSA	To ensure that new development provides public access to waterfront areas, recreational facilities, and open space, and use mechanisms to encourage plazas, public seating areas and amenities.
UE	To encourage the clean-up and reuse of contaminated sites.
UE, C	To preserve existing scenic vistas, particularly skyline views of Manhattan.
UE	To protect environmentally sensitive areas, such as rare and endangered species habitats, wetlands, and surface water quality.



LINCOLN PARK WEST

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STATEWIDE PLANS

According to the State Strategic Plan,

*A 2009 analysis of the \$400 million Green Acres/Farmland Preservation/Blue Acres bond measure concluded that every \$1 invested by NJ would achieve a \$10 benefit. Since they do not include tourism, job creation, property value, medical cost or other benefits, these studies actually significantly understate land preservation’s true ROI.<sup>25</sup>*

STATE STRATEGIC PLAN<sup>25</sup>

The State Strategic Plan, the final draft of which was approved in November 2011, serves as New Jersey’s guide to development and redevelopment. It primarily focuses on assessing the current cultural and industrial drivers and then gives guidance on how to integrate and balance the goals of economic growth and preservation of natural resources. The plan also identifies the two “biggest economic drains” as increasing healthcare costs and sprawl. It responds to these issues by creating a set of “Garden State Values,” many of which involve open space issues, such as:

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
EJ	Create high-quality, livable places
EJ, C	Provide transportation choice & efficient mobility of goods—affordability and air quality for all users-bike, transit, walker and infrastructure for alternate fuel vehicle.
UE, EJ	Provide for healthy communities through environmental protection and enhancement—minimize development impacts and improve air, land and water quality.
SJ, R, H, GSA	Protect, restore and enhance agricultural, recreational and heritage lands—accessible neighborhoods.

Additional objectives include:

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
EJ	Assist urban centers’ evolution into components of healthy metropolitan areas (Objective 2.5).
UE	Provide for the continued success of the state’s preservation programs (Objective 3.1).
UE	Coordinate functional plans related to transportation, energy and the environment with land use and economic development initiatives (Objective 3.2).
UE	Strengthen and expand regional and municipal land use tools (Objective 3.4).

Another important component is the focus on coordination between policy and implementation on multiple jurisdictional levels. A few relevant implementation methods include density transfer tools like single-site and non-contiguous clustering and Transfer of Development Rights, all of which can lead to increased preserved land at public funding contributions.<sup>21</sup>

NEW JERSEY STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN (2008 SCORP)<sup>26</sup>

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s Green Acres Program updates the SCORP every five years to both report progress and give future guidance for open space and recreation planning. The document also enables the state to remain eligible for benefits from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The 2008 SCORP goals are:

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
R, EJ, UE, GSA	To preserve a sufficient amount of open space for current and future public recreational use and for the conservation of natural resources important to protecting New Jersey’s biodiversity and quality of life.
R, GSA, UE	To provide close to home park and recreation opportunities for residents statewide and promote the development of parks in New Jersey’s urban and suburban centers to support revitalization efforts.
R, GSA	To present current information on the supply, demand and need for recreation and open space in New Jersey.
R, GSA	To implement open space and recreation planning policies and projects that are consistent with the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan.
GSA, R	To encourage open space and recreation planning by local governments and conservation organizations.

NJ TRAILS PLAN UPDATE<sup>27</sup>

The March 2009 New Jersey Trails Plan builds off of plans developed in 1982 and 1996. After compiling input from public surveys and workshops, a series of “Vision Themes” were developed. Recommendations within those themes include<sup>23</sup>:

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
EJ, C, R	The ability to find and use trails close-to-home for transportation, recreation and health is within the reach of people of all cultures, ages and abilities in New Jersey communities through an extensive network of community pathways and connecting trails within and among cities and towns.
UE, C	Incorporate trails to use as an element of the farmland preservation program, to be included in negotiations where appropriate.
C, EJ	Community pathway networks within New Jersey’s population centers that provide a walking trail within 10 minutes of every resident and non-motorized connection to neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and public destinations.

1,242,866 acres—one quarter of New Jersey’s land area—are considered preserved, public open space. SCORP findings indicate that another 700,000 acres of critical resources need to be preserved.

New Jersey state parks and forests attracted 17,836,548 visitors between July 2005 and June 2006. Liberty State Park, in Hudson County, accounted for over 4,275,000 of those visits.

Hudson County has preserved 615 acres by using over \$12 million of LWCF funds

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*We, in New Jersey, see historic preservation as both a tool for building economically and environmentally sustainable communities and a means of understanding how our past has shaped who we are today and who we will be tomorrow.*

*- Shared Vision Statewide Historic Preservation Plan*

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C, GSA	Municipalities should seek to acquire property that would serve as rights-of way for trails connecting neighborhoods and adjacent communities. Counties should seek to acquire property that would serve as rights-of way for trails (and ultimately build trails) that connect regions within the state.
C	The state and counties should provide funding incentives to encourage multi-jurisdictional trail initiatives.
EJ, S	An informed public, including decision-makers, regarding trail benefits and the role of trails in supporting active, healthy lifestyles.
GSA, C, UE	Trails and greenways should be promoted as key connections between parklands, rivers, historic sites, and other natural resources.

2013-2019 NJ COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN<sup>28</sup>

This Plan was the product of a multi-year effort by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection’s State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) and Preservation New Jersey (PNJ). It was prepared following the New Jersey State Planning Commission Draft Final State Strategic Plan’s recognition of historic properties as critical state resources for economic growth, and is in alignment with the Strategic Plan’s Garden State Values. The Historic Preservation Plan also draws on the New Jersey Heritage Tourism Master Plan and the Crossroads of the American Revolution Heritage Area Management Plan.

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
H	Use historic preservation as a tool to strengthen and revitalize New Jersey’s state and local economies in a sustainable manner.
H	Demonstrate that historic places have economic value.
C, H, S	Expand understanding and appreciation of history and historic preservation among New Jersey citizens, elected officials, students, and organizations across the State.
EJ, C, S	Build a stronger, more cohesive and diverse preservation community.
C, H	Identify the authentic places that tell the stories of New Jersey’s historically diverse populations.
EJ, C, S, H	Increase stewardship and support to protect the authentic places that tell the stories of New Jerseyans.

A HERITAGE TOURISM PLAN FOR NEW JERSEY<sup>29</sup>

The New Jersey Heritage Tourism Task Force was created by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey through P.L. 2006, c.60, “to provide strategic direction for the promotion of heritage tourism in New Jersey and to create a comprehensive heritage tourism master plan for New Jersey.” This Master Plan was created in June 2010. The Task Force includes 20 members who represent many aspects of New Jersey’s culture and heritage: New Jersey Historic Trust, Crossroads of the American Revolution Association, ArtPride New Jersey, New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism, Morris County Tourism Bureau, Advocates for New Jersey History, South Jersey Tourism Corporation, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey Public Broadcasting, Historic New Bridge Landing Commission, New Jersey State Council on the Arts, New Jersey Department of Transportation, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Business Studies, Edison Memorial Tower Corporation and Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities.

GOAL RELATION	GOAL OR OBJECTIVE IN PLAN
EJ, C	Building partnerships
GSA, H, S	Preserving and interpreting historic resources
C, C	Attracting visitors
C, EJ	Generating economic impact

*A 2009 national travel study reveals that 78% of all U.S. leisure travelers participate in cultural and/or heritage activities while traveling, translating to 118.3 million adults each year. The economic impact is clear: cultural and heritage travelers spend an average of \$994 per trip compared to only \$611 for other leisure travelers.*

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