



# COUNTY OF BERGEN

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**James J. Tedesco III**

*County Executive*

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To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to announce that at their April 11, 2023 Meeting, the Bergen County Planning Board adopted a new, comprehensive County Master Plan, the first such effort in 60 years. A Resolution of Support was similarly adopted at the April 4, 2023 Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:27-1 et. seq., the New Jersey County Planning Act, adopted in 1975, the County Planning Board is charged to “make and adopt a master plan for the physical development of the county. The master plan of a county, with the accompanying maps, plats, charts, and descriptive and explanatory matter, shall show the County Planning Board’s recommendations for the development of the territory covered by the plan...”

The County Master Plan provides a snapshot of existing conditions, a vision for the future, aspirational goals for future projects and implementation, a compendium of best practices, and can act as a strategic tool to which agencies tie future budgeting and priorities.

The Master Plan delves into various Topical Elements to explore existing conditions, trends and projections, best practices, and further analysis, and these include Arts, History and Historic Resources; Land Use and Housing; Economic Vitality; Environment and Natural Resources; Open Space, Agriculture, Parks, and Recreation; Public Facilities and Services; Transportation and Mobility; and Sustainability.

This Plan additionally provides direction to guide both the County and its constituent municipalities in their efforts and development, affords a regional perspective for large-scale and inter-jurisdictional matters, as well as responding to emerging trends and focus areas, and promotes best practices and innovative tools. This will help ensure that municipal plans are consistent with the County Master Plan. By the same token, the County will revisit the Master Plan at the very least on an annual basis to call attention to emerging trends and new practices, with amendments should the need arise.

We hope that you will take advantage and use this as a tool and resource by which you can shape your comprehensive planning efforts going forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James J. Tedesco III".

James J. Tedesco, III  
County Executive