

13.0 Sustainable Places

Master Plan Recommendations Updates

Recommendation 13.1: Review proposed environmental and sustainability related legislation and regulations to determine their potential impacts to Monmouth County and our municipalities, and prepare appropriate responses to promulgating authorities.

(Continuous) Staff and Monmouth County Environmental Council (MCEC) reviewed proposed environmental and sustainability related legislation and regulations to determine their potential impacts to Monmouth County. Examples of reviewed documents include the *2017-2022 NJ Water Supply Plan*, updates to the Federal Coastal Barrier Resource System, changes to the *NJDEP Freshwater Protection Act rules*, the *NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program Action Agenda 2017-2022*, proposed amendments to the *New Jersey Public Access Rules*, the Transco-Raritan Bay Natural Gas Pipeline, and various environmental permit notifications.

Recommendation 13.2: Develop internal sustainability indicators, such as those used by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and other Federal and State agencies, to be used as a guideline in the evaluation of local and County Master Plan sustainability goals and policies. (No significant action to date)

Recommendation 13.3: With assistance from the Monmouth County Environmental Council (MCEC), and through the Monmouth County Green Team Hub, offer support to our municipalities in their efforts to improve local sustainability. (Continuous) The MCEC hosted a roundtable event in 2017 highlighting hydroponic gardening systems in the community, to increase awareness for this method of farming as a form of supplemental income for farmers, an option for urban agriculture, or an indoor possibility for home gardeners. They also held another roundtable in the fall of 2017 focusing on pollinator health.

Recommendation 12.4: Educate local decision makers and the public about the importance of issues related to maintaining a sustainable county with educational programs, roundtable events, municipal presentations, and the development of informative documents.

(Continuous) The MCEC and Monmouth County Sustainable Jersey Hub continue to support citizens and municipal partners in efforts to improve local sustainability through roundtables, meetings, and digital notifications. The Division of Planning's onsite AmeriCorps Ambassador program contributes greatly to this effort by participating in and/or coordinating year-round environmental outreach efforts in the community.

Recommendation 13.5: Build interdepartmental knowledge about the potential benefits and applications of green approaches, incorporating these actions into County plans, programs, and projects when it is financially feasible to do so. (No significant action to date)

Recommendation 13.6: Consult with municipalities to create strategy toolkits tailored to their community's specific needs utilizing form-based codes, living streets principles, green design, case studies, policy recommendations, and sample ordinances that result in safer and healthier places to live, work, play, and stay. (Initiated) Staff began a review of municipal ordinances related to agricultural practices and is planning a winter series of outreach efforts to assist municipalities prepare to deal with new state agricultural management practices and potential triggers for right-to-farm cases. *The Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)* is working to develop a tool kit for municipalities to improve compatibility of land uses surround the base.

13.3 Existing Conditions

- **NEW!** New Jersey Water Supply Plan | See Chapter 7.0 for discussion

13.4 Emerging Issues and Long Range Challenges

- **NEW!** Stormwater Utilities | See Chapter 3.0 for discussion.

13.5 Stakeholder Actions and Efforts

- **NEW! Bike Share** | In March 2018, Asbury Park presented its bike share program to the Monmouth County Planning Board. Launched in 2017, the Asbury Park program hosted over 1,200 trips through the end of the year and did so with a cost-neutral public-private partnership. Based on the success in Asbury Park, and at the request of the Monmouth County Transportation Council, the Planning Board approved staff from the Division of Planning to analyze existing data and best practices from Asbury Park and other successful implantation examples elsewhere in determining the potential application of this type of service elsewhere in the County. Staff would then be able to work collaboratively with interested municipalities and County departments in the development of locally appropriate bike share solutions that further enhance the regional multi modal transportation network. Another bike share program was recently launched in Keyport and discussions are underway in Red Bank and Bradley Beach as well.

Asbury Park's bike share locations

