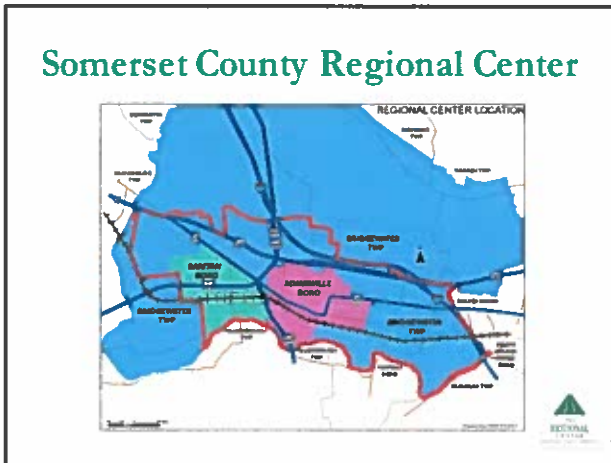






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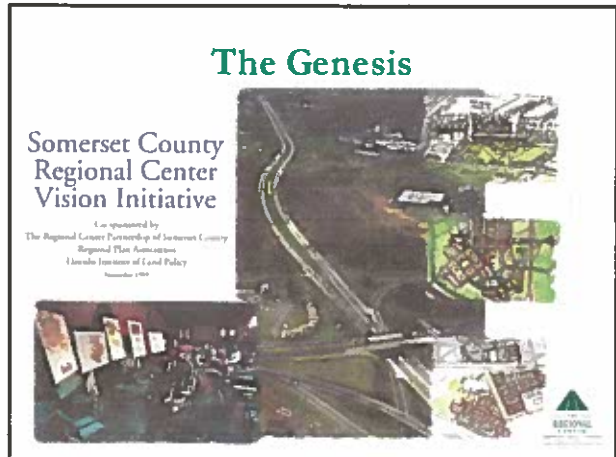
New Jersey State Planning Commission designates the Boroughs of Somerville, Raritan and an adjacent portion of Bridgewater Township as an official Regional Center, the first multi-jurisdictional center in the state.



Regional Centers are the focal point for the economic, social & cultural activities of an economic region, often serving as a county seat, with a compact, mixed-use core & neighborhoods offering a wide variety of housing types.



The Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County was created in 1998 to direct the coordinated planning framework that is needed to achieve the goal of improving the identity & functionality of the Regional Center, the quality of life for residents, & a favorable environment for business.



Major Projects

Regional Center
Strategic Master Plan Issues Report



How We Reached Today

- The Regional Center Vision Initiative – April 21 to 25, 1999
- 2002 Strategic Master Plan Issues Report
- 2003 RPA Vision to Reality Project
- July, 2005 Planning Retreat: Charting an Action Agenda
- Strategic Master Plan – November 2006
- 2013 Plan Endorsement
- Visioning Workshop – September, 2015





Major Projects

The Regional Center Partnership has been successful in securing funding to support important initiatives benefiting the three communities and the surrounding region.

To date, over \$500,000 in planning funds have been secured to support over \$130 million in construction funds.



Major Projects

Route 22 Sustainable Corridor Study



Major Projects

Pedestrian Safety Study & Mountain Avenue Sgt. Andrew Lobasco Pedestrian Overpass



Major Projects

Peters Brook Greenway Project



Major Projects

Peters Brook Greenway Pedestrian Overpass



Major Projects

Raritan River Greenway



Major Projects

Traffic Calming Studies



Major Projects

Improvements to Route 28 & Findeme Avenue



Major Projects

Improvements to Findeme Avenue & Main Street



Major Projects

Grove Street, Bridgewater Sidewalk Improvements



Major Projects

Bridgewater Bus Shelter Enhancements



Major Projects

Regional Center Bus Shuttle Study



Major Projects

Riverside Park
Frank "Nap" Torpey Athletic Complex



Major Projects

Route 202 Corridor Study



Additional Project Support

Somerville Landfill
Somerset Street Streetscape Linkage
Green Design- Sustainable Building Practices
NJWSA Open Space & Development Study
Municipal Planning Assistance
Retail Design Standards
Pedestrian, Bicycle & Greenway Systems Connection Plan
Route 28 Strategic Needs Study
Vo-Tech Multi-Purpose Athletic Facility Feasibility Study



Challenge Grants

Regional Center Challenge Grants of up to \$20,000 annually help achieve the vision that includes downtown redevelopment, neighborhood revitalization, connecting the three subcenters, and using natural resources to shape development consistent with community planning initiatives. The program has awarded a significant amount of funding to help each community advance local projects that resolve regional problems.



Challenge Grants

- Wayfinding System
- Transit Village Study Update
- Sanitary Sewer Camera Technology & Mapping
- Basilone Park Improvements
- Gaston Avenue/Route 28 Study
- Adamsville School Walkway
- Greenway Implementation Plan
- Par Course Fitness System
- Master Plan Elements
- Landfill Development Study
- Zoning Re-examination



Challenge Grants

- Infiltration/ Inflow Study
- Public Works Consolidation Study
- Redevelopment & Revitalization Planning
- Comprehensive Zoning Review
- Sidewalk Design Study
- Riverfront Study
- Economic Development Planning
- Downtown Revitalization Planning
- Emergency Service Complex Needs Assessment
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan
- Traffic Calming Program



Credits

These achievements that have helped make the Somerset County Regional Center a model for multi-jurisdictional planning coordination would not be possible without the steadfast commitment and support of the Somerset County government, the three Regional Center communities, the Somerset County Business Partnership, the Somerset County Park Commission, and our private and institutional sector representatives.

