Potential Collaborations for Holistic Environmental Planning in New Jersey:

A Hackensack River Corridor Demonstration Project

Meeting with Policy Advisory Group
Office of the Governor
June 1, 2018
Environmental & Energy Transition Report Priorities

1) Confronting climate change
2) Addressing environmental justice disparities
3) Protecting New Jersey’s water and natural resources

Urban & Regional Growth Transition Report Priorities

1) Strategic and equitable growth
2) Sustainable economic growth
3) Bolster resiliency of communities
Bergen County is a Reflection of Suburban New Jersey

- Economic diversity
- Demographic diversity
Hackensack River Corridor: A Demonstration for Municipal Collaboration

- Addresses many Transition Committee priorities
- Study area = Junction with Overpeck Creek north to Hackensack Waterworks
Hackensack River Corridor: Confront Climate Change

Flood Zones and Known Contaminated Sites

- Limits of Region
- Flood Zone Classification:
  - 500 Year Flood Zone
  - 100 Year Flood Zone
  - Minimal Flood Hazard
- Known Contaminated Sites
- Waterbodies

Junction with Overpeck Creek

Historic Hackensack Waterworks

Rutgers University
Northern New Jersey Community Foundation
Hackensack River Corridor: Healthy Communities

Current Open Space Availability

Adjusted for Density
- Well Served: ≥ TPL Median
- Slightly Underserved: ≥ 75% TPL Median
- Underserved: ≥ 55% TPL Median
- Very Underserved: <55% TPL Median

Population Growth, 2015-2040, by Traffic Analysis Zone
Hackensack River Corridor: Strategic Equitable Growth Through Collaboration

- Municipal development decisions have significant regional impact

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**Housing Permits**

- Year: 2007 to 2016
- Categories: 1 Family, 2-4 Family, Multifamily, Total

**Site Plan Approvals**

- Year: 2007 to 2017
- Categories: Residential, Commercial & Hotel, Total New Floor Area
Hackensack River Corridor: Protect Water & Natural Resources

- Hackensack River Greenway
- Green Infrastructure
Opportunities for Collaboration

- Economy
- Environment
- Energy
- Public Health & Safety
- Transportation
- Education
## Opportunities for Collaboration

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Next Steps

• Meet with Hackensack River Corridor municipalities & local stakeholders

• Develop conceptual environmental planning report for the Corridor

• Meet with State agencies, Bergen County, and local stakeholders to identify further demonstration projects

• Identify funding sources for the Hackensack River Corridor

• Fall Semester Rutgers environmental planning studio – environmental visions for New Jersey