

Planning for Healthy, Just, Resilient, and CO2-Neutral Mobility in New Jersey

Project Update February 2022

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New Jersey Climate Change Alliance

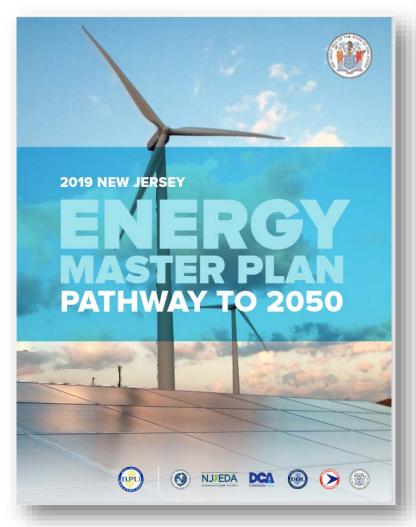
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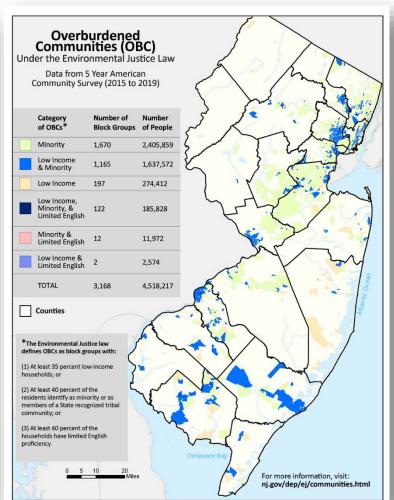
- Long-term Statewide Planning for Climate Change Workgroup
- Natural and Working Lands Workgroup
- Offshore Wind Ecological Monitoring Workgroup
- Public Health Workgroup
- Sustainable Organic Materials Management Workgroup

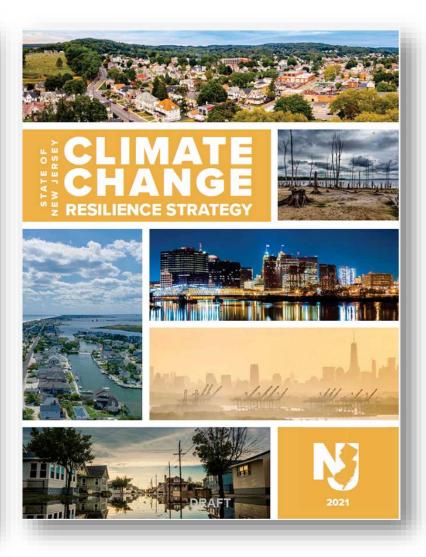
(NEW) Transportation Workgroup



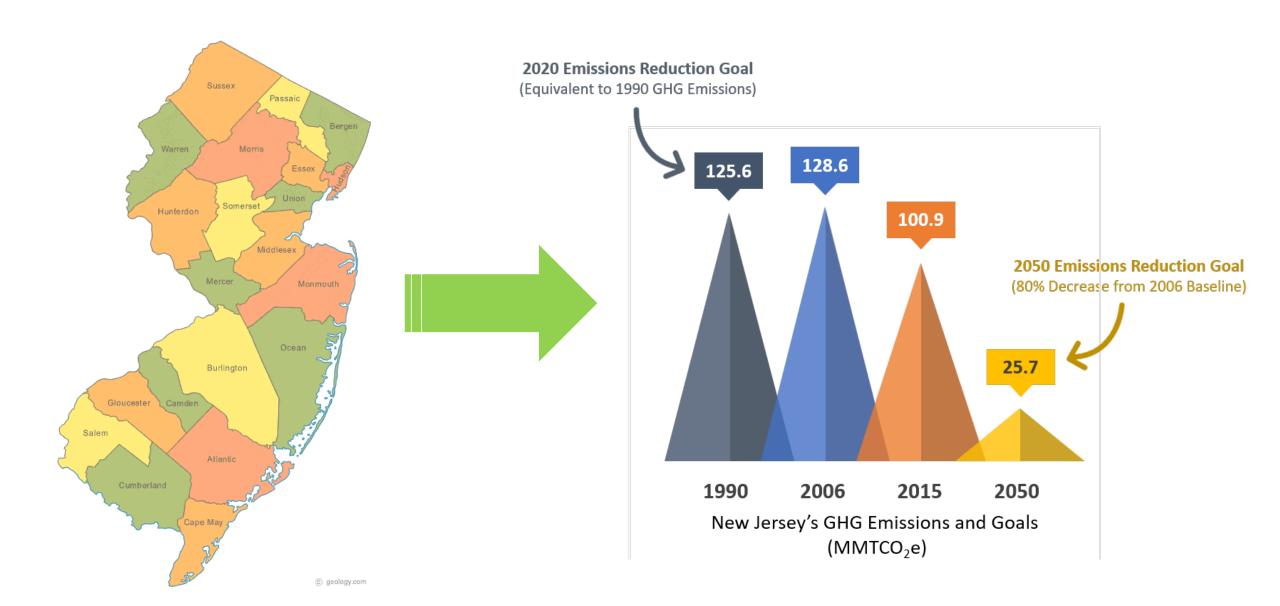
Changing policy dynamics at the State and national levels





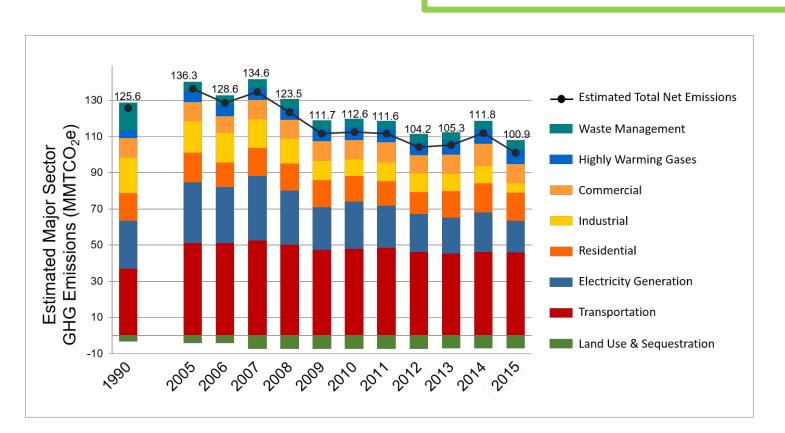


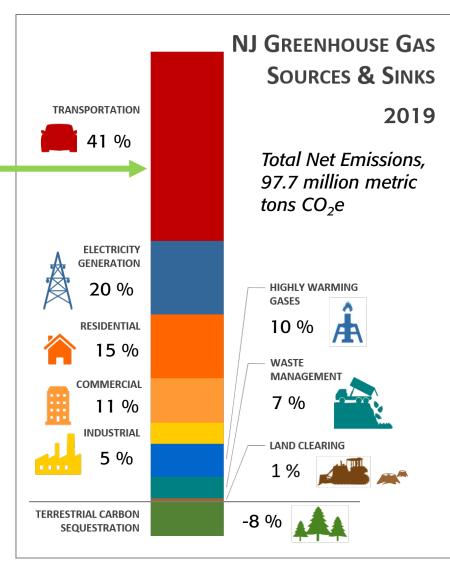
New Jersey Emissions Targets



GHG Emissions in New Jersey

Reductions in the transportation sector will be critical to achieving NJ's emissions target

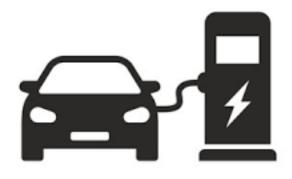


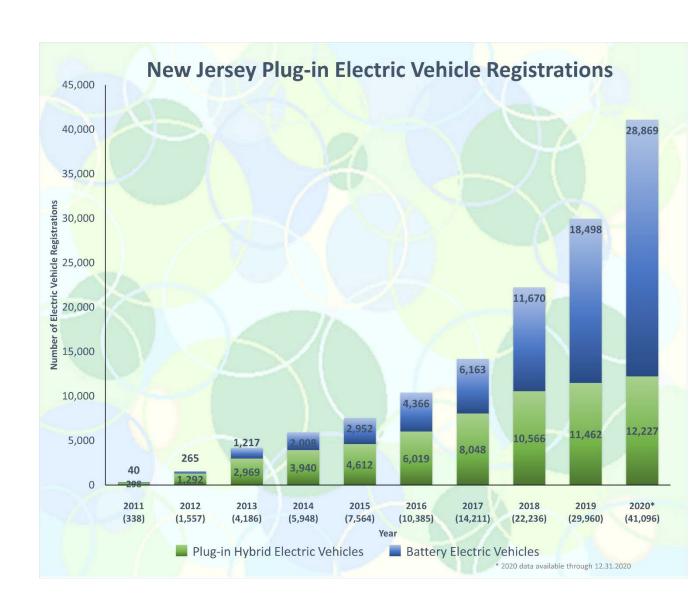


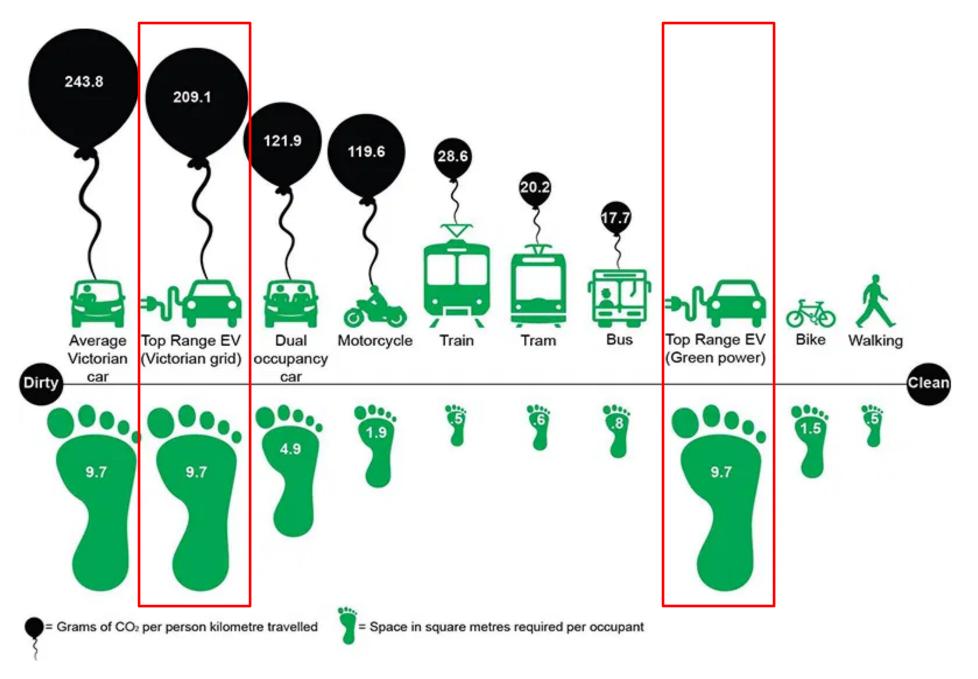
Source: NJDEP

Significant attention being paid to vehicle electrification

- Charging infrastructure investments
- Rebates and tax credits to encourage EV purchases
- EVs can use HOV lanes







This infographic compares emissions and space consumption for different transport modes. Source: Institute for Sensible Transport

What can the working group do?



Healthy. Improve health outcomes for people and communities by improving air quality and making it easier and safer to walk and bike.



Just. Promote **equity** by making travel by transit more reliable and convenient and by enhancing access to opportunity for marginalized groups.



Efficient. Increase transportation system efficiency and effectiveness by integrating advanced and emerging transportation technologies and modes.



Resilient. Enhance the resilience of transportation systems by adapting infrastructure to climate hazards.



Carbon Neutral. Reduce energy use and emissions of all kinds by facilitating a transition to CO2-neutral transportation.

Toward a healthier, more equitable, and cleaner transport future in New Jersey

HEALTHY, JUST, RESILIENT, AND CO2-NEUTRAL MOBILITY FOR ALL

What is healthy mobility?

- Access
- Safety
- Physical activity
- Mental health
- Air quality
- Noise











What is equitable and just mobility?

An equitable and just transportation system provides safe and clean transportation options that are affordable, convenient, and easy to use.

Equitable mobility

provides the same opportunity for everyone to move around reliably and sustainably in ways that meet their needs.



Graphic courtesy of Shared-Use Mobility Center

What is resilient mobility?

Robustness

Redundancy

Flexibility

Responsiveness

Coordination

What is carbon-neutral mobility?



Guiding concepts

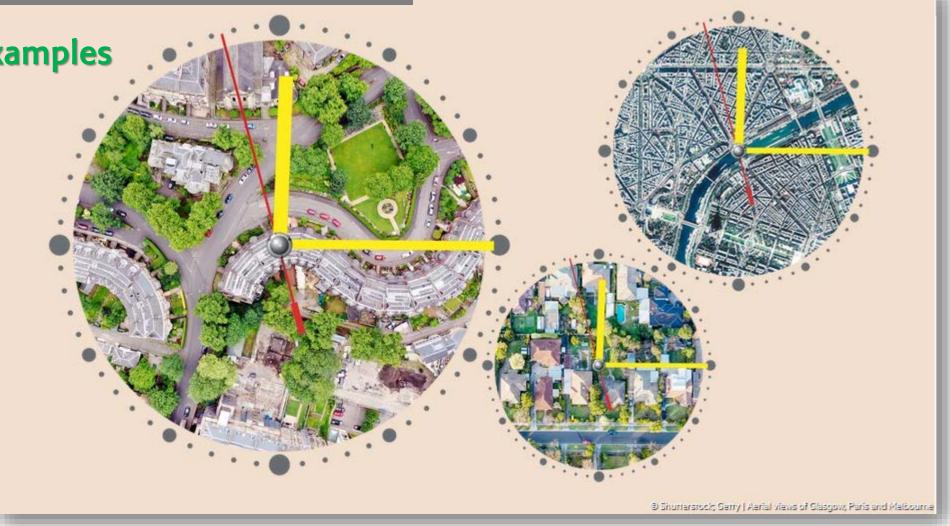
- Decarbonize the transportation sector
- Empower people to drive less
- Create a network of diverse and inclusive neighborhoods that are well connected to each other
- Think of mobility as a service and reimagine public transportation
- Embrace new technologies but ensure they are affordable and accessible to all
- Make social justice a key indicator of transportation performance

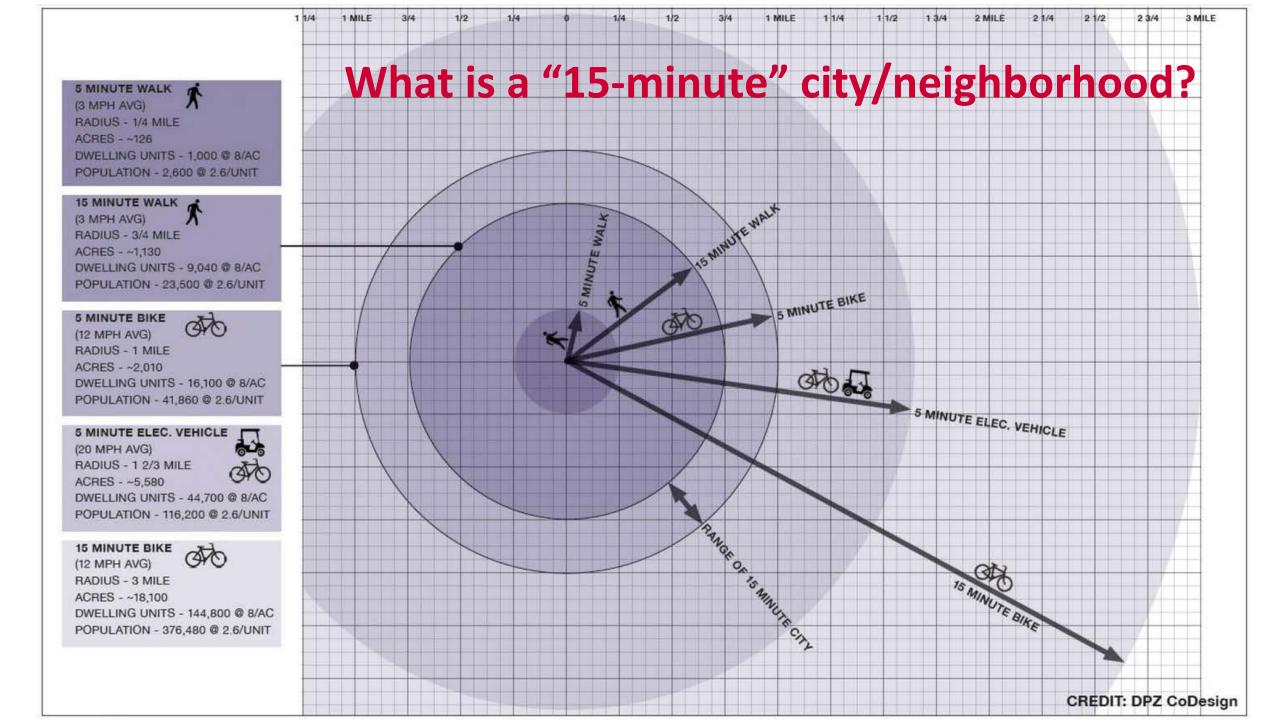
Potential Organizing Framework

"15-minute" City/Neighborhood

Leading Practice Examples

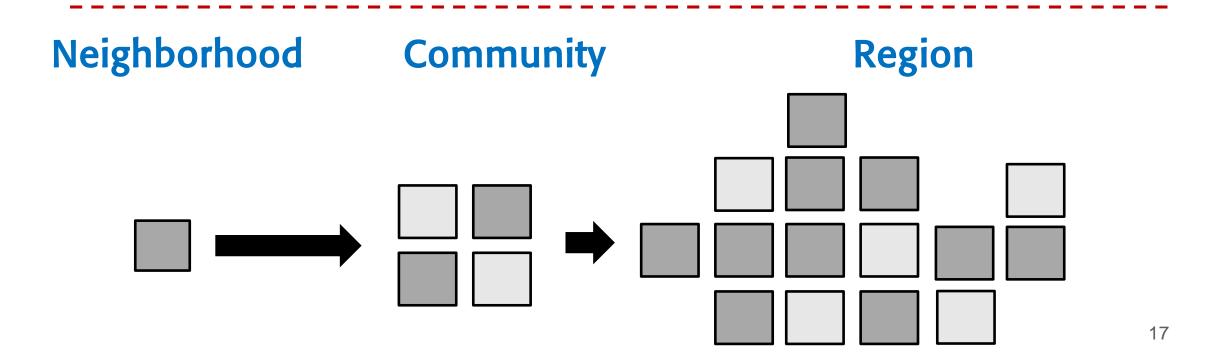
- Singapore
- Paris
- Portland
- Melbourne
- Ottawa
- Barcelona





Key relationships





Work Plan

PHASE 1 – Exploring key concepts, desktop analysis, looking toward the future (Mar 2021 to Feb 2022)

Activities:

- Conduct leading practice research
- Collect, analyze, and map data
- Identify of potential community and equity partners
- Convene "Thought Leaders" webinar and visioning workshops
- Identify vision components
- Select locations for neighborhood-scale analysis

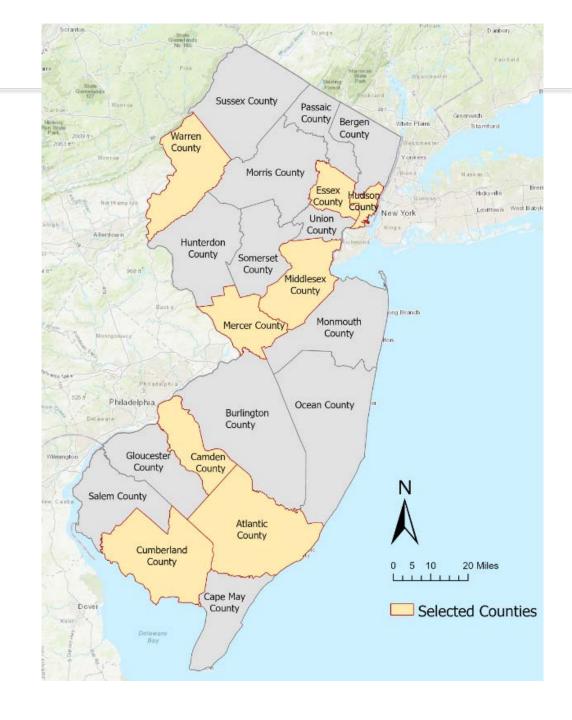
PHASE 2 – Field work, community engagement, and developing recommendations (Mar 2022 to Sep 2022)

Activities:

- Conduct field visits and interviews to get to know the neighborhoods
- Develop and implement community engagement plan
- Identify local mobility and other community needs and concerns
- Prepare concept plans for retrofitting existing neighborhoods
- Identify infrastructure needs
- Develop planning and policy recommendations
- Prepare comprehensive final report
- Convene "Thought Leaders" Forum #2 How do we get there?

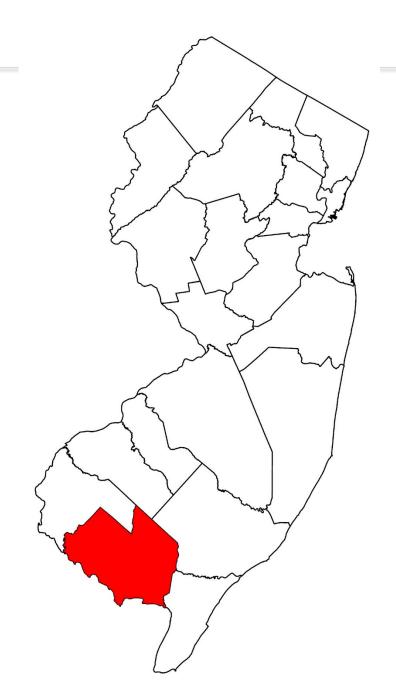
Phase 1 Case Study Locations

- 1. Atlantic
- 2. Camden
- 3. Cumberland
- 4. Essex
- 5. Hudson
- 6. Mercer
- 7. Middlesex
- 8. Warren



Exploring the Geography of People, Place, and Connections

CUMBERLAND COUNTY



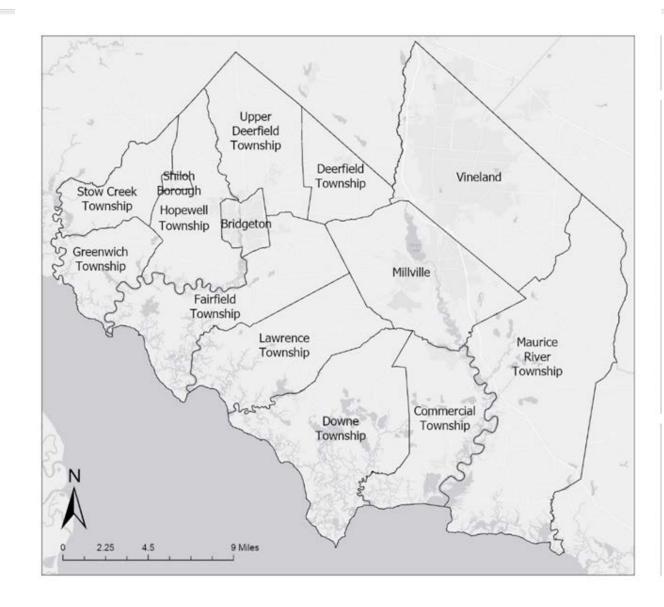
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GEOGRAPHY OF PEOPLE

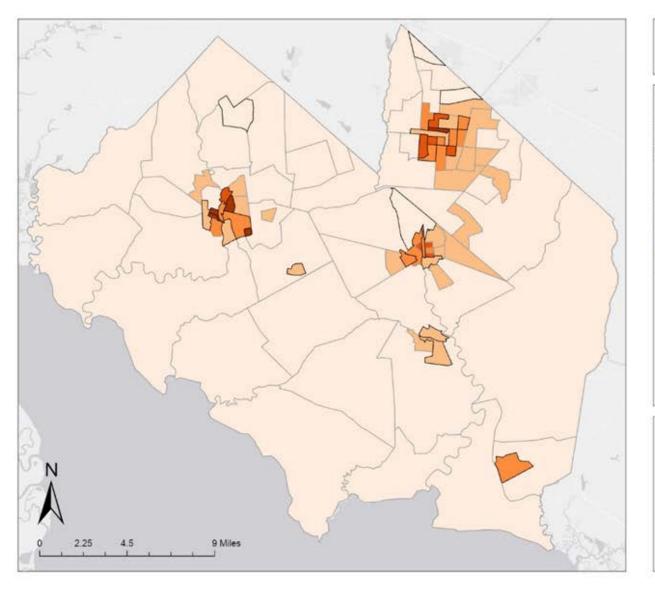
County at a glance

A mix of small towns, urban centers and rural communities

- 484 square miles
- 14 Municipalities
- Over 150,000 residents
- County Seat: The City of Bridgeton



Population



Population Density

Low Income Block Group Persons per

square mile

14 - 1083

1084 - 2769

2770 - 5378

5379 - 9095

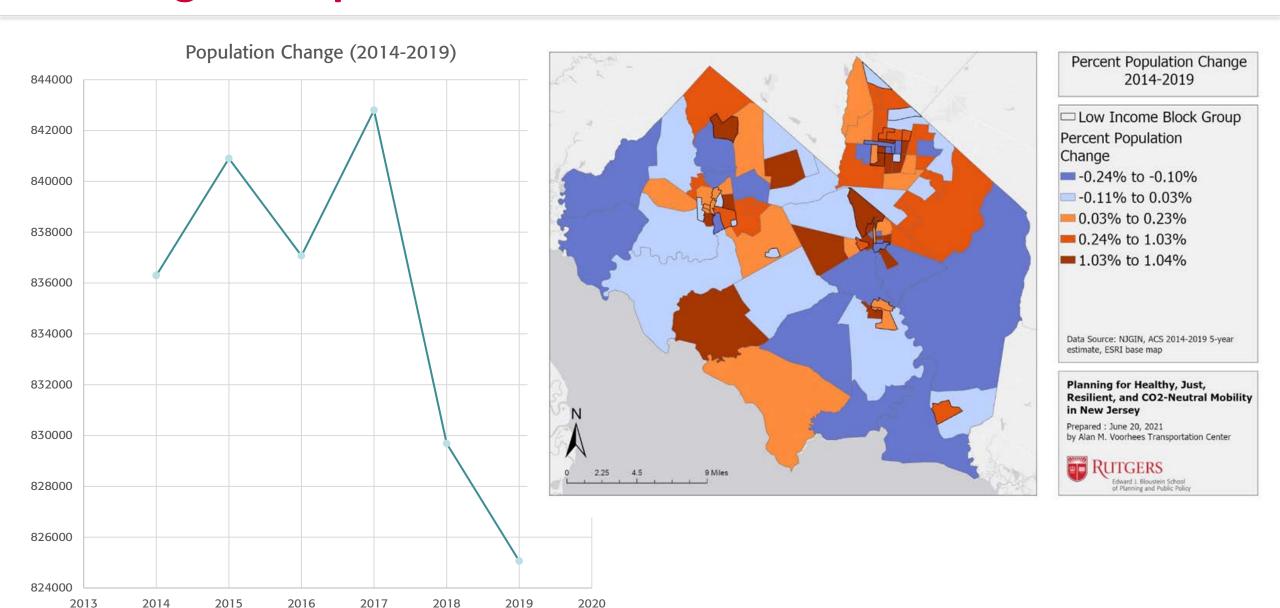
9096 - 13960

Data Source: NJGIN, ACS 2015-2019 5-year estimate, ESRI base map

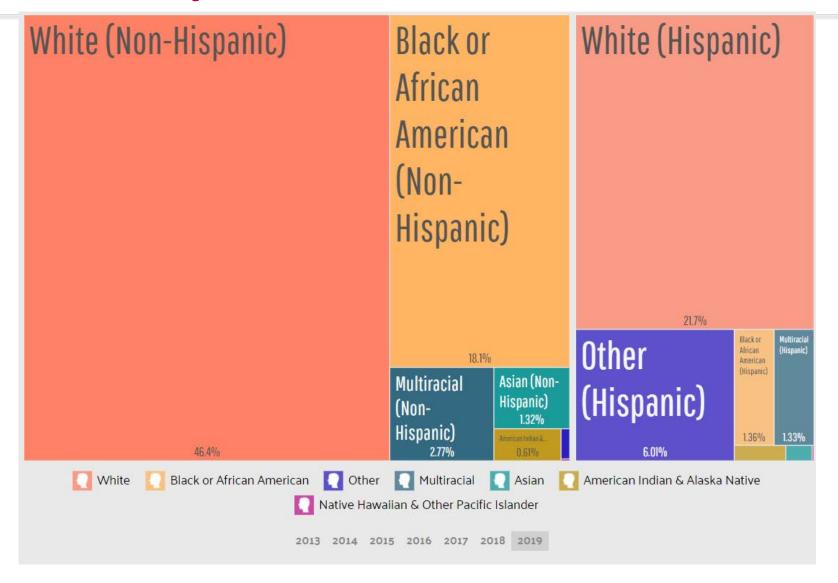
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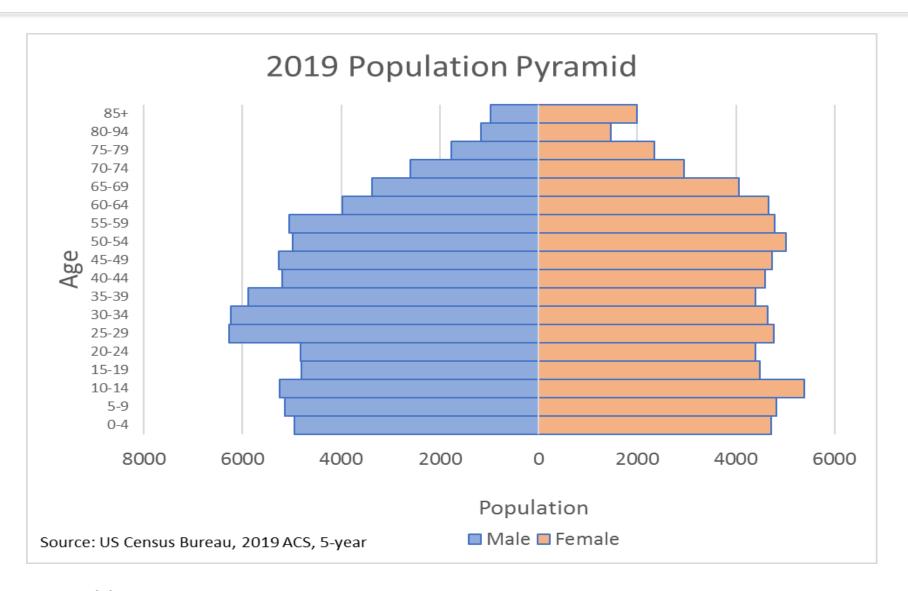
Change in Population: 2014-2019



Race and Ethnicity - 2019



Age & Gender



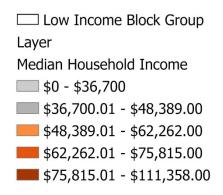
Median Age: 37.6 years old

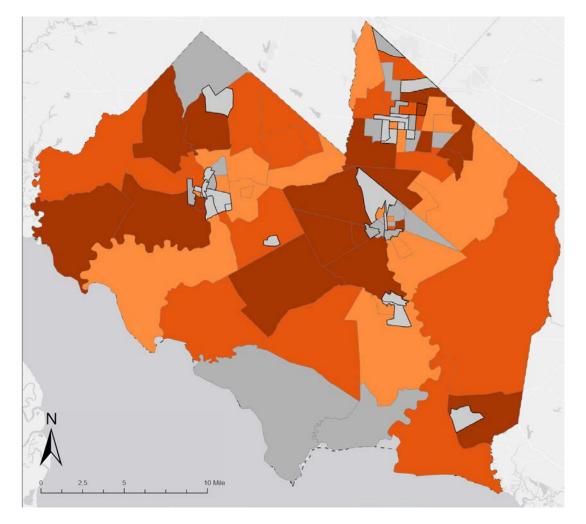
Household Income

County Average Median Household Income: \$54,149

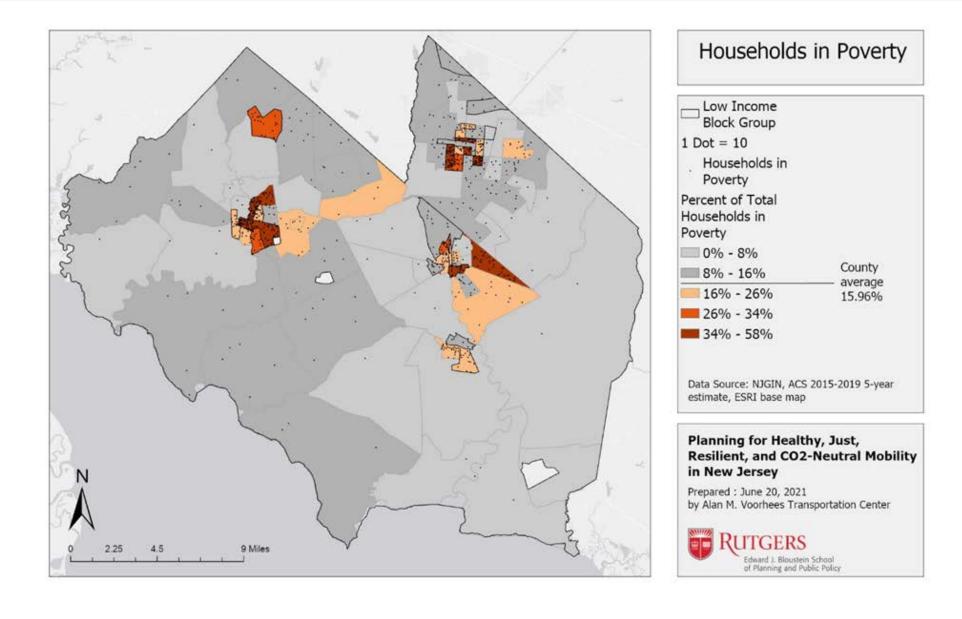
AHPNJ Region 3: 2020 Affordable Housing Income Limits. Region 6: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem

Income Limit (4 person Household)		
Very Low	\$24,625	
Low	\$41,041	
Moderate	\$65,666	
Median	\$82,083	

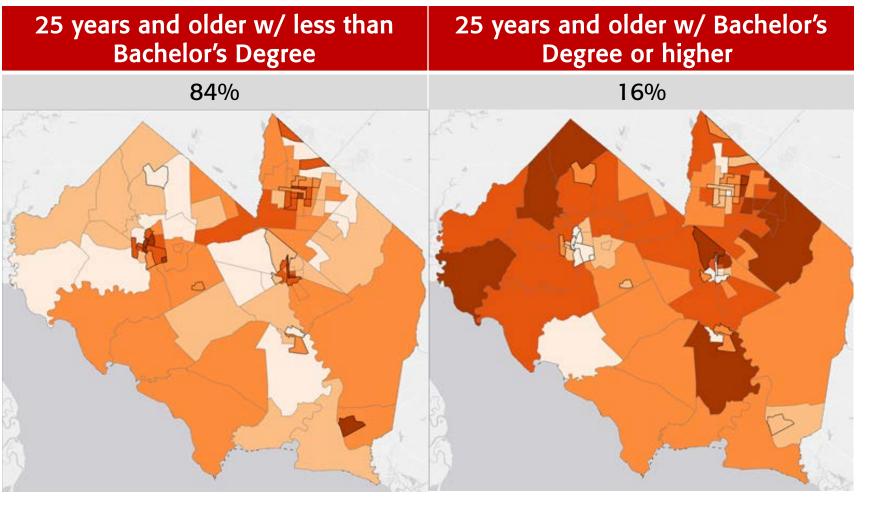




Households living in poverty



Educational Attainment



Educational Attainment	Percentage
Less than H.S Diploma	21%
H.S Diploma or equivalent	39%
Some College	24%
Professional School Degree	1%
Bachelor's Degree or higher	16%

Low Income Block Group Percent of Total Population

Less than 4%

4% - 9% 9% - 15%

15% - 22%

22% - 31%

Low Income Block Group Percent of Total Population

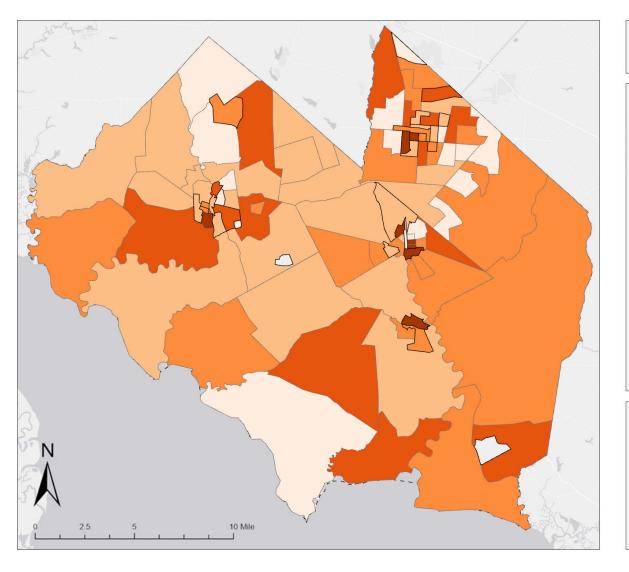
Less than 3%

3% - 7%

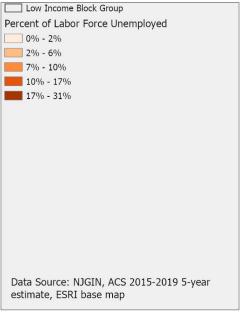
7% - 12%

12% - 19% 19% - 32%

Employment Status



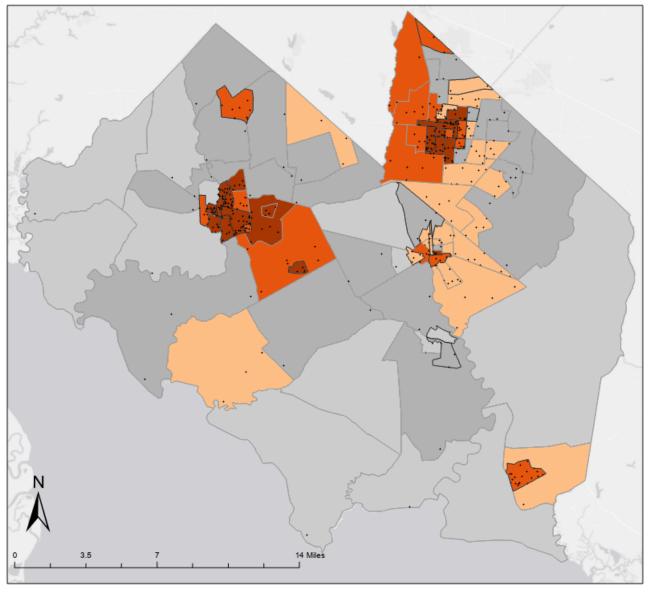
Labor Force Unemployed



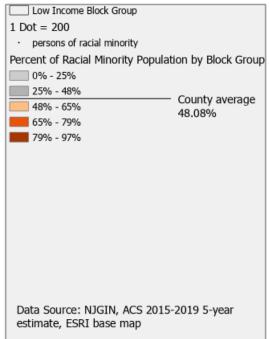
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- Racial Minority
- Foreign Born status
- Limited English Proficiency
- Disability status
- Older Adults (75+)
- Single Parent households

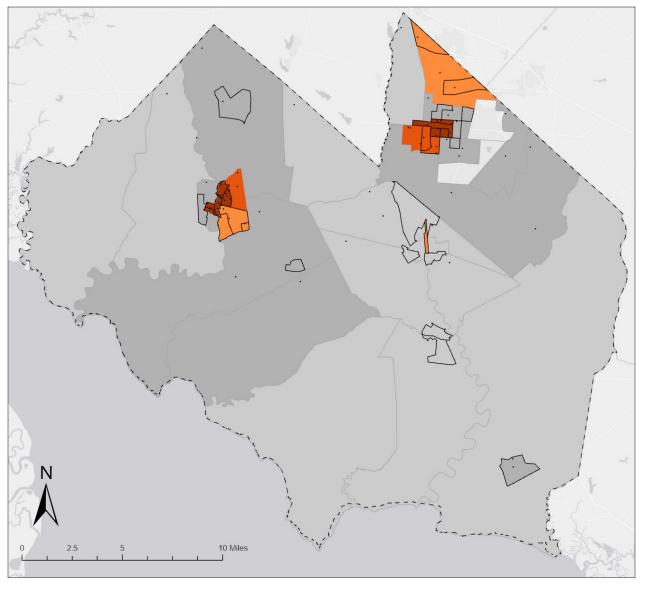


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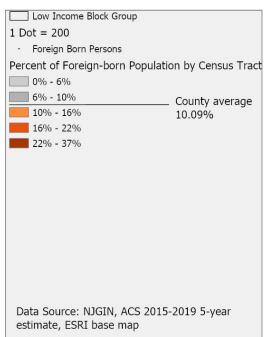






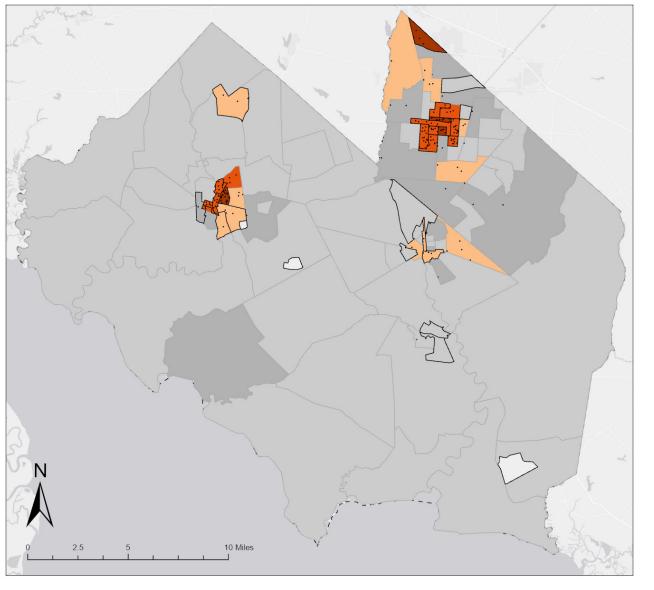


Foreign-born Population

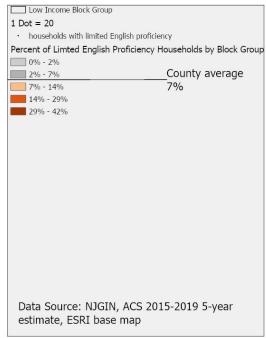






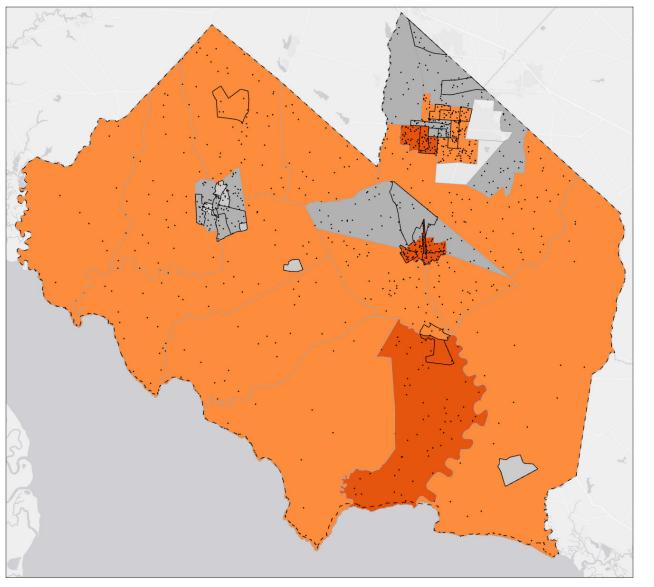


Limited English Proficiency

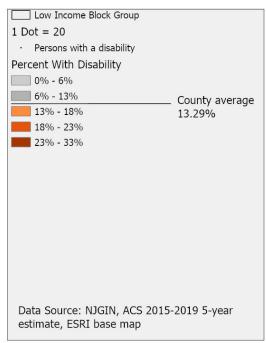


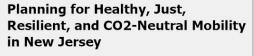
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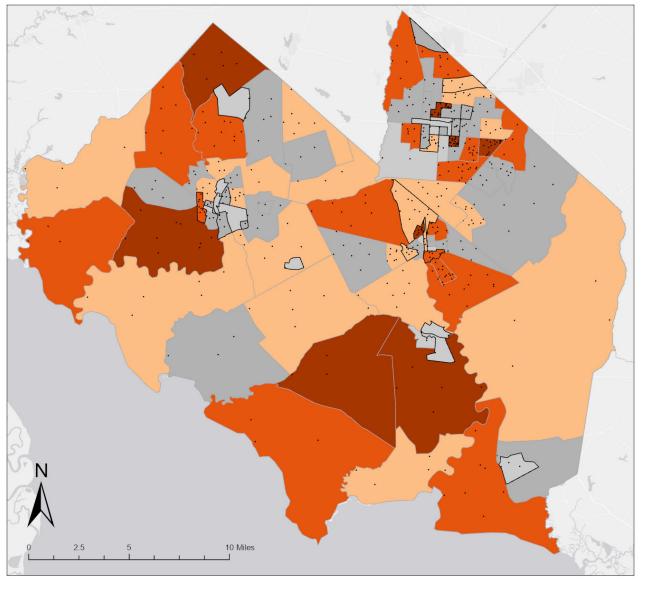


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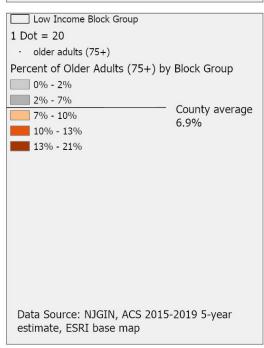








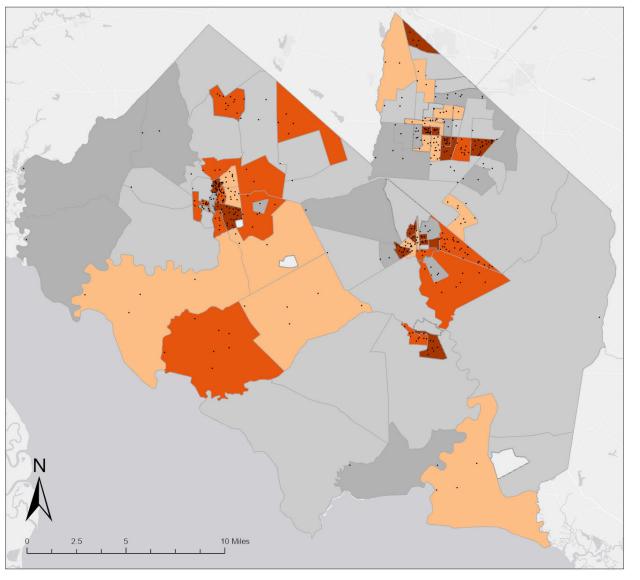
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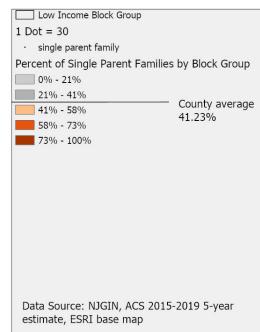
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Indicators of Potential Disadvantage



Single Parent Family



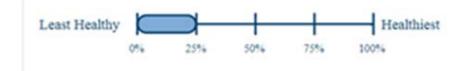
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Health Behaviors

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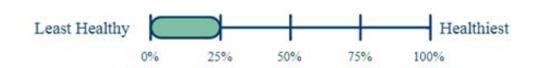
Source: 2020 NJ County Health rankings

Health Behaviors	Cumberland County	NJ
Adult Smoking	23%	14%
Adult obesity	37%	26%
Food environment inde x	7.5	9.3
Physical inactivity	32%	26%
Access to exercise opportunities	79%	95%
Excessive drinking	18%	18%
Alcohol- impaired driving deaths	30%	22%

Physical Environment	Middlesex County	NJ
Air pollution- particulate matter	7.8	9.9
Drinking water problems	Yes	-
Severe housing problems	24%	22%
Driving alone to work	81%	71%
Long commute- driving alone	31%	43%

Health Behaviors

Middlesex is ranked among the least healthy counties in New Jersey (Lowest 0%-25%) regarding Health Outcomes

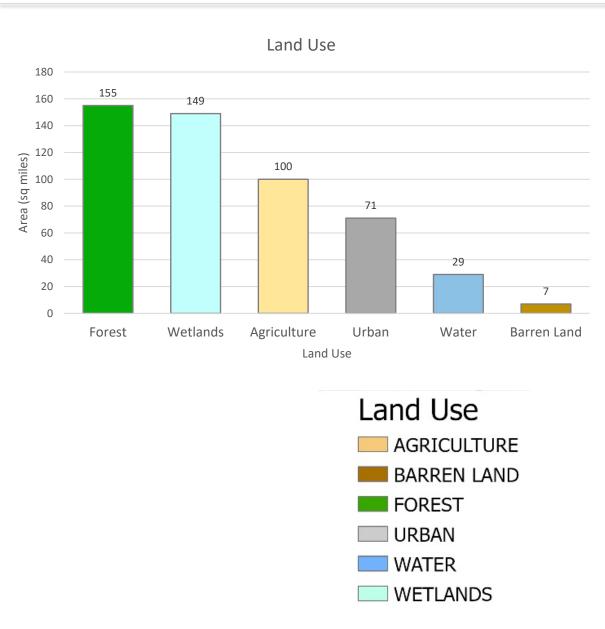


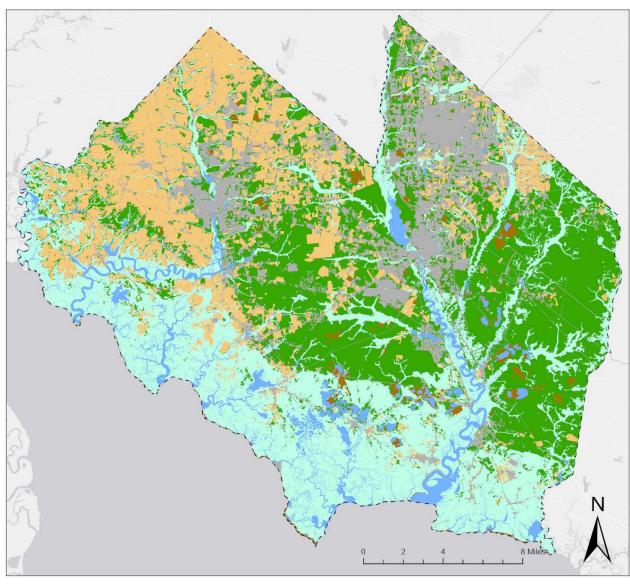
Quality of Life	Cumberland County	NJ	Leading Causes of Death Under age 75 in Cumberland	Deaths
Poor or fair health	25%	18%	County	
Poor physical health days	5.3	3.7	Malignant neoplasms	589
Poor mental health days	4.9	3.9	Diseases of heart	464
Low birthweight	10%	8%	Accidents	359
Life expectancy	75.3	80.4 years	Diabetes mellitus	99
Diabetes prevalence	13%	10%	Cerebrovascular diseases	73
Frequent physical distress	16%	11%		

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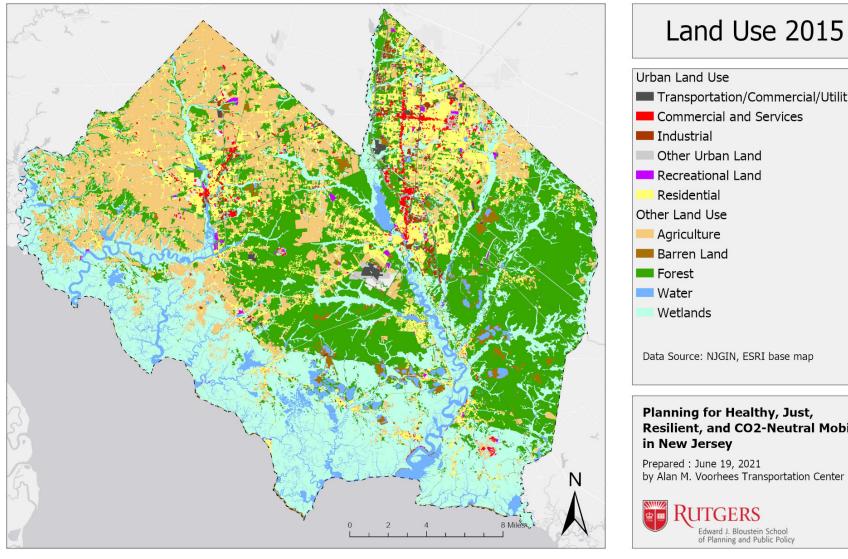
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Natural Land Use





Urban Land Use



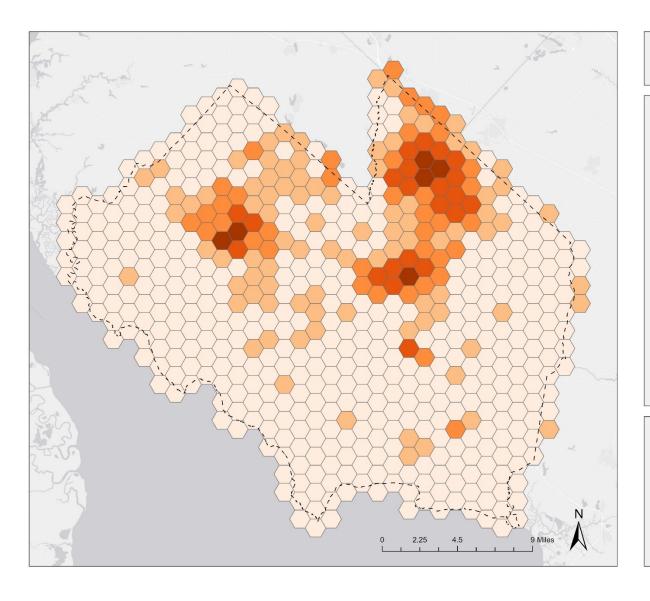
Land Use 2015



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Employment Density



Employment Density

Number of employees per sq mile

- 0 67
- -67 230
- **230 552**
- **=**552 1328
- **1**328 3300

Data Source: NJGIN, Esri Business Analyst (2020 data)

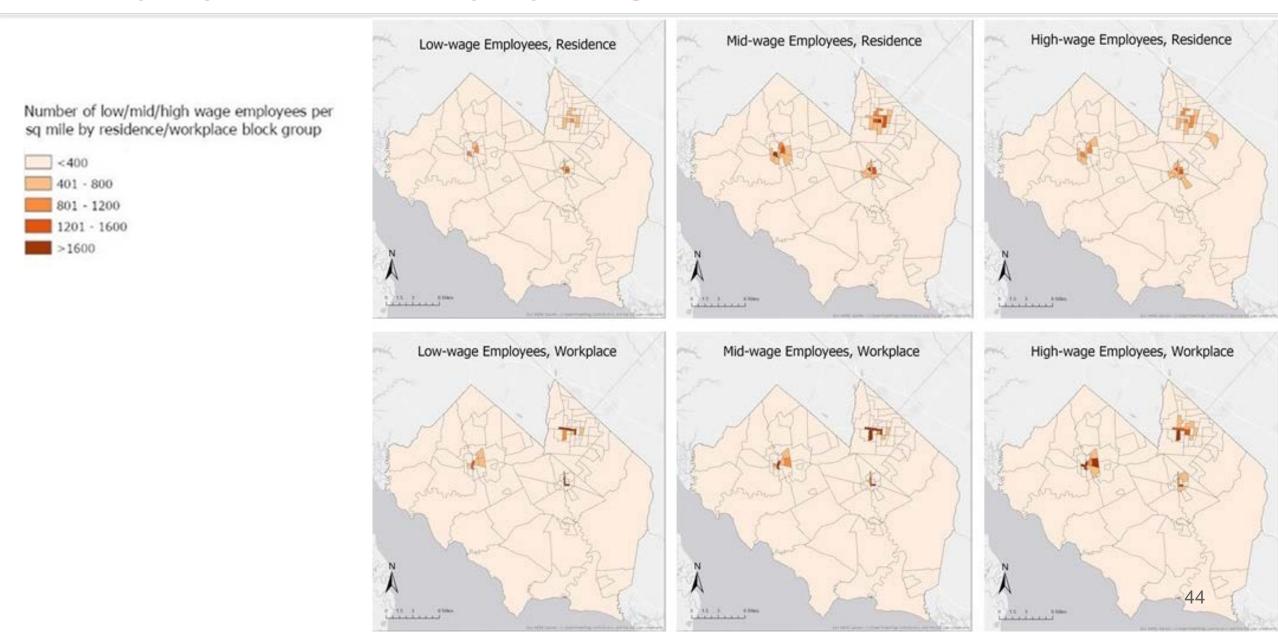
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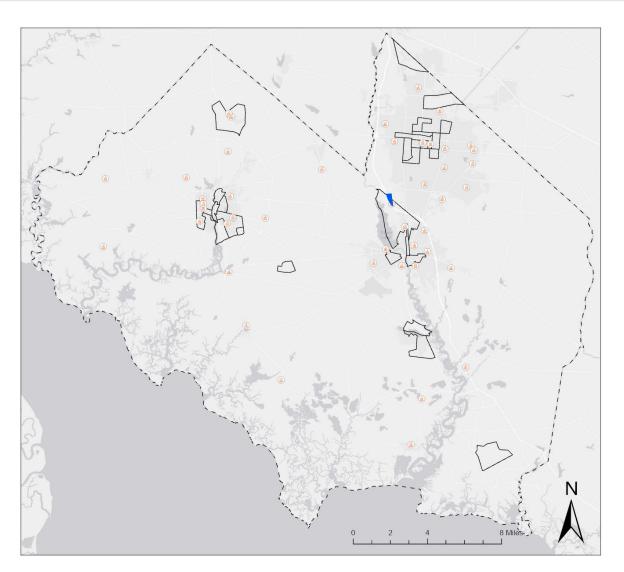
Employment Density by Wage



Education Services

Type 1: Colleges and universities

Type 2: K-12 public schools



Education

Low Income Block Group

K-12 Public School

Rowan College of South Jersey Cumberland Campus

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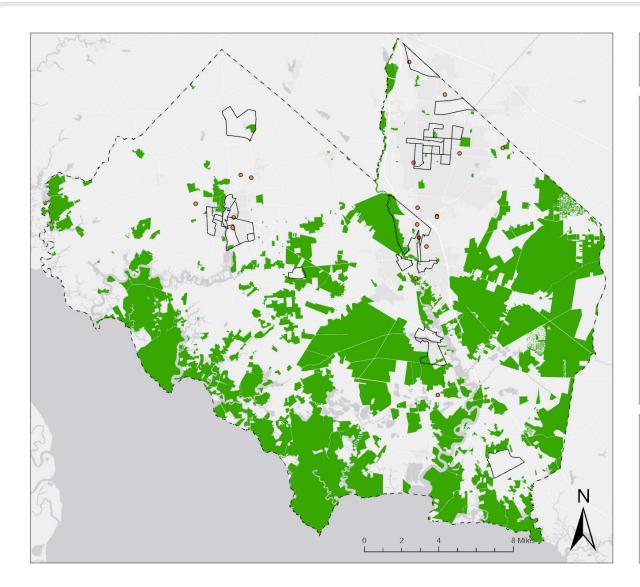
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Recreation

Type 1: State, local and nonprofit Open Space

Type 2: Fitness centers



Recreation

- State, Local, and Nonprofit Open Space
 □ Low Income Block Group
- Fitness Center

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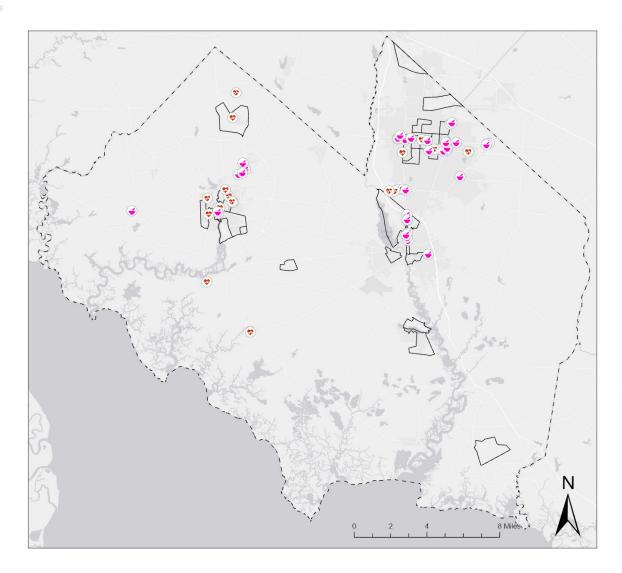
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Medical Services

Type 1: Hospitals and emergency centers

Type 2: Pharmacies



Medical Services

- Low Income Block Group
- Pharmacy or Drug Store
- Hospital and Emergency Center

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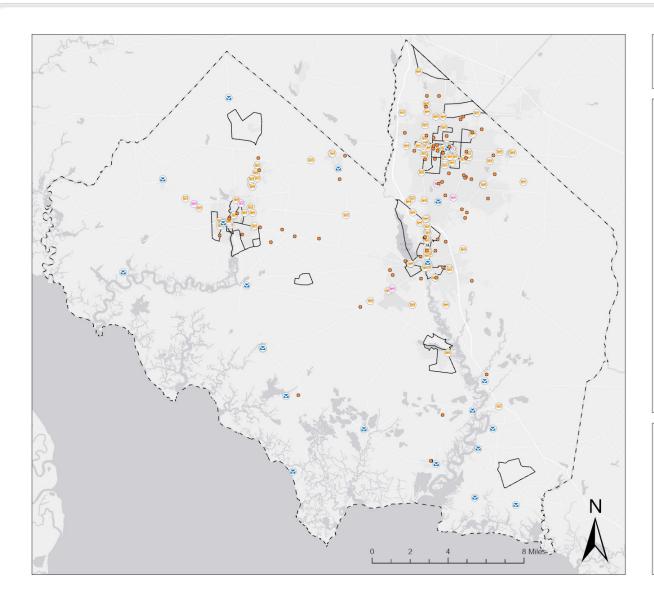


Other Essential Services

Type 1: Commercial Banks and Credit Unions

Type 2: Postal Services

Type 3: Childcare Centers



Essential Services

- □ Low Income Block Group
- Child Care Center
- Postal Service
- Credit Union
- Commercial Banking

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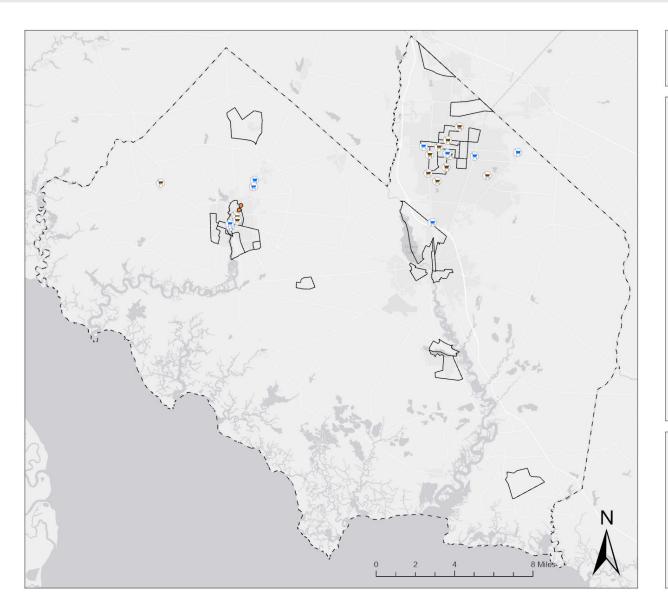


Commercial Amenities

Type 1: Full-service grocery stores

Type 2: Convenience/Specialty stores

Type 3: Laundromats



Commercial Amenities

Low Income Block Group

- Convenience/ Specialty Store
- Full-service Grocery Store
- Laundromat

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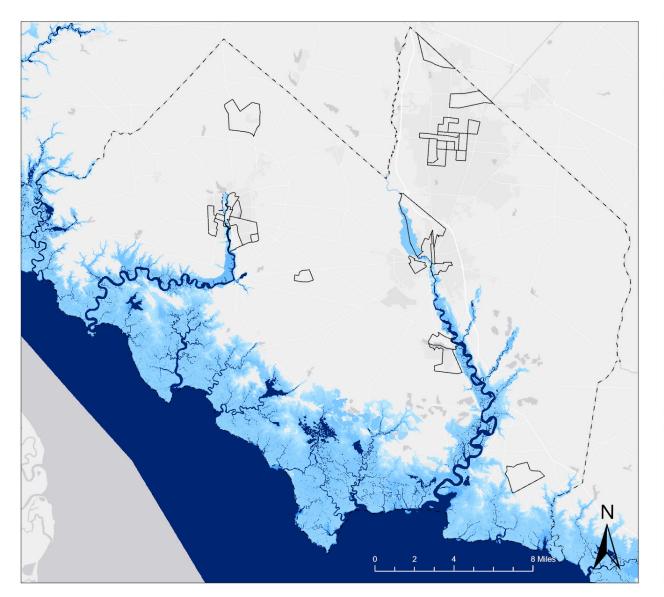
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Climate Vulnerability

Sea-level rise



Sea Level Rise (5 ft)

Low Income Block Group
High
Low

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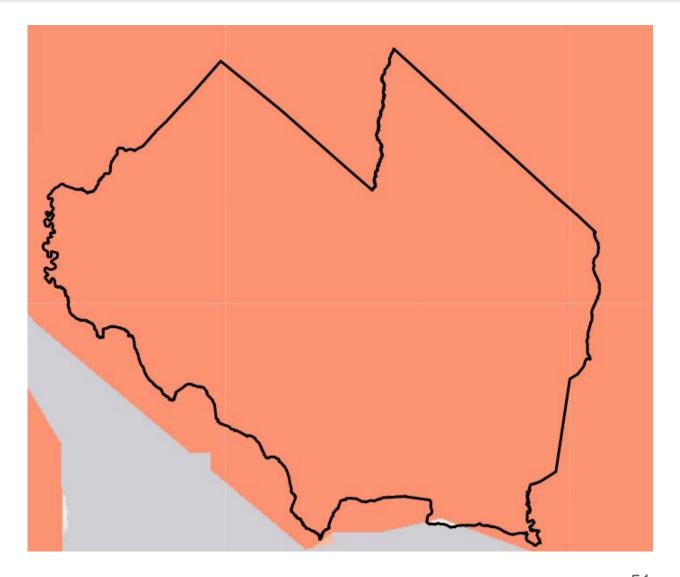
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Climate Vulnerability

Exposure to extreme heat (High-emissions scenario)

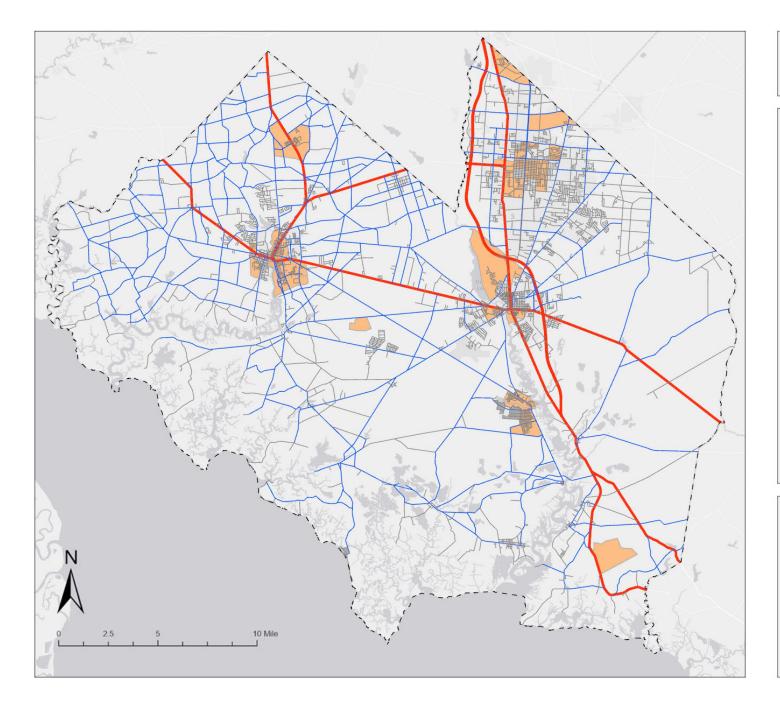




Source: NJ Forest Adapt

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GEOGRAPHY OF MOBILITY AND CONNECTIONS



Road Network

Type

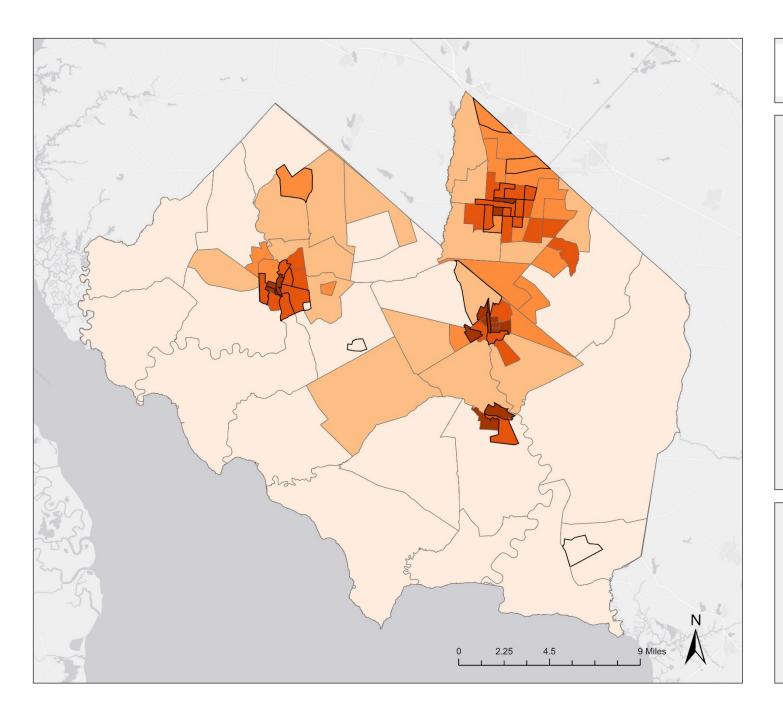
- Interstate/US/State highway
- County Route
- Local Road
- Low Income Block Group

Data Source: NJGIN, ACS 2015-2019 5-year estimate, ESRI base map

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Intersection Density

Number of intersections per acre

0 - 4

4 - 14

14 - 35

35 - 79

-79 - 176

□Low income block group

Data Source: NJGIN, Esri Business

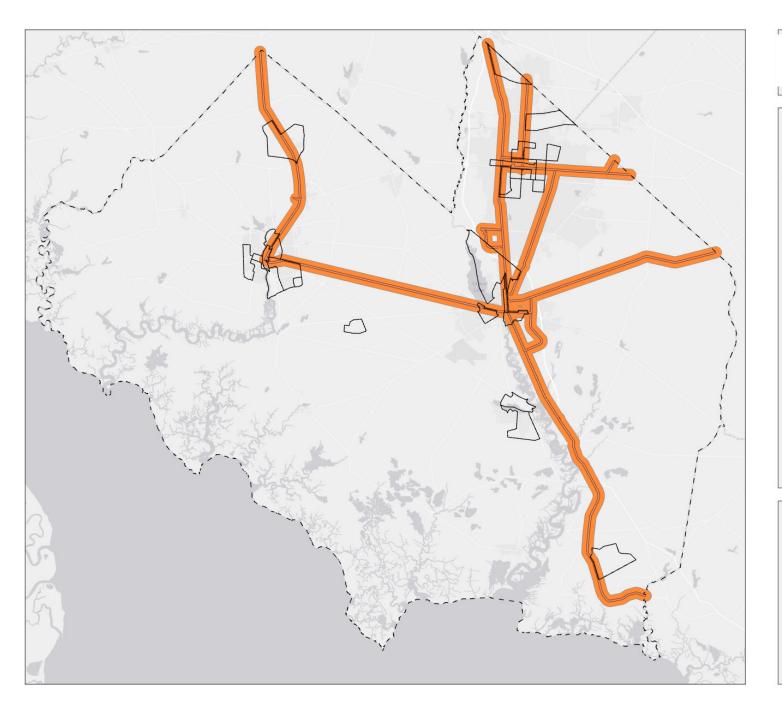
Analyst (2020 data)

Note: The area of a hexagon is 1 sq mile

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Transit Service Area

- ☐ Low Income Block Group
- Bus Route
- Transit Service Area

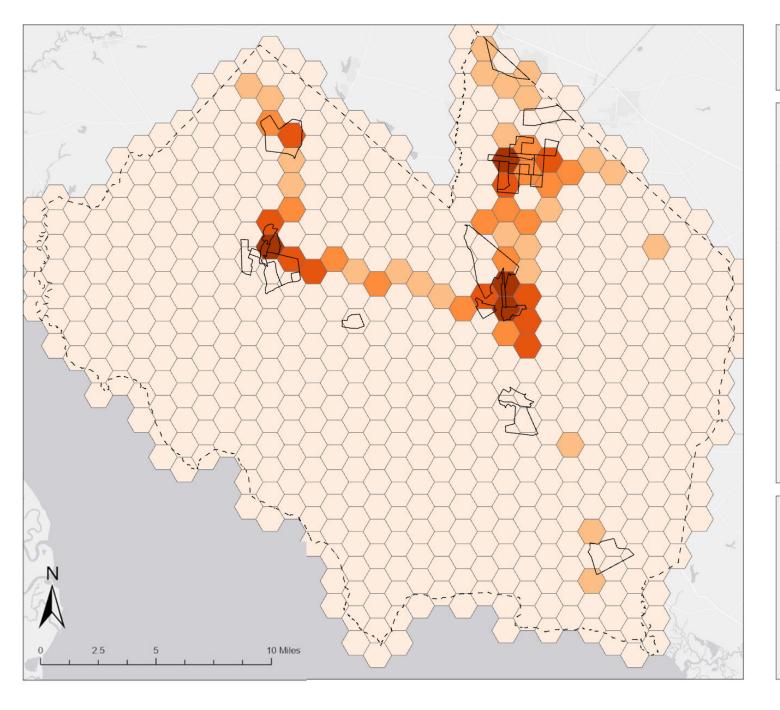
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estimate, ESRI base map

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Bus Stop Density

Low Income Block Group

Stops per sq mile

0 to 1

2 to 3

Note: Area of a hexagon is 1 sq mile

6 to 9

10 to 14

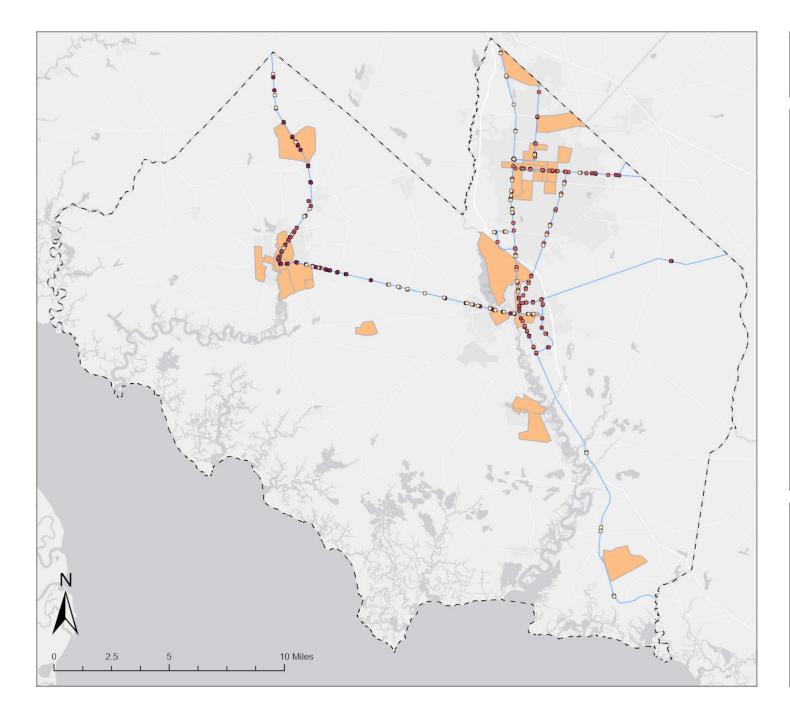
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Bus Service Frequency

Max Wait TIme

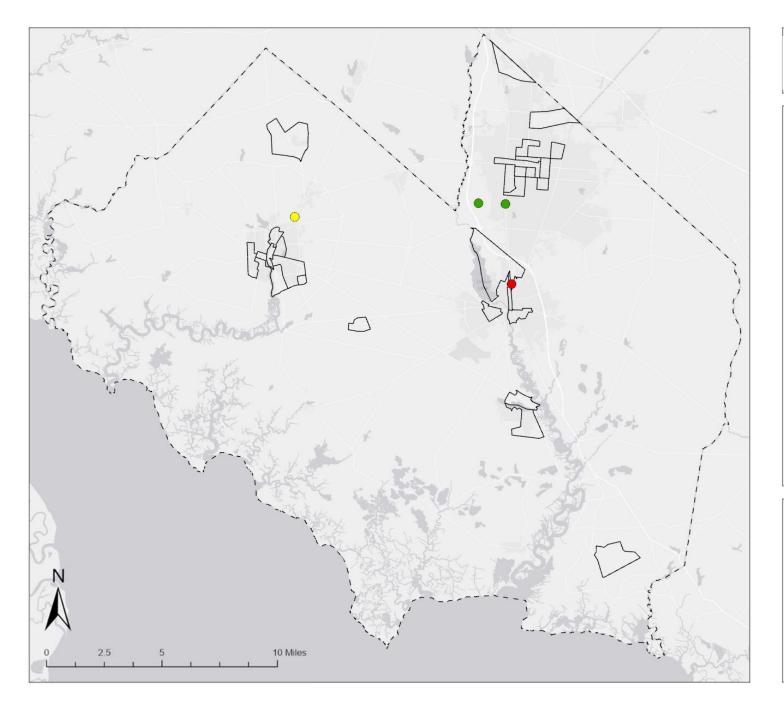
- 0 15 min
- 16 50 min
- 51 78 min
- 79 107 min
- 108 152 min
- Bus Route
- Low Income Block Group

Data Source: NJGIN, ACS 2015-2019 5-year estimate, NJ Transit GTFS data, ESRI base map

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Alt. Fueling Station

☐ Low Income Block Group

Fuel Type

- Compressed Natural Gas
- Electric
- Liquified Petroleum Gas

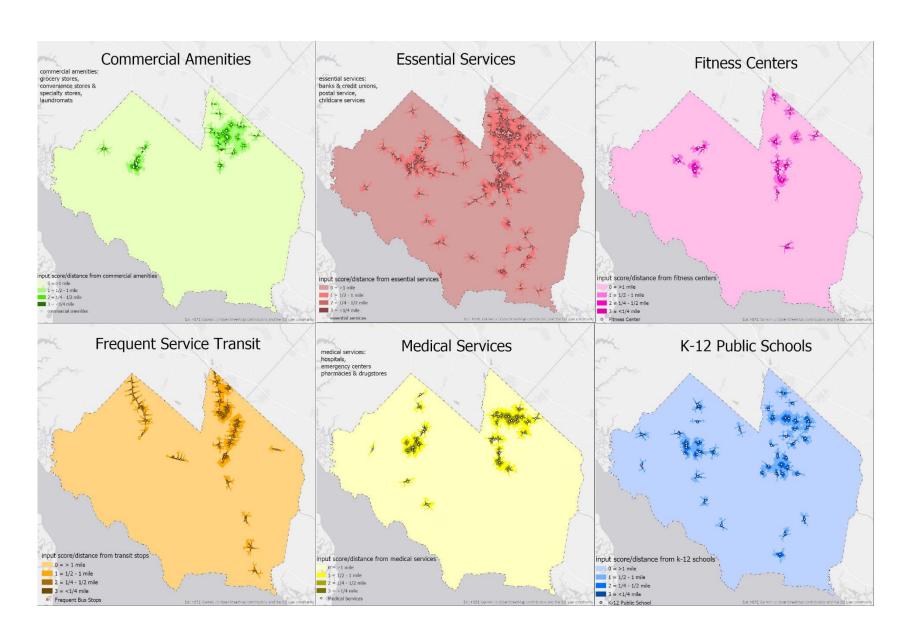
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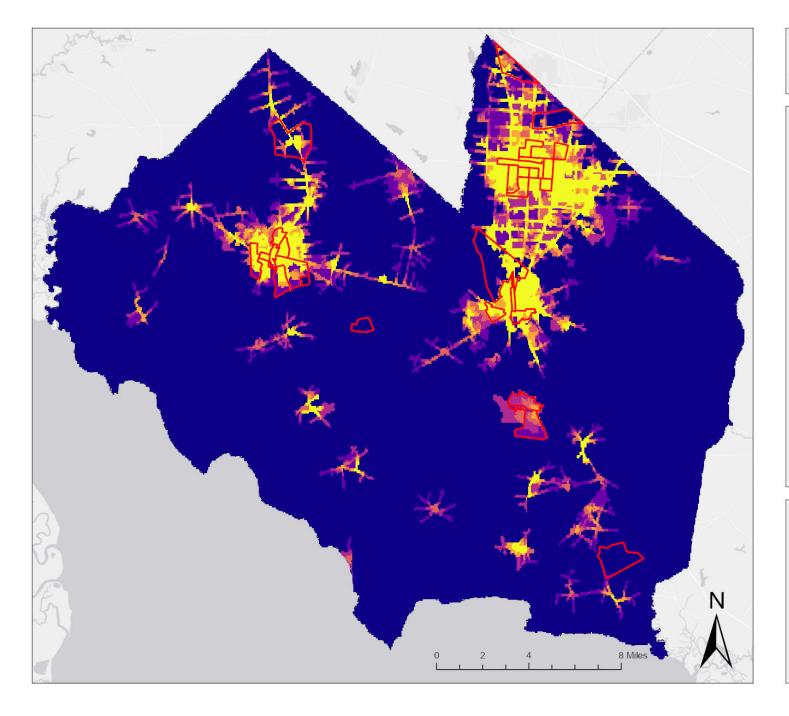
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Measured Accessibility Analysis





"15-min." Accessibility

Accessibility

Best Access Least Access

□ Low Income Block Group

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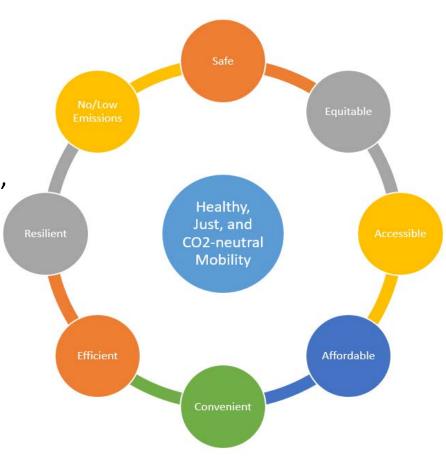
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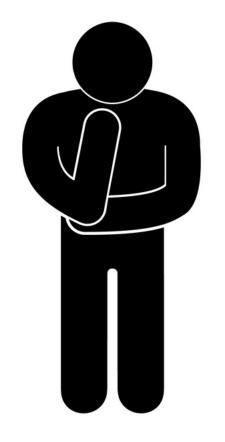
Objectives

- Explore the components of the multi-goal framework
- Identify
 - Needs, concerns, and desired long-term outcomes
 - Performance measures
 - What needs to change
 - Potential obstacles and impediments to achieving healthy, just, resilient, and carbon-neutral mobility for all

Format

- Plenary + breakouts
- Virtual or in-person depending on conditions
- Timing December 2021-March 2022





Thoughts? Questions? Discussion?