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**JOINT STATEMENT  
DELANCO TOWNSHIP  
EDGEWATER PARK TOWNSHIP  
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The governing bodies of Delanco Township and Edgewater Park Township have unanimously agreed to explore shared services through the municipal courts. The Townships already engage in numerous shared services, both formally and informally, including trash collection and public works services.

“Edgewater Park is looking forward to working with Delanco Township in exploring the option of shared services within our municipal courts. As elected officials, we have an obligation to explore cooperative efforts that can be cost effective for our residents. Not only would each town benefit from saving our residents money, it will also offer a means to improve the level and quality of services,” said Mayor Donna Mount, Edgewater Park.

Mayor Kate Fitzpatrick, Delanco Township, indicated “Delanco continues to explore areas of shared services in an effort to reduce costs to our residents. We look forward to reviewing and studying this matter to see if combining our municipal court facilities with Edgewater Park will realize savings to our towns. Edgewater Park has proven itself a good partner in other matters that have faced our respective municipalities, and we are happy to have them as a partner in this effort.”

The parties are just commencing the exploratory phase and will begin gathering information to analyze docket loads, staffing requirements, and related costs. Other municipalities within Burlington County have entered into shared service arrangements for their municipal courts, including Cinnaminson and Riverton, Bordentown and Bordentown City, and North Hanover, Chesterfield and Wrightstown.