

## August 26, 2021 Route 130 Corridor Study Subcommittee meeting notes

Attendees: Peter Fritz (History Board), Tom Fynan (Sewerage Authority), Dan Martin (Joint Land Use Board), Kitty Martin (Deputy Clerk & Joint Land Use Board Secretary), Mike Templeton (Mayor)

Mayor Templeton and Mrs. Martin summarized the purpose of the Study and stated that information had been pulled from various planning documents to complete a draft of the Municipal Questionnaire. Mr. Fritz had submitted written comments in advance of the meeting. At the end of the meeting everyone was encouraged to email additional comments to Mayor Templeton and Mrs. Martin.

### Items Discussed/Suggestions

- Whether it is still a positive thing that Delanco is a “dry town” – may want to have a restaurant that serves alcoholic beverages
- Views of the Rancocas Creek – possible locations for canoe/kayak launch area – regulations regarding the tree line along the creek in order to prevent erosion, Pennington Park is under the jurisdiction of Burlington County
- 2019 Master Plan Reexamination Report did not contain Historic Preservation Plan Element – much work was done to adopt ordinances to address issues raised in the 2009 Master Plan
- Include note about community retail, including restaurants, in vision statement
- Add information about the Winzinger solar farm (AC Power) to the section on sustainability – noted the solar farm was listed under the State Plan Consistency section of Questionnaire on page 6
- Include the Robbins Lane neighborhood in the 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan info on page 3 of Questionnaire
- Access to Code Blue Shelter – function is handled by the County, not the municipality
- Township is in very good shape with respect to Affordable Housing – discussed Table 17 in the Report which shows Delanco with only 1 unit in 2014 – Mayor will address with Tom Stanuikynas again
- In addition to noting “asks” of the State for help should also note “asks” of Burlington County – especially need assistance with traffic issues – growth was encouraged, now infrastructure needs to be addressed
- Possibility of partnering with Burlington County to provide Rancocas Creek access at the Ash Street properties – concrete ramp at 200 Ash would be a very good launch site – would need to address public’s concerns with traffic, parking, trash issues
- Correction needed to Sewerage Authority address in the Assessment Report
- Township acquisition of two parcels on Hawk Island – discussed work that needs to be done to allow public access and problems with boaters leaving trash
- Add Babe Ruth Field and Walnut Street School field to list of open space/recreation facilities on page 6 of Questionnaire
- Add new businesses to list under “Promote Beneficial Growth & Development” (State Plan Consistency) on page 6 of Questionnaire: yoga studio, jewelry store, small market – discussed adding existing businesses, perhaps note continued support of them(?), including: deli, 2 automotive repair shops, florist, dentist office, Dunkin’ Donuts, hair salon, insurance agency, 7-Eleven
- Mention use of Dobbins Methodist Church and Zurbrugg Mansion for public meetings on page 7 of Questionnaire
- Add section with information about the History Board on page 7 of Questionnaire
- Possible “asks” of State/County - Top priority ask of State is for assistance with alleviating traffic issues – reinstatement of NJ Transit bus line to Delanco to assist with new employees of Township businesses; improve Affordable Housing process; improve access to electronic access to property records; get full endorsement by the State to designate Rancocas Creek National Water Trail; ask State to make grants available for local cultural and historical projects and events; ask Burlington County for assistance with sidewalk installations on County roads
- Ask businesses to institute a bike sharing program

## September 2, 2021 Route 130 Corridor Study Subcommittee meeting notes

Attendees: Chris Kloss (resident), Peter Fritz (History Board), Linda Gaffney (resident), Marisa Karamanoogian (Board of Ed), Kitty Martin (Deputy Clerk & Joint Land Use Board Secretary), Tom Stanuikynas (Bridge Commission), Mike Templeton (Mayor)

Mayor Templeton summarized the purpose of the Study and Mr. Stanuikynas provided information about the State planning process and the benefits of participating. Purpose of the Advisory Committee is to represent the public. Mr. Stanuikynas prepared the Assessment Report and said it was a broad overview of what is going on in the corridor. Each municipality then reviews the Report to give it a personal touch in addition to completing a Municipal Questionnaire. The two documents are to be reviewed, adopted and submitted to the State. The State Planning Commission will do a review, comment on the documents and then the visioning process can begin. Also communicate with the County about issues and needs. Mr. Kloss had submitted written comments in advance of the meeting. At the end of the meeting everyone was encouraged to email additional comments to Mayor Templeton and Mrs. Martin.

### Items Discussed/Suggestions

- School district is primarily a walking district – how to make things safer for children – need sidewalks completed/repaired, crosswalks painted, speed limits lowered? – safety concerns for students crossing Burlington Avenue commercial property driveways at the north end of town – need to focus on what happens if busing is eliminated due to the expense/lack of drivers and being in a good place with safe routes to school – students even walk to Riverside High School which is several miles away – elimination of busing may lead to more personal vehicles on the road as parents transport students – after school activities would suffer without adequate transportation
- Delanco is a walking community – children and adults are walking to the river, to recreational areas and to the local shops – need to focus on sidewalks as well as bicycle safety on busy County roadways in areas such as the Babe Ruth Field and Field of Dreams on Creek Road – new connection to Greenway Trail will provide south end of town, including the Crossings and Newton’s Landing developments, with new access to Field of Dreams and Pennington Park
- Need to improve jughandle at Wawa but it needs to be looked at in conjunction with increased traffic throughout the area, especially with respect to new commercial facilities
- Increased number of pedestrians walking from Light Rail station to commercial facilities – there is a big need for sidewalks along the County roads – some areas of Coopertown Road do not have good optics for drivers to see pedestrians (curve at Hickory Street/curve at Creek Road)
- New warehousing is being built along Coopertown-Delanco Road in Delanco and Edgewater Park but developers have not been required to make improvements to any intersections including two four-way stop intersections in Edgewater Park – there has been a notable increase in truck traffic in the area
- Discussed the June 29, 2018 Burlington County – River Route Corridor Study that focused on traffic planning and design
- Need assistance with storm resiliency, i.e., flooding on roads that lead out of town – Delanco-Riverside Bridge is impassable when the Rancocas Creek is high – have experienced flooding on Burlington Avenue when Boggs Ditch is not draining properly – difficulty coordinating action to clean it out since the ditch runs through several jurisdictions and the Army Corp of Engineers (involved since 1860’s because of National Cemetery) being responsible for cleaning it out – FEMA flood maps continue to show more areas of town will be susceptible to flooding
- Revamp affordable housing rules, process, calculation formulas
- Revamp educational system services for special needs students so financial burden is not entirely on municipalities
- Discussed possible grant funding for projects including DOT, DVRPC, NJEDA grants – Township’s lack of Complete Streets policy
- Discussed new “no parking/no stopping or standing” signage and pending sidewalk installations by the Township and the County on Coopertown and Creek Roads