



Master Plan Update



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Borough of Fanwood
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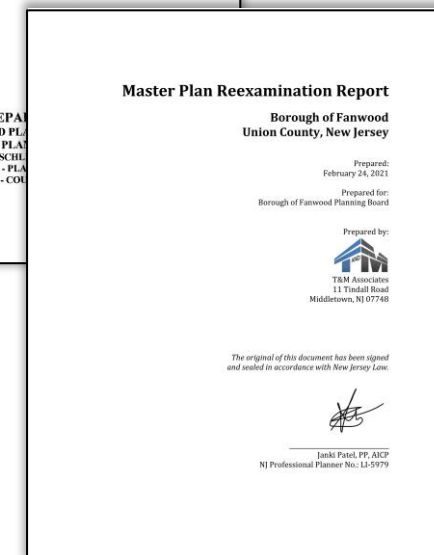
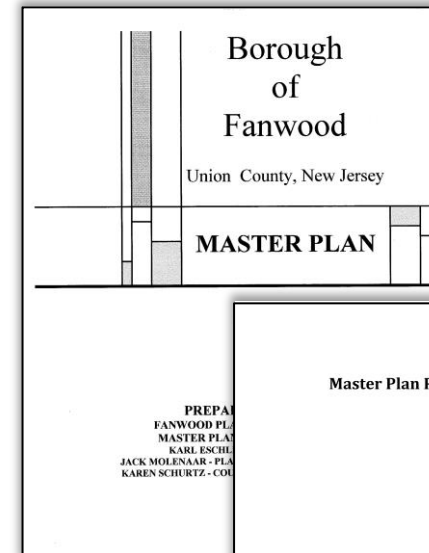
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Tonight's Purpose

- **Review:**
 - Master plan purpose, requirements;
 - Existing Fanwood Master Plan; and,
 - Update of Fanwood Master Plan.
- **Discuss:**
 - Fanwood's desirability; and,
 - Fanwood's challenges.



What is a Master Plan?

- Policy document that:
 - outlines a vision for future development; and,
 - includes information, goals and strategies to achieve vision.
- Comprised of various master plan elements covering specific topics.
- Required elements:
 - Land Use Element; and,
 - Statement of Goals and Objectives.
- Adopted by municipal planning board.
- Master plans must be reexamined every 10 years.

Fanwood's Master Plan

- Current Fanwood Master Plan was:
 - originally adopted in November 1998; and,
 - last reexamined in 2021.
- Current Fanwood Master Plan contains:
 - Statement of Goals and Objectives;
 - Land Use Element;
 - Historic Preservation Plan Element
 - Community Facilities Plan Element;
 - Utilities Plan Element;
 - Open Space and Recreation Plan Element;
 - Circulation Element;
 - Housing Element and Fair Share Plan;
 - Recycling Plan Element.



Fanwood's Master Plan Update

- T&M is currently preparing an updated master plan for the Borough.
- Updated Fanwood Master Plan to contain:
 - **Statement of Goals and Objectives;**
 - **Land Use Element with Climate Change-Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessment;**
 - **Green Buildings and Environmental Sustainability Element;**
 - **Historic Preservation Plan Element;**
 - **Statement of Plan Relationships.**
 - Community Facilities Plan Element;
 - Utilities Plan Element;
 - Open Space and Recreation Plan Element;
 - Circulation Element;
 - Housing Plan Element (incorporates 2017 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan);
 - Recycling Plan Element.

Note: Bold text denotes new or completely rewritten element.

Community Engagement (1 of 2)

- Master Plan Subcommittee:
 - Regular meetings and contact
 - Reviews and comments on draft material and mapping
- Public Outreach Sessions:
 - First session: October 23, 2023
 - Second session: TBD
- Meeting with Borough Boards and Commissions:
 - Historic Preservation Commission
 - Environmental Commission
 - Recreation Commission
 - Planning Board
 - Library Board of Trustees



Community Engagement (2 of 2)

- Contact with Various Borough Departments:
 - Fanwood Police Department
 - Borough Engineer
 - Economic Development
- Contact with Other Entities:
 - Fanwood Rescue Squad
 - Fanwood Volunteer Fire Department
 - NJ Transit
 - Union County
 - Scotch Plains–Fanwood Public Schools

Scotch Plains Township

Environmental Constraints Fanwood Borough Union County, New Jersey



- +++++ Railroad
- Area with Pluvial Flooding
- Steep Slope (≥ 20 Percent)
- Water
- Wetland Area (Potential, as Indicated by NJDEP)
- Estimated Wetland Buffer (50 Feet)
- Flood Zone A (Special Flood Hazard Area)
- Flood Zone AE (Special Flood Hazard Area)
- Flood Zone AO (Special Flood Hazard Area)
- 500-Year Floodplain
- Tax Parcel
- Local Roadway (Connects Federal and County Routes)
- County Route
- State Route
- Federal Route

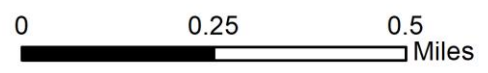
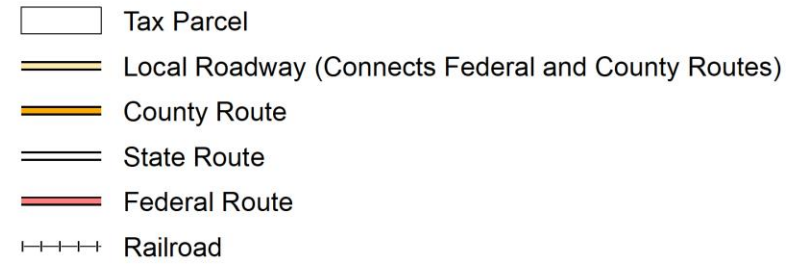
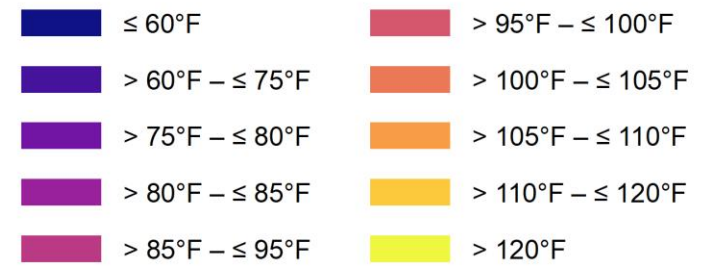
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Scotch Plains Township

Land Surface Temperature Fanwood Borough Union County, New Jersey

Land Surface Temperature (July 22, 2022)



Plainfield

Fanwood's Desirability

- What makes Fanwood a good place to live?

Fanwood is/has ...

Diverse and Engaged Residents	Connected by Public Transit
Architecture	Beautiful, Clean and Safe
Green and Sustainable	Historic
Safety	Proactive Leadership
Accessible	Sense of Community
Good Roadway Connections	Walkable
Shade Trees	Recreation and Open Space Areas
Downtown Retail	Good Schools
Upgraded Library	Central Location



Fanwood's Challenges

- What are Fanwood's key challenges?

Fanwood is challenged by ...

Roadway Congestion

Development Pressures

Integrity of Historic Areas

Localized Flooding

Railroad Crossings

Lack of Vacant Land

Availability of One-Seat Ride to NYC

Missing Sidewalk Connections

Pedestrian Safety

Residential Tree Removal

Lack of Busing for Pupils

Speeding and Need for Traffic Calming

Next Steps

- Incorporate tonight's feedback
- Complete draft Master Plan Update
- Hold second Public Information Session
- Revise draft Master Plan Update
- Present draft Master Plan Update to Planning Board
- Planning Board adopts Master Plan Update





Thank you.

Questions?



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