

TABLE 1: PLANNING

- ★ Has undertaken plan or action
- Has portions of plan or action
- No plan or action at this time

JURISDICTION	MASTER PLAN	HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN	FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN	RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE ¹	EXISTING OPEN SPACE OR PLAN	HISTORIC, AGRICULTURAL, SCENIC OR RIVER CORRIDOR DISTRICT/OVERLAY ZONE	SIGN ORDINANCE/ BILLBOARD CONTROL
SALEM COUNTY	○ (1970, update on-going)		★		★ ²		
Elsinboro Township	★	★		★	★		○
Lower Alloways Creek Township				★			
Mannington Township	★ (1978, re-exam and amendment 2007)		★	★	★	★	
Pennsville Township						★	○
City of Salem	★				★ ³		
CUMBERLAND COUNTY	○	★	★		★ ⁴		

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	(1967, updates on-going)						
City of Bridgeton	★ (2008)	★			★ ⁵	★	★
Commercial Township	★ (2006)		○	★	★	★	
Downe Township	★ (2000)	○	○	★	★ ¹¹	★	
Fairfield Township	★ (1974, re-examined 2002)			★		★	○
Greenwich Township	★ (1995, re-exam 2010)	★	○	★	○	★	★
Hopewell Township	★ (2007)		★ ⁹	★	★ ⁶	★	○
Lawrence Township	★ (2003)			★			
City of Millville	★			★	★	★	★
Maurice River Township	★ (2000, re-exam 2012)				★	★	

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Stow Creek Township	★ (2007)	○	★ ¹⁰		★	★	○
CAPE MAY COUNTY	★ (2005, as amended)		★		★ ⁷		
City of Cape May	★ (Re-exam 2009)				★	★	○
Borough of Cape May Point	★ (2007)	★					
Dennis Township	★ (1994; Re-exam 2002)			★		★	
Lower Township	★ (1978, Re-exam 2011)			★	★		★
Middle Township	★ (Re-exam 2010)	★	★	★	★	★	○
Borough of West Cape May	★ (1978, latest re-exam in 2005)	★		★	★ ⁸	★	★
PINELANDS COMMISSION	★ (Updated through 2011)	★	★		★	★	

1. The Right to Farm Act was passed by the NJ Legislature in 1983 and amended in 1998. The Act protects responsible commercial farmers from public and private nuisance actions and unduly restrictive municipal regulations.
2. Salem County (2006, Separate Plan) – The Plan identifies “blueways” to protect surface water resources, greenways as linear corridors for protecting forests and wildlife habitats; and brownways for the protection of agricultural lands and pastures. Also mentions Natural Heritage Priority Sites, tourism and recreational opportunities, wildlife habitats, agricultural resources, surface water resources, cultural and historic resources, recreational resources (active and passive), preserved open space and agricultural lands, Smart Growth, and providing connections to important natural areas.
3. Salem City (2009, Separate Plan) – The plan identifies goals for bicycle/pedestrian trails, providing increased recreational opportunities (passive and active) inside and outside the City, preserving open space, protecting wetlands and other critical/environmentally-sensitive habitats, linking various areas of the City through greenways acquired by conservation easements, identification and protection of historic resources and districts.
4. Cumberland County (2011, Separate Plan) – Includes recommendations for linkages including rails-to-trails, water trails, and large tracts of contiguous open space. Also include recommendations for ownership/maintenance models as well as funding sources.
5. City of Bridgeton (2008, element of Master Plan) – Mentions the vast recreational opportunities within the parks along the Cohansey River, however there is a need for additional neighborhood parks. Also discusses the development of an inter-municipal Cohansey River Greenway Plan that would provide multi-use trail connections to the Bayshore bicycle trail and the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail. More public access is needed along the Cohansey River.
6. Hopewell Township (2011, element of Master Plan) – Includes goals for the creation of a transfer of development (TDR) program, coordination of plans with neighboring communities, encouraging preservation of open space by programs such as Farmland Preservation and Green Acres.
7. Cape May County (2007, element of Master Plan) – The Plan identifies needs, existing open space resources as well as open space priority acquisition areas.
8. Borough of West Cape May (2005, element of Master Plan) – Identifies the need for more active and passive recreational opportunities within the Borough. Identifies an Ocean-to-Bay network of paths connecting the Delaware Bay to the Atlantic Ocean via the Central Wetlands Corridor, as well as an Eco-Park that would contain active and/or passive recreation facilities, interpretive stations, eco-tourism opportunities and related uses. Also include
9. Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) element of the Master Plan.
10. Stow Creek Township (2007, element of Master Plan) – includes an inventory of preserved farmland and discusses the ways Stow Creek supports the agricultural industry. Also discusses the possibility of enacting a Right-to-Farm Ordinance and a Country Code.
11. Downe Township – no formal plan as approximately 72 percent of the township has been dedicated/preserved as open space.

TABLE 2: SPECIAL PROTECTION

- ★ Protection exists
- Limited protection exists
- No protection exists

JURISDICTION	CONSERVATION EASEMENTS/ FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION	TDR/CLUSTER ZONING /BUFFER FOR OPEN SPACE OR AGRICULTURE	LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW AUTHORITY	WITHIN NJ CAFRA BOUNDARY ¹	TRUST FUND / TAX FOR AGRICULTURE OR OPEN SPACE	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ²	TREE/VEGETATION PRESERVATION ORDINANCE/ SHADE TREE COMMISSION
SALEM COUNTY	★				★ ³		
Elsinboro Township				★			
Lower Alloways Creek Township		★		★			
Mannington Township	★	★		★	★ ⁴	★	
Pennsville Township				★	★	★	
City of Salem	★		★	★			
CUMBERLAND COUNTY	★				★ ⁵	★	
City of Bridgeton	★		★	★		★	★
Commercial Township	★			★		★	
Downe Township	★	★		★		★	
Fairfield Township	★	★		★			

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Greenwich Township	★			★	★		
Hopewell Township	★	○		★			○
Lawrence Township		★		★			
City of Millville		★		★		★	★
Maurice River Township	★	★		★		★	★
Stow Creek Township	★			★			
CAPE MAY COUNTY	★	★			★ ⁶		
City of Cape May			★	★		★	★
Borough of Cape May Point				★			★
Dennis Township				★			○
Lower Township	★	○		★		○	
Middle Township	★	○		★	★		★
Borough of West Cape May			★	★			★
PINELANDS COMMISSION	★		★			★	★

1. The Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA) (N.J.S.A. 13:19) is intended to protect coastal areas from the effects of uncoordinated development, and thus preserve the most ecologically sensitive and fragile coastal lands. CAFRA applies to projects near coastal waters and along the Maurice and Cohansey Rivers. CAFRA regulates almost all development activities involved in residential, commercial, or industrial development, including construction, relocation, and enlargement of buildings or structures; and all related work, such as excavation,

grading, shore protection structures, and site preparation. Within 150 feet of the mean high water line, CAFRA regulates any new developments, residential projects with three or more units, and commercial projects with five or more parking spaces. Beyond 150 feet of the mean high water line, CAFRA regulates residential projects with 25 or more units and commercial projects with 50 or more parking spaces.

2. Environmental impact statements required for minor and major subdivisions/site plan approvals. Specific requirements vary by township and depend on type, size and location of proposed projects. The purpose of the EIS is to prepare a comprehensive analysis of potential impacts to sensitive agricultural and natural resources as well as identify mitigation measures.
3. In 2005 Salem County instituted a dedicated \$0.02 tax for farmland and open space preservation.
4. \$0.04 dedicated Farmland Preservation Trust Fund and Tax. Township also contributes 1% of total easement purchase price to landowners.
5. Cumberland County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Tax; \$0.01 tax on every \$100 of assessed property.
6. \$0.01 tax on every \$100 of assessed property.

TABLE 3: RECOGNITION

- ★ Recognition exists
- Limited recognition exists
- No such recognition exists

JURISDICTION	NATIONAL REGISTER LISTINGS	SCENIC ROAD ORDINANCE OR RECOGNITION	GREENWAYS OR TRAILS/BIKE TRAILS	NATURAL HERITAGE PRIORITY SITES	REGISTERED/ CERTIFIED WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY ¹	
SALEM COUNTY	★		★			
Elsinboro Township	★				★	
Lower Alloways Creek Township	★			★	★	
Mannington Township	★			★	★	
Pennsville Township			★	★		
City of Salem	★					
CUMBERLAND COUNTY	★		★			
City of Bridgeton	★		★			
Commercial Township	★		★	★		
Downe Township	★		★	★		
Fairfield Township	★			★	★	
Greenwich Township	★			★	★	
Hopewell Township						
Lawrence Township	★			★		

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City of Millville	★		★	★	★	
Maurice River Township	★		★	★	★	
Stow Creek Township						
CAPE MAY COUNTY	★		★	★		
City of Cape May	★		★	★	★	
Borough of Cape May Point	★		★		★	
Dennis Township	★				★	
Lower Township	★		★		★	
Middle Township	★		★	★	★	
Borough of West Cape May	★		★		★	
PINELANDS COMMISSION	★	★	★	★		

1. New Jersey is the first state to have a comprehensive sustainability program for communities that links certification with strong financial incentives. Sustainable New Jersey is a certification program for municipalities in the state that want to “go green”, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. See www.sustainablejersey.com for more information.