# Mercer County Cross-Acceptance

Public Meeting July 11, 2007

# Cross-Acceptance

- Process to Obtain Input on State Plan From Counties
  & Municipalities
- Addresses Policy Issues & State Plan Policy Map
- Meetings Regarding All 21 Counties
- Input From All State Departments & Agencies
- Extensive Meetings Before Tonight
  - Internal Meeting At OSG
  - Inter-agency Meeting with All Relevant State Agencies
  - Staff-to-Staff Meeting with County Planning Staff
  - Final Public Meeting
- No Final Decisions on Policies Before End of Process
- We Are Hear to Listen to County's Interests

# County Negotiations

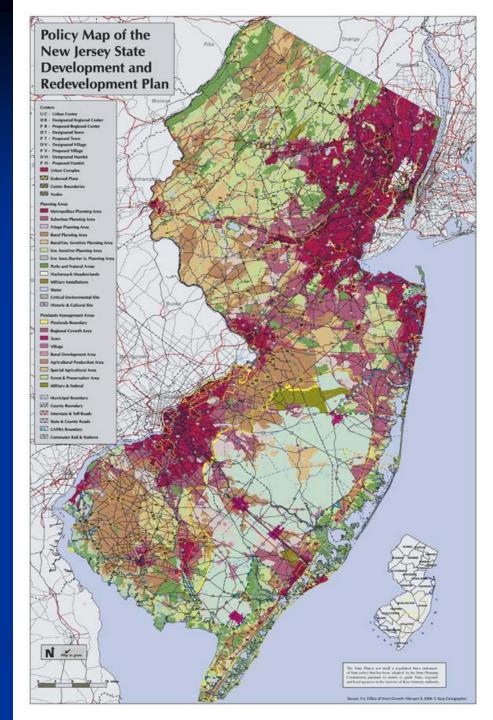
- Preliminary State Plan Map
- County Submissions for Proposed Changes
- Statement of Agreements & Disagreements
- Negotiation Agenda
- Final Resolution of Agreements & Disagreements
- Summary of Staff-to-Staff Meeting

#### CROSS-ACCEPTANCE III SCHEDULE

Dates	Internal OSG	Agency Meetings	Staff-to Staff Meetings	Public Meetings
08/14/06 To 09/08/06	(1) Bergen 08/15/06 (2) Passaic 08/15/06 (3) Hudson 08/22/06 (4) Essex 08/29/06 (5) Union 08/29/06	(1) Bergen 09/07/06 (2) Passaic 09/07/06		
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#### The State Plan Policy Map

- Graphic Depiction of State
  Plan Policies Regarding
  Growth & Preservation
- Five Planning Areas
- Deal with Diversity of Planning Goals
- Meet Challenge of Preserving Diverse Resources
- Help Plan the Nation's Most Densely Populated State



New Jersey County Characteristics						
County	Population	Land	Density			
Atlantic	252,552	561	450			
Bergen	884,118	234	3,775			
Burlington	423,394	805	526			
Camden	508,932	222	2,289			

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5,059

6,285

102,326

146,438

793,633

254,673

608,975

121,989

350,761

750,162

615,301

470,212

510,916

489,049

297,490

144,166

522,541

102,437

8,414,350

Essex

Cape May

Gloucester

Hunterdon

Middlesex

Monmouth

Mercer

Morris

Ocean

Passaic

Somerset

Sussex

Union

Warren

Total

Cumberland

### State Plan Policies

- More Important Than Map
- Discussed Policies Will Become Part of State Plan Where There Is Consensus
- Policies Need To Be Broadly Applicable
- Cover Wide Range of Topics
- Largest Portion Of Staff-to-Staff Meetings Spent on Policies
- State Plan is Advisory
- Local Government Still Controls Local Zoning

### Goals of State Plan Policies

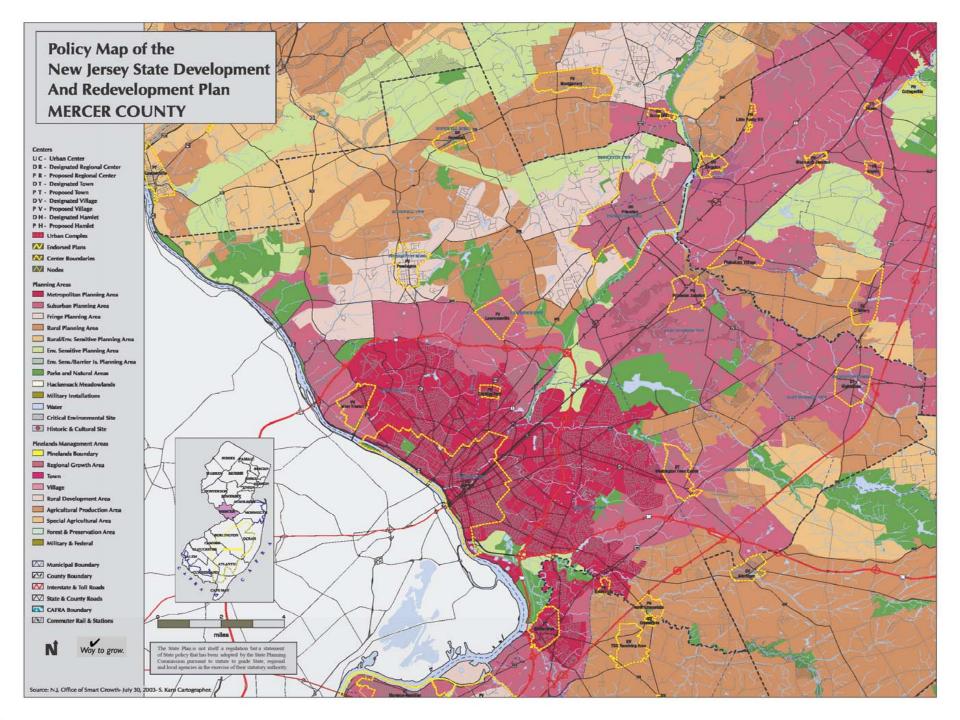
- Slow Sprawling Development
  - Traffic
  - Congestion
  - Pollution
  - Strain on Services
  - Increased Local Property Taxes
- Protect Natural Resources
- Direct Growth & Development to Appropriate Places
  - Revitalize Historic Towns & Cities
  - Compact Center-Based Development
  - Preserve Surrounding Rural Areas
- Balanced Land Use Policies
- Guide State's Investment of Resources
- Stabilize Costs & Taxes
- Protect Quality of Life

# 2007 State Development & Redevelopment Plan

- Currently Being Drafted By OSG
- New Format
  - Resemble Municipal Master Plan
  - More User Friendly
  - Contain Elements Related to State-wide Planning
  - Substantive Input From Relevant State Agencies
- Result of Broad Range of Input
- Designed to be Relevant for 10 Years
- Intended to Be Useful Tool for Implementation of the Policies & Goals Stated in the Plan

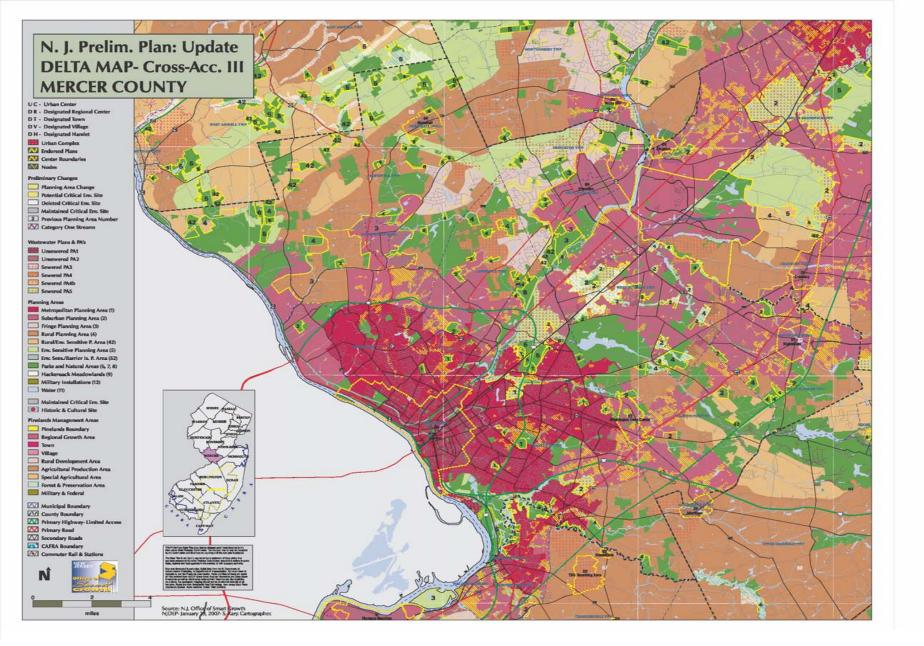
## Mercer County Policy Issues

- COAH/Affordable Housing
- Re-Development
- Center-Based Development/Directing Growth
- Transportation
  - Route 1/130 Corridor
  - Mass Transit Opportunities
- Future Infrastructure
  - Water Supply
  - Sewer Capacity/Sewer Service Areas
- School Facility Use/School Costs
- Open Space Protection
- Concern with Local Property Taxes



# Mercer County Mapping Issues

- Identifying Appropriate areas for designation as Planning Area 4, 4B or 5
- Identifying Appropriate Areas for Growth
- Corporate Campus Designations
- Route 1/130 Corridor
- Map Historic Sites & Districts
- Appropriately Locating COAH Projects
- Redevelopment Areas



## Next Steps

- Record & Incorporate Input From Counties & From Public
- Continue Process Until All 21 Counties Have Participated
- Finalize Draft of 2007 State Development and Redevelopment Plan
- Request Comment on Draft Plan
- Hold Six Public Hearings on Draft Plan
- Adopt New State Plan