

**New Jersey  
County Planners  
Association**

2018 in Review

# 2018 Executive Committee



Treasurer: Michael Lysicatos, Passaic County  
President Emeritus: Ken Alosio, Bergen County  
President: Linda Brennen, Monmouth County  
Secretary: Walter Lane, Somerset County

# January

- The Executive Committee met to plan for 2018.
- Issue: Civil Service Titles – Bob Brewer brought to our attention that NJ Civil Service Commission proposed modifications to various Planning titles. After review and discussion among counties, NJCPA sent comments that changed the proposal.
- NJAPA Conference: NJCPA Session- *Models in Regional Planning*



# February

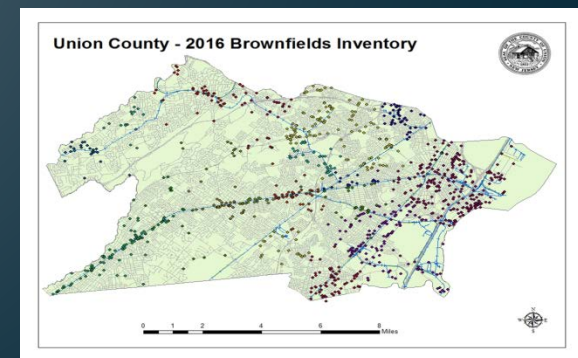
- Issue: S-1074 Public Access to Tidal Waterways and the Public Trust Doctrine - Allen Weston brought this to our attention and we shared it with all counties.
- Meeting: February 16<sup>th</sup> at Thompson Park
  - APA-NJ MLUL Reform Committee - David Kutner presented proposed modifications to the MLUL, asking for our input.
  - County Project of the Month - Joint Land Use Study for NWS Earle, Monmouth County





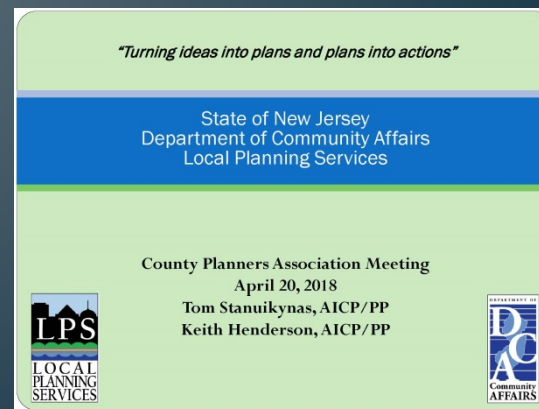
# March

- Issue: Strategy for a New State Plan – John Peterson & Laurette Kratina took the lead to advocated for a strategy to shape a new state planning framework. In July NJCPA sent a letter to Gov. Murphy expressing our concerns.
- Meeting: March 16<sup>th</sup> at Thompson Park
  - Alan Miller, NJDEP provided an update on Wastewater Management and the Community Collaborative Initiative for Brownfields sites
  - County Project of the Month – How Brownfields Can Lead to Redevelopment, Kamal Saleh, Union County



# April

- Issue: Wastewater Reviews – Drew Lloyd requested input from the counties on their experience with NJDEP. A survey was prepared, analyzed and reported out at the meeting.
- Meeting: April 20<sup>th</sup> at Thompson Park
  - Nick Angarone, NJDEP announced the state’s Regional Resilience Grant
  - William Amann, USGBC presented on Trends in Energy and Sustainability and the Impact on Planning in New Jersey
  - Partner Project of the Month – Local Planning Services by Tom Stanuikynas & Keith Henderson, NJDCA



# May

- Issue: Christine Marion informed us about a NJ Supreme Court ruling against Morris County that now prevents Historic Preservation funding for active places of worship.
- Meeting: May 10<sup>th</sup> at the NJAC Conference, Atlantic City
  - NJCPA Seminar Session - *Models in Regional Planning*
  - Planners Peanuts promotion





# June

- Issue: NJ Coastal Resilience Collaborative – NJCPA invited to participate. Representatives are Linda Brennen & Bob Brewer
- Meeting: June 16, Starving Artist Restaurant, Ocean Grove
  - Walking Tour of Historic Ocean Grove
  - APA-NJ City Planning Summer Institute – voted to sponsor financially





# July

- Issue: Municipal PIG Program changes – Laurie Sobel informed the members of changes proposed by SADC. Comments were collected and NJCPA sent a letter on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Meeting: July 20<sup>th</sup>, Thompson Park
  - Zach Subar, NJ TRANSIT & Jon Carnegie, Rutgers University presented on the NJ Land Use + Transit Data Application
  - Gretchen Fowles & Brian Zarate, Div. of Fish & Wildlife introduced the CHANJ project, a statewide wildlife habitat connectivity plan



# September

- Issue: Andrew Lloyd spearheaded a waste reduction effort at our meetings, implemented in September
- Meeting: September 21<sup>st</sup>, Red Hill Activity Center, Middletown  
Panel Presentation: Trends and Innovations in Planning Education



**Dr. Ashwani Vasishth**, Ramapo College of New Jersey, School of Social Science and Human Services

**Suzanne Ishee**, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Center for Creative Placemaking

**Dr. Kevin Keenan**, Rowan University, School of Earth and Environment

**Dr. Karen Lowrie**, Rutgers University, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy



# October

- Issue: Partnership formed between NJCPA, NJ Future & APA-NJ addressing the need for an new State Plan - Walter Lane is the lead for NJCPA. A joint letter was recently drafted.
- Meeting: October 19<sup>th</sup>, Thompson Park
  - County Project of the Month: Trail Construction Grant program by Denise Chaplick & Barbara Murray, Morris County
  - AICP Law Credit Webinar: Marijuana's Impact on Zoning and Land Use





# December

- Meeting: December 7<sup>th</sup>, Holland Activity Center, Middletown
  - Presentations: John A. Miller, Emerging National Issues Affecting New Jersey Communities & Matt Campo, Working Waterfronts Training
  - Election of 2019 Officers
  - Recognition of members



Pictures from 2017



# Thank you!

- To all members that make the effort to attend regularly and to those that brought issues to our attention over the past year
- To our partners (NJAC, FEMA, DCA, DEP, OPA) for sharing information
- To our dedicated Committee Chairs who take the time to gather information to share
- To Counties that provided Project of the Month presentations
- To Andrew Levecchia for keeping the website up to date and interesting
- And most of all – to the absolutely wonderful and dedicated future and past presidents who I have had the privilege to serve with on the Executive Committee this time and last.