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HAZLET 2030

A Community Vision for Hazlet Township

First public workshop scheduled for October 17th, 2009

Hazlet Township has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the New Jersey Office of Smart Growth (NJOSG) to prepare a Community Visioning Plan to guide and control development and set priorities for land preservation, recreation and other public amenities. To develop a community vision, Hazlet with its planning consultant Maser Consulting, PA, will hold a series of public workshops with residents and community stakeholders to identify the community's vision for the future. This will then be transformed into a community vision statement with goals and an action plan to use in future planning efforts.

The goal of this project is to create a shared vision for the future of Hazlet Township which will maximize the quality of life for residents and visitors and help the Township meet present and future challenges. The project will include a series of "workshops" where the public and interested stakeholders will provide input to the planning process.

The **first Public Workshop** will focus on the municipality as a whole and four focus areas determined as a part of the last Master Plan Reexamination Report process - Veteran's Park, Waackaack Creek, Natco Lake and Western Route 36. It will be held on Saturday October 17th, 2009 from 9:30am to 3pm at the Raritan High School Cafeteria. The public is invited to attend and spend the day brainstorming and sharing ideas on the desirable vision for what Hazlet should look like in 2030. Lunch will be served.

For more information, look for "Hazlet 2030" at <http://www.hazletwp.org/>