

# Corridor Enhancement Program Annual Report



2017

## PASSAIC COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

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## Introduction

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted Resolutions amending the Passaic County Site Plan and Subdivision Resolutions and creating the Passaic County Corridor Enhancement program. On July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Passaic County Planning Board adopted the Passaic County Corridor Enhancement Plan as an element of the Passaic County Master Plan to implement the program. The Corridor Enhancement Plan was amended on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014, expanding the program to all County roads and creating new districts. Every municipality within the County is a separate district. Subsequently, the Site Plan and Subdivision Resolutions were amended on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to reflect the changes made to the Corridor Enhancement program.

One of the provisions of the Corridor Enhancement Plan is that the County Planning Director, on an annual basis, must submit a written report to the County Planning Board on the status of the Corridor Enhancement Program. The report is to list the amount of money in each district. The report must also provide a summary of any monies expended from the accounts in the previous year.

The Passaic County Department of Planning & Economic Development is pleased to present this report in fulfillment of these requirements. Included is an overview of the program funds and a breakdown by each of the districts. Additionally, a list of proposed activities is included for 2018 and 2019 for review and comment. The projects are implementation activities from the various master plan elements that the Planning Board is charged with developing and adopting in partnership with the Planning & Economic Development staff.

In the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, there was a total of \$101,770.73 in expenditures and \$229,129.80 in fees collected from the Corridor Enhancement Program. This leaves a total balance of \$379,946.92 for the municipal districts and \$236,700.00 in the Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike Corridor District, as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Below are brief summaries of the fees that were collected in 2017 and the total balance of each district as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

<b>District</b>	<b>2017 Fees Collected</b>
Bloomingtondale	\$2,000.00
Clifton	\$31,598.00
Haledon	\$0.00
Hawthorne	\$11,375.80
Little Falls	\$13,374.00
North Haledon	\$3,050.00
Passaic	\$11,814.60
Paterson	\$14,742.20
Pompton Lakes	\$0.00
Prospect Park	\$3,500.00
Ringwood	\$0.00
Totowa	\$82,153.00
Wanaque	\$0.00
Wayne	\$53,172.20
West Milford	\$2,350.00
Woodland Park	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$229,129.80</b>

**Passaic County Corridor Enhancement Program  
Status Report by District as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

<b>District</b>	<b>Total Amount Available</b>
Bloomingtondale	\$15,739.70
Clifton	\$20,612.75
Haledon	\$20,528.80
Hawthorne	\$13,225.10
Little Falls	\$26,405.60
North Haledon	\$940.40
Passaic	\$12,458.60
Paterson	\$3,456.91
Pompton Lakes	\$958.09
Prospect Park	\$5,473.30
Ringwood	\$8,252.29
Totowa	\$45,907.40
Wanaque	\$28,149.29
Wayne	\$160,773.29
West Milford	\$13,643.80
Woodland Park	\$3,421.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$379,946.92</b>

**County Intersection Summary**

<b>County Intersection</b>	<b>Total Amount Collected</b>
<b>Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike Corridor</b>	<b>\$0.00 (\$236,700.00 available)</b>

## Corridor Enhancement Activities for 2017

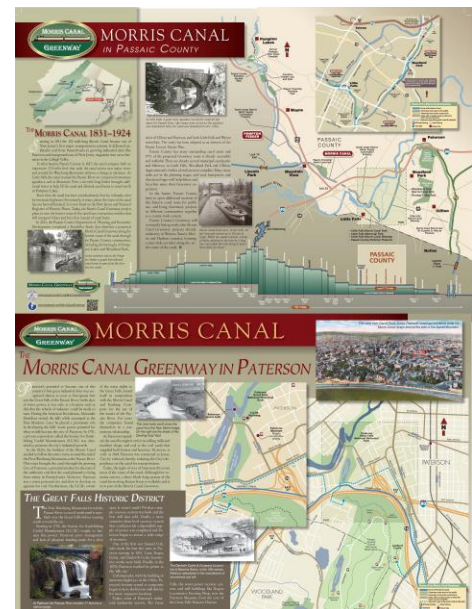
In the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, there was a total expenditure of \$101,770.73 from the Corridor Enhancement Program. The program was used to fund an array of projects throughout the County. Funds from the program were used for engineering design for both the Morris Canal Greenway improvements along Browertown Road in Little Falls and Woodland Park and the Safe Streets to Transit project along Grand Street in Paterson. The Planning Board received a request from the Borough of Woodland Park to fund a streetscaping project along McBride Avenue, which was the largest expenditure from the program. Additional funds were used for the implementation of an intelligent transportation systems (ITS) project along Grand Street in Paterson. A host of other projects have been approved for funding with expenditures slated for 2018. A detailed review of these projects can be found below.

The County awarded the Paterson Veterans Council two grants to support their ongoing work in Paterson. The first was to purchase and install commemorative plaques in Hayden Heights along McBride Avenue. The second was to make repairs to the Vietnam Veterans Park on Union Avenue. Both grants totaled \$14,346.00 and are in the process of being implemented.

The County was able to deploy “smart” technology solutions along Grand Street from Main Street to the Route 9 interchange in Paterson. The pilot project included testing a communication system that provides real-time information on the traffic signal status and performance along with corridor-wide data such as signal timing. A new camera system will be paired with the communication system in early 2018 to allow for modifications to signal timing and automated traffic counts. These upgrades will allow City and County engineers to continually monitor and improve traffic conditions along the main corridor servicing the County Administrative and Court House Complex. The County will be using a total of \$400,144.00 in 2018 to complete design and inspection services related to a similar project for the Main Avenue/Street and Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike corridors in Wayne, Haledon, Paterson, Clifton and Passaic. The funding is being used to leverage an additional \$1.6 million from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority to implement congestion and air quality improvement measures through a coordinated signal system.

Funds were used to bolster the success of the County’s Complete Streets Program by allocating resources to complete corridor-wide bicycle, pedestrian and traffic safety improvements along Union Avenue in Paterson, Clifton and Little Falls as well as High Mountain Road in North Haledon. Both projects will bring traffic calming elements, bicycle facilities and other features aimed at reducing speeds and traffic crashes while providing safer access for the most vulnerable of users. More than \$133,000.00 has been allotted to complete the projects through the County’s Resurfacing Program which has been a companion to the Complete Streets Program since 2012. The project is expected to be implemented sometime in 2018.

Funds were used to complete engineering of Phase II Morris Canal Greenway project that consists of improvements in the Borough of Woodland Park and the Township of Little Falls



along Browertown Road. These funds are leveraged with construction funding through a Transportation Alternatives Grant from the NJTPA. The project construction is underway with a majority of the work to be completed in the spring of 2018.

County Planning staff partnered with the Passaic County Department of Cultural and Historic Affairs to finalize specifications and produce signage along the Washington-Rochambeau Trail in Wayne, Pompton Lakes, Bloomingdale, and Ringwood. The trail is part of a series of roads used by the Continental Army under George Washington during their 1781 march to Yorktown. The trail was highlighted in the Heritage Tourism Element of the Passaic County Master Plan.

The County's Complete Streets Program was advanced through \$38,000.00 in funding to design enhanced pedestrian facilities along Grand Street and Railroad Avenue in Paterson in support of a Safe Streets to Transit construction awarded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The funds are being used to replace and enhance pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks, ADA curb ramps, curb extensions, pedestrian countdown timers at traffic signals and crosswalks between the Passaic County Administration Building and the Paterson NJ Transit Station. The map to the right shows the project area in proximity to the Paterson Station. The funds were used to complete the engineering design, with the construction slated to begin in Spring 2018.



Looking ahead, there are a number of new initiatives that will continue the work that has already been completed through the Wayfinding Program and other smaller-scale bicycle and pedestrian initiatives that address local requests for assistance.

### **Proposed Corridor Enhancement Activities for 2018-2019:**

CMAQ Smart Signal Corridor (Clifton, Haledon, Passaic, Paterson, Wayne) - \$400,144.00 – Design and inspection services

Totowa

- Wayfinding Signage – Preakness Valley Park

Wayne

- Wayfinding Signage – Preakness Valley Park
- Wayfinding Signage – Oldham Road Campus (Preakness Hospital/PCIA/Police Academy/Safety Complex)

Ringwood

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements – Skyline Drive
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements - TBD

Approximate Potential Project Funding - \$350,000 - \$450,000