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# I. Introduction

This Housing Element and Fair Share Plan will exhibit the Township of Teaneck's (herein the "Township" or "Teaneck") commitment to providing affordable housing within the municipality. This document seeks to frame Teaneck's efforts based on the current best knowledge of the affordable housing framework created by the State, applicable past rules established by the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH), and the requirements of P.L.2024, c.2<sup>1</sup> (the "Law" or "Amended Law") which governs municipal responsibilities concerning provisions of affordable housing in the Fourth Round.

This Plan has three sections. The first section ("Introduction") includes a brief history of New Jersey Housing Policy. The second section ("Housing Element") includes a Demographic Analysis, Housing Inventory, Employment Analysis, and review of land uses and policies, as required by statute. The third section (Fair Share Plan) summarizes the Township's affordable housing obligations for 2025-2035 and its plan for complying with these obligations.

### A. History of New Jersey Affordable Housing Policy

#### <u>1975 – 1985 | Mount Laurel Doctrine and the Fair Housing Act</u>

In 1975 the New Jersey Supreme Court decided Southern Burlington County NAACP v. the Township of Mount Laurel, more commonly referred to as "Mount Laurel I," wherein it interpreted the New Jersey Constitution to create an affirmative obligation for developing municipalities to provide a "realistic opportunity for the construction of low- and moderateincome housing in their communities." In 1983, the New Jersey Supreme Court expanded the obligation from only developing municipalities to all municipalities in a decision commonly referred to as "Mount Laurel II." In addition, the Supreme Court required the establishment of each municipality's fair share obligation and required each municipality, through its zoning, to provide a realistic opportunity for the construction of that established fair share obligation. Subject to several prerequisites, conditions and requirements, Mount Laurel II also created the "builder's remedy" as a mechanism to enforce the doctrine in instances where a developer successfully demonstrated a municipality's zoning failed to create the requisite realistic opportunity. Under such circumstances, a plaintiff may be entitled to have its site rezoned for an inclusionary development with an affordable set aside if the site is available, developable, approvable, and suitable for the proposed project and all other requirements for a successful builder's remedy are met and all defenses defeated.

In 1985, in response to Mount Laurel II and the flood of litigation stemming from it, the Legislature adopted the Fair Housing Act ("FHA") to discourage litigation and incentivize voluntary compliance (see N.J.S.A. 52-27D-303). The FHA established, among other things, the Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") as an administrative alternative to litigation and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/PL24/2\_.PDF</u>



judicial intervention. COAH was charged with establishing various housing regions in the state, estimating regional affordable housing obligations, and adopting criteria and guidelines for the municipal determination of housing need as well as guidelines for satisfying those obligations. The FHA also linked municipal planning and zoning powers to the satisfaction of affordable housing obligations. Under the FHA, a municipal zoning ordinance is presumptively invalid if a municipality fails to adopt a housing element as part of its master plan or enacts zoning regulations that are inconsistent with their housing plan.

#### <u>1987 – 2004 | Establishment and Administration of First Round and Second Round COAH Rules</u>

After the adoption of the Fair Housing Act, COAH adopted procedural and substantive rules to effectuate the FHA's legislative intent in both the First Round (1987-1993) (N.J.A.C 5:91 and 5:92) and Second Round (1993-1999) (N.J.A.C. 5:93). The Second Round substantive regulations (Chapter 93) superseded the First Round substantive regulations (Chapter 92) and recalculated the First Round obligations. Under COAH's regulations, low-income households were defined as those with incomes no greater than 50 percent of the area median income (AMI), adjusted for household size, and moderate-income households were those with incomes no greater than 80 percent and no less than 50 percent of the median household income. AMI limits were calculated based upon housing regions as established by COAH.

#### 2004 – 2010 | Third Round Litigation and Revisions

In December 2004, COAH promulgated its Third Round "Growth Share" methodology, which adjusted prior round obligations and devised a new system for projecting future municipal housing obligations. Growth Share obligations were based upon municipal growth and the Third Round was defined as the period of 1999-2014. The initial Growth Share methodology required municipalities to provide one affordable housing unit for every eight market rate units and one affordable unit for every 25 jobs created. In January 2007, the Appellate Division invalidated the Growth Share Methodology and required COAH to revise its rules, which it did in May 2008 via the Third Round substantive regulations of Chapter 97.

The FHA was subsequently amended in July 2008. This round of amendments, among other things, eliminated Regional Contribution Agreements and reduced non-residential development fees. In September 2008, Executive Order #114 was which amended the COAH rules to ensure consistency with the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

#### 2010 – 2023 | COAH's Noncompliance and Resumption of Court Responsibility

During this period, there was inaction and increased uncertainty in the realm of affordable housing.

After taking office Governor Chris Christie signed Executive Order No. 12, establishing the Housing Opportunity Task Force and charging them with a full review of the Fair Housing Act, COAH, and COAH's regulatory structure. Ultimately, the task force recommended a model which included adjusted definitions of present and prospective need, a benchmark of 10 percent

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growth predicted by the State Planning Commission to guide obligations, and transferring of procedural responsibility from COAH to the Home Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA).

Further complicating matters, in October 2010, the Appellate Division invalidated a substantial portion of COAH's rules. Most notably, the Court invalidated the Third Round Growth Share methodology and ordered COAH to revise its rules in accordance with the decision. In addition, the Court prohibited certification of housing plans that rely upon municipally sponsored affordable housing projects without specified funding and required COAH to create an incentive structure for inclusionary developments.

In January 2011, the legislature passed S-1 / A-3447, which was subsequently vetoed. Then, in June Governor Christie issued a reorganization plan which transferred the administration of the State's affordable housing program from COAH to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. Upon challenge by the Fair Share Housing Center, the Appellate Court invalidated Governor Christie's Reorganization Plan in March 2012. The Supreme Court upheld this decision in July 2013.

In September 2013, the Supreme Court confirmed the invalidation of the previously adopted Third Round regulations, upholding that the methodology used for projecting housing needs in these rules was unconstitutional. In that ruling, the court established a February 2014 deadline for development and adoption of new COAH rules, which was eventually extended to November 2014. Significantly, no rules were adopted.

In March 2015, in the case entitled *In re: Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97, 221 N.J. 1* (2015), more commonly referred to as "Mount Laurel IV" the State Supreme Court determined that COAH was "moribund" and unable to carry out its duties as intended by the Fair Housing Act. The Court further held "that the courts may resume their role as the forum of first instance for evaluating municipal compliance with Mount Laurel obligations."

Thus, the Court designed a transitional process whereby municipalities could seek judicial approval of their HEFSPs. Those transitional procedures gave municipalities the choice whether to seek compliance voluntarily via a Declaratory Judgment (DJ) Action or to not file a DJ Action and risk being sued. During this period, and in the absence of COAH, many municipalities entered into court-mediated Settlement Agreements involving the Fair Share Housing Center.

# 2024 – Present | Adoption of P.L.2024, c.2 and Fourth Round Methodology Changes and Department of Community Affairs

With the impending end of the Third Round in 2025, there was a push at the State level to implement new legislation that would reorganize the affordable housing process and end the transitional and court-oriented process initiated by Mount Laurel IV. The result of this effort was A-4 / S-50, which was signed into law by Governor Phil Murphy on March 20, 2024. This legislation created a framework to be used for the Fourth Round and beyond. In summary, the Law:

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- 1. Abolishes the Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") and transfers its duties to the DCA and the Administrative Office of the Courts ("AOC");
- 2. Enables the DCA to implement the judicial methodology provided by Judge Mary C. Jacobson, A.J.S.C. in her March 8, 2018 decision, In re Application of Municipality of Princeton (the "Princeton Case"), to calculate every municipality's affordable housing obligation for the Fourth Round;
- 3. Creates the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "Program") to oversee disputes and provide for mediation; and
- 4. Expands the availability of bonus credits, while eliminating the previously offered "rental bonus credit." Bonus credits are further described in this Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.
- 5. Modifies applicable data and calculations underlying the methodology for calculation of affordable housing obligations, eliminating the prior dependance of Courts and court-appointed Special Masters to deploy accepted methodologies to determine each municipality's affordable housing obligation.
- 6. Sets timeframes under which municipalities must act to preserve immunity from exclusionary zoning litigation.

Critically, the Amended Law requires that municipalities adopt a housing element and fair share plan no later than June 30, 2025 to maintain immunity from exclusionary zoning litigation.

### **B. Housing Plan Requirements**

### <u>Municipal Land Use Law ("MLUL") + Fair Housing Act ("FHA")</u>

The MLUL, through incorporation of the New Jersey FHA, requires municipalities to include a housing element in their master plans as a prerequisite to the zoning power. The principal purpose is to enumerate and provide the data, policies, and methods by which municipalities will meet housing needs, with particular attention to low- and moderate-income households.

Pursuant to Section 10 of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-310) and as amended per Bill P.L.2024, c.2,<sup>2</sup> as amended, the required contents of the housing element shall contain at least:

a. An inventory of the municipality's housing stock by age, condition, purchase or rental value, occupancy characteristics, and type, including the number of units affordable to low- and moderateincome households and substandard housing capable of being rehabilitated, and in conducting this inventory the municipality shall have access, on a confidential basis for the sole purpose of conducting the inventory, to all necessary property tax assessment records and information in the assessor's office, including but not limited to the property record cards;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/PL24/2</u>.PDF



- b. A projection of the municipality's housing stock, including the probable future construction of lowand moderate-income housing, for the next ten years, taking into account, but not necessarily limited to, construction permits issued, approvals of applications for development and probable residential development of lands;
- **c.** An analysis of the municipality's demographic characteristics, including but not necessarily limited to, household size, income level and age;
- d. An analysis of the existing and probable future employment characteristics of the municipality;
- e. A determination of the municipality's present and prospective fair share for low- and moderateincome housing and its capacity to accommodate its present and prospective housing needs, including its fair share for low- and moderate-income housing, as established pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2024, c.2 (C.52:27D-304.1);
- f. A consideration of the lands that are most appropriate for construction of low- and moderate-income housing and of the existing structures most appropriate for conversion to, or rehabilitation for, low- and moderate-income housing, including a consideration of lands of developers who have expressed a commitment to provide low- and moderate-income housing; and
- g. An analysis of the extent to which municipal ordinances and other local factors advance or detract from the goal of preserving multigenerational family continuity as expressed in the recommendations of the Multigenerational Family Housing Continuity Commission, adopted pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection f. of section 1 of P.L.2021, c.273 (C.52:27D-329.20).
- h. For a municipality located within the jurisdiction of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.120 (C.13:20-4), an analysis of compliance of the housing element with the Highlands Regional Master Plan of lands in the Highlands Preservation Area, and lands in the Highlands Planning Area for Highlands-conforming municipalities. This analysis shall include consideration of the municipality's most recent Highlands Municipal Build Out Report, consideration of opportunities for redevelopment of existing developed lands into inclusionary or 100 percent affordable housing, or both, and opportunities for 100 percent affordable housing in both the Highlands Planning Area and Highlands Preservation Area that are consistent with the Highlands regional master plan; and
- i. An analysis of consistency with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan, including water, wastewater, stormwater, and multi-modal transportation based on guidance and technical assistance from the State Planning Commission.

In addition to the statutory components of the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan detailed in 52:27D-310, <u>Administrative Directive #14-24</u>,<sup>3</sup> which promulgated the procedures and guidelines for implementing the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program; contains a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.njcourts.gov/sites/default/files/administrative-directives/2024/12/dir 14 24.pdf



section entitled "Required Elements of Housing Element and Fair Share Plan." In summary, the Directive requires four additional elements of the HEFSP to be included:

- 1. A site suitability analysis for any inclusionary zone and/or 100% affordable site
- 2. A concept plan for site development of any proposed inclusionary zone.
- 3. A detailed review of the credit worthiness of all existing units in the municipality
- 4. All ordinances and resolutions required to implement the plan attached as an Appendix to the HEFSP.

However, it should be noted that the requirement to adopt all implementing ordinances to effectuate the HEFSP as set forth in the Fair Housing Act is March 15, 2026. Given this discrepancy of the dates, the statutory necessity of implementing ordinances to be reviewed by the Planning Board and deemed consistent with this adopted HEFSP, and the potential for challenges to the HEFSP as adopted, such ordinance amendments will be prepared following adoption of this plan element.



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# **II. Housing Element: Municipal Summary**

Teaneck Township is roughly 6.24 square miles in area and is in Bergen County. For regional and planning purposes, Teaneck Township is located in Housing Region 1, a region that consists of Bergen, Hudson, Passaic and Sussex counties.

In compiling the analysis for the Housing Element, this report utilizes the following data:

- 1. <u>American Community Survey ("ACS")</u>: The most up to date information is the ACS estimates, which are generated between the decennial censuses. ACS figures are based on data collected over a 5-year time period. The estimates represent the average characteristics of population and housing between 2018-2023 and DO NOT represent a single point in time. Comparisons will be made with the 2018-2023 ACS to show change over time. See URL link<sup>4</sup> utilized in this HEFSP.
- 2. <u>Decennial Census</u>: Every ten years, the Census conducts detailed data collection to create an image that is as accurate as possible of the conditions throughout the country in that year. Data from the decennial census is used for comparison when equivalent ACS information is unavailable, as well as for longitudinal analysis. See URL link<sup>5</sup> utilized in this HEFSP.
- 3. <u>North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority ("NJTPA")</u>: Every four years, the NJTPA updates its regional forecasts for population, households and employment as part of updating its long-range transportation plan (LRTP), the region's blueprint for transportation investment. See URL link<sup>6</sup> utilized in this HEFSP.
- 4. <u>State or Other Agency Sources</u>: for select data types, State sources are used instead of the Census Bureau when equivalent Census data does not exist or the State data provides a more complete picture.

### A. Housing Conditions

The analysis in this section shall satisfy Part A of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-310), which requires:

• A) "Inventory of housing stock by age, condition, purchase or rental value, occupancy characteristics, and type, including the number of units affordable to low- and moderate-income households and substandard housing capable of being rehabilitated, and in conducting this inventory the municipality shall have access, on a confidential basis for the sole purpose of conducting the inventory, to all necessary property tax assessment records and information in the assessor's office, including but not limited to the property record cards"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>https://www.njtpa.org/NJTPA/media/Documents/Planning/Plans-Guidance/Planning%20for%202050/draft%20final/E-2050-Demographic-Forecasts.pdf



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup><u>https://data.census.gov/table</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup><u>https://data.census.gov/table?d=DEC%20Demographic%20Profile</u>

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### Housing Stock by Age and Condition

According to the 2023 ACS, there are an estimated 13,851 housing units in Teaneck Township which represented a 155 unit decrease since 2018 (14,006 units).

77.6% of Teaneck Township's housing structures were built prior to 1960, suggesting that almost 3 out of 4 units are older than 65 years.

		Table 1: Year Structure Built				
	UNITS	PERCENT				
Total housing units	13,851					
Built 2020 or later	0*	0.0*				
Built 2010 to 2019	365	2.6				
Built 2000 to 2009	294	2.1				
Built 1990 to 1999	364	2.6				
Built 1980 to 1989	671	4.8				
Built 1970 to 1979	267	1.9				
Built 1960 to 1969	1,141	8.2				
Built 1950 to 1959	3,741	27.0				
Built 1940 to 1949	2,190	15.8				
Built 1939 or earlier	4,818	34.8				
Source: American Community Survey 2023						

<u>DCA Reporter</u> was reviewed to verify number of COs issued during the 2020-2023 period to further analyze the "zero" structures built ACS data. A total of 395 COs were issued.

The table below details the condition of housing within Teaneck Township based on heating fuel, plumbing facilities, kitchen facilities. These factors help determine the number of inadequate housing units within the Township. According to the current ACS estimate, 320 housing units in Teaneck Township lacked either heating fuel, plumbing or kitchen facilities, which is more than 2018.

			Tabl	e 2: Housin	g Condition
	2023	PERCENT	2018	PERCENT	PERCENT CHANGE
Total	320	2.3	133	1	1.3
Lacking heating fuel	127	0.9	72	0.5	0.4
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	57	0.40	21	0.2	0.2
Lacking complete kitchen facilities1361.00400.30.7					
Source: American Community Survey 2023 and 2018					

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#### Housing Values and Costs

Since 2018, home values in the Township have increased by \$99,900 (25.2%). This change is accompanied by an increase in homes worth between \$ 500,000 and \$499,999 and a decrease in homes worth between \$200,000 and \$299,000.

	2023	PERCENT	2018	PERCENT	PERCENT CHANGE
Total Owner-occupied units	10,307	-	9,840	-	4.74
Less than \$50,000	253	2.5	73	0.7	1.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	101	1.0	46	0.5	0.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	58	0.6	48	0.5	0.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	147	1.4	233	2.4	-1
\$200,000 to \$299,999	500	4.9	1,012	10.3	-5.4
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4,191	40.7	6,120	62.2	-21.5
\$500,000 to \$999,999	4,168	40.4	1,855	18.9	21.5
\$1,000,000 or more	889	8.6	453	4.6	4
Median (dollars)	\$496,400	-	\$396,500	-	25.2
Source: A	lmerican Comn	nunity Survey	y <u>2023</u> and <u>201</u>	8	

#### Table 3: Value for Owner-Occupied Housing Units

The table below shows the housing expenditures for those who own and rent in Teaneck. The general affordability standard is that no more than 30% of gross income should be allocated for housing costs.

A cost burden is the ratio of housing costs to household income. For renters, housing cost is the gross rent (lease rent plus utilities). For owners, housing cost is the monthly owner costs, which may include mortgage, utilities, association fees, insurance, and real estate taxes.

Table 4: Housing Cost Burden Monthly Costs as Percentage of Household Income)						
		OWN	ER		RENTER	
RANGES	W/ MORTGAGE		W/O MORTGAGE		TOTAL	
	TOTAL	PERCENT	TOTAL	PERCENT		PERCENT
Less than 20.0			2,610	67.8		
percent	2,399	37.2			3,307	27.4
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,278	19.8	165	4.30	281	16.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	433	6.7	223	5.80	466	12.8
30.0 to 34.9 percent	507	7.9	66	1.70	361	9.4
35.0 percent or more	1,836	28.5	783	20.40	264	33.9
Not computed	0	(X)	7	(X)	955	(X)
Source: American Community Survey 2023						

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#### Occupancy Characteristics and Type of Housing

As of 2023, the Township is predominately comprised of owner-occupied households, which comprise 76.9% of the Township's households. A total of 23.1% of households are renters, and 3.2% of the Township's housing units are vacant. Since 2018, the Township has seen a shift towards owner-occupied households, coming from a 3.1% decrease in renters and a 1.6% increase in the Township's vacancy rate.

	Table 5: Housing Tenure and Occupancy						
	2023	PERCENT	2018	PERCENT	PERCENT CHANGE		
Total	13,851		14,006				
<b>Owner Occupied</b>	10,307	76.9*	9,840	73.8**	3.1		
<b>Renter Occupied</b>	3,099	23.1*	3,490	26.2**	-3.1		
Vacant Units 445		3.2	676	4.8	-1.6		
Source: American Community Survey 2023 and 2018; and County							
*Compared to 65.4% owner-occupied and 34.6% in Bergen County (353,307 units)							
** Compa	ared to 64.4% ow	ner-occupied and	1 35.6% in Berge	n County (338,24	19 units)		

Housing units with more than one occupant per room are considered overcrowded. Overcrowded households in the Township rose 1% since 2018.

Table 6: Occupants Per Room + Inadequate Units in Occupied Housing Units					
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM	2023	PERCENT	2018	PERCENT	
Total	13,406		13,330		
1.00 or less	12,924	96.4	12,984	97.4	
1.01 to 1.50	338	2.5	231	1.7	
1.51 or more	144	1.1	115	0.9	
Source: American Community Survey 2023 and 2018					

Since 2018, the share of Township's single-family housing stock decreased from 14,006 units to

13,851 units.

#### Table 7: Housing Type and Size

HOUSING UNITS	2023	PERCENT	2018	PERCENT	PERCENT CHANGE
Total housing units	13,851		14,006		
1-unit, detached	10,219	73.8	10,188	72.7	1.1

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1-unit, attached	430	3.1	464	3.3	-0.2		
2 units	683	4.9	696	5.0	-0.1		
3 or 4 units	277	2.0	518	3.7	-1.7		
5 to 9 units	862	6.2	868	6.2	0		
10 to 19 units	332	2.4	498	3.6	-1.2		
20 or more units	981	7.1	752	5.4	1.7		
Mobile home	67	0.5	22	0.2	0.3		
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	0.0	0	0.0	0		
S	Source: American Community Survey 2023 and 2018						

Since 2018, the bedroom typology of Township's has remained the same in "family" sized 3+ bedroom type (70.1%) in 2023.

ROOMS	2023 TOTAL	PERCENT	2018 TOTAL	PERCENT	PERCENT CHANGE	
Total	13,851		14,006			
No Bedroom	227	1.6	199	1.4	0.2	
1 Bedroom	1,164	8.4	1,436	10.3	-1.9	
2 Bedrooms	2,736	19.8	2,557	18.3	1.5	
3 Bedrooms	5,198	37.5	5,904	42.2	-4.7	
4 Bedrooms	3,317	23.9	2,734	19.5	4.4	
5 or more Bedrooms	1,209	8.7	1,176	8.4	0.3	
	Source: American Community Survey 2023 and 2018					

#### Existing Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Units

Teaneck reviewed all property tax assessment records and information in the assessor's office, including but not limited to the property record cards, to determine the number of existing lowand moderate-income housing units. Based on this review, there are 351LMI units in the Township of Teaneck. The Township is following the applicable requirements regarding unit monitoring and reporting.

### **B. Housing Projections**

The analysis in this section shall satisfy Part B of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-310), which requires:

• *B) "A projection of the municipality's housing stock, including the probable future construction of low- and moderate-income housing, for the next ten years, taking into account, but not necessarily* 



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**Table 8: Number of Bedrooms Per Unit** 

*limited to, construction permits issued, approvals of applications for development and probable residential development of lands."* 

#### **Projection of Housing Stock**

Below is a general prediction by NJTPA of Teaneck Township's household population growth to 15,461 households in 2050. This increase in 1,960 households would require available units to accommodate and may be a prediction indicator of new projected housing stock.

		Table 9: Housing Unit Projection			
YEAR	POPULATION	ANNUALIZED % CHANGE			
2015	13,501	-			
2050 (Predicted)	0.4%				
Source: <u>NJTPA, "Appendix E - 2050 Demographic Forecasts"</u>					

Zoning regulations and existing capital infrastructure may help determine where growth is expected and where new housing units are likely to be developed in the future.

Teaneck Township expects new developments to bear the cost that such development puts upon the existing infrastructure, including its sewer and water systems, road infrastructure, school facilities, and emergency services. This includes the addition of capacity necessitated by the new development, as well as associated maintenance costs. New development should not be a burden on the Township's infrastructure.

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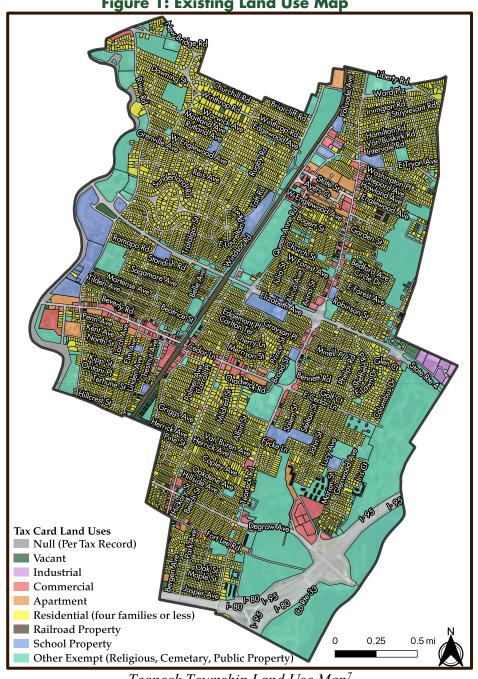


Figure 1: Existing Land Use Map

Teaneck Township Land Use Map<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Map Note: Classifications are based on assessor records. "Vacant land" as depicted on this map should not be construed to limit or supersede any conclusions made in the Vacant Land Adjustments.

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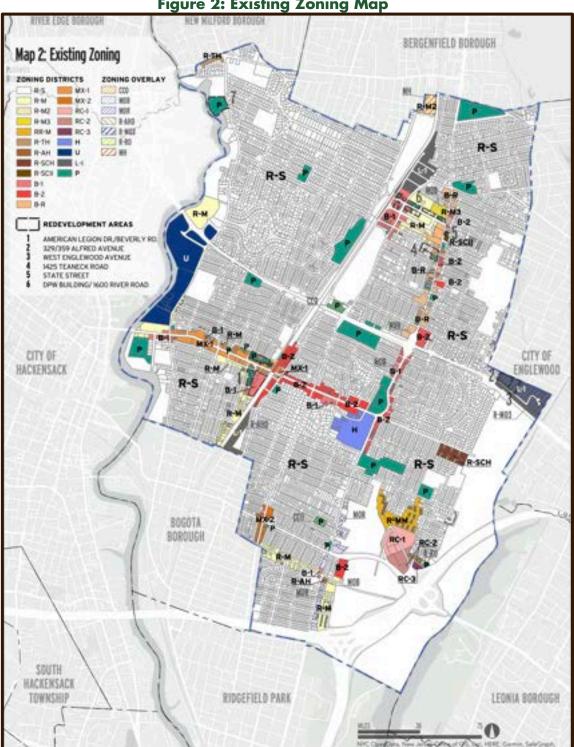


Figure 2: Existing Zoning Map

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## **C. Demographic Characteristics**

The analysis in this section shall satisfy Part C of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-310), which requires:

• C) "An analysis of the municipality's demographic characteristics, including but not necessarily limited to, household size, income level and age."

#### **Population General**

The population estimate for Teaneck Township in 2023 was 41,126 which represents a decrease of 120 from the 2020 Census. Despite this trend, the NJTPA predicts Teaneck Township's population to grow to 46,885 people in 2050.

Table 10: Historic Population Grov					
YEAR	POPULATION	CHANGE			
1940	25,275	N/A			
1950	33,772	8,497			
1960	42,085	8,313			
1970	42,355	270			
1980	39,007	-3,348			
1990	37,825	-1,182			
2000	39,260	1,435			
2010	39,776	516			
2020	41,246	1,470			
2023	41,126	-120			
2050 (Predicted)	46,885	5,759 (est.)			
Source: <u>NJ State Data Center, New Jersey Population Trends 1790 to 2000, US Census Bureau; NJTPA,</u> <u>"Appendix E - 2050 Demographic Forecasts"</u>					

#### Population Composition by Age

The estimated current median age in Teaneck Township is 37.9, compared to 42.1 for Bergen County and 40.1 for New Jersey.

			Table 11:	Population by Age
AGE RANGE	TEANECK TOWNSHIP	PERCENT	BERGEN COUNTY	PERCENT
Under 5 years	2,215	5.3	48,738	5.1
5 to 9 years	2,189	5.3	52,770	5.5
10 to 14 years	3,054	7.4	61,465	6.4
15 to 19 years	3,458	8.3	59,276	6.2

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AGE RANGE	TEANECK TOWNSHIP	PERCENT	BERGEN COUNTY	PERCENT
20 to 24 years	3,529	8.5	54,219	5.7
25 to 34 years	4,685	11.3	109,077	11.4
35 to 44 years	4,698	11.3	128,544	13.5
45 to 54 years	5,169	12.5	133,870	14.0
55 to 59 years	2,931	7.1	69,969	7.3
60 to 64 years	2,111	5.1	66,441	7.0
65 to 74 years	4,253	10.2	96,442	10.1
75 to 84 years	2,369	5.7	50,615	5.3
85 years and over	838	2.0	23,291	2.4
Median Age	37.9	(X)	42.1	(X)
	Source: Ameri	can Community	Survey <u>2023</u>	•

#### <u>Households</u>

According to the US Census Bureau's classification system, people either live in a household, housing unit, or in "group quarters." Two types of "households" exist: family and non-family. A "household" consists of one or more persons living and eating together separately from other persons who may be in the same building. A "family" is a household with two or more related persons living together in the same housing unit.

	Table 12: Population by Housing Type				
	TEANECK TOWNSHIP BERGEN COUNT				
	2023	2023			
Total Housing Units	13,851	368,535			
Average Household Size (Owner)	3.20	2.7			
Average Household Size (Renter)	2.49	2.7			
Householders Living Alone	3,758	92,860			
Source: American Community Survey <u>2023; Census Reporter</u> ; U.S. <u>Census Bureau QuickFacts</u>					

#### **Immigration**

Foreign born residents make up 26.6% percent of Teaneck Township's population, which is lower than County (31.4%) and higher than State (23.5%) levels. Less than half of Teaneck Township's foreign-born residents are not U.S. citizens, comprising 29.5% of the Township's foreign born population, a smaller share than that of Bergen County (33.6%) and the State (43.1%).

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				Table 14	: Residents	Place of Birth
	TEANECK TOWNSHIP		BERGEN	COUNTY	NEW .	JERSEY
	COUNT	PERCENT	COUNT	PERCENT	COUNT	PERCENT
Total	41,499		954,717		9,267,014	
<b>Born in United States</b>	29,132	70.2	634,008	66.4	6,849,548	73.9
Foreign Born	11,056	26.6	300,087	31.4	2,181,755	23.5
Naturalized Citizen	7,789	70.5	199,247	66.4	1,241,100	56.9
Not a Citizen	3,267	29.5	100,840	33.6	940,655	43.1
	Source	: American C	ommunity S	Survey <u>2023</u>		

### Income and Poverty Status

The median household income for Teaneck Township grew from 2023 to 2018, growing 22.5% and outpacing the County (16.3%) and the State (22.2%).

	Table 15: Household Median Income				
	2023	2018	CHANGE	% CHANGE	
Teaneck Township	134,311	109,677	24,634	22.5	
Bergen County	116,709	100,361	16,348	16.3	
New Jersey	99,781	81,740	18,041	22.1	
Source: American Community Survey 2023 and 2018; ACS County Financial Characteristics					

In Teaneck Township, 2,249 residents (5.5%) live below the poverty line, same as 5.5% in 2018. In this regard, the Township had a different trajectory than Bergen County, which experienced a decrease from 6.9% to 6.6% in 2023.

				able 10: Po	verty Status	
TEANECK TOWNSHIP	2023	PERCENT	2018	PERCENT	CHANGE	
<b>Total Persons</b>	40,734		39,512		1,222	
<b>Total Below Poverty</b>	2,249	5.5	2,165	5.5	0	
BERGEN COUNTY	2023	PERCENT	2018	PERCENT	CHANGE	
Total Persons	946,205		927,422		18,783	
<b>Total Below Poverty</b>	61,987	6.6	64,303	6.9	-0.3	
Source: American Commi	Source: American Community Survey 2023 and 2018; ACS County for Bergen and Teaneck					

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### **D.** Multigenerational Housing Continuity

The analysis in this section shall satisfy Part G of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-310), which requires:

• G) "An analysis of the extent to which municipal ordinances and other local factors advance or detract from the goal of preserving multigenerational family continuity as expressed in the recommendations of the Multigenerational Family Housing Continuity Commission, adopted pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection f. of section 1 of P.L.2021, c.273 (C.52:27D-329.20)."

On November 8, 2021, the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey adopted C.52:27D-329.20<sup>8</sup>, which establishes the "Multigenerational Family Housing Continuity Commission" for the purpose of conducting research, obtaining public input, and adopting recommendations on how to most effectively advance the goal of enhancing multigenerational family housing continuity, which can be defined broadly as the degree to which senior citizens are able to reside at the homes of their extended families.

In short, the bill requires a municipal housing plan element to provide an analysis of the extent to which municipal ordinances and other local factors advance or detract from the goal of preserving multigenerational family continuity, as expressed in the recommendations of the commission.

Teaneck is committed to promoting intergenerational harmony through the provision of diverse housing options in a manner consistent with the regulation. As demonstrated in the above demographic and housing analysis, Teaneck is diversifying its housing stock as the size of owner-occupied households increases and housing units containing 20+ units increases, too. The municipality is employing a variety of approaches to accomplish this task, such as redevelopment plans that convert former commercial properties into housing. Strategies proposed or already implemented include the creation of family housing. The municipality, in setting forth its compliance plan, is abiding by the limitations included in the statute.

### E. Employment Data

The analysis in this section shall satisfy Part D of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-310), which requires:

• C) "An analysis of the existing and probable future employment characteristics of the municipality."

Below is a general growth prediction by NJTPA of Teaneck's employment forecast in 2050.

			Table 17: Employment Projection
YEAR	LABOR FORCE	CHANGE	ANNUALIZED % CHANGE
2015	14,724		
2050 (Predicted)	16,877	2,153	14.6
		Source: <u>NJTPA</u>	

<sup>8</sup> <u>https://pub.njleg.gov/Bills/2020/AL21/273\_.HTM</u>



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# **III. Fair Share Plan: Obligations and Compliance Plan**

### A. Introduction

As noted, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed P.L. 2024, c.2 into law, which established a new framework for determining and enforcing municipalities' affordable housing obligations under the Mount Laurel doctrine and the Fair Housing Act. The Act sets forth the procedures for how New Jersey municipalities are assigned affordable housing obligations and how they may meet those obligations over a series of affordable housing "rounds." On July 1, 2025, the "Fourth Round" will begin and run for a ten-year period ending on June 30, 2035.

The Act required the Department of Community Affairs (the "DCA") to prepare a report with the calculation of the regional and municipal Prospective Need and the municipal Present Need for the Fourth Round in accordance with the formula required by the Amended Act. The DCA released a report entitled "Affordable Housing Obligations for 2025-2035 (Fourth Round)" on October 18, 2024 and concluded that Teaneck's fair share obligations for the Fourth Round included a Present Need of 214 units and a Prospective Need of 431 units.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. and the implementation schedule set forth in Directive #1424, the Township adopted Resolution 42-2025 on January 30, 2025 (See Appendix A), as part of its participation in the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "Program").

Resolution 42-2025 revised the Fourth Round affordable housing Prospective Need from 431 units to 384 units. These figures were derived from an analysis applying DCA's Land Capacity Factor methodology, which updated properties deemed unavailable for development due to environmental constraints, existing structural improvements, highway rights-of-way, and similar limitations not making the land "developable."

In response, the New Jersey Builders Association ("NJBA") filed a formal objection to the proposed adjustment. A case management conference was held on March 26, 2025 (Docket No. BER-L-776-25), during which the ruling favored adherence to the original DCA-issued obligation of 431 credits. As of the time of this Housing Element, no formal order has been issued from such decision, and the Township continues to reserve its right to appeal the determination.

As such, the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan is based on the original obligation of 431 affordable housing credits, as outlined by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in its non-binding release of obligation figures in October 2024.

The purpose of the following sections is to set forth the Township of Teaneck's proposed approach to satisfying its Fourth Round obligation, where the Township Present Need or "Rehabilitation Obligation" is 214 credits, and the "Prospective Need" is 431 credits.



#### **B.** Prior Round Need Compliance "Look Back" (2015-2025)

Teaneck has a history of fulfilling its affordable housing obligation. Most recently, on February 1, 2019, the Township received a Final Judgment of Compliance and Repose ("JCR") relating to its Third Round obligation. The JCR was issued after a period of negotiation and settlement, primarily between the Township and Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC"). During this period of negotiation, the Township adopted a <u>Third Round Housing Element</u> on February 6, 2019. The HEFSP and settlement agreements set forth the Township's Third Round obligation and identified the actions required by the Township to fulfill these obligations. As demonstrated in the tables below and supported by the issuance of the JCR, the Township fully satisfied its obligations under the Third Round as articulated in its settlement with the FSHC. As such, no obligation is carried forward to the Fourth Round.

ROUND 3 RDP PROJECT (SEE ROUND 3 HEFSP, PG. 23- 26)	LMI UNITS	STATUS
Surplus Units Carried from Prior Round	22	On-Going
Supportive Shared Housing	28	Completed
Teaneck Senior Citizens Addition	18	Completed
Single-Family Homes (Bergen County Housing Authority)	8	Completed
The Brookdale	26	Completed
227 Teaneck Road	5	Completed
1775 Windsor Road (Avalon Bay)	25	Completed
1500 Teaneck Road	23	Completed
1475 Palisade Avenue	10	Completed
140 State Street	5	On December 13, 2022 the Township adopted <u>Ordinance 49-2022</u> which adopted a Redevelopment Plan for 140 State Street for multifamily. On February 11, 2025 the Township amended the Redevelopment Plan ( <u>Ordinance 15-2025</u> ) which creates a concept for 10 affordable units (i.e. 5 surplus).
764 New Bridge Road	2	Completed
Bonus Credits	44	On-Going

#### Table 18: Projects Cited to Satisfy Third Round Realistic Development Potential ("RDP")

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ROUND 3 UNMET NEED MECHANISM	REQUIREMENT (SUMMARY BELOW. SEE FULL TEXT PER ROUND 3 HEFSP, PG. 27-30)	CREDITS SUPPLIED / MADE OPPORTUNITY
Surplus Credits	40 surplus non-age restricted units from projects addressing the RDP, 24 age- restricted units from The Bookdale	Complete
Alfred Avenue Rezoning	Rezone an 18-acre site (Block 6002, Lots 1- 9) from L-I Light Industry to R-MO3 Residential-Multifamily 3 Overlay District. Permit densities up to 60 du/acre of non- age restricted units, which could yield about 150 to 200 affordable units depending on the tenure and set-aside.	Rezoned by Ord. No. 48-2015. on February 9, 2016. See R-MO3 standards at https://ecode360.com/38151638. 329 Alfred Avenue / 1085 Decatur Avenue approved 38 affordable units via PB 2020-16 359 Alfred Avenue approved 37 affordable units via PB 2022-20
East Oakdene	Rezone a 1.737-acre site from R-S Residential Single-Family / the B-2 Business-Office zone to R-RO Overlay (Residential-Rowhouse Overlay District). Permit up to 30 du/acre non-age restricted development and could yield approximately 10 affordable units.	Rezoned by <u>Ord. No. 14-2017 on</u> July 6, 2017. See full standards at <u>https://ecode360.com/38151547</u>
1405 Teaneck Road and 1425 Teaneck Road	Rezone sites from B-R Business- Residential zone to R-SCII Residential- Senior Housing II Zone. Permit up to 60 du/acre age restricted development and could yield approximately 10 affordable units.	Rezoned by Ord. No. 15-2017 on July 6, 2017. See full standards at https://ecode360.com/38151548 1425 Teaneck Road approved 40 senior affordable units on September 21, 2020 Additionally, a AHTF contribution of \$900,000 was made on November 30, 2022.

#### Table 19: Zoning Actions to Satisfy Third Round Unmet Need Requirements

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ROUND 3 UNMET NEED MECHANISM	REQUIREMENT (SUMMARY BELOW. SEE FULL TEXT PER ROUND 3 HEFSP, PG. 27-30)	CREDITS SUPPLIED / MADE OPPORTUNITY	
Holuba	Rezone a 6.75-acre site from L-I Light Industry District. Permit densities 12 du/acre non-age restricted development, which would yield approximately 16 affordable units.	The "Holuba" soap factory townhouse development at 520 Palisades Ave has a Developer's Agreement which requires 16 affordable units.	
Township- wide mandatory set-aside ordinance	A multi-family or single-family attached development providing a minimum of five (5) new housing units created through any future municipal rezoning or Zoning Board action, use or density variance, redevelopment plan, or rehabilitation plan that provide for densities at or above six (6) units per acre is required to include an affordable housing set-aside of 20 percent if the affordable units will be for sale and 15 percent if the affordable units will be for rent.	Adopted. See Appendix D.	

As demonstrated in the tables above and supported by the issuance of the JCR, the Township fully satisfied its obligations under the Third Round as articulated in its settlement with the FSHC. As such, no obligation is carried forward to the Fourth Round.

### C. Present and Prospective Need Obligation (2025-2035)

The analysis in this section shall satisfy Part E of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-310), which requires:

• *E) "A determination of the municipality's present and prospective fair share for low- and moderate-income housing and its capacity to accommodate its present and prospective housing needs, including its fair share for low- and moderate-income housing, as established pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2024, c.2 (C.52:27D-304.1)"* 

#### Present Need (Rehabilitation Share)

The Rehabilitation Share is described as "deficient housing units occupied by low- and moderate-income households within a municipality and is a component of "present need" under N.J.A.C. 5:93-1.3. In Teaneck Township, the rehabilitation obligation through the end of the Fourth Round (i.e. July 2035) has been determined to be 214.

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Teaneck plans to continue its participation in Bergen County's rehabilitation program. This program offers deferred payment loans to low- and moderate-income homeowners living in one- to three-family homes within the Bergen County Consortium.

Qualified homeowners may receive a zero-interest, 10-year deferred loan covering the cost of necessary rehabilitation work. The County Division of Housing and Community Development administers these loans through the Home Improvement Program, which markets the program, screens applicants, and manages the repair process.

The program will primarily serve owner-occupied units and address homes with lack of heat, lack of hot water, roof leaks, dangerous electrical problems, broken pipes, problems with sanitary facilities, and other housing conditions that threaten the health, safety, or well-being of the household members per COAH rules (N.J.A.C. 5:93). All rehabilitated units shall remain affordable to low- and moderate-income households for a period of at least 10 years (the control period). For owner-occupied units, the control period is enforced with a recorded lien; and for renter occupied units, the control period is enforced with a recorded deed restriction.

The Township has also endorsed the Bergen County CDBG program proposed by Advance Housing Inc. for Commonwealth Drive Sustainability (via Resolution 28-2025). This project will serve 3 homeless LMI individuals with rehabilitation repairs at a residence located on Commonwealth Drive in Teaneck (See Appendix J).

The Township also intends to program funding from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support rehabilitation of deficient housing units that are occupied by low- and moderate-income households, in accordance with the New Jersey State Housing Code, N.J.A.C. 5:28, or the requirements of the Rehabilitation Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-6, as applicable. All qualifying project contributions will be amended in the Spending Plan accordingly.

#### Prospective Need Obligation

The Township has a prospective need of 431 credits for Round 4 (2015-2025).

However, as demonstrated in the completed Vacant Land Analysis found in Appendix B, the Township does not have enough suitable land to address the obligation. Therefore, the Township seeks a vacant land adjustment ("VLA") under the COAH Second Round Rules (N.J.A.C. 5:93-4.2) and an adjustment of its Fourth Round new construction obligation to reflect the available and developable land area within its municipal boundaries. It is the conclusion of this analysis that the Realistic Development Potential ("RDP") is 11 units.

In addition to vacant properties that have a realistic development potential, the Township must also consider known projects in its RDP assessment likely to be redeveloped in the 2025-2035 Fourth Round obligation. The Legislation includes the following language (emphasis added):

Any municipality that receives an adjustment of its prospective need obligations for the fourth round or subsequent rounds based on a lack of vacant land shall as part of the process of adopting



and implementing its housing element and fair share plan identify sufficient parcels likely to redevelop during the current round of obligations to address at least 25 percent of the prospective need obligation that has been adjusted, and adopt realistic zoning that allows for such adjusted obligation, or demonstrate why the municipality is unable to do so.

With a Fourth Round prospective need of 431 credits and Realistic Development Potential of 11, this leaves a remaining need to be addressed of 420 credits. In accordance with the above, twenty-five percent of the remaining need is 105.

#### Realistic Development Potential (RDP) Mechanisms

The Township will address at least 25 percent of the prospective need obligation that has been adjusted through the following projects:

1. 140 State Street Amended Redevelopment Plan: 5 Credits\*

\*Project previously planned at 36 units with 5 LMI set-aside in Round 3. Amended to 66 units with 10 LMI set-aside, where 5 new LMI units count towards Round 4

- 2. Cedar Lane and American Legion Drive (Redevelopment)<sup>9</sup>: 48 Credits
- 3. 143 State Street (Redevelopment): 9 Credits
- 4. 827 Teaneck Road (Rezoning or Redevelopment): 6 Credits
- 5. 1387 Hill Street (Rezoning or Redevelopment): 4 Credits
- 6. 54 West Englewood (Rezoning or Redevelopment): 11 Credits
- 7. Bonus Credits Under the Fourth Round: 41.5 Credits

*Under N.J.S.A.* <u>52:27D-311k</u>, New Jersey updated the rules for bonus credits in Round 4<sup>10</sup>. *Municipalities can now earn bonus credits in the following ways:* 

- a. One (1) bonus credit for special needs or permanent supportive housing;
- b. One (1) bonus credit for 100% affordable housing projects for which the host municipality has contributed towards the cost of the project, subject to certain minimum contribution requirements;

<sup>10</sup> Note:

- A municipality may claim only one type of bonus credit per affordable unit
- Bonus credits may satisfy no more than 25% of the Round 4 obligation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The subject site also fronts Beverly Road, Garrison Avenue, Windsor Road, Alma Terrace, North Street, and Water Street. For the purposes of this HEFSP, the project is referred to as "Cedar Lane and American Legion Drive." However, a future Redevelopment Plan may adopt a different name while still referring to the same designated block and lot numbers.

- c. One (1) bonus credit for market rate units that are converted to affordable units;
- *d.* One-half (0.5) bonus credit for ownership units created in a partnership sponsorship with a non-profit housing developer;
- e. One-half (0.5) bonus credit for units located within a one-half mile radius (or a onemile radius for projects located in a Garden State Growth Zone) of NJ Transit or Port Authority rail, bus, or ferry stations, including all light rail stations;
- f. One-half (0.5) bonus credit for age-restricted units, subject to certain caps;
- *g.* One-half (0.5) bonus credit for each three-bedroom unit in excess of the three- bedroom requirements set forth in the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls;
- *h.* One-half (0.5) bonus credit for housing units constructed on previously developed land that was utilized for retail, office, or commercial space; and
- *i.* One-half (0.5) bonus credit for units whose affordability controls are extended for a new term of affordability;

PROJECT	PROJECT NOTE	BONUS CREDITS
140 State Street	This project will replace former gas station, where 5 new LMI units (beyond the original 5 in Round 3) are planned	+ 2.5 Credits (per H above)
Cedar Lane and American Legion Drive	This project will replace former commercial buildings / commercial parking lots, where 48 LMI units are planned	+ 24 Credits (per H above)
143 State Street	This project will replace a gas station, where 9 LMI units are planned	+ 4.5 Credits (per H above)
827 Teaneck Road	This project will replace a commercial restaurant, where 6 LMI units are planned	+ 3 Credits (per H above)
1387 Hill Street	This project is located within ½ mile of NJ Transit Bus Stop, where 4 LMI units are planned	+ 2 Credits (per E above)
54 West Englewood Ave	This project is located within ½ mile of NJ Transit Bus Stop, where 11 LMI units are planned	+ 5.5 Credits (per E above)

The following are bonus credits applicable in Round Four:

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#### The following is a summary of the Round 4 Projects and bonus credits applicable in Round Four:

#### Compliance Framework:

ROUND 4 COMPLIANCE FRAMEWORK	DCA OBLIGATION
Prospective Need Obligation	431
Realistic Development Potential (RDP) per VLA	11
"Likely to Redevelop" 25% Requirement	105
Maximum Bonus Credits	107.75

### Crediting Projects:

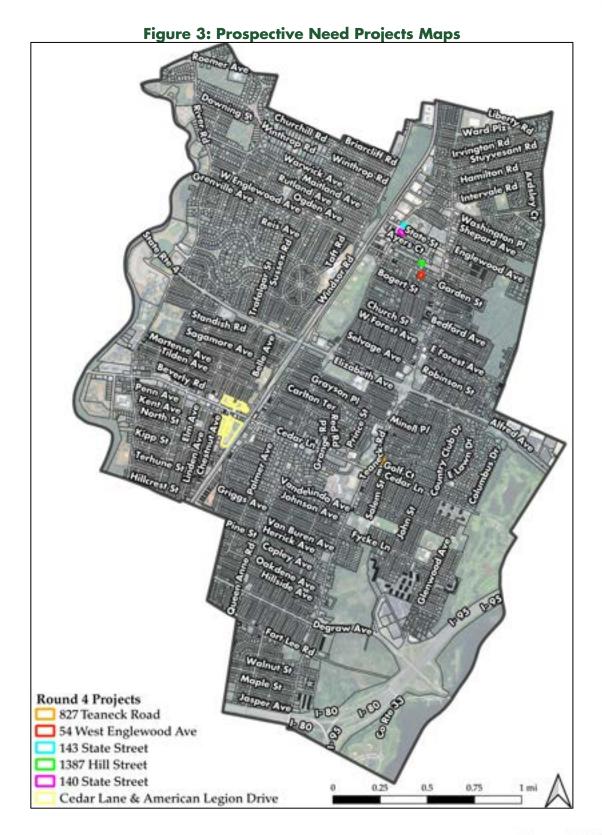
PROJECT SITE	B/L	LMI UNITS	BONUS CREDIT TYPE	BONUS CREDITS	W/ BONUS CREDITS
140 State Street Amended RDP	Block 5004, Lot 1	5	TOD (0.5)	2.5	7.5
Cedar Lane and American Legion Drive	Block 819, Lots 1, 14, 16, 17; Block 707, Lots 1-5; Block 705, Lot 4.01	48	TOD or Non-Res Conversion (0.5)	24	72
143 State Street	Block 5002, Lot 26	9	TOD or Non-Res Conversion (0.5)	4.5	13.5
827 Teaneck Road	Block 3902, Lot 2.01	6	TOD or Non-Res Conversion (0.5)	3	9
1387 Hill Street	Block 5003, Lot 16	4	TOD (0.5)	2	6
54 West Englewood Ave	Block 4905, Lot 3	11	TOD (0.5)	5.5	16.5
Total:					124.5

#### Unmet Need:

CREDITS	CREDITS
Prospective Need Obligation	- 431 Credits
Credits Toward 4th Round 25% VLA	- 124 .5 Credits
REMAINING UNMET NEED CREDITS	306.5 Credits

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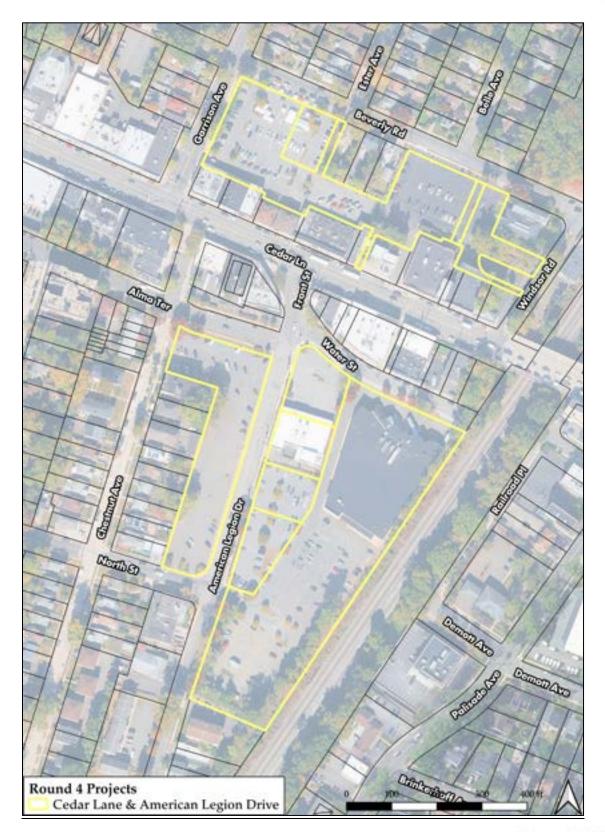


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### Prospective Need Projects Description and Suitability Analysis

Municipalities shall designate sites that are available, suitable, developable and approvable, as defined in N.J.A.C. 5:93-1. As such, the criteria for crediting units must meet the following:

- 1. "Available site" a site with clear title, free of encumbrances which preclude development for low- and moderate-income housing.
- 2. "Suitable site" a site that is adjacent to compatible land uses, has access to appropriate streets and is consistent with the environmental policies delineated in N.J.A.C. 5:93-4.
- 3. "Developable site" a site that has access to appropriate water and sewer infrastructure, and is consistent with the applicable area wide water quality management plan (including the wastewater management plan) or is included in an amendment to the area wide water quality management plan submitted to and under review by DEP.
- 4. "Approvable site" a site that may be developed for low- and moderate-income housing in a manner consistent with the rules or regulations of all agencies with jurisdiction over the site. A site may be approvable although not currently zoned for low- and moderate-income housing.

Based on the below, the following crediting sites can appropriately be included in the Township's Fourth Round HEFSP.

140 STATE STREET	(REDEVELOPMENT - AMENDED JANUARY 2025)
Description of Availability	The site is owned by a Developer with clear title.
Description of Suitable	The Redevelopment Area is suitable. It is near a variety of residential and commercial uses. It contains access to bus routes, parks, sidewalk pedestrian access, and a built-out center.
Description of Developable	The Redevelopment Area is developable. It has access to infrastructure necessary to support development.
Description of Approvable	The Redevelopment Area is approvable. It has an adopted redevelopment plan in place.
CEDAR LANE, AMERICAN	LEGION DRIVE, ET AL. (REDEVELOPMENT PLANNED)
Description of Availability	The site is owned by a Developer with clear title.
Description of Suitable	The property is suitable. It is near a variety of residential and commercial uses. It contains access to bus routes, parks, sidewalk pedestrian access, and a built-out center.

#### **Table 20: Projects Description and Suitability Analysis**

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Description of Developable	The site is developable. It has access to infrastructure necessary to support development.
Description of Approvable	The site is approvable. The Township commits to a Redevelopment Plan and/or rezoning to permit the residential affordable housing.
143 STATE STREE	(REDEVELOPMENT OR REZONING PLANNED)
Description of Availability	The site is owned by a Developer with clear title.
Description of Suitable	The property is suitable. It is near a variety of residential and commercial uses. It contains access to bus routes, parks, sidewalk pedestrian access, and a built-out center.
Description of Developable	The site is developable. It has access to infrastructure necessary to support development.
Description of Approvable	The site is approvable. The Township commits to a Redevelopment Plan and/or rezoning to permit the residential affordable housing.
827 TEANECK ROA	AD (REDEVELOPMENT OR REZONING PLANNED)
Description of Availability	The site is owned by a Developer with clear title.
Description of Suitable	The property is suitable. It is near a variety of residential and commercial uses. It contains access to bus routes, parks, sidewalk pedestrian access, and a built-out center.
Description of Developable	The site is developable. It has access to infrastructure necessary to support development.
Description of Approvable	The site is approvable. The Township commits to a Redevelopment Plan and/or rezoning to permit the residential affordable housing.
1387 HILL STREET	(REDEVELOPMENT OR REZONING PLANNED)
Description of Availability	The site is owned by a Developer with clear title.
Description of Suitable	The property is suitable. It is near a variety of residential and commercial uses. It contains access to bus routes, parks, sidewalk pedestrian access, and a built-out center.

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Description of Developable	The site is developable. It has access to infrastructure necessary to support development.	
Description of Approvable	The site is approvable. The Township commits to a Redevelopment Plan and/or rezoning to permit the residential affordable housing.	
54 WEST ENGLEWOOD	DAVE (REDEVELOPMENT OR REZONING PLANNED)	
Description of Availability	The site is owned by a Developer with clear title.	
Description of Suitable	The property is suitable. It is near a variety of residential and commercial uses. It contains access to bus routes, parks, sidewalk pedestrian access, and a built-out center.	
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#### Land Most Appropriate for Affordable Housing

The analysis in this section shall satisfy Part F of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-310), which requires:

• F) "A consideration of the lands that are most appropriate for construction of low- and moderateincome housing and of the existing structures most appropriate for conversion to, or rehabilitation for, low- and moderate-income housing, including a consideration of lands of developers who have expressed a commitment to provide low- and moderate-income housing"

As part of this Fair Share Plan, the Township has considered land that is appropriate for the construction of very low-, low-, and moderate-income housing. By utilizing various zoning mechanisms, the Township has successfully met its affordable housing obligations and continues to facilitate the creation of such housing. The Township has amended zoning regulations to establish affordable and inclusionary housing districts. Furthermore, the adoption of a mandatory set-aside ordinance guarantees that unexpected opportunities for affordable housing are utilized. The Township considers the strategies outlined in this document to be the most effective approach to meeting its affordable housing needs. While it acknowledges that developers may propose additional sites in the future that could be suitable for affordable housing, no further sites are currently required to fulfill the Township's obligations.



#### Endorsement of Affordable Housing Compliance Mechanisms

The Township acknowledges that, in accordance with affordable housing regulations, it may be eligible to receive credit toward its affordable housing obligation through alternative mechanisms. This includes extending existing affordability controls by re-deed restricting units in compliance with Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) standards; deed-restricting approved Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in accordance with UHAC; and/or exploring the potential to qualify units regulated under municipal rent control ordinances. The Township encourages these approaches and considers them viable strategies to support continued compliance with affordable housing obligations.

#### Mandatory Obligation Subsets

Below is a table reviewing additional obligation requirement thresholds.

MANDATORY OBLIGATIONS	CITATION	# REQUIRED OF ACTUAL UNITS*	PROPOSED	
Very Low-Income Units (13% Minimum) Shall count towards the minimum 50 percent of the housing units required to be made available for occupancy by low- income households to address a municipality's prospective need obligation.	<u>52:27D-329.1</u>	11 (Rounded Up)	Projects will comply with UHAC Requirements	
Family VLI Units (50% Minimum of VLI Units)	<u>52:27D-329.1</u>	6 (Rounded Up)	for LMI requirements	
Low-Income Units (50% Minimum) Conversely, the maximum of Moderate- Income Units shall not exceed 50%.	<u>52:27D-329.1</u>	42 (Rounded Up)		
Family Units (50% Minimum)	<u>52:27D-311</u> .1	42 (Rounded Up)	All 83	
Rental Units (25% Minimum)	<u>52:27D-311</u> .1	21 (Rounded Up)	physical units are Family	
Family Rental Units (50% Minimum of Rental Units)	<u>52:27D-311</u> .k.5	11 (Rounded Up)	Rental	
Age-restricted units (30% Maximum)	<u>52:27D-302</u> .q	24 (Rounded Down)	None of the 83 physical	
Transitional Housing	<u>52:27D-311</u> .e	8	units are	

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(10% Maximum of Total Credits)		(Rounded Down)	senior or
Age-Restricted Housing Bonus Credit (10% Maximum of Age-Restricted Units)	<u>52:27D-311</u> .k.4	8 (Rounded Down)	transitional proposed at this time

\* Based on 83 actual units that do not count the 41.5 bonus credits.

Note 1: Maximum bonus credits shall not exceed 25% of Prospective Need per 52:27D-311.k.

Note 2: Targets based on required units and will be enforced throughout the Fourth Round as part of site plan review and approval.



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