

Plan Endorsement Guideline

Proposed new municipal action or change	Responsible agency and/or requesting change
Step 2: Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee: If a municipality has an appointed a Green Team, it could serve as the Advisory Committee.	OPA-updated language
Step 2 & 5: Proposed added language calls for engaging the community through a variety of different interactive technologies and media, including online means and posting of all workshops and hearings on the municipal website, etc.	OPA-updated language
Step 3: Municipal Self-Assessment Report. DOT proposes requiring coastal communities to also provide an inventory, including an assessment of waterways, dredging needs and dredged material management opportunities, including upland and beneficial uses related to coastal resiliency	DOT-new recommended requirement
Step 3: Municipal Self-Assessment Report. DEP proposes requiring towns to furnish a list of important community assets for NJDEP climate vulnerability assessment	DEP-new recommended requirement
Step 5: COMMUNITY VISIONING	OPA-initiated discussion
CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLANNING: Proposed new section. Involves a 3-step process, including a vulnerabilty assessment, development of strategy, and periodic actions.	DEP-new recommended requirement
ENERGY: Proposed new section. Would require a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Action Plan. Largely mirrors the Sustainable Jersey program's Gold Star Standard in Energy action.	OPA/DEP/BPU & Sustainable Jersey collaboration-new recommended requirements

RECYCLING: Section updated. Consistency statement as proposed, would require several new reporting items.	DEP-Section updated
HAZARD PLANNING: Was previously conditional and now proposed as a required action.	DEP-new recommended requirement
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & SOCIAL EQUITY: Municipal EJ Action Plan. Includes an assessment, new guidelines, policy adoption, training/resources to staff, elected officials and boards. Designate an EJ liaison.	DEP-new recommended requirement
CONSERVATION: Contaminated Sites & Other Hazards Inventory: petitioners must cross-apply the inventory information with demographic data to ensure that planning does not adversely or disproportionately affect overburdened communities	DEP-language updated
CONSERVATION: Contiguous and Non-Contiguous Clustering proposed as Conditional Requirements.	OPA-recommended as new conditional requirement
CONSERVATION: Resource Protection ordinances: Floodplain Ordinance, Community tree save, landscaping limits	DEP-recommended requirements
TRANSPORTATION: Adoption of a Complete Streets Implementation Strategy. Mirrors an action advocated by Sustainable Jersey. Conditional: Would be required for towns that have already adopted a resolution.	OPA with DOT support-recommended as new conditional requirement
SUSTAINABILITY: Sustainability Statement: Expanded scope and substantially revised/updated table. Incorporates many actions recommended under the Sustainable Jersey program and encourages certification.	OPA-section updated
UTILITIES: Clarifies submission of a Water Supply Plan as a Conditional requirement.	DEP-update clarifies action as a conditional requirement
COMMUNITY FACILITIES: Public Access Plan. Proposed new subsection as Conditionally Required.	DEP-recommended as new conditional requirement

AGRICULTURE: In addition to adopting a Farmland Preservation Plan for towns with at least 1,000 acres in production, the top 50 agricultural communities in the state will also be required to have a dedicated funding source in place.	DAG/SADC-recommended as new requirement for top 50 agricultural towns
TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (TDR): As proposed, TDR will no longer be a conditionally required and instead be recommended.	OPA-recommended as optional

Proposed new agency actions under Step 4: S

Assessment of climate change vulnerability and mitigation	DEP
vulnerability assessment of state and regional assets	DEP
CONSERVATION: Contaminated Sites & Other Hazards Inventory. DEP will provide petitioners with an inventory of sites known to emit pollution or be contaminated.	DEP
Assessment of community preparedness	DEP/OEM
Assessment of Health utilizing County Health Improvement Plans and other data	DOH
Assessment of Economic Opportunities	EDA
Assessment of Opportunities to advance the State Energy Master Plan	BPU
Assessment of Environmental Justice & Social Equity	DCA & DEP
NJ TRANSIT will review the level of public transportation using the New Jersey Land Use & Transit Data Application and provide the municipality with its 2000 Transit Score.	NJ TRANSIT-recommended

s: Proposed new municipal actions/requirements

Impetus or rule	Other comments	Level of complexity
Recognizes increasing role and value of local Green Teams.	Additional community representatives as identified in the criteria section of Step 2 should be added to the Green Team for the purposes of Plan Endorsement if necessary.	Minimal: Administrative (PE only). Option has potential to reduce administrative and professional involvement by allowing towns to take advantage of their local Green Team.
To comply with EO-23 and foster broader public engagement.		Minimal: Administrative (PE only)
To comply with EO-89	Is this necessary for every coastal town or can it be provided as applicable and based on identified need?	Depends on extent of need and level of detail to be required and provided. Minimal-Moderate: Administrative/professional (PE only)
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Towns find requirement for 3 visioning workshops excessive - particularly for smaller towns or where the public can be engaged through a variety of interactive technologies and media, including online means, posting or live feed posting, etc.	Outstanding issue from PIC discussions: Whether to continue requiring three facilitated public meetings, or reduce to two. Note: Waivers are already permitted under rules for Steps 2, 3 and/or 5 (Step 5 within 3-years), if a petitioner has met the requirements.	
To comply with EO-89	Proposed new section within the PE Guidelines. *DEP working on additional guidance	Moderate-Significant: Administrative/professional (PE/PIA & Ongoing)
Emphasizes renewables, efficiency, and phased conversion to electric vehicles in compliance with EO-89.	Proposed new section within the PE Guidelines. Includes: renewable energy and efficiency actions, greening the municipal fleet, local government energy audit, energy tracking and management, building/facility decarbonization, and measures to make your town electric vehicle friendly.	Significant: Administrative/professional (PE/PIA & Ongoing): <u>Calls for implementation of 11 different actions of varying complexity.</u> Much of which would be phased over 2-5 years.

Updated language achieves greater consistency with N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11, the NJ Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to ensure compliance with the State law on recycling and district recycling plan (i.e., County Solid Waste Management Plan).		Minimal: Administrative/professional (PE/PIA)
To comply with EO-89 and EO-23	Inventory of potential hazards and how to mitigate them. Submission of the municipal annex of the County Hazard Mitigation plan or a local hazard mitigation plan.	Minimal-Moderate: Administrative/professional (PE/PIA)
To comply with EO-23 and new legislation. Major new program area.	Proposed new section within the PE Guidelines. *DEP to develop an EJ Guidance document.	Moderate-Significant: Administrative/professional (PE/PIA & Ongoing)
Updated language addresses EO-23.		Minimal: Administrative/professional (PE)
Recognizes recent amendments to the MLUL allowing for the expansion of non-contiguous clustering as a planning tool.	Both Contiguous and Non-Contiguous Clustering represent powerful and important growth management and preservation tools that have potential to where TDR has proven less successful.	Moderate for Contiguous and Significant for Non-Contiguous Clustering. Administrative/professional (PE/PIA & Ongoing)
Has been a requirement of DEP for sometime. Request is to include as required actions.		Minimal: Administrative/Professional (PE/PIA only)
NJDOT Complete Streets. Passing a simple resolution doesn't accomplish much, and many towns have already done so. Next step should be adoption of an implementation policy.		Minimal-Moderate: Administrative/professional (PE & Ongoing)
To comply with EO-89 and EO-23	OPA and Sustainable Jersey are currently exploring opportunities for enhanced collaboration between programs; particularly since many actions either required or recommended for PE are available under the Sustainable Jersey program.	Minimal: Administrative/Professional (PE only)
	This is something routinely sought from petitioners as necessary.	Minimal-Moderate-depending. Administrative/professional (PE/PIA)
To comply with the Public Trust Doctrine and EO-23	Applicable to municipalities within the CAFRA Zone.	Minimal-Moderate: Administrative/professional (PE/PIA)

Updated language addresses needs of different agricultural communities based acreage in production.		Moderate: Administrative/professional (PE/PIA & Ongoing)
Track record of success has not been good, despite substantial time and investment by various State agencies and municipalities.		Reduces complexity

tate Opportunities & Constraints Assessment unless otherwise noted

EO 89	*Similar to row 23. Perhaps redundant.	Moderate (PE Only). Depends on extent of vulnerability and mitigation necessary to address
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Updated language addresses EO 89 and EO 23		Minimal-Moderate (PE Only). Depends on extent of sites and potential for impacts to human health and safety.
Proposed by public member		Minimal-Moderate (PE Only). Depends.
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Proposed by public member		Minimal-Moderate (PE Only)
Update replaces Transit Score		Minimal (PE Only)