

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The County worked with the Atlantic County Economic Alliance (ACEA) in 2018 and accomplished the following:

Rebranding of the Stockton Aviation Research and Technology Park as the National Aviation Research and Technology Park. The changed help to secure greater political and public support for the park, increased its appeal to aviation companies, and made it more attractive to other universities to work in partnership.

The creation of an Aviation Innovation Hub comprising a one mile area around the FAA Tech Center, the Atlantic City International Airport and the National Aviation Research and Technology Park.

NJIT/NJII, one of New Jersey's foremost research universities, agreed to assume operational responsibility for the National Aviation and Research Technology Park (NRTP).

Completed construction of the first building of the NARTP on schedule and on budget. We are concluding tenant negotiations and expect to have the building fully rented by mid-2019.

Air cargo and aircraft maintenance and repair operations gain momentum at the Atlantic City International Airport thanks to the cooperation and efforts of the SJTA.

Designation of the Atlantic City International Airport as a "Smart Airport Test Bed Research Facility" thanks to the efforts of the ACEA, the SJTA and NJII/NJIT.

Solicited and obtained strong support from the Governor's office for our aviation district, which is recognized in his economic plan for the state.

Legislative and gubernatorial approval to offer Grow New Jersey Tax Incentives in the Aviation Innovation Hub.

Development of new strategic partnerships with major aviation companies and institutions such as Boeing, Lockheed, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Joint Base McGuire-Ft. Dix-Lakehurst, National Institute of Aviation, the FAA, General Dynamics, and Thunderbolt Software, LLC.

The award of a \$120,000 NJEDA Innovation Grant to develop an operational plan for an Aviation Training Academy needed to develop and support aircraft maintenance and repair operations.

A new workforce development initiative in partnership with Embry Riddle to improve STEM education in Atlantic County high schools by implementing an aviation STEM program. This is a key component of our economic strategy that calls for improving the alignment of high school curricula with our economic strategy. The significance of Embry Riddle, the foremost aeronautical university in the world, agreeing to partner with us on this grant cannot be overstated. As with NJIT, their partnership helps validate our economic development efforts.

A successful effort to designate the Aviation Innovation Hub as a Federal Opportunity Zone that offers federal tax breaks development project.

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Linkage of our Aviation Innovation Hub with the Joint Base – MDL and UAS initiatives at the Cape May County Airport in order to encourage development of a tri county regional aviation economic cluster.

An aggressive effort initiated by the ACEA to market and brand Atlantic County as a place to live, work, and do business. A marketing firm was selected through an RFP process and this effort will begin in full in early 2019.

Atlantic County and the City of Atlantic City completed the first year of the county providing home delivered and congregate meals, transportation and public health community health services. This move was made to assist the City in stabilizing their budget and had no financial impact to county taxpayers.

Atlantic County Department of Family and Community Development in collaboration with the Division of Information Technologies, applied for and received a federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Process and Technology Improvement Grant to improve its SNAP process with modernization and innovation of office operations including: reaching clients for telephone interviews for initial applications and recertification; improving customer service to address: limited phone capacities; abandoned calls; inability of clients to receive status of their case via an automated system; and, increasing efficiencies in case management: lack of automated telephonic systems to increase efficiencies of case managers; and lack of real-time reporting to measure worker performance. During 2018, all equipment and software was ordered and configured to match the desired call flows that were designed by the working groups to optimize the technology and business process improvement plans. During 2019, the user acceptance testing, implementation of the system into production, and continued improvement based on ongoing metric reporting reviews will be completed. We will also continue to work with the State of NJ for access to the required systems for further integrations and streamlining of the numerous manual interventions required between agencies.

Atlantic County was the recipient of a VA contract to provide local veterans with access to long term care and rehabilitation at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The new Veterans' wing is in the Meadowview Nursing and Rehab Center and includes 30 beds. A meet and greet was held on December 7, 2018 for the public.

The County Division of Public Health began increased child blood lead screenings during 2018. The State reduced the lead standard for case management and environmental intervention for the protection of children. Public health nurses educated over 20 physicians and provided them with educational materials regarding the new regulations. Nurses followed up on over 50 screening results to ensure a confirmatory test was performed. Parents and caregivers were provided with healthy home tool kits. The kits contained cleaning materials to reduce a child's exposure to leaded dust. The importance of good nutrition was emphasized at each contact with the child's caregiver and locations of nutritional resources were shared with the family e.g. WIC

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location. Lead paint analysis was conducted where needed and the resident was given the verbal results immediately in order to stop any continuing exposure. To ensure correct communication, if needed, bilingual staff visited the home. To continue childhood lead prevention efforts in Atlantic County a grant application was submitted to the NJ State Dept. of Health in 2018. An award for \$283,000 was awarded.

Atlantic County Public Health was one of three State pilot programs charged with performing contact investigations on certain Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), which included Syphilis and HIV. Three public health nurses were trained as Disease Investigator Specialists. The "Passport to Partner" training received from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention provided the skills necessary to follow-up on a patient and their partner/contact who may have been exposed to the STD. The process helps to prevent the progression and spread of the disease. This program will continue in 2019.

The County Planning Advisory Board adopted the Master Plan in May 2018 as completed by Heyer and Gruel. The County's revised land development standards and road opening process are nearing completion and should be completed in early 2019. One goal outlined in the Master Plan report was to continue to expand the county parks system and recreation opportunities and facilities available to residents and visitors. To this end there are now 18 additional campsites at Lenape Park; improvements are ongoing at Estell Manor Park; and the Veterans Museum was opened in 2018. Other goals of the master plan included encouraging the creation of a second track on NJ Transit's Atlantic City Line to provide improved freight and passenger rail service between Atlantic City and Hammonton and points between the resort and Philadelphia. This discussion is ongoing and part of the economic development discussion in the region.

The Department of Public Works continued its ongoing crack sealing and line striping program during 2018. The following intersection pavement markings were refreshed: Ocean Heights at Bethel Road in Somers Point; Ocean Heights at Steelmanville Road, Ocean Heights at Swift Avenue, Spruce and Mill Roads in EHT; Tilton at Wrangleboro in Hamilton Township and Jim Leeds at Wrangleboro/Great Creek in Galloway Township.

In April 2018, eighteen new campsites at Lake Lenape West, including a shower facility, were opened and immediately used by campers.

The Office of Mosquito Control researched the use of unmanned aerial systems for the use larval collection. In 2019, the Office will conduct flight training with representatives from the National Aviation Research and Technology Park and continue to leverage their expertise to facilitate the use of unmanned aerial systems to monitor salt marsh water levels, develop larval collection devices and potentially expand the UAS surveillance to other mosquito habitats.

The County worked with the State Juvenile Justice Commission to increase security measures at Harborfields. One project was delayed until 2019.

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The County in conjunction with the Veterans Museum Foundation purchased televisions and movies that will be coordinated with museum displays to allow for an interactive experience for visitors.

Rutgers Extension Services Master Gardener program operated offsite 'helpline' booths at 22 community events during 2018 in an effort to increase outreach to a broader audience.

In 2018, the following building capital projects were completed:

- Parking lot improvements at Spruce Avenue Family Center and GreenTree Golf Course
- Chiller replacement at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
- Bid completion of kitchen at the catering hall at Lenape East.
- Completed pistol and rifle ranges construction.

The below projects were initiated, but bid documents were not complete in 2018. Work should occur in 2019:

- Single Point of Entry at the Atlantic County Civil Courthouse which includes added security and change in pedestrian flow
- Various improvements at the Atlantic County Justice Facility to include roof replacement, fencing and laundry facilities.
- Replacement of washers and dryers at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
- Completion of renovations to make the assistance treatment program a more permanent project within the jail, eliminating the use of a vehicle, providing for treatment, and counseling space.

In 2018, the following engineering capital projects progressed as follows:

- Construction the Plymouth Street Culvert is underway; final design is near completion of Pleasant Mills Dam; Cotton Mill Bridge will be built in 2019; and County Public Works will be completing Underhill Park Bridge.
- Design of Lakes Creek Bridge and Bungalow Park Bridge are underway. Nacote Creek Bridge design is complete and bids will be issued in 2019. Central Avenue and Dorset Avenue bridges design proposals will be issued in 2019.
- Intersection improvements on Delilah Road are under construction. Blue Anchor Road west of Route 54 was completed; work east of Route 54 will be complete in spring 2019. Ocean Heights and Blackman Road in EHT as well as Main and West Jersey in Pleasantville will have designs completed in 2019. Design of Fire and Hingston Avenue, EHT will be completed during 2019.
- The County wrote to towns where the County has flashing beacons outlining plan of replacement.
- Phase II of design of Lake Lenape Dam Spillway replacement are underway.
- Drainage rehabilitation at Fire and Old Egg Road, EHT is ready to be bid.

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The County entered into an agreement with Atlantic City Electric for LED street light replacements at three sites; the parking lot at the County Office Building in Atlantic City, a section of Jim Leeds Road and a section of Delilah Road with work moving forward in 2018.

The Office of Emergency Management and the Law Department reviewed different options to determine best location for radio tower with respect to connectivity and range of transmission for the County's 800 MHz system. Final decision was to remain at Ocean Club.