

Plans, Master Plans and Amendments Report to the Board October 10, 2024, through November 22, 2024

Municipality	Township of Jefferson
Document	Housing Element and Fair Share Housing Plan
Public Hearing	10/28/2024
Summary	Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Amendment prepared in accordance with a settlement agreement with the Fair Share Housing Center

- Jefferson Township has not submitted its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (Plan) to the court for review because 86 percent of the municipality is in the Highlands Preservation Area and the municipality has limited public water and sewer availability. The Township uses the methodologies identified in the Second and Third Round Rules as determined by the Supreme Court and relies on most recent housing and socioeconomic data to arrive at its housing obligation. The Township’s defined affordable housing obligation is 430 units, which is broken down as follows:
 - Rehabilitation Share: 70 units
 - Prior Round Obligation (1987-1999): 69 units
 - Third Round (1999 - 2025): 291 units
- As pertaining to the Rehabilitation Share, the Township has a rehabilitation program funded from its Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This program will continue through the Third Round.
- The Prior Round obligation has been addressed through the establishment of multiple group homes, senior housing and units constructed by Habitat for Humanity.
- The Township notes that while there exists public water and sewer within the Township, there is no additional capacity in the system. Therefore, the Township proposes a durational adjustment of 196 units due to the lack of public water and sewer.
- The Township proposes to address a portion of its Third-Round obligation through a total of 95 credits from inclusionary zoning, group homes and market to affordable units, which would utilize existing water and sewer availability. The Plan indicates that the remaining 196 units will be addressed if and/or when public sewer and/or water become available.

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Municipality	Township of Randolph
Document	Circulation Element of the Master Plan
Public Hearing	November 18, 2024
Summary	Follow-up to the 1992 and 2006 Circulation Plan Elements and subsequent Reexamination Reports

- Significant development has been planned and approved as a result of the Township’s Third-Round affordable housing obligation, which is anticipated to affect the existing roadway system. This Circulation Plan Element (Plan) identifies areas that are most likely to be impacted based on current conditions and proximity to new development. The new plan addresses planning issues related to road and sidewalks and includes proposed updates to the 2017 Trails Plan, identifying gaps or areas that could be improved for a more comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle network.
- The Plan includes the functional classification of all roads in the local transportation network and a discussion of public transportation, including local bus service, nearby rail service (Dover) and other paratransit services (e.g., Morris Area Paratransit Service, local assisted living facility transportation services). Traffic volume information is provided for major routes in the Township.
- The Township has an extensive network of trails and pedestrian connections, and the Plan intent is to continue to focus on multi-modal transportation opportunities throughout the Township. The Plan proposes thirteen new trail segments that will help meet the goals of providing additional loop trails and to provide connections from neighborhoods to existing trails. In addition, fifteen sidewalk segments have been identified for future extension.
- The Plan lists thirteen problem areas identified in the 2006 Circulation Element and adds the following new areas of concern: Church Road and Sussex Turnpike, Quaker Church Rd. and Millbrook Ave., Quaker Church Rd. at Fernbrook School entrance and Sussex Tpke. & Washington Valley Rd.
- Recommendations include but are not limited to: 1) review roadway classifications to meet current Federal standards, 2) determine mitigation measures for areas of concern, 3) continue to monitor development impacts on the roadway network, 4) incorporate Trail Advisory Committee recommendations into the updated Trails Master Plan, 5) seek collaboration with NJ Transit to expand/modify existing public transportation services, 6) require new development to address traffic and level of service issues at impacted intersections and corridors, 7) encourage the construction of sidewalks for new development; create connectivity and pedestrian linkages, 8) collaborate with County and State agencies on roadways in their jurisdiction especially in areas of proposed multifamily development on Route 10 and Mt. Freedom and 9) consider adoption of a Safe Routes to Schools resolution which would help enforce the development of sidewalks and other pedestrian linkages and create eligibility for funding for similar projects.