

**SOMERSET COUNTY PLANNING BOARD  
RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE SOMERSET  
COUNTY INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AS AN ELEMENT OF THE  
SOMERSET COUNTY MASTER PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, In accordance with the provisions and spirit of the New Jersey Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 40:27-2 et seq., the Somerset County Planning Board has prepared a Somerset County Investment Framework Map and Overview to serve as the updated geographic framework for Somerset County Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the foregoing, a public hearing was held by the County Planning Board as required on March 18th, 2014, concerning the proposed incorporation of the Somerset County Investment Framework Map and Overview as an element of the Somerset County Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, heretofore, the Somerset County Planning Board conducted an extensive public outreach process throughout 2012 and 2013 in the form of municipal and peer review of the draft County Investment Framework Map and associated methodology, asset maps and overview documents; numerous meetings with municipal officials and planners as well as diverse stakeholder groups, presentation of the County Investment Framework and related documents at the Planning Chair Forums and regularly scheduled meetings of the Somerset County Planning Board held throughout 2012 and 2013, in order to obtain public input to shape the development of the Criteria-based Methodology, associated Asset Maps and the County Investment Framework Map and Overview; and

**WHEREAS**, the Somerset County Planning Board has taken into due consideration the public comments and communications presented to the Board throughout this process; and

**WHEREAS**, the various committees of the Board, including the Master Plan and Land Use Committee and Environment and Utility Committee have reviewed and provided their comments at various stages throughout the development of the County Investment Framework Map and Overview and approved the document on that basis.

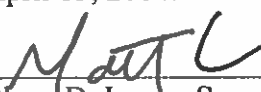
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the Somerset County Planning Board hereby formally adopts the Somerset County Investment Framework Map and Overview as an Element of the County Master Plan; and does so in support of the implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Somerset County heretofore prepared by the Somerset County Business Partnership in 2013.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Somerset County Planning Board declares its intent to periodically review this document and up-date it appropriately so that it remains a relevant and valuable tool for county and local planning.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** electronic copies of the County Investment Framework and Overview shall be made available to the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the municipalities of Somerset County, adjacent counties, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the New Jersey Office for Planning Advocacy, the Somerset County Business Partnership and the general public through the County Planning Board's website:

<http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/planweb/sustainable/index.htm>

I, Matthew D. Loper, Secretary of the Somerset County Planning Board, County of Somerset, in the State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by said Planning Board of Somerset at its regularly convened meeting on April 15, 2014.

  
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Matthew D. Loper, Secretary  
Somerset County Planning Board