

County-Wide Implementation Plan Timetable

The County-Wide Implementation Plan Timetable establishes the implementation agent as well as the general timeline for action on the following action strategies. These strategies are taken from the objectives outlined in this Plan.

The implementation agent identifies the general level of responsibility for implementing the strategy at the County, Municipal and/or State level. The timetable is broken down into four levels: Short-term (6 to 18 months); Mid-term (18 months to 3 years); Long-term (within 5 years); Ongoing (a strategy that should continue on an ongoing basis).



Goal: To improve the quality of life of Hudson County residents

Action Strategy	Implementation Agent	Timeline
Ensure access to recreation facilities for all residents	County, Municipal, State	Ongoing
Ensure recreation facilities for all age groups	County, Municipal, State	Ongoing
Work toward goal of “ten minute walk to a park bench”	County, Municipal	Ongoing-until goal is met
Protect clean air and water through critical resource protection	County, Municipal, State	Ongoing
Identify new opportunities for small, local vest pocket parks throughout the County	County, Municipal	Ongoing

Goal: To provide accessible recreation opportunities to all Hudson County residents

Action Strategy	Implementation Agent	Timeline
Address needs identified in recreation needs assessment	County, Municipal	Mid-term
Ensure completion of Hudson County Park and Recreation Plan recommendations for facilities improvements	County	Short-term
Increase funding priority for the maintenance and upgrading of facilities in County Parks and encourage the same in Municipal facilities	County, Municipal	Mid-term
Provide for scenic walkways and bikeways along the waterfront	County, Municipal	Mid-term
Expand existing parks and encourage development of new parks where feasible	County, Municipal	Ongoing
Continue to react to public requests for new recreation facilities	County	Ongoing





Goal: To provide green spaces for public enjoyment in all Hudson County communities

Action Strategy	Implementation Agent	Timeline
Identify vacant parcels in each municipality as possible green spaces	County, Municipal	Short-term
Identify existing publicly owned parcels as possible green spaces	County, Municipal	Short-term
Assess needs for landscaping and tree maintenance	County	Short-term
Provide incentives for private developments to include accessible green spaces	Municipal	Mid-term
Identify new opportunities for small, local vest pocket parks throughout the County	County, Municipal	Mid-term
Coordinate with local, adjacent counties, state and federal agencies to increase green spaces at public facilities	County	Short-term

Goal: To ensure completion of the Hudson, Hackensack and Passaic Riverfront Walkways

Action Strategy	Implementation Agent	Timeline
Encourage the construction of a coordinated waterfront walkway along all the County's waterfronts:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hudson River Waterfront Walkway 	County, Municipal, State	Mid-term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hackensack River Walk 	County, Municipal	Long-term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passaic River Walkway 	County, Municipal	Long-term
Work with private developers to ensure inclusion of walkways in each waterfront development project	County, Municipal	Ongoing
Partner with local municipalities, adjacent counties, state agencies and private non-profit conservation groups for development of walkways	County	Ongoing
Follow the strategies outlined in the existing the Hudson and Hackensack waterfront walkway implementation plans	County, Municipal	Short-term
Develop a Passaic River Waterfront Walkway Implementation Plan	County	Mid-term



Goal: To actively acquire new Open Space lands where needed and feasible

Action Strategy	Implementation Agent	Timeline
Encourage municipalities to prepare inventories of publicly owned properties to consider the use of such properties for community facilities	County	Short-term
Create list of county acquisition priorities	County	Short-term
Encourage municipalities to prepare a list of municipal acquisition priorities	County, Municipal	Short-term
Utilize the recently passed Parks, Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to begin acquisition activities	County	Ongoing
Partner with local municipalities, adjacent counties, state agencies and private non-profit conservation groups for joint acquisition of Open Space to leverage available funding	County	Ongoing



Goal: To protect areas of remaining critical resources, including Wetlands, Tidelands, Flood plains, Steep slopes, Wildlife Habitat, Surface waters

Action Strategy	Implementation Agent	Timeline
Identify remaining critical resources	County	Short-term
Suggest critical resource protection ordinances for municipalities	County, Municipal	Mid-term
Pursue acquisition of remaining critical resource areas	County, Municipal, State	Long-term
Re-evaluate any county capital program in critical resource areas	County	Short-term
Pursue co-operative resource protection with municipalities, adjacent counties, the state, federal agencies and private non-profit conservation groups	County, Municipal, State	Ongoing

Goal: To protect important view sheds throughout Hudson County

Action Strategy	Implementation Agent	Timeline
Ensure completion of riverfront walkways	County, Municipal, State	Mid-term
Protect visual resources of the “Palisades” and long range harbor viewsheds	County, Municipal	Ongoing
Ensure that new development provides public access to waterfront areas, recreational facilities and open space	County, Municipal	Ongoing



Goal: To link proposed and existing recreation areas into an open space network

Action Strategy	Implementation Agent	Timeline
Provide for scenic walkways and bikeways along the Hudson, Hackensack and Passaic River waterfronts	County, Municipal, State	Mid-term
Provide way finding signage to nearby parks and recreation facilities	County	Mid-term
Improve signage on bikeways throughout the county	County	Mid-term
Create more East/West connections to link the waterfront areas	County, Municipal	Long-term
Maximize access to cultural and historic facilities through public transportation and pedestrian walkway improvements	County, Municipal	Mid-term
Actively participate in the ‘East Coast Greenway’ and ‘Liberty to Water Gap trail’ initiatives	County	Ongoing
Complete proposed walkways and bikeways identified on the County Green Map	County	Long-term

Goal: To ensure protection of the County’s historic and cultural resources

Action Strategy	Implementation Agent	Timeline
Preserve the integrity of the Counties historic districts and places and preserve structures of important historical significance	County	Ongoing
Encourage the creation of special interest districts which build on the counties unique cultural and historic resources	County, Municipal	Mid-term
Encourage municipalities to prepare inventories of properties with important historical significance	County	Short-term
Create a list of county historical resource acquisition priorities	County	Short-term
Encourage municipalities to prepare a list of municipal historical resource acquisition priorities	County	Short-term
Utilize the recently passed Parks, Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to begin acquisition activities of these historic resources	County	Ongoing
Encourage the adaptive reuse of historically significant structures	County, Municipal	Ongoing
Encourage the use of façade easements to preserve the appearance of historic buildings	County, Municipal	Ongoing
Suggest municipalities adopt historic façade restoration/rehabilitation ordinances	County	Short-term



Goal: To educate the citizenry about existing and future Open Space and recreation opportunities, continue efforts to increase support for these activities and to continually review progress on Open Space Goals and Objectives

Action Strategy	Implementation Agent	Timeline
Produce pamphlet explaining key recommendations of this plan	County	Short-term
Put Hudson County Open Space and Recreation Plan on County's Website	County	Short-term
Partner with municipal, state and non-profit advocacy groups to advertise and cross promote existing recreation programs and activities and develop new programs	County	Ongoing
Create new educational signage for existing and proposed recreation areas	County	Mid-term
Create school programs to explain benefits of Open Space and environmental protection	County	Long-term
Create school program to explain features of existing recreation programs and the benefits of physical fitness	County	Mid-term
Assist New Jersey Meadowlands Commission in providing public access to, and educational programs for, wetlands and other key environmental areas of the Meadowlands	County	Short-term
Produce an Annual Report of the Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board summarizing funds acquired, funds dispersed, projects approved and projects completed	County	Ongoing
Review County Open Space and Recreation Plan every 5 years and recommend additions and changes	County	Ongoing
Review County Open Space Advisory Board Guidelines every 5 years and recommend additions and changes	County	Ongoing