

2009 weekly planner

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Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

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defining DVRPC

Our region includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties in Pennsylvania; and Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer counties in New Jersey.

Our goal is to address current and ongoing issues while fostering cooperation among member governments, private sector organizations and the general public. To do so, we work closely with a variety of groups, including the Pennsylvania and New Jersey departments of transportation, community affairs and environmental protection agencies, the federal government and regional transportation providers. We also partner with a wide variety of non-profit organizations in the areas of community and economic development, environmental protection and land use.

All of our activities are directed by an 18-member Board which establishes regional policy, defines committee duties and adopts the annual work program. A 10-member Executive Committee oversees general operations and fiscal matters. Financial support for our activities comes primarily from federal transportation funding through the Pennsylvania and New Jersey departments of transportation. Additional financial resources are provided by funding from other state or federal agencies, counties, cities, operating agencies, foundations and the private sector.

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We at DVRPC hope that you will enjoy and use this weekly planner throughout 2009. It not only signifies the work that the Commission has accomplished during the past fiscal year, it also provides direction in the challenging months ahead. We all should take the time to plan well, to examine the path ahead and to utilize our experience in making sound decisions.

During FY08, which began on July 1, 2007 and ended June 30, 2008, DVRPC benefitted from the wise counsel of our Board members and the many individuals who contribute to our various committees. We sought their advice at such special gatherings as our 21st Annual Board Retreat, held at New Jersey's Enterprise Center in September of 2007. Focusing on "Fostering a Greener Future," the Retreat was highlighted by sessions on climate change and sustainability from both regional and global perspectives. Attendees then worked together to develop the FY09 Work Program, which sets the stage for this year's work.

The Commission also moved forward with a number of projects that garnered media attention and public support. Among them



Barry J. Seymour
Executive Director



Jerald Cureton
FY08 Board Chair

are the Classic Towns program, which is aimed at growing, revitalizing and supporting the region's older suburbs and urban neighborhoods. The initiative is designed to promote 11 Classic Towns as great places to live, work and play. Another effort that received media attention and support was *Promoting Civic Design Excellence in Philadelphia*, a report that looks at the state of civic design in Philadelphia and makes recommendations on how the City can value civic design in all its departments and initiatives. Also garnering attention has been DVRPC's role in the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, which is intended to help fund transportation services and support activities that facilitate access to jobs for welfare recipients and lower income persons, as well as reverse commute trips for the general population.

These select projects and others described throughout this planner show the wide range of activities that the Commission undertakes each year and the expertise of our staff in meeting the needs of the region's residents. We encourage you to keep reading; a great deal of information can be found throughout this document as you plan for the year ahead.

seeing the future

As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Philadelphia region, DVRPC has outlined a vision for the future of our region through our Long-Range Plan.

The Long-Range Plan promotes the core goals of increasing safety and mobility, decreasing congestion, supporting strong communities, protecting natural resources and rebuilding our existing highway and transit systems.

The Congestion Management Process (CMP) — a component of the 2030 Long-Range Plan — outlines strategies to minimize congestion while maximizing the mobility of people and goods.

And while the plan was only recently completed, advancements toward our goals have already been made. To share our successes, we have developed the report *Tracking Progress*, which monitors our achievements, highlights effective programs and guides decision-makers to focus on areas in need of additional attention.

Looking further into the future, DVRPC sees the clear need to create a competitive, efficient and sustainable region, and has begun work on our Year 2035 Long-Range Plan. Titled *Connections – The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future*, this effort focuses on strengthening the connections between land use, our environment, our economy and our transportation system.

Community involvement is central to our Plan's success. This year we conducted surveys to understand how the public envisions our region's future. Additional input will be sought through focus groups and workshops.

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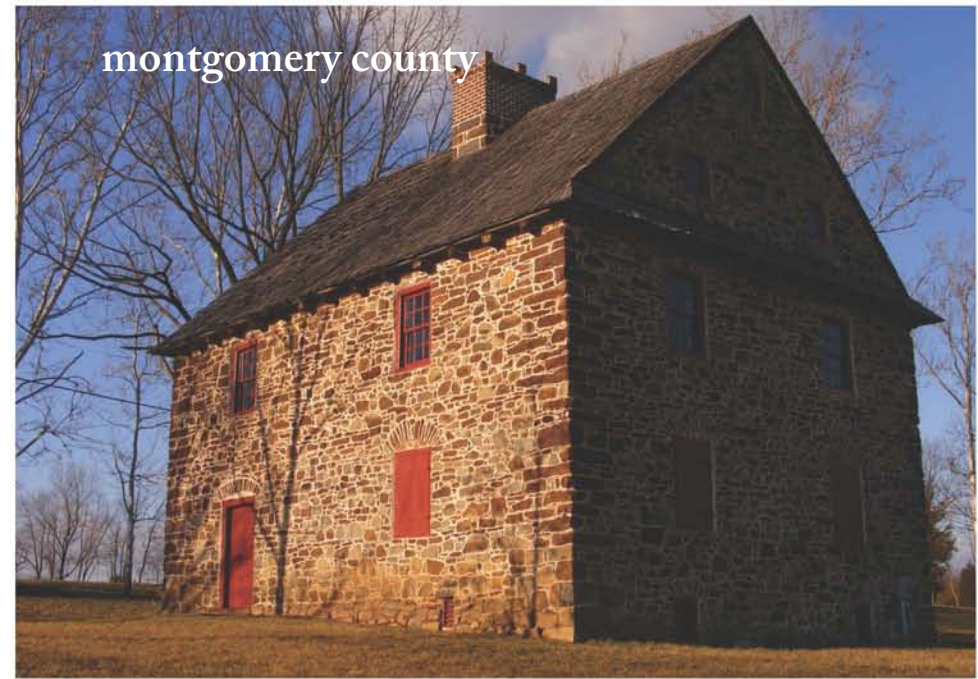
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henry antes house
montgomery county, pennsylvania

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rating the region



delaware county courthouse
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The findings were favorable. The report revealed that the Delaware Valley offers a diverse economy, affordable housing, a quality transportation network, short commute times, a large number of colleges and universities and an extensive health care network. The challenge our region faces is capitalizing and building on our strengths while recognizing and working to resolve our weaknesses.

improving our roads and railways

One of the many ways DVRPC works to achieve our long-term goals is through short-term capital improvements. Working in close cooperation with our member cities, counties, transit operators and the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Departments of Transportation, we have prioritized a list of transportation projects that will receive federal and state funding over the next few years. This list, called the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), is required for the allocation of federal funds for projects throughout the Greater Philadelphia region. In FY 2008, the DVRPC Board adopted a new FY 2009 – FY2012 TIP for New Jersey and Pennsylvania that includes more than 600 projects and totals more than \$5.5 billion.



NEW JERSEY IMPROVEMENTS

The FY 2009 – FY2012 TIP for New Jersey covers 140 projects and totals more than \$1.5 billion. Of the \$1.5 billion, \$889 million has been allocated for roadway improvements and \$788 million has been designated for transit enhancements.

Major projects include:

- **I-295/42/76 Direct Connection**
- **DRPA/PATCO Railcar Rebuild/Replacement**
- **Marlton Circle Elimination**

PENNSYLVANIA IMPROVEMENTS

The FY 2009 – FY2012 TIP for PA includes close to 500 projects and totals \$4 billion. These funds were split equally between road and transit improvements.

Major projects include:

- **PA Route 309 Reconstruction**
- **South Street Bridge Replacement**
- **SEPTA rail stations and parking program in Norristown, Glenside and Jenkintown**

All TIP projects are now listed on the DVRPC website using the Google Maps interface. To view this searchable database, search for “TIP” on www.dvrpc.org.

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22 *Washington's Birthday*

filling the gap

There is clear consensus among state and regional leaders that improved transportation is critical to the success of the Delaware Valley. Where the money to fund these projects will come from remains a question with no easy answers.

Last year, DVRPC offered some options for consideration and created the report: *Options for Filling the Region's Transportation Funding Gap*. The report suggests more than 20 means and methods to raise funds that will be necessary to expand and improve the transportation system. Recommendations include such revenue mechanisms as access fees; an increase in one or more existing taxes such as earned income, fuel, sales, hotel room rental, liquor, parking, property or real estate transfer; a regional toll surcharge or tolling of existing highways.

connecting people and places

Corridors form the primary connections between cities, neighborhoods, suburbs and the region as a whole. Given our multi-county jurisdiction, DVRPC is in a unique position to plan for corridors and conduct planning exercises across municipal and county boundaries. A new DVRPC handbook, the *Corridor Planning Guide*, discussed the process of conducting corridor studies and focuses on linking land use and transportation.



In FYo8 DVRPC conducted several corridor studies:

- **US 202 Section 100** — This land use study used smart growth techniques to make recommendations in conjunction with the planned widening of the corridor, including multi-municipal planning, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, transit-oriented development and historic preservation.
- **Baltimore Avenue Corridor Revitalization Plan** — DVRPC worked with the City of Philadelphia, Delaware County and five municipalities to identify specific streetscape improvements, vehicular mobility improvements and corridor-wide transit improvements to enhance future livability and promote economic development.
- **Route 42 (NJ) and Route 611 (PA) Corridor Studies** — DVRPC took an in-depth look at each corridor, and offered recommendations for mobility, safety and land use issues, while protecting the integrity of the environment.

Another critical tool that enhances our ability to make strategic and practical planning recommendations on corridor improvements is our travel demand model. The model replicates current travel patterns and predicts travel behavior for future years. The model was recently updated to include recent highway and transit counts, new demographic data and current transit and highway networks. The model will be further enhanced in coming years.

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church street west chester, pennsylvania

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lower trenton bridge trenton, new jersey

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rethinking our roadways

Smart transportation is a planning practice that integrates land use and transportation so that roadways fit within the existing and planned context of the communities in our region. DVRPC joined with PennDOT and NJDOT to create a *Smart Transportation Guidebook* to help agencies, local governments and developers design roadways that integrate with their surroundings and support smart growth goals.

Using the principles of smart transportation planning, DVRPC also took a closer look at two locations with transportation challenges: Parkside Avenue in Philadelphia and Clarksville Road in West Windsor, New Jersey. Our goal was to understand how these roads could accommodate all users and better fit into their communities. The reports used Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) that look beyond the pavement to the role that these roads and streets can play in enhancing our communities and natural environments.

DVRPC provides a platform for regional dialogue between the land use and transportation planning community and the economic development community. This Land Use, Transportation and Economic Development (LUTED) process helps to better integrate ongoing planning and project decision-making to ensure a shared regional vision. The group identifies key challenges and opportunities facing the region and prioritizes initiatives required for the region's future economic growth.



Photo by Matthew Wanamaker



seeing solutions

DVPRC regularly works with regional officials and agencies to apply the latest technology to our region’s transportation systems with the goal of increasing mobility and safety.

The Commission also developed the Interactive Detour Route Mapping (IDRuM) application. This web-based program organizes all PennDOT Emergency Detour Routes in Southeastern PA into an efficient, easy-to-use format, which saves emergency officials precious time and helps motorists get where they need to go faster. IDRuM is currently being expanded to New Jersey. To view this application, visit www.IDRUM.us.

DVPRC is advancing Regional Integrated Multi-Modal Information Sharing (RIMIS). This technology will provide agencies with real-time information on situations that cause traffic congestion such as accidents, construction and special events. This technology will offer agencies a big picture perspective on what’s happening in the region, and empowers officials to take actions that will minimize distractions and disruptions for the public.



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5 *Palm Sunday*

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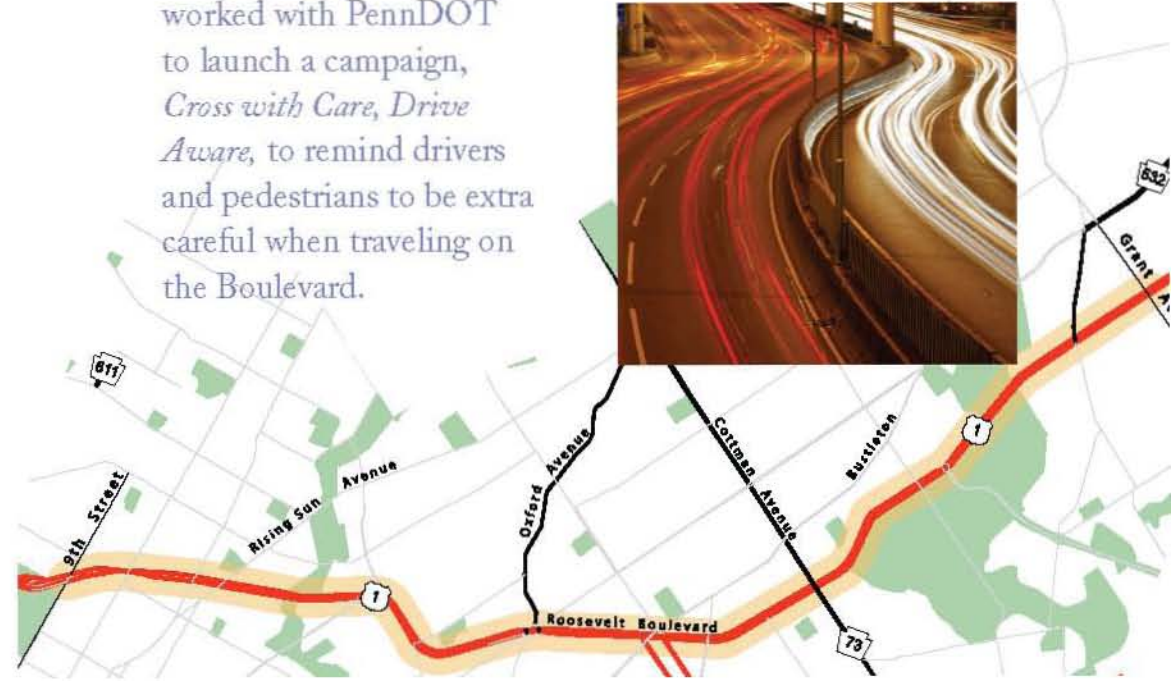
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arriving safe and sound

The safety of our roads is of paramount importance. Guided by the Regional Safety Action Plan, DVRPC studies specific intersections to determine how they can be made better and safer for all users. In FY08 DVRPC studied five intersections in New Jersey, specifically in Evesham and Deptford Townships. The studies resulted in improved signage and traffic re-signaling at these locations.

Collaboration between legislators and the transportation safety community is needed to reduce fatalities on our region's highways. In July 2008, DVRPC held the first-ever Transportation Safety Legislative Symposium in New Jersey. This symposium facilitated the discussion of safety-related legislative issues between both parties, and panel presentations covered topics such as aggressive driving, pedestrian and bicycle safety, impaired driving and young driver's safety. This was the first time that transportation safety stakeholders had the opportunity to engage New Jersey legislators in dialogue in this type of specialized forum.

One roadway that we focused on in the past year was Roosevelt Boulevard in Philadelphia. DVRPC worked with PennDOT to launch a campaign, *Cross with Care, Drive Aware*, to remind drivers and pedestrians to be extra careful when traveling on the Boulevard.



being prepared and proactive

DVRPC provides ongoing support to the Southeastern PA Regional Task Force to ensure that the region is prepared in the event of a disaster or emergency.

Leading the transportation subcommittee, DVRPC offers instrumental guidance and expertise on transportation-related issues. The group is currently working to develop an Emergency Evacuation Plan for Southeastern Pennsylvania that will address all modes of transportation in the region, including major and minor highways, local roads, trails and public transit.

In New Jersey, DVRPC created the I-295/NJ 42/55 Incident Management Task Force to bring together police and all transportation, EMS, fire and emergency officials responding in the critical 295/42/55 interchange area. The Task Force serves as the model for multi-disciplinary cooperation for highway incident management in the region.

In FY08 DVRPC's Incident Management Task Force held a multi-disciplinary training seminar attended by nearly 100 emergency responders. A DVD of the seminar was available for those unable to attend.

Recently, DVRPC created the I-95 Incident Management Committee. Over the next 10 – 15 years, PennDOT plans to reconstruct I-95 north of Center City and has recognized the need to improve incident management and reduce the impact of traffic disruption on the traveling public. The committee developed detour routes for I-95 work zones and identified locations for signal improvements, closed circuit television cameras and variable message signs.



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24 *Arbor Day*

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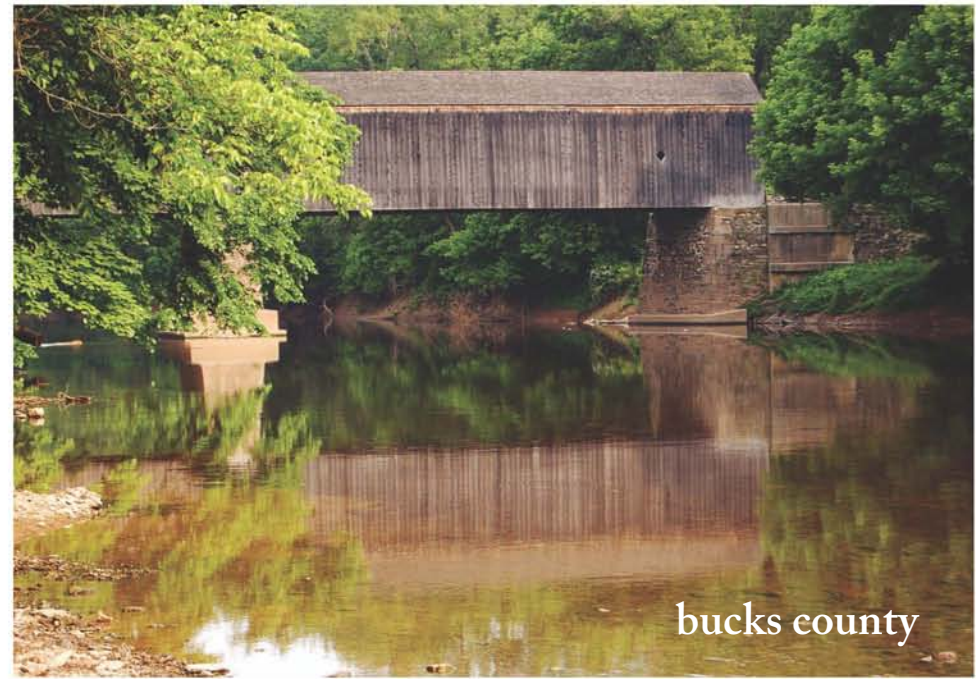
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DVRPC Annual Dinner

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covered bridge, tyler state park
bucks county, pennsylvania

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sunset on the delaware river, fieldsboro
burlington county, new jersey

Photo by Carol Miller

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In an effort to promote carpooling in the region, DVRPC developed the Emergency Ride Home Program. In the event of a personal emergency, registered carpoolers and transit users are provided with a rental car to get where they need to go. For information about DVRPC's ride matching program, Share-A-Ride, and to find a match within the database of carpoolers in the region, visit www.pacarpool.com.

improving access and opportunities

DVRPC ensures that all people, no matter what their income or ability, have access to transportation choices. To help ease access to jobs for low-income and reverse commuters in the region, the Commission awarded \$8 million to local providers through the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program.



This program helps fund transportation services and supportive activities that facilitate access to jobs for welfare and low-income persons, as well as reverse commute trips for the general population. It supplements the region's public transportation system by expanding early morning and evening service and by providing shuttle services between transit stations and employment sites.

Also last year, DVRPC worked with a number of agencies in Mercer County to create a Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan. The report identified gaps in the local human service transportation system but also pointed out where consolidating duplicate services on similar routes could allocate scarce resources more efficiently.

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revitalizing our communities

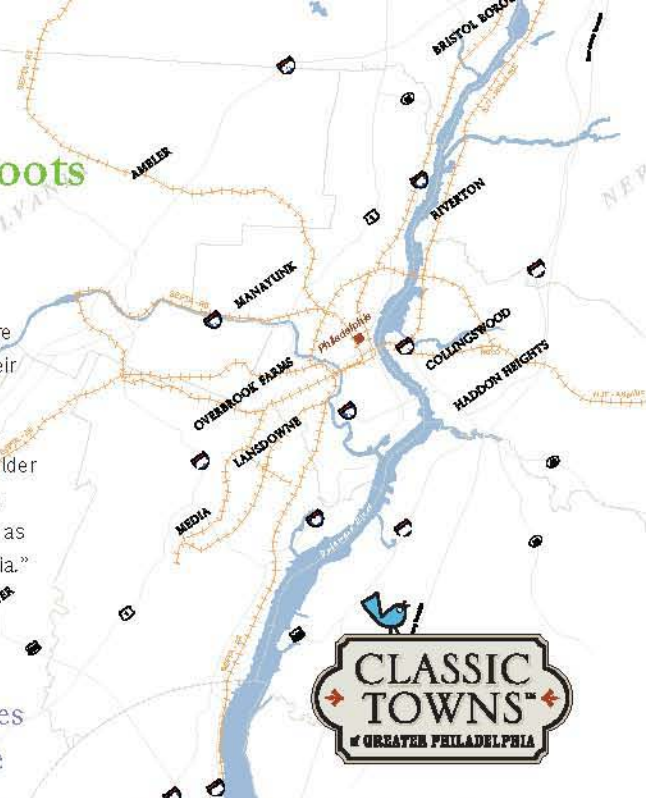
DVRPC encourages the revitalization of urban areas, infill, mixed-use and land conservation, while discouraging sprawl. The Commission guides municipalities in implementing these smart growth principles, and last year released a report called *Innovations in Zoning for Smart Growth* to guide officials in updating zoning codes. A DVRPC study called *The Automobile at Rest: Toward Better Parking Policies in the Delaware Valley* also provided planning officials and local leaders with useful information about improving parking in their communities.

The Commission has been involved in Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) for the past decade and has funded a number of TOD plans over the past several years. DVRPC recently evaluated our region's progress with TOD by surveying more than 300 transit stations. We discovered that many communities have embraced TOD, and created a foundation for TOD by changing zoning ordinances, and through public/private partnerships and brownfield remediation.

celebrating our roots

Throughout the Philadelphia region, there are communities that have preserved their history, their character and their main street charm. DVRPC is committed to the revitalization and stabilization of these older communities and last year designated 11 older suburbs and urban neighborhoods as the "Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia."

This new marketing program brands these communities as great places to live, work and play. The inaugural Classic Towns are Ambler, Bristol Borough, Doylestown Borough, Lansdowne, Media and West Chester in Pennsylvania; the Philadelphia neighborhoods of Manayunk and Overbrook Farms; and Collingswood, Haddon Heights and Riverton in New Jersey. For more information, visit www.classictowns.org.



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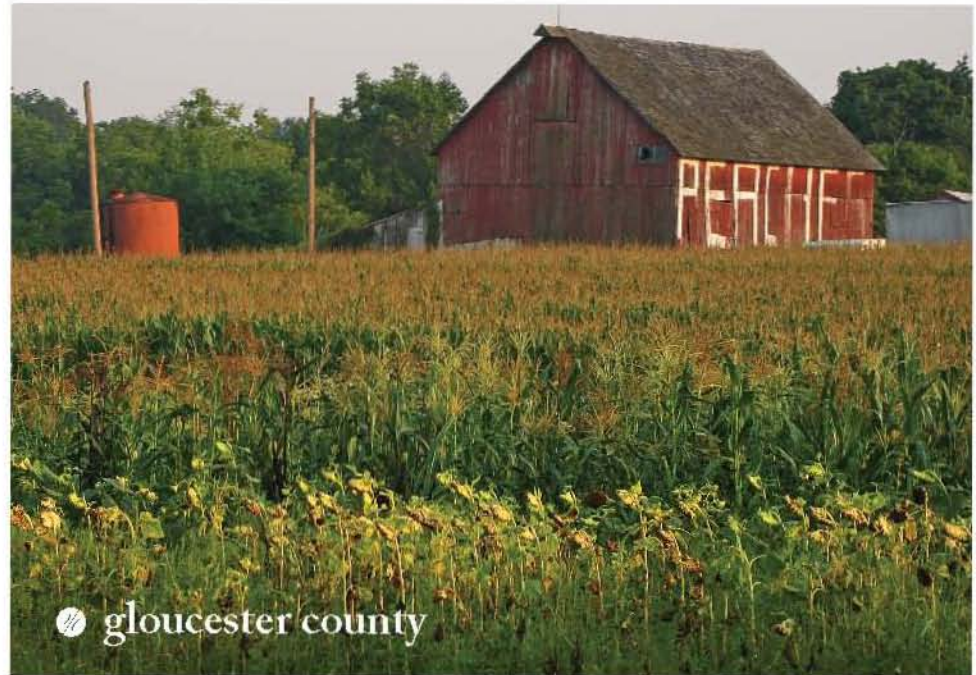
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delancey street, philadelphia

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putting philadelphia in focus



mullica hill, new jersey

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protecting and preserving our natural resources

DVRPC works closely with local governments and community organizations to protect our region's natural resources and improve their sustainability. On an annual, ongoing basis, DVRPC takes inventory of open space lands and resources and creates plans and provides recommendations to aid in their preservation.

In FY08, DVRPC created a Farmland Preservation Plan for Camden County, New Jersey. An additional number of open space plans and resource inventories were created for various locations throughout the region.

Protecting water resources was also a priority in FY08. Developed land in the Schuylkill Watershed is expected to increase by 40 percent over the next two decades. The Schuylkill Watershed Priority Lands Strategy is a new model that identifies the highest priority lands to protect in order to preserve ecologic resources and protect drinking water.



Photo by Kevin C. Brown

DVRPC is a leader on the issues of climate change and sustainability in our region. Work is currently being done to create a regional greenhouse gas emissions inventory.



DVRPC monitors the region's air quality and provides tips on reducing air pollution. Visit www.airqualitypartnership.org for daily air quality forecasts.

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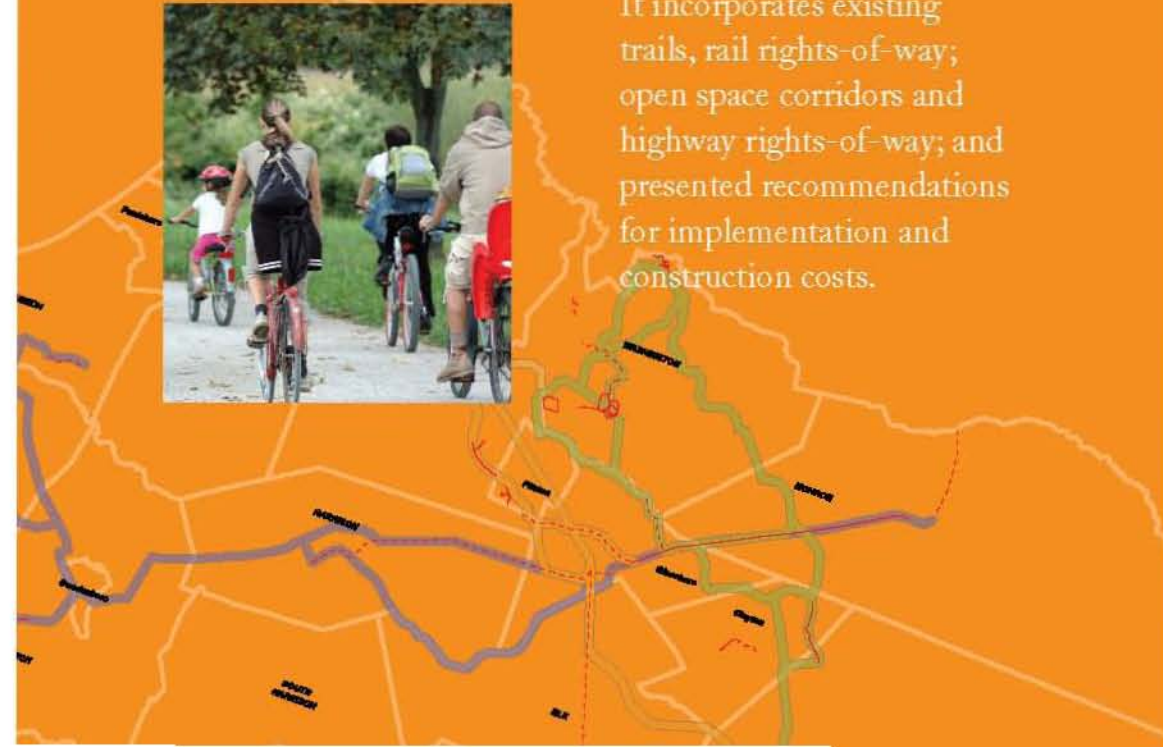
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shifting gears

Roadways should be designed to accommodate all users, including cyclists and pedestrians. In FY08, DVRPC completed the analysis of a large-scale bicycle survey that examined the habits, attitudes and desires of bicyclists in the Philadelphia region. The most comprehensive study of bicycling in the region, the survey revealed that 60 percent of adult bicyclists were observed without a helmet and nearly two-thirds of bicycle trips were for utilitarian purposes, rather than for exercise or recreation.

Last year, DVRPC also studied opportunities to create a countywide network of trails in Gloucester County, New Jersey. The trail network would reach destinations like recreational areas, employment centers, schools and transportation facilities. It incorporates existing trails, rail rights-of-way; open space corridors and highway rights-of-way; and presented recommendations for implementation and construction costs.



tracking progress

DVRPC encourages people to use public transportation where available, works to improve the region's transit system and develops plans that respond to projected demands.

Much of our work is about thinking of different and smarter ways to do things. To encourage citizens to express their opinions about future investments in public transportation, DVRPC staff created a game called *Dots & Dashes: Piecing Together Transit's Future*. Presented and played by the public at an event in Center City, *Dots & Dashes* allowed participants to nominate projects, engage in meaningful discussions to negotiate transit priorities and affix game pieces (dots and dashes) on a regional game board. Funded by the Federal Transit Administration's Public Transportation Participation Pilot Program, the game was also played by a number of organizations and groups in the region. Results of the game will help shape the vision and goals of DVRPC's Long-Range Plan. Visit www.dotsanddashes.org for more information.

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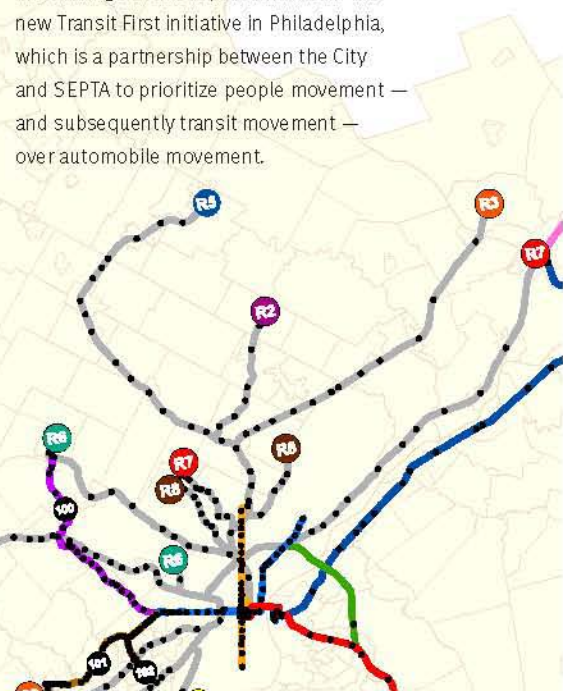
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camden county



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collingswood, new jersey

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moving by air, land and water



pennington, new jersey

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Many municipalities in the region have not implemented airport zoning. Last year, DVRPC held a zoning seminar which drew more than 40 municipalities, many of which are now developing this zoning with the help of their county planning commissions.

A major focus of DVRPC's freight planning unity was a study of commodity flow in the region. It is the first comprehensive data report for goods movement on a regional level, and projects all flows through the year 2035. The report's results give DVRPC and its planning partners a quantitative analysis of how the movement of cargo is expected to increase.

DVRPC also completed a comprehensive aerial photography series of all active port facilities in the Delaware Valley. The series was part of the *Maritime Commerce in Greater Philadelphia Study*, and consists of a regional locator map and 13 aerial photographs that outline port facility boundaries and highlight railroad access and host communities.

sharing our knowledge

DVRPC is an important source of regional information, providing a wealth of demographic and economic data, traffic counts and aerial images to the public. As new Census information becomes available, planners make the information accessible to the public through data bulletins, analytical data reports and the DVRPC website.



Other new releases during the past year include a study of land use data in 2005 and how it compares with land use in 2000. Using digital orthophotography — created from aerial surveillance — DVRPC staff was able to view changes in land use patterns. By comparing photographs between 2000 and 2005, we estimated that approximately one acre of land was developed every 65 minutes. Other important reports completed last year dealt with housing and population estimates. All data can be found at www.dvrpc.org/data.htm.

As part of the Region-wide Transportation GIS project, DVRPC has made funding available to member cities, counties and operating agencies to assist in the development of a regional road centerline file and database structure to ensure coordinated data sharing and more effective transportation planning and analysis. In addition, DVRPC recently completed updated maps for 88 boroughs in Southeastern Pennsylvania. These new maps show all alleys, non-private roads, railroads and all creeks and streams.

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extending an open invitation

Effective public involvement is a dynamic and ongoing process that is essential to meeting the future transportation and land use needs of all those living and working in the region.

With a long history of meaningful and inclusive public participation, the goal of DVRPC's public outreach effort is to promote two-way communication between stakeholders and the Commission, and to enhance public awareness of regional issues. In FY08, DVRPC conducted a variety of public meetings and outreach events throughout the Delaware Valley.

One of the primary and continuous forms of public participation at DVRPC is the Regional Citizens Committee (RCC). The RCC meets monthly to review and comment on DVRPC programs. It plans and explores policy development in the regional and transportation planning fields. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to join. This open avenue of communication allows interested individuals to voice their concerns and ideas regarding issues that affect how the region's residents live, work and travel. During FY08, the RCC focused on expanding membership and exploring sustainability, bicycle/pedestrian and transit issues.

getting everyone involved

DVRPC is committed to making environmental justice and Title VI mandates a part of our planning process.

Environmental justice promotes the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people in the planning process, regardless of race, income, ethnicity or education level.

Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act provides that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

A renewed commitment to environmental justice and Title VI continues to be a critical component of the Commission's activities. During FYo8, DVRPC released an updated version of *A Citizen's Guide to the Regional Planning Process*, which outlines DVRPC plans and programs, and offers information for Delaware Valley residents to get involved in regional and transportation planning. DVRPC also adopted a revised *DVRPC Public Participation Plan: A Strategy for Citizen Involvement*, which offers information on how DVRPC reaches out to residents and offers techniques for public participation strategies.

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new jersey aquarium

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barry bridge park

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monday
21 *First Day of Winter*

tuesday
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wednesday
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thursday
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friday
25 *Christmas Day (DVRPC offices closed)*

saturday
26 *Kwanzaa Begins*

sunday
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monday
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tuesday
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friday
1 *New Year's Day (DVRPC offices closed)*

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2010 at a glance

january 2010

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may 2010

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june 2010

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july 2010

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august 2010

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september 2010

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october 2010

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november 2010

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december 2010

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revenue by source *fy 2008*

	HIGHWAY PLANNING	PUBLIC TRANSIT	AIRPORT PLANNING	GENERAL FUND	MISC. RECEIPTS	OTHER PROGRAMS	TOTALS
USDOT/ PENNDOT	\$4,698,282	\$1,816,869	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,517,490	\$12,038,641
USDOT/ NJDOT	2,502,167	967,611	0	0	0	3,776,647	7,246,425
USDOT/ FAA	0	0	300,064	0	0	0	300,064
LOCAL	415,888	160,828	16,500	194,482	0	395,558	1,183,256
MISC.	0	0	0	0	87,976	2,622,862	2,710,838
TOTALS	\$7,616,338	\$2,945,308	\$322,564	\$194,482	\$87,976	\$12,312,557	\$23,479,225

expenditures *fy 2008*

	HIGHWAY PLANNING	PUBLIC TRANSIT	AIRPORT PLANNING	GENERAL FUND	MISC. RECEIPTS	OTHER PROGRAMS	TOTALS
SALARIES, WAGES, BENEFITS	\$3,770,303	\$935,235	\$193,234	\$0	\$0	\$2,972,263	\$7,871,035
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	443,986	171,694	16,479	120,636	87,976	527,925	1,368,696
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	130,108	57,409	0	0	0	0	187,517
SUBCONTRACTS	981,000	1,215,739	0	0	0	6,954,540	9,151,279
INDIRECT COSTS	2,290,941	565,231	112,851	0	0	1,857,829	4,826,852
PROGRAM OVERRUNS/ PROFIT	0	0	0	73,846	0	0	73,846
TOTALS	\$7,616,338	\$2,945,308	\$322,564	\$194,482	\$87,976	\$12,312,557	\$23,479,225

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