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DVRPC

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission is dedicated to uniting the region's elected officials, planning professionals, and the public with a common vision of making a great region even greater. Shaping the way we live, work, and play, DVRPC builds consensus on improving transportation, promoting smart growth, protecting the environment, and enhancing the economy. We serve a diverse region of nine counties: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia in Pennsylvania; and Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer in New Jersey. DVRPC is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greater Philadelphia Region—leading the way to a better future.





Valerie Sassaman

Linda Hollinger

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

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 nonprofit organizations in the areas of community and economic development, environmental protection, and land use.

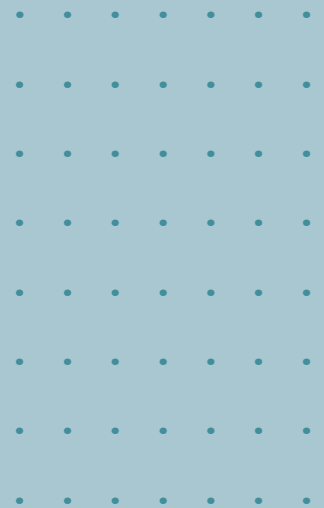
All of our activities are directed by an 18-member Board, which establishes regional policy, defines committee duties, and adopts the annual work program. A 10-member Executive Committee oversees general operations and fiscal matters. Financial support for our activities comes primarily from federal 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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IMAGINE...

As planners, it's our job to imagine what the region could look like in years to come. While we don't have a crystal ball to show us what the future holds, we do have tools to help us form a picture of what the region will likely look like. Population and employment forecasts, travel surveys, traffic counts, and analytical models help us form the basis for our vision for the region, the *Connections* Long-Range Plan. This vision allows us to plan for the needs that will face the Delaware Valley in the years and decades to come.

This vision wouldn't be complete without the voices of our region's citizens, elected officials, business leaders, and organizational representatives. While the planning models can point toward future trends, it is only through the collective action of all of us that we can achieve the future we want. By working together to improve transportation, promote smart growth, protect the environment, and enhance the economy, we can ensure that our region will remain strong and achieve the bright future we all envision. We ask you to join us in imagining a Delaware Valley that is an even better place to live, work, and play.



Louis Cappelli, Jr.

FY 2012 Board Chair and
Camden County Freeholder Director



Barry Seymour

DVRPC Executive Director



A SHARED VISION

Do you ever wonder what the future will bring? With that question in mind, DVRPC puts forth a bold but achievable plan that guides us in envisioning a vibrant and thriving region. The *Connections* Long-Range Plan is guided by four main principles or goals: modernize the transportation system; create livable communities; manage growth and protect resources; and build an energy-efficient economy.

In order to imagine what our region could look like in the years to come and prepare for the next Long-Range Plan update, last year DVRPC examined different funding levels and how they would affect transportation infrastructure in *Funding our Future: Transportation Investment Scenarios for Greater Philadelphia*.

To help stakeholders and residents better understand and visualize what the different scenarios mean for our region, DVRPC launched an interactive web application called *Connections 2040: Choices & Voices*. The website allows users to develop their own vision for the region by identifying their preferred building pattern and deciding how to invest in our transportation system. To take the challenge, visit www.dvrpc.org/ChoicesAndVoices.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Greater Philadelphia region, DVRPC is responsible for prioritizing and programming federally funded transportation projects. Every four years, the Commission must prepare a long-range plan that prioritizes transportation investment. For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org/connections.



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Greater Philadelphia is expected to grow by 600,000 residents and 300,000 jobs between now and 2040. Transportation is the backbone of our region's economy. Preservation and expansion of the system is critical for our region's economic competitiveness and our quality of life. The character and location of the communities that we build has a substantial impact on the quality and efficiency of our transportation system. Thus, it is critical that our transportation network and our development choices be compatible.

A MODERNIZED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

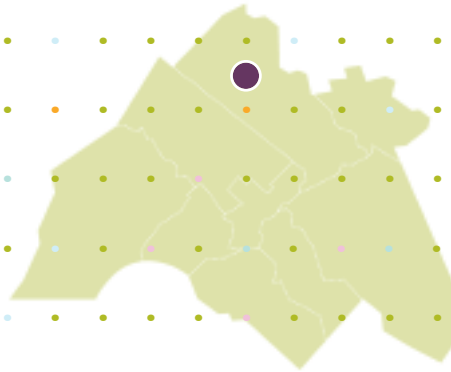
As future population and employment increases, we must make existing facilities more efficient and develop new roads and transit routes to meet growing demand. This is necessary both to ensure the quality of life and economic competitiveness of our region.

DVRPC works to achieve its long-term goals through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which prioritizes short-term capital improvements. This year, DVRPC approved almost \$3.7 billion in funding for the TIP for Pennsylvania for fiscal years 2013 to 2016. The TIP lists all transportation projects that intend to use federal transportation funds, along with all state-funded projects. The list is multimodal and includes highway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and freight-related projects.

Some facts about the TIP:

- The TIP represents a consensus among state and regional officials as to what near-term improvements to pursue.
- The TIP shows estimated costs and schedules by project phase.
- The TIP covers four years in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey.
- The TIP may be changed after it is adopted.
- The TIP is financially constrained.
- The TIP is authorization to seek funding.
- The TIP is NOT a final schedule of project implementation, nor is it a guarantee of implementation.

TIP projects can be searched, mapped, and displayed interactively on DVRPC's website, www.dvrpc.org/TIP.



bucks COUNTY



I-95/Turnpike Interchange Project

Programmed in the FY2013-2016 PA TIP, this interstate completion project will connect I-95 and I-276 in Bucks County, as well as facilitate a revised routing of I-95 in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and make I-95 continuous along the East Coast from Florida to Maine.

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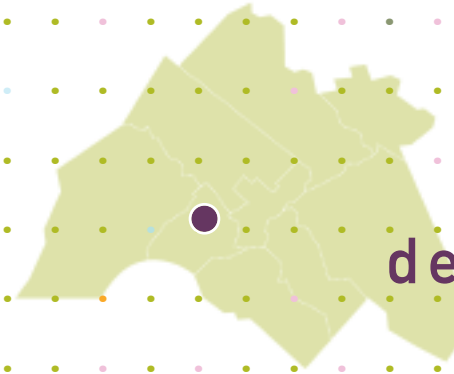
IMPROVED CORRIDORS

Each year, DVRPC looks at specific corridors in the region to identify challenges and make recommendations to guide transportation and land use decisions. Prioritized based on the Congestion Management Process and the Long-Range Plan, corridor studies enhance transportation and land use linkage opportunities.

As the region continues to grow and certain areas become more developed, it is important to ensure that the transportation system can handle changes in traffic (whether it be cars, buses, bicycles, or pedestrians). Last year, the *City of Camden Access Study* assessed the transportation needs associated with the realization of planned development along the Camden waterfront. One of the recommendations was for modernization of the city's traffic signals. In southern Bucks County, *Managing Access along PA 611* created a conceptual plan to prolong highway serviceability on PA 611.

DVRPC worked to help communities implement recommendations made by past corridor studies. As a follow-up to the Route 611/263 study completed in 2009, planners identified specific opportunities to improve transit service and wayfinding signage. Other studies completed last year examined traffic-calming techniques for Routes 130 and 206 in Bordentown, New Jersey, and created a traffic operations research model in VISSIM for the Schuylkill Expressway.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org/corridors.



delaware COUNTY

Haverford Road Commercial Corridor Analysis

Haverford Road is an important commercial corridor through Haverford Township in Delaware County. This study, initiated as part of the implementation of DVRPC's recent US 30 (Lancaster Avenue) Corridor Study, focuses on revitalization strategies for the commercial core of Haverford Road between Hathaway Lane and Eagle Road/Wynnewood Road. The study builds on recent municipal efforts to improve its business districts and includes recommendations designed to enhance the pedestrian environment, spur economic development, and improve access to the Ardmore Junction and Wynnewood Road stations of the Norristown High Speed Line.

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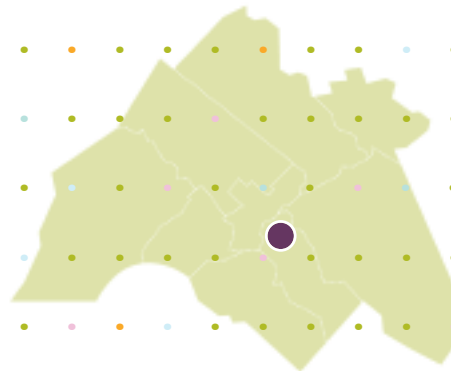
SAFER ROADS

DVRPC strives to make our roads safer for everyone who uses them. Safety is incorporated into many of DVRPC's initiatives, from the use of technology for operations and incident management, to the Long-Range Plan and corridor studies.

In the past year, DVRPC completed a number of activities, including an update of the Safety Action Plan, various Road Safety Audits, and an Annual Crash Data Bulletin. An analysis of crash trends between 2007 and 2010 showed that the region's roads are safer – fatalities decreased 28 percent. There was also a 6.3 percent decline in the region's traffic crashes and an 8 percent decline in injuries over the same time period. For more information on DVRPC's safety program, visit www.dvrpc.org/transportation/safety.

DVRPC provides a forum for emergency responders to meet and coordinate efforts. Our Traffic Incident Management program facilitates Incident Management Task Forces and provides software applications (RIMIS and IDRUM) to improve incident response and foster interagency cooperation. To date, DVRPC has offered training to nearly 1,000 responders in the region, and the New Jersey Southern Area First Responders celebrated its 10th Anniversary. For more information, see www.dvrpc.org/operations.

In addition, last year the Central Jersey Forum, an advisory group facilitated by DVRPC, successfully shifted to become more action-oriented and to have municipal leadership. The forum adopted a formal voting structure to be better able to speak as a strong and effective regional voice for the Route 1 corridor of central New Jersey.



CITY OF camden



Pedestrian Road Safety Audit

A Pedestrian Road Safety Audit was held on Mt. Ephraim Avenue/CR 605, with a special focus on pedestrians and bicyclists, due to the frequency of these crash types on the corridor. Participants included representatives from the City of Camden, Camden County, FHWA, NJDOT, Cross County Connection TMA, and more. The group made many recommendations to improve the pedestrian environment, including: restripe all pavement markings, upgrade crosswalks to continental style, repair damaged sidewalks, and consider traffic calming in locations where speeding is an issue. Increased enforcement of code violations and traffic laws was also recommended to reduce illegal parking and other hazards that compromise pedestrian and bicyclist access.

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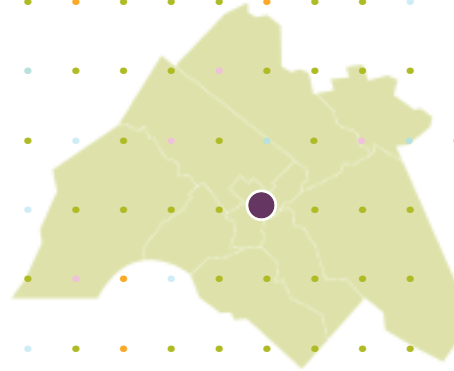
A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Ensuring that mass transit and alternate means of transportation are accessible to everyone is a top priority, and DVRPC continues to plan with a long-range vision for the region in mind. Last year, DVRPC explored opportunities to improve access and safety for its bicyclists and pedestrians. Best practices and ordinances, as well as safety campaigns from around the country, were compiled into a report. DVRPC also took a closer look at bicycle pedestrian safety and accommodations in Collegeville and along MLK Drive in Philadelphia. For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org/transportation/BicyclePedestrian.

Focusing on transit, the Commission studied the transit service available from the Fern Rock Transportation Center to gain a better understanding of how the facility is being used and to create a conceptual station master plan. In New Jersey, DVRPC examined the conditions of proposed station areas for the Camden County portion of the Glassboro-Camden Line in the *Camden County Transit Expansion Framework Study*. The study also evaluated the potential for transit-oriented development along the transit line. For more information about transit-oriented development, see www.dvrpc.org/TOD.

More information about DVRPC's transit initiatives can be found at www.dvrpc.org/transit.

The growing system of multiuse trails across the region is energizing communities by connecting more neighborhoods, helping businesses thrive, and providing inexpensive ways for residents to enjoy the outdoors and stay healthy. Last year, "The Circuit" was unveiled as the name for the region's 750-mile trail network. From Center City to Camden, from Downingtown to Doylestown, from Hopewell to Haddonfield, and all points in between, The Circuit provides access to some of the region's largest employment and retail centers, most prized natural areas, tourist destinations, and historical attractions. For more information, visit www.connectthecircuit.org.



REGIONAL TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM

Last year, DVRPC awarded over \$5.2 million in trail design and construction grants, and \$540,000 in grants for trail planning and feasibility studies to 30 county and municipal governments, economic development partnerships, and transportation management organizations in Greater Philadelphia. The grants, made possible by the William Penn Foundation, will complete key gaps in The Circuit trail network, leverage additional funds, and support catalytic projects that will energize the trail building movement. The program awarded nine grants in Philadelphia for construction of the Tacony-Frankford Trail, the Manayunk Bridge Trail, and the East Coast Greenway, as well as planning for such future transformational projects as the Spring Garden Street Greenway and Ivy Ridge Trail.

The grants are part of Phase I and Phase II of DVRPC's Regional Trails Program, which aims to create a connected network of multiuse trails in the Delaware Valley. For a full list of grant winners and more information about the program, see www.dvrpc.org/RegionalTrailsProgram.

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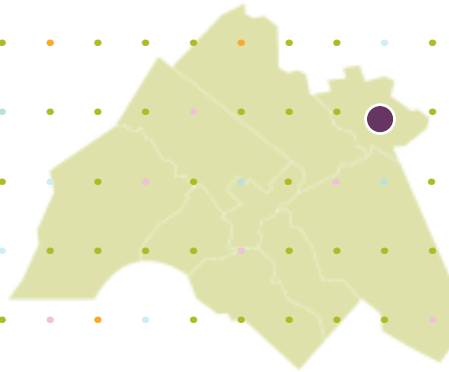
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ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL

DVRPC ensures that all people, no matter what their income or ability, have access to transportation choices. The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) identifies the needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes. In FY12, DVRPC assisted in the grant selection for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms Initiative (NFI). In addition, DVRPC coordinated several of PennDOT's Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) courses on ADA implementation responsibilities. LTAP provides best practices in safety and construction to municipal employees throughout the Commonwealth. For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org/CoordinatedHumanServices/.

DVRPC provides several programs to accommodate commuters, who are faced with rising fuel and transportation costs. Through a long-standing commuter benefit, now known as RideECO (or Easy Commute Options), tax breaks are given to both employers and employees who use public transit. Program participants can now receive a personalized stored value card as an alternative to paper vouchers. For commuters who drive to work, DVRPC promotes carpooling through a free ridematching program, Share-A-Ride. Both transit riders and carpoolers can take advantage of the Emergency Ride Home program, too, which provides reimbursement for the cost of rides in cases of personal or home emergencies on days when commuters leave their cars at home. To learn more about DVRPC's commuter benefit programs, visit www.RideECO.org.

mercer COUNTY



MERCER COUNTY FUTURE BUS PLAN

Last year, DVRPC created a shared vision for the future of bus service in Mercer County. Staff analyzed all future bus routes and networks that have already been considered, and then looked at whether the services meet the needs of current and forecasted residents and workers. Following an evaluation of policy considerations, U.S. Census journey-to-work data, passenger surveys, ridership estimates, and stakeholder outreach, the plan suggested 10 bus routes as an early-action implementation stage.

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VITAL FREIGHT AND AVIATION SYSTEMS

The region's freight transportation and aviation systems afford national and international travel opportunities and link Delaware Valley businesses and residents to the global economy. DVRPC's Office of Freight and Aviation Planning works closely with stakeholders and experts to gauge industry trends and issues and to better integrate freight and aviation operations in our communities.

Last year, the Commission compiled the *2035 Airport Systems Plan Update*. The document outlines \$6.2 billion in recommended improvements for the region's three commercial airports, 12 reliever (business) airports, nine general aviation airports, four existing heliports, and two proposed heliport sites. DVRPC also continued its aircraft operations counting program at seven airports and oversaw the installation of sophisticated weather equipment at 13 airports. To learn more about aviation planning, visit www.dvrpc.org/aviation.

Focusing on freight, DVRPC brought together freight planning experts and key officials from five states to help guide PennDOT's preparation of a statewide comprehensive freight movement plan. In addition, an open house was held in Darby Borough, Delaware County, for a study of two highly complex highway-railroad grade crossings. Residents had a unique opportunity to meet passenger and freight transportation experts and offer their input on preferred improvements. For more information about freight planning, see www.dvrpc.org/freight.



burlington COUNTY

THE DELAWARE VALLEY FREIGHT CENTER INVENTORY: *Taking Stock of a Vital Regional Asset*

Freight centers play an essential role in ensuring the economic vitality of our region and form an important part of many communities. A DVRPC report, entitled *The Delaware Valley Freight Center Inventory: Taking Stock of a Vital Regional Asset*, advances the status of freight-related land uses by inventorying and categorizing areas where this activity is clustered and most pronounced in our region.

The report defines three types of freight centers (i.e., Mega, Major, and Intermediate) and inventories 44 clusters of freight-related activity in the DVRPC region. Burlington County, New Jersey is the home to one Mega Freight Center (Burlington Township/Haines Industrial Center), and three Intermediate Freight Centers (Cinnaminson/Delran, Hainesport/Lumberton, and Moorestown/Lockheed Martin). Combined, Burlington County freight centers include 2,752 acres of freight-related land and 30,126 total jobs (7,541 of which are in the manufacturing sector).

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LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

DVRPC works to create more livable communities by promoting intelligent land use decisions. Smart growth is a planning approach that encourages the revitalization of existing urban centers and older communities, rather than the development of open space and farmland into suburban sprawl.

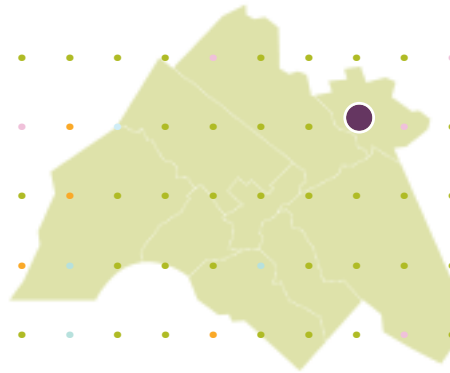
In FY12, DVRPC awarded over \$2.1 million for community revitalization projects through its Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI). The grants support planning and local development and redevelopment efforts.

To complement the many planning and development efforts along the Schuylkill and Delaware rivers, in 2008 DVRPC awarded grants to 13 planning, programming, and capital projects through the Take Me to the River Program. Projects supported local revitalization efforts, improved access to the waterfront, and created a sense of place. During this past year, three of these projects were completed: Grays Ferry Crescent (an important link in the Schuylkill Banks Trail System), Lardner's Point Park, and the Schuylkill River Trail at Bartram's Garden.

DVRPC guides municipalities in implementing smart growth principles, and last year completed municipal implementation tool (MIT) brochures, or "how to" guides, on a variety of topics, including public participation, public/private partnerships, land preservation through noncontiguous parcel clustering, and zoning for wireless service facilities.

Also last year, the Commission examined form-based codes in a case study in Mount Holly, New Jersey. Unlike conventional zoning codes, a form-based code encourages a mix of uses and building types, while emphasizing the form and function of public and private realms.

For more information on smart growth planning at DVRPC, visit www.dvrpc.org/SmartGrowth.



CITY OF **trenton**

STABILIZING CORE CITIES

Population forecasts are a critical component of long-range land use and transportation planning. DVRPC projects that the Greater Philadelphia region's population will grow to 6.26 million by 2040, an increase of more than 600,000 (11.4%) from 2010. The region's core cities, including the City of Trenton, are expected to remain stable. For the first time since the 1940's, the City of Trenton is forecast to experience population growth between 2010 and 2040, gaining over 2,300 residents (a 2.8% increase). This positive trend is forecast to continue, as residents continue to be attracted to the urban lifestyle and immigrant population in the area increases.

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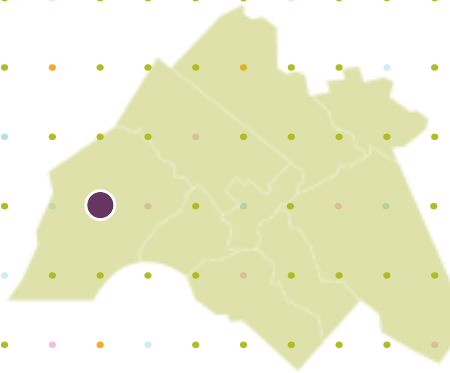
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THRIVING OLDER SUBURBS

Older suburbs have assets that make them great places to live – historic character, walkable neighborhoods, and unique housing options. The Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia program promotes the benefits of living in our region’s older suburbs and urban neighborhoods, and provides those communities with the resources to market themselves to potential residents and businesses.

Last year, DVRPC held the first-ever “I Love Classic Towns” Photo Contest, designed to engage the community in showcasing these unique towns. The photo contest drew more than 1,200 entries that highlighted the assets of living in an older community. Winners were announced in seven categories and the photos became part of a traveling exhibit. For more information, see www.classictowns.org.

To further support older suburbs and encourage smart growth principles throughout the region, DVRPC last year held several events. The Breaking Ground Conference series highlights the work of DVRPC staff and our partners. This year’s conference focused on the recent federal partnership between U.S. DOT, U.S. EPA, and U.S. HUD. The conference sessions focused on public/private partnerships and drew a crowd of over 300 municipal officials, community activists, developers, urban designers, and others working to enhance the livability of communities. To learn more about Strategies for Older Suburbs, visit www.dvrpc.org/SOS.



chester COUNTY



ENHANCING RETAIL IN DOWNTOWN WEST CHESTER

DVRPC partnered with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to explore ways the West Chester Business Improvement District could strengthen its retail mix and attract high-quality development to its downtown. A Technical Assistance Program (TAP) panel of 14 experts from a wide range of fields interviewed over 50 stakeholders and addressed a number of questions. The panel provided recommendations that included: strengthen the retail mix by purposefully attracting qualified proprietors, restore retail vibrancy by increasing downtown residential density, enhance street cleaning services to provide a superior downtown experience, align stakeholder interests by equitably distributing the costs of providing downtown services, and improve perception of parking by optimizing the utilization of spaces.

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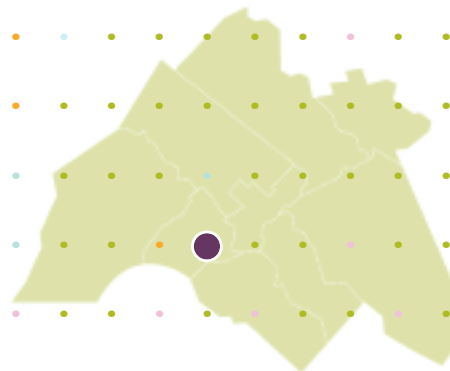
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PROTECTED RESOURCES

The *Connections* Long-Range Plan sets a long-term goal of preserving 500,000 acres of open space, in order to build a connected system of protected green infrastructure across the region. DVRPC works with local governments and organizations to achieve this goal. The Commission maintains an inventory of protected lands and conducts environmental resource inventories (ERIs), open space plans, and other conservation-related projects for local governments. Last year, DVRPC completed a comprehensive update of its protected open space inventory, and ERIs focused on Hightstown Borough, Robbinsville Township, and Hamilton Township in Mercer County; and Swedesboro Borough in Gloucester County. For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org/environment.

Greater Philadelphia has a growing food economy and a strong agricultural industry, and DVRPC has a program in place to better understand the complicated global and regional food systems that feed our region. DVRPC convenes a committee of food advocates, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to network, share best practices, and learn about issues facing the food system. Last year, *Eating Here: The Greater Philadelphia Food System Plan* was recognized with an excellence award from the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association. For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org/food.

DVRPC also monitors the region's air quality and provides tips to improve it through the Air Quality Partnership program. Last year, DVRPC hosted over 100 air quality professionals from across the country at the National Transportation and Air Quality Conference. For daily air quality forecasts, visit www.airqualitypartnership.org.



CITY OF **chester**

PENNVEST TREE PLANTINGS

Last year, five communities in southeastern Pennsylvania received 3,400 new trees, thanks to a grant from PennVest. DVRPC worked in partnership with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to plant 600 of those trees in the City of Chester. In addition to providing shade and energy savings, improving air quality, and revitalizing neighborhoods, the trees will also help manage storm water runoff and reduce combined sewer overflows, protect streambanks, and improve water quality.

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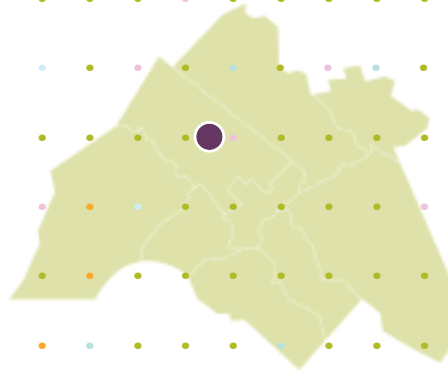
A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Our economic future is faced with many issues due to rising energy prices and the realities of climate change. Last year, DVRPC provided an annual update of the region's official Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). It sets goals (in support of those in the *Connections* Long-Range Plan) such as focusing growth in centers, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and investing in public infrastructure. View the plan at www.dvrpc.org/economic.

DVRPC is a leader on the issue of climate change, both nationally and in the region. As part of its ongoing work to plan for alternative fuel vehicle technology, the Commission released a study of such technologies available today and expected to become available over the next 10 to 20 years. In addition, DVRPC partnered with PECO to evaluate where in the region owners of electric vehicles are likely to live, and where publicly available charging infrastructure is most likely to be necessary.

DVRPC provides tools and technical support to counties and municipalities that want to reduce energy use in their operations. A new program, *Circuit Rider for Energy Efficiency in Local Government Operations*, offers no-cost assistance to local governments in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties to reduce energy costs. Seminars covered such topics as saving energy and money in street lighting, and best practices for energy management in municipal buildings. For more information, see www.dvrpc.org/EnergyClimate.

montgomery COUNTY



ENERGY EFFICIENCY AT WATER AND SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES

Last year, DVRPC partnered with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Environmental Protection Agency Region III, and the Pennsylvania Water Environment Association to host a conference for water and sewage treatment facility operators at Montgomery County Community College. The one-day training featured best practices for managing energy use and energy costs at water and sewage treatment facilities. Topics included: understanding your energy bill, implementing a management approach to saving energy, energy baselining, energy audits, and financing.

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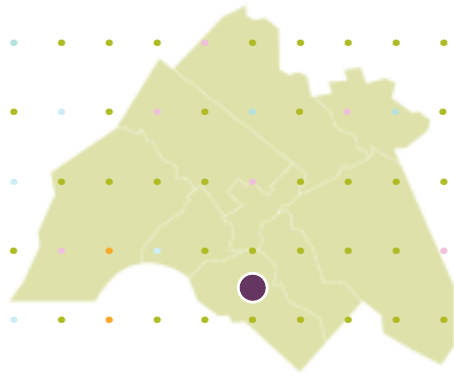
DATA AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

DVRPC is an important source of regional information and provides a wealth of demographic and economic data, traffic counts, and aerial images to stakeholders and interested citizens.

As information becomes available, planners analyze Census data and make it available through data bulletins, analytical reports, and interactive webmaps. Last year, DVRPC released population and employment forecasts for the year 2040, as well as immigration trends. Greater Philadelphia is expected to gain over 600,000 people by 2040 (an increase of 11.4%). The region is also becoming more diverse, and immigration has helped many communities in the region replenish population losses. A new data snapshot on *Immigration in Greater Philadelphia* examined the foreign-born population using the 2010 American Community Survey's five-year estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more information on population and employment forecasts using interactive webmaps, visit www.dvrpc.org.

The Community Investment Index (CI2) is an online web mapping application that helps planners target investments with the greatest community impacts. The new tool maps the concentration of recent place-based investments and on-the-ground features that contribute to sustainable communities in southeastern Pennsylvania. The webmap can be found at www.dvrpc.org/CI2.



gloucester COUNTY

DVRPC POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

Gloucester County is forecast to be the fastest growing county in the region by 2040, with an expected population increase of 87,830, or 30.5%. The county is also expected to gain almost 30,500 jobs (a 26.2% increase). The population and employment forecasts are critical for long-range planning and other activities at DVRPC. Various studies have shown that there is a direct relationship between the number of jobs and residents in a region, and that the ratio of employment to population remains relatively constant over time. The employment forecasts were developed by applying a jobs-to-population ratio to DVRPC's 2040 population forecasts, and then adjusted based on input from the region's city and county planning staffs.

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AN INVOLVED PUBLIC

Public participation and outreach to residents is intrinsic to all of DVRPC's plans and initiatives. Now more than ever, there are more opportunities to get involved.

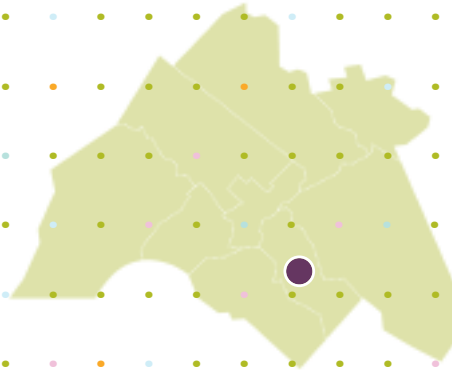
To ensure the involvement of a diverse range of our region's residents in the planning process, DVRPC has established a new Public Participation Task Force. The group reviews timely issues, serves as a conduit for DVRPC information to organizations and communities across the region, and assists the Commission in implementing public outreach strategies.

Last year, DVRPC held regional listening sessions, which focused on topics including regional safety planning and transit planning. The Commission also partnered with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging to host a panel discussion on seniors' access to transportation. Participants learned about programs that are available and innovative models that exist around the country.

Our Regional Student Forum welcomed students from universities and colleges in the region. Meetings were held every other month and explored such topics as regional transportation and sustainability, career development, social media and the workplace, and regional transit planning. Information about meetings, job listings, and other topics of interest can found on the Student Forum blog, www.regionalstudentforum.blogspot.com.

Also in FY12, DVRPC updated its *Public Participation Plan*, which outlines how the Commission is meeting all federal public participation mandates. It reflects newer outreach initiatives, including the Environmental Justice (EJ) Work Group, which partners with organizations and individuals to discuss transportation and regional planning issues facing the EJ community.

To learn more or to get involved, visit www.dvrpc.org/GetInvolved.



camden COUNTY



ENGAGE, OUTREACH, IMPROVE: Strategies to Connect with New PATCO Ridership
DVRPC worked with the Port Authority Transit Corporation (PATCO) to investigate marketing strategies and other opportunities to increase ridership, particularly among younger riders (ages 18 to 34) and discretionary riders. Recommendations included ways to engage the public through social media and other communications techniques, as well as outreach to the EJ population (minority, non-English speaking, and low-income communities). The strategies are designed to enhance PATCO's future marketing and communications campaigns, build the agency's public profile, and augment the agency's customer service and engagement.

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DVRPC FY 2012 REVENUE BY SOURCE

	Highway Planning	Public Transit	Airport Planning	General Fund	Other Programs	Totals
USDOT - PENNDOT	\$4,450,190	\$2,162,331	\$0	\$0	\$7,399,625	\$14,012,146
USDOT - NJDOT	2,288,563	825,654	0	0	2,179,329	5,293,546
USDOT - FAA	0	0	93,413	0	0	93,413
Local	487,529	462,107	4,916	194,482	936,370	2,085,404
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	8,692	2,560,167	2,568,859
Totals	\$7,226,282	\$3,450,092	\$98,329	\$203,174	\$13,075,491	\$24,053,368

DVRPC FY 2012 EXPENDITURES

	Highway Planning	Public Transit	Airport Planning	General Fund	Other Programs	Totals
Salaries, Wages, Benefits	\$3,911,931	\$1,519,884	\$55,452	\$0	\$3,978,251	\$9,465,519
Contractual Services	686,838	253,968	14,890	194,482	684,239	1,834,417
Equipment Purchases	111,274	48,552	0	0	0	159,826
Subcontracts	992,186	1,064,151	0	0	6,466,819	8,523,156
Indirect Costs	1,524,052	563,537	27,987	0	1,946,181	4,061,758
Program Overruns/Carryover	0	0	0	8,692	0	8,692
Totals	\$7,226,282	\$3,450,092	\$98,329	\$203,174	\$13,075,491	\$24,053,368

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DVRPC's committees advise the Board on specific regional issues, while ensuring that interested parties, including member governments and concerned citizens, have an opportunity to participate in the planning process. Meeting dates are on our website at www.dvrpc.org. Anyone who wishes may attend any of the following committee meetings:

Regional Technical Committee (RTC)

Advises the Board on issues concerning the long-range and short-range transportation plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and other programs and policies. *Meets monthly.*

Regional Aviation Committee (RAC)

Conducts aviation system planning activities by providing technical and policy guidance to the Federal Aviation Administration, the states, and the DVRPC planning program. *Meets quarterly.*

Goods Movement Task Force (GMTF)

Works to maximize goods movement capability by sharing information and technology with public and private freight interests. Also promotes the region's intermodal capabilities and implements a regional goods movement strategy. *Meets quarterly.*

Regional Community and Economic Development Forum

Provides a forum for discussion of current issues in land use, housing, economic development, and transportation in the Delaware Valley region. *Meets quarterly.*

Information Resource Exchange Group (IREG)

Provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences among regional data managers. Topics of discussion include IT architecture, GIS/orthophotography, web technologies, and census data. *Meets quarterly.*

Transportation Operations Task Force

Provides a forum for the Incident Management Task Force to share ideas. Topics of discussion may include RIMIS and regional ITS architecture. *Meets quarterly.*

Regional Safety Task Force

Offers guidance to DVRPC projects including the Regional Safety Action Plan and provides a forum for multidisciplinary professionals to share information.

Tri-County Water Quality Management Board

Maintains the Tri-County Water Management Plan and coordinates water supply and wastewater treatment plans for Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester counties. *Meets quarterly.*

Public Participation Task Force

Provides the public with access to, and participation in, the regional planning and decision-making process. This committee acts as an advisory group to DVRPC's Board and reviews all policies, plans, and programs. *Meets bi-monthly.*

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