

# PLAN SLATE BELT



## **Community Experts' Listening Sessions Summary**

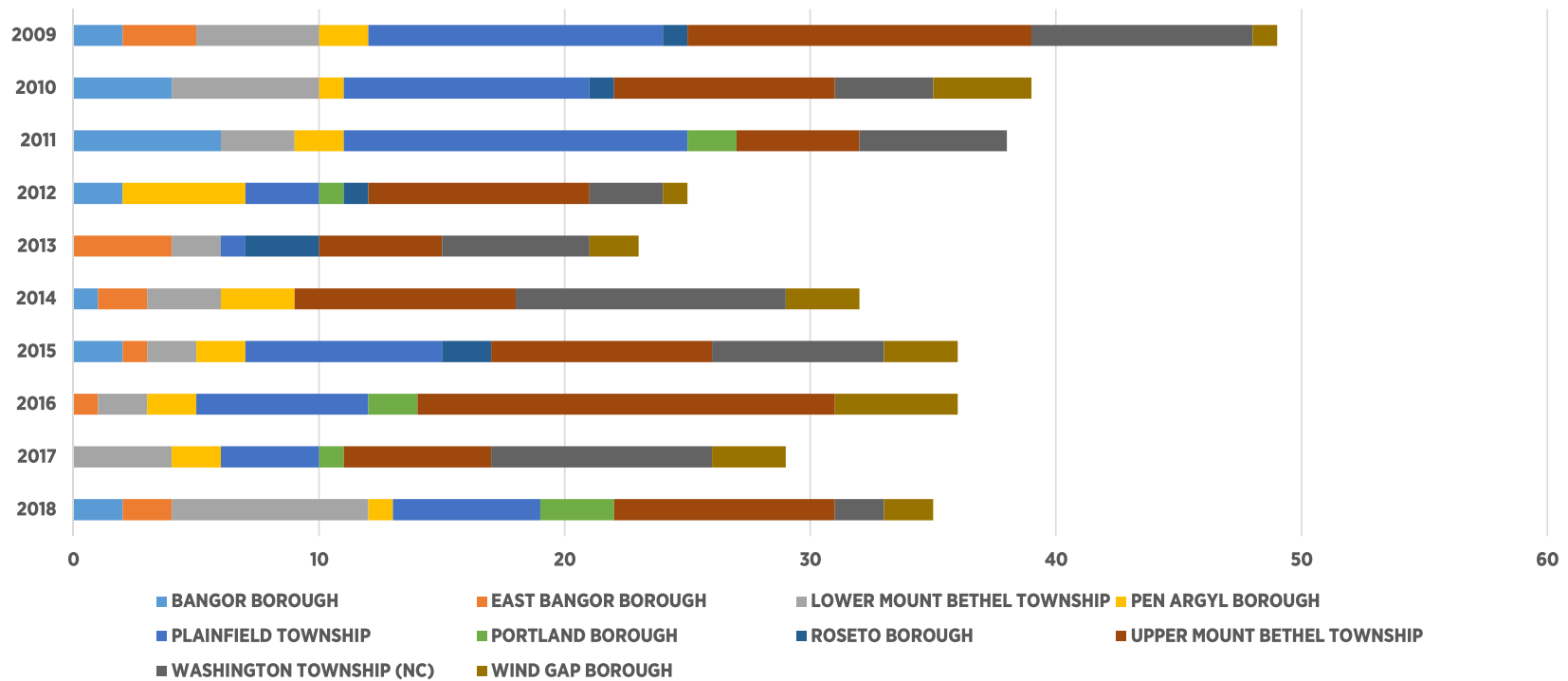
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- **Introductions + Purpose – 15 minutes**
- **Listening Sessions – 60 minutes**
- **Feedback Summary + Prioritization – 10 minutes**
- **Closing – 5 minutes**

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# Subdivision & Land Development Data

Total Yearly Plans Received by Municipality








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## Approved Residential Units, 2009-2018





	Bangor Borough	East Bangor Borough	Lower Mount Bethel Township	Pen Argyl Borough	Plainfield Township	Portland Borough	Roseto Borough	Upper Mount Bethel Township	Washington Township (NC)	Wind Gap Borough	Slate Belt Area Total
 <b>Assisted-Living</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
 <b>Apartment</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	192	192
<b>Planned Residential Development</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
 <b>Rowhome</b>	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	29
 <b>SFD</b>	-	-	11	1	18	-	-	22	39	13	104
 <b>Twin</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
<b>Slate Belt</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>327</b>

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# Subdivision & Land Development Data

## Approved Non-Residential Floor Area (square feet), 2009-2018

	Bangor Borough	East Bangor Borough	Lower Mount Bethel Township	Pen Argyl Borough	Plainfield Township	Portland Borough	Roseto Borough	Upper Mount Bethel Township	Washington Township (NC)	Wind Gap Borough	Grand Total
<b>Agriculture</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
 <b>Commercial</b>	-	-	-	5,250	-	3,000	-	-	-	6,816	15,066
 <b>Industrial</b>	-	-	-	-	52,005	-	-	18,508	-	-	70,513
 <b>Office</b>	6,000	-	-	-	36,300	-	-	2,700	-	-	45,000
 <b>Public/ Quasi-Public</b>	-	-	-	3,600	10,000	-	-	11,000	6,617	-	31,217
<b>Recreational</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
 <b>Retail</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,096	-	-	13,096
<b>Transportation</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Slate Belt</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,850</b>	<b>98,305</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,304</b>	<b>6,617</b>	<b>6,816</b>	<b>174,892</b>

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# Subdivision & Land Development Data

## Largest Approved Non-Residential Projects, 2009-2018

Municipality	Project Name	Land Use Category	Floor Area (Square Feet)
Plainfield Township	Kitchen Magic	Industrial	43,680
Plainfield Township	Jacobsburg Medical Office	Office	36,300
Upper Mount Bethel Township	Voltaix, LLC	Industrial	18,508
Upper Mount Bethel Township	Tuscarora Inn and Conf. Ctr. (New Dorms)	Public/Quasi-Public	11,000
Plainfield Township	Slate Belt Nazareth Baptist Church (Exp.)	Public/Quasi-Public	10,000
Upper Mount Bethel Township	Dollar General (Delaware Drive)	Retail	9,100
Plainfield Township	Gemini Machining Company (Bldg. Exp.)	Industrial	6,825
Wind Gap Borough	AutoZone (Wind Gap)	Commercial	6,816
Washington Township (NC)	Calvary Church of the Nazarene (Bldg. Exp.)	Public/Quasi-Public	6,617
<b>Slate Belt</b>			<b>148,846</b>

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# Subdivision & Land Development Data

## Largest Approved Residential Projects, 2009-2018

Municipality	Project Name	Land Use Category	Residential Units
Wind Gap Borough	Water's Edge at Wind Gap	Apartment	200 (192 Apts & 8 Row)
Washington Township (NC)	Highlands East	Single Family Detached	18
Wind Gap Borough	Posh Properties (First Street S/D)	Single Family Detached	11
Plainfield Township	Mintbrook Farms	Single Family Detached	8
East Bangor Borough	Garafalo, Helen	Rowhouse	8
East Bangor Borough	Klump/East Bangor Methodist Church	Rowhouse	8
Upper Mount Bethel Township	Iorio, Laura	Single Family Detached	6
Wind Gap Borough	Albanese & Grimes Properties, LLC	Rowhouse	5
Washington Township (NC)	Meadow Creek Estates II	Single Family Detached	4
<b>Slate Belt</b>			<b>268</b>

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## Population Change

Municipality	Projected Change 2010-2040		Change 2010-2017	
	Number	%	Number	%
Bangor Borough	1,167	22.1%	-56	-1.1%
East Bangor Borough	443	37.8%	-139	-11.9%
Lower Mt. Bethel Township	1,749	56.4%	-21	-0.7%
Pen Argyl Borough	834	23.2%	-45	-1.3%
Plainfield Township	2,797	45.6%	-4	-0.1%
Portland Borough	315	60.7%	-67	-12.9%
Roseto Borough	564	36.0%	214	13.7%
Upper Mt. Bethel Township	3,159	47.1%	128	1.9%
Washington Township	2,404	46.9%	68	1.3%
Wind Gap Borough	867	31.9%	-10	-0.4%
<b>Slate Belt</b>	<b>14,299</b>	<b>39.8%</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Northampton County</b>	<b>72,905</b>	<b>24.5%</b>	<b>3,206</b>	<b>1.1%</b>

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## Population by Age Group

Municipality	Ages 0-9		Ages 10-17		Ages 18-24		Ages 25-44		Ages 45-64		Age 65+		Total	Median Age (Years)
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%		
Bangor Borough	643	12.3%	548	10.5%	539	10.4%	1,346	25.8%	1,018	19.5%	1,123	21.5%	5,217	37.9
East Bangor Borough	165	16.0%	106	10.2%	80	7.7%	257	24.9%	291	28.2%	134	13.0%	1,033	37.7
Lower Mt. Bethel Township	194	6.3%	317	10.3%	165	5.4%	654	21.2%	1,159	37.6%	591	19.2%	3,080	49.9
Pen Argyl Borough	404	11.4%	514	14.5%	378	10.6%	957	27.0%	882	24.8%	415	11.7%	3,550	36.6
Plainfield Township	431	7.0%	632	10.3%	522	8.5%	1,112	18.1%	2,052	33.5%	1,385	22.6%	6,134	49.3
Portland Borough	43	9.5%	37	8.2%	41	9.1%	118	26.1%	131	29.0%	82	18.1%	452	43.0
Roseto Borough	205	11.5%	238	13.4%	128	7.2%	560	31.4%	370	20.8%	280	15.7%	1,781	36.8
Upper Mt. Bethel Township	424	6.2%	568	8.3%	603	8.8%	1,434	21.0%	2,470	36.1%	1,335	19.6%	6,834	48.3
Washington Township	461	8.9%	479	9.2%	350	6.7%	1,147	22.1%	1,758	33.9%	995	19.2%	5,190	47.1
Wind Gap Borough	233	8.6%	248	9.2%	133	4.9%	688	25.4%	798	29.4%	610	22.5%	2,710	45.7
<b>Slate Belt</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>3,687</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>8,273</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>10,929</b>	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>6,950</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>35,981</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Northampton County</b>	<b>31,902</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>29,551</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>30,251</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>70,278</b>	<b>23.4%</b>	<b>85,468</b>	<b>28.4%</b>	<b>53,491</b>	<b>17.8%</b>	<b>300,941</b>	<b>42.0</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2013-2017 (5-Year Estimates)

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## Income and Poverty

Municipality	Median Household Income \$	Median Family Income \$	Per Capita Income \$	Percent Below Poverty Level		
				All Persons	All Families	Female Householder Families
Bangor Borough	\$41,366	\$50,668	\$22,652	14.8%	12.0%	36.9%
East Bangor Borough	\$50,938	\$51,979	\$21,881	14.5%	9.3%	32.4%
Lower Mt. Bethel Township	\$65,833	\$80,873	\$33,196	3.5%	1.5%	0.0%
Pen Argyl Borough	\$49,542	\$79,417	\$25,067	11.3%	10.0%	35.6%
Plainfield Township	\$61,540	\$76,013	\$41,799	5.4%	3.6%	6.6%
Portland Borough	\$56,667	\$76,042	\$29,861	7.7%	8.5%	8.7%
Roseto Borough	\$66,932	\$75,500	\$27,118	6.9%	3.3%	0.0%
Upper Mt. Bethel Township	\$65,218	\$73,289	\$34,862	4.1%	2.7%	10.4%
Washington Township	\$77,241	\$91,389	\$35,110	6.6%	4.8%	25.2%
Wind Gap Borough	\$41,284	\$64,286	\$24,172	12.0%	9.3%	33.3%
<b>Northampton County</b>	<b>\$65,390</b>	<b>\$79,209</b>	<b>\$32,608</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>21.7%</b>

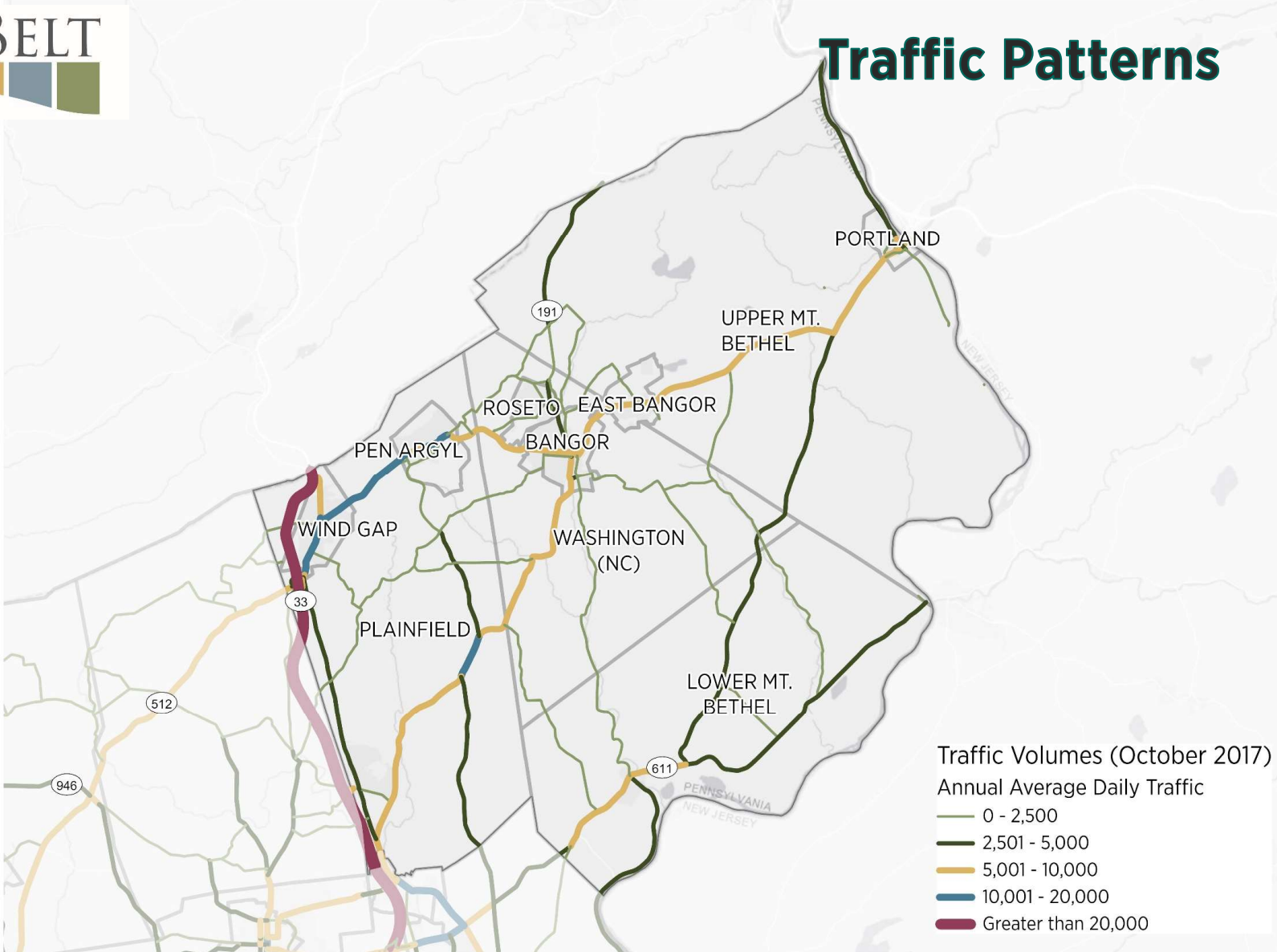
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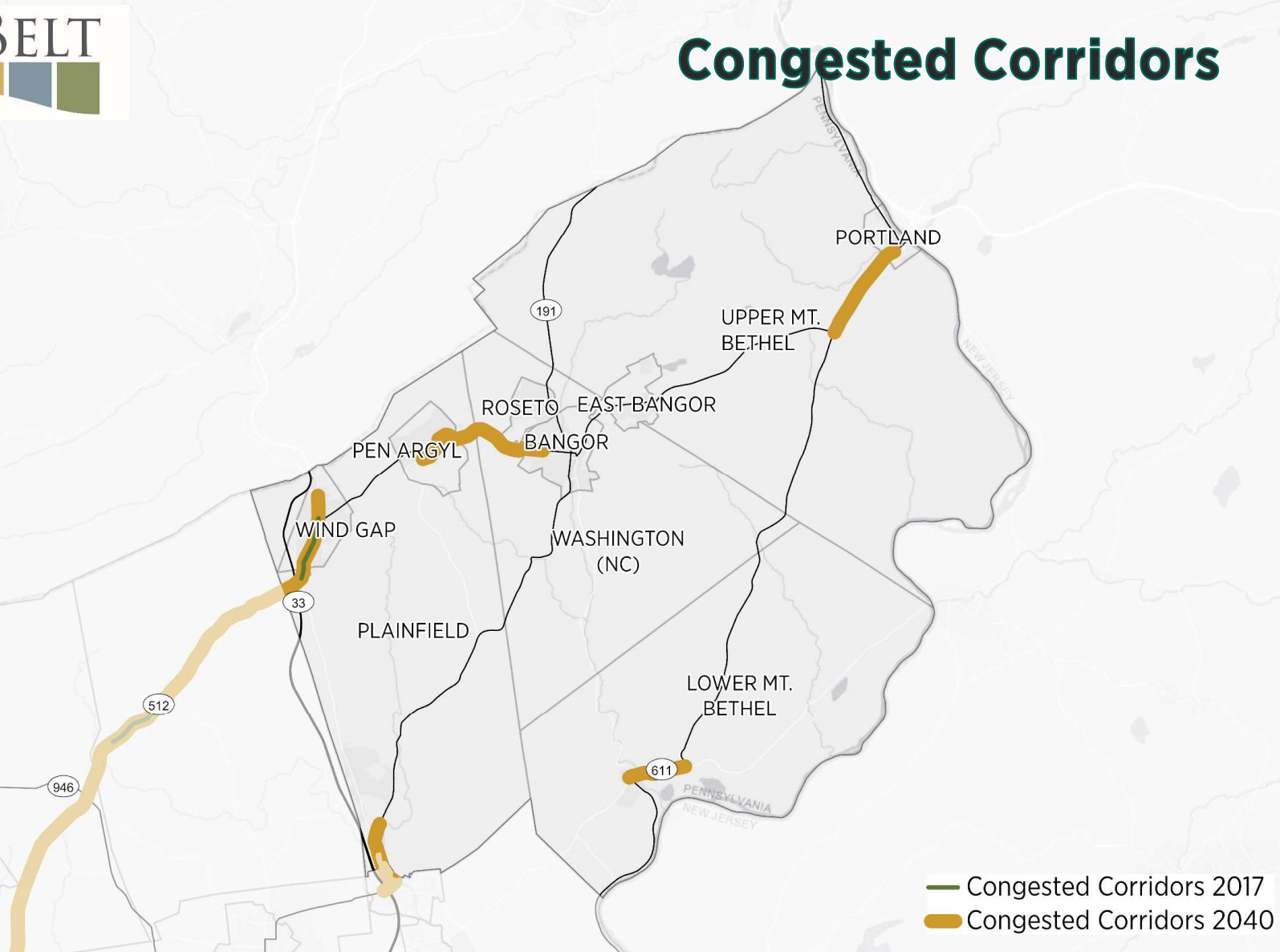
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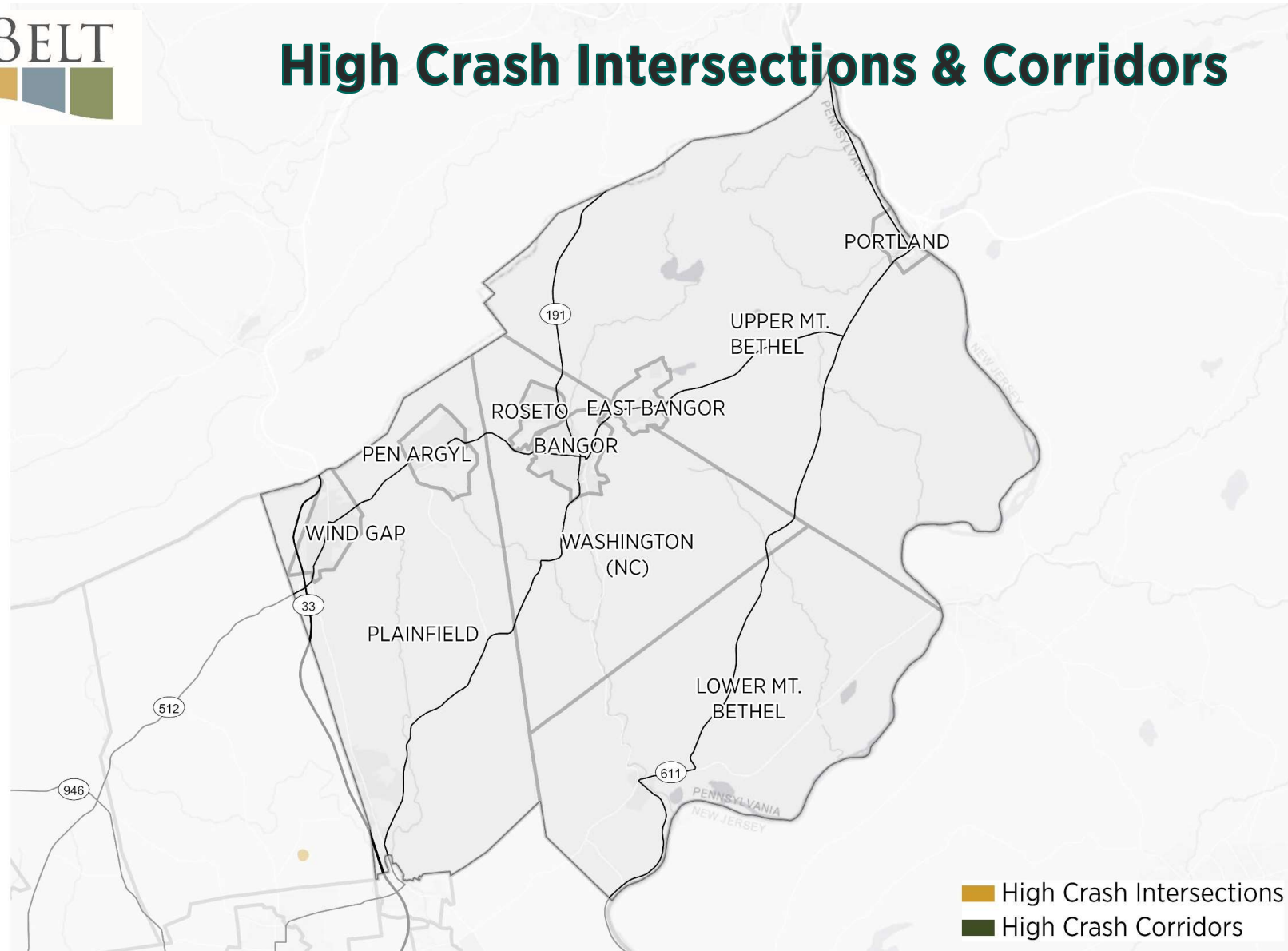


## Congested Corridors





## High Crash Intersections & Corridors





## Discussion Results

### Plainfield Township

- Sustainable Farmers
- Regionalize Public Services
- Infrastructure for Desired Land Use
- Barriers to Housing/Business
- Quality of Life
- Balance: Preservation, Industry, Growth
- Preserve Heritage and Natural Resources
- Farming as a Business

### Upper Mount Bethel Township

- Re/development in Key Locations
- Broadband Access and Quality
- Quality of Life
- Fiscal Sustainability
- Intergovernmental Cooperation

### Bangor Borough

- Smart Growth: Kind/Location
- Outdoor Recreation, Farmland, Open space
- Transportation: All
- Restrictions Business/Housing
- Business Development
- Unity & Cooperation
- Quality of Life
- Resistance to Change
- Transportation Management
- History and Heritage

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## Discussion Results

### Combined Priorities

- Sustaining Farming and Farms
- Improving Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Balancing Preservation and Development
- Barriers to Housing and Business
- Encouraging Technical Education
- Preserving Quality of Life
- Limited/No Broadband Access
- Resistance to Change
- Municipal Fiscal Sustainability
- Managing Transportation Infrastructure

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## Survey Prompts

### Rank the Following Priorities:

- Sustaining farming as a business and way of life.
- Improving governmental efficiency and reducing tax burdens.
- Balancing land preservation, development, redevelopment, industry and jobs.
- Reducing barriers to housing and business development.
- Ensuring public schools prepare students for the future job market.
- Preserving the quality of life (safety, heritage, rural character and open space).
- Enhancing access to current and future technology infrastructure.
- Managing social, economic, cultural and demographic changes in the community.
- Improving municipal financial sustainability.
- Enhancing transportation infrastructure.

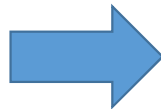
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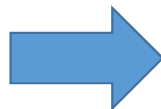


**Access Survey at**  
[surveymonkey.com/r/  
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Rank the ten priorities  
from highest (1) to  
lowest (10)



Add priorities or  
comments



### Slate Belt Post-Charrette Survey

Welcome Stakeholders!

The following ten priorities were identified during the recent Slate Belt Stakeholder Charrettes. We are circulating this survey to further refine this list. We ask that you rank each in order of priority. We have also made a comment box available for any other priorities you feel should be considered in the development of the multi-municipal comprehensive plan.

1. Please rank the following (1 = highest, 10 = Lowest):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustaining farming as a business and way of life.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improving governmental efficiency and reducing tax burdens.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Balancing land preservation, development, redevelopment, industry and jobs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reducing barriers to housing and business development.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensuring public schools prepare students for the future job market.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preserving the quality of life (safety, heritage, rural character and open space).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhancing access to current and future technology infrastructure (internet, 5G wireless and broadband).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Managing social, economic, cultural and demographic changes in the community and Slate Belt.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improving municipal financial sustainability.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhancing transportation infrastructure (traffic and freight management, infrastructure funding, LANTA access, safe routes to schools, sidewalks, regional trails, and bridges).

2. Please provide any additional priorities you feel should be considered in Plan Slate Belt:

Done

### Session 1: Redevelopment, Development and Investment

- **Redevelopment:** developed areas that should get rehabilitated or replaced
- **Development:** undeveloped areas that would be appropriate for development
- **Investment:** community facilities that need to be created or improved

**Place a dot on the appropriate location in YOUR community  
And fill out a post-it note explaining WHY that site.**

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## Steering Committee Charrette

### Session 2: Transportation Issues

- **Round One:** 3 biggest issues in YOUR community (no rank)
- **Round Two:** 3 biggest issues in the Slate Belt (rank)
- **Examples:** traffic, road quality, broken/missing sidewalks, speeding, unsafe crossing, safety, bus service...

**Place your dots on the appropriate location  
And fill out a post-it note explaining WHAT the issue is in that location.**

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