

**SOMERSET COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR SOMERSET COUNTY AS AN
ELEMENT OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions and spirit of the New Jersey Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 40:27-2 et seq., the Somerset County Business Partnership, in collaboration with the Somerset County Planning Board has prepared a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Somerset County, to serve as an Element of the Somerset County Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the foregoing, a public hearing was held by the County Planning Board as required on March 18th, 2014 concerning the proposed incorporation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Somerset County as Element of the Somerset County Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, heretofore, the Somerset County Business Partnership, in collaboration with the Somerset County Planning Board conducted an extensive public outreach process throughout 2012 and 2013 which included the establishment of a CEDS Committee, Six Sub-Committees and Management Team, which successfully completed background research, community visioning, issues analysis, strategic project identification and strategy prioritization over an 18-month period consistent with US Economic Development Administration Guidelines in order to obtain public input to shape the development of the report and its findings and recommendations; and

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


WHEREAS, the various committees of the Board, including the Master Plan/Land Use and Transportation Committees, as well as affiliated organizations including the Somerset County Energy Council, the County Agricultural Development Board and the Regional Center Partnership have reviewed and provided their comments at various stages throughout the development of the CEDS Report and approved the document on that basis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Somerset County Planning Board hereby formally adopts the CEDS Report as an Element of the County Master Plan; and does so in support of the implementation of the Somerset County Investment Framework heretofore prepared by the Somerset County Planning Board.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT electronic copies of the CEDS Report shall be made available to the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the municipalities of Somerset County, adjacent counties, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the New Jersey Office for Planning Advocacy, the Somerset County Business Partnership and the general public through the County Planning Board's website <http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/planweb/index.htm>.

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



Matthew D. Loper, Secretary
Somerset County Planning Board