The large, contaminated, flood-prone area into a greenway fulfills a long-term vision. Former industrial properties held by public and private owners. Transforming The Assunpink Greenway is an expansive, 99-acre linear park project adjacent to the greater Trenton region. Residents are able to make easy connections living with easy access to open space. A primarily residential community is transformed into a highly desirable location for those seeking urban character, the area to serve neighborhood residents.

Vision Area 1: Parkside / Riverside
- Single-family homes
- Tree-lined streets
- Strong residential neighborhoods
- Strong sense of community
- Model of stability
- Stabilized lots and buildings
- Community-based schools
- Public transportation
- Downtown
- Waterfront
- Growth
- Community-based activities
- Multi-use parks and trails
- Commercial centers
- Office spaces
- Mixed-use development
- Open space
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Vision Area 2: Reservoir to Canal
- North Trenton 1, 2, 3 // Humboldt Sweets // North 25 // Central West // NCIA // Central West 1 // Stuyvesant Prospect 1, 2, 4 & 5
- Single-family houses
- Condominiums
- Low-rise buildings
- Strong residential area
- Model of stability
- Variety of housing stock
- Community-based schools
- Public transportation
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Vision Area 3: Top Road
- North Trenton 4 & 5
- Single-family homes
- Condominiums
- Low-rise buildings
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- Community-based schools
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Vision Area 4: Industrial
- North Trenton 1, 2 & 3
- Single-family homes
- Condominiums
- Low-rise buildings
- Strong residential area
- Model of stability
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- Community-based schools
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Vision Area 5: Creekside
- Single-family homes
- Condominiums
- Low-rise buildings
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Vision Area 6: Assunpink Creek Park
- Single-family homes
- Condominiums
- Low-rise buildings
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Vision Area 7: Urban Village
- Single-family homes
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Vision Area 8: Regional Entertainment Center
- Single-family homes
- Condominiums
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Vision Area 9: Lambertson
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- Condominiums
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Vision Area 10: Regional Entertainment Center
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Vision Area 10: Downtown
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Cultivate a Healthy City

In 2042: Trentonians will have the opportunity to live a healthy life in a healthy environment. They will have access to locally grown fresh foods and opportunities for urban gardening. The city will be home to high-quality healthcare facilities that serve residents and the surrounding community while providing opportunities for health literacy and learning.

Public spaces will be safe, well-designed, and maintained. Trenton will have capitalized on its wealth of built and natural amenities — including the waterfront — to re-establish a network of public spaces that reinforce Trenton’s historic and urban character. This network will ensure residents and visitors have a diverse array of active recreation opportunities where they can walk, bicycle, and play.

The city will have taken significant steps to adapt to a changing climate and address the environmental impacts of its industrial past. The city will promote green infrastructure, sustainable building practices, walkable neighborhoods, and multi-modal transportation options, among others. Equally important, there will be a continuing effort to remediate brownfield sites and return those lands to productive use.

Capitalize on Location and Urban Form to Support a Multi-Modal Transportation Network

In 2042: Trenton will distinguish itself by offering easy mobility between high-quality neighborhoods in a dense, mid-sized city environment. The City will be known as a place where people of all ages and abilities utilize a variety of mobility options to meet their transportation needs. Neighborhoods and the downtown will be a safe place to walk at all times. A network of easily identified and maintained bike lanes will make it easy for residents and visitors of all ages and genders to bike throughout the City. Public transportation, including buses, will provide residents commuting options that are quick and comprehensible.

Likewise, the City will have strong links to its surroundings. The city will be connected into an extensive regional rail network (e.g. East Coast Greenway, Delaware Heritage Trail, and the D&ER Canal Trail). The City will continue to support and expand rail and bus services that connect the City to regional and mega-regional destinations. In the event that high-speed rail is built, the City will have capitalized on the opportunity to expand its residential and economic base.

Efforts to promote a multi-modal local and regional transportation network will have facilitated an efficient use of land for parking. As a result, there will be more space available for residential and commercial development, resulting in increased tax revenue and a larger residential population who can support local businesses.

Reinforce High-Quality Neighborhoods and A 24/7 Downtown Trenton

In 2042: Trenton will distinguish itself by offering easy mobility between high-quality neighborhoods in a mid-sized city environment. A mix of preserved, adaptively-reused, and contemporary buildings will reinforce Trenton’s unique urban streetscapes. The city will capitalize on its historic districts as a way of promoting a place character that is attractive to home buyers who see the benefit of living in older urban cities.

Neighborhoods will provide diverse income groups with high-quality living opportunities. They will be anchored by activity nodes which provide residents with many of the day-to-day consumer, community, cultural, and spiritual needs. The city’s mix of cultures, a result of centuries of immigration, will provide a natural energy and vibrancy that businesses and residents value.

These nodes and neighborhoods will be well linked to a high-quality central mixed use district that serves as the downtown to the mid-jersey region. In 2042, the downtown will have a vibrant residential population as well as a diversity of businesses which contribute to building the City’s tax base. City, County and State Governments will use their land efficiently and in a manner that supports a multi-modal urban environment. As a result, government maintains its prominent presence while significantly reducing the quantity of land it occupies, allowing for more sustainable private development.

Promote Civic Unity and Pride

In 2042: There will be a unified approach and greater communication amongst residents, government, businesses, and non-profit partners in promoting the vision for the City. Likewise, Trenton will be a place where its variety of cultures are celebrated. This unified but diverse Trenton will be one of the major elements that distinguishes Trenton from the surrounding areas, giving it a competitive advantage when attracting residents and businesses.

Establish a Preeminent Arts and Culture Destination

In 2042: Trenton will be a City known for using fine arts, industrial arts, niche manufacturing, history, and cultural heritage to expand social and economic opportunities. The City will proactively create and retain cultural institutions and arts groups that will provide opportunities for residents, inspiration for visitors, and support for aspiring local artists. As a result, creative-oriented businesses will cluster in the City, helping to build a culture of innovation. Unique neighborhoods that are anchored by strong cultural institutions and historic architecture will attract talented and diverse residents. The City, County and State — in partnership with a variety of for-profit, not-for-profit, and philanthropic stakeholders — will support these efforts by working collaboratively to help grow and sustain this vibrant sector, ensuring the result is expanded arts and culture opportunities for all Trentonians.

Build a Safe City

In 2042: Trentonians and visitors will feel safe in the city, and there will be significantly less violence and fewer crimes. The City will have implemented a multipronged and innovative approach to creating a safe environment for all. At the same time, Trenton will be perceived to be a safe place by people who live in the surrounding community.

A safe Trenton is about more than just reduced crime. The city will also be a place where people can feel secure expressing their opinions publicly without fear of retribution. Streets must also be safe to travel on foot, by bike, by bus, or by car. A safer Trenton is a place where there is trust in the community.

Advance Good Governance

In 2042: The City, County, and State will consistently work together to ensure that Trenton succeeds. The various levels of government will coordinate efforts to improve communication; increase quality and access to programs and services; and reduce regulatory barriers to starting businesses. All governments will operate under the understanding that a stronger Trenton is a stronger mid-Jersey Region and a stronger New Jersey.

Scaling the City

In 2042: The City will have capitalized on its mix of cultural assets — including the waterfront — to re-establish a network of built and natural amenities which support a multi-modal urban environment. In addition, the City’s history and rich cultural diversity will provide a competitive advantage.

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Foster Social Opportunity and a Vibrant Economy Through Education

In 2042: Trenton will be the economic and cultural center of the mid-Jersey region with a innovative and diverse local economy. Trenton’s advantage will come from its well trained workforce, educated citizenry, physical location, and diversity of cultures.

A network of public and private institutions - including civic groups, schools, colleges, businesses, philanthropic organizations, churches, and fraternities/sororities; among others - will exist at preparing residents to make social and economic contributions to society. Trenton students will be as well, or better, educated than their peers who live in surrounding municipalities. Students will have opportunities for both occupational training as well as college preparedness. Equally important, City residents will live within a “culture of graduation”, where residents have the support to complete the degrees they strive to achieve. The result will be a creative, highly-trained workforce that provides businesses and industry with the support they need to grow Trenton’s economy.

In addition, the City’s history and rich cultural diversity will provide a competitive advantage in the region. Trenton will have capitalized on an influx of immigrants to grow its private sector. The City will have repurposed inherited industrial assets - including buildings and infrastructure - to serve both social and economic goals. Those spaces will be among the many places where creativity and innovative people come to work on their projects and grow their businesses. The result will be a City that capitalizes on its history and unique cultural assets to provide a diversity of goods, services, and social opportunities not available anywhere else in the region.

Trenton First: A Premier Economic And Cultural Center Built On Arts, Industry, And Education

In 2042: Trenton will be a Premier Economic And Cultural Center. The City will have capitalized on its diverse cultural and historic assets to attract talent from around the world. The City will have re-established a network of public spaces that reinforce Trenton’s historic and urban character.

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