

BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN



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Message from the Mayor Jason F. Cilento May 2022

Setting the Stage for the Next 10 Years for Our Miracle Mile

This is an exciting time for Dunellen. We are in the midst of several interconnected planning studies that will assist in guiding the Borough's future over the next ten years. First, we are undertaking a Master Plan Re-examination to determine necessary changes to the previous Master Plan from 2012. A Master Plan provides a blueprint for future growth and development and so we want to hear from residents in order to help shape this plan. Please be on the lookout for an online survey and an invitation to an upcoming community meeting.

Additionally, we are preparing a Climate Resiliency plan to protect, guide, educate, prepare, and understand the impact of climate change on Dunellen. We are proud to say we are one of the first municipalities in New Jersey to voluntarily undertake this plan in accordance with state regulations.

The Borough has also been awarded a Complete and Green Streets for All grant from Rutgers's Bloustein School of Public Policy and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). The grant will provide technical assistance on how best to implement safer streets for pedestrians, bikers and strategies for green infrastructure within Dunellen.

So, what are the processes involved to undertake these planning studies? The Master Plan Re-examination will involve reviewing the zoning ordinance, the existing redevelopment plan, census data, new and potential development, and new and emerging planning trends. The Climate Resiliency plan will involve reviewing the latest NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) data, reviewing flood maps, storm water runoff, and developing strategies to reduce the climate impact in Dunellen. The Complete Streets for All grant will look at the existing street grid, sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes, and determine where there can be areas of improvement to enable safe access for all pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

I look forward to working with you on these plans to help steer and direct the future of Dunellen. Please always know my office door is open to you for your comments, questions or concerns. You can call my Borough Cell at (732) 882-4551 or email me at: jcilento@dunellen-nj.gov.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason F. Cilento". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "C".

Jason F. Cilento, Mayor
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