

## OBJECTIVE

As part of Together North Jersey's (TNJ) process to develop a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development, the Bloustein School for Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University and PlanSmart NJ conducted a Regional Fair Housing and Equity Assessment (FHEA). The FHEA analyzed segregation, concentrations of poverty, areas of opportunity, and the equitable distribution of infrastructure investments.

## METHOD AND LIMITATIONS

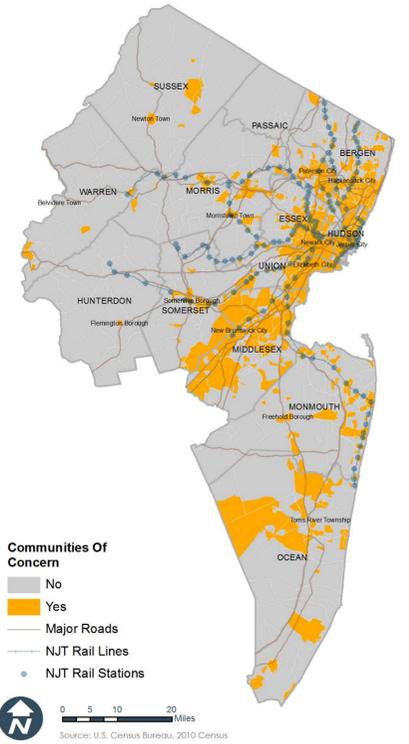
Using data from the US Census Bureau, the FHEA analyzed the demographic profile of the region and identified spatial patterns of segregation, concentrated poverty, and "communities of concern", or places that have high concentrations of minority, low-income, and other disadvantaged households. Indicators were mapped at the block group level. Data on public investment from agencies in New Jersey was geocoded to assess the geographic distribution of investment in the region. Overlaying public investment over the demographic analysis allowed for a disparity analysis that showed how equitably investment is distributed throughout the region. Data on public investment was not available for all public investment programs.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

This analysis identified areas where investment is occurring on a program by program basis, in the way the investment program are administered. Further analysis should look at how all the investment programs work together to bridge gaps between communities with high concentrations of minority and low-income households with opportunities for education, jobs, and a better quality of life.

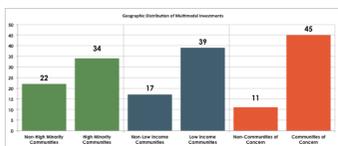
## DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Communities of Concern



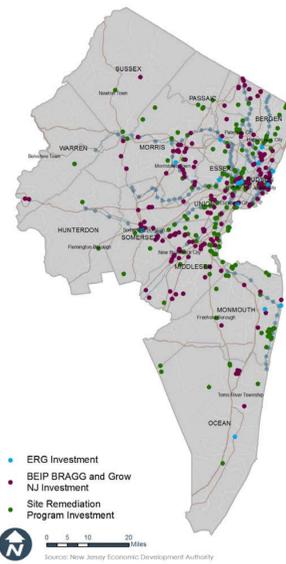
## Investment in Transportation

NJTPA Investment 2004 - 2012



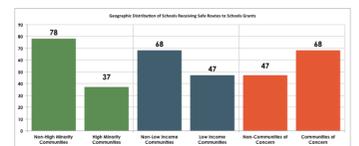
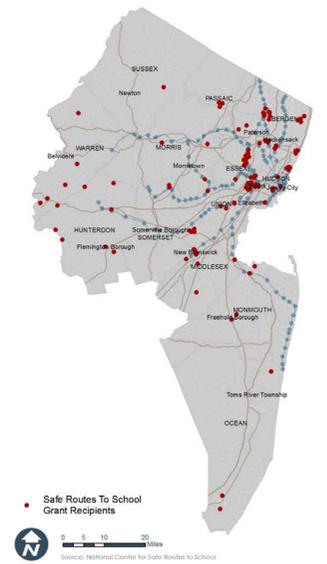
## Investment in Economic Development

NJEDA Investment 2008 - 2013



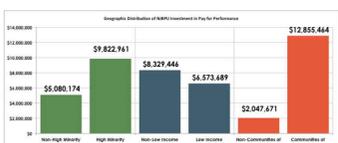
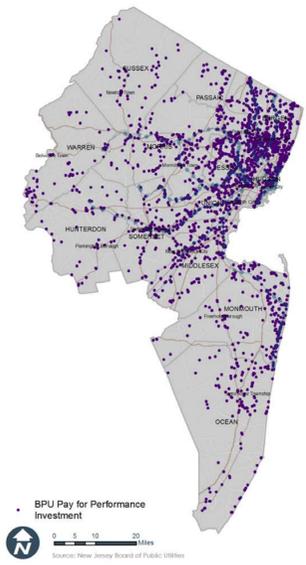
## Investment in Education

Safe Routes To School Grants 2008 - 2011



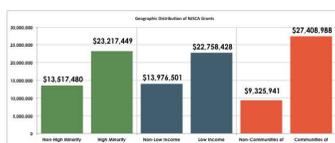
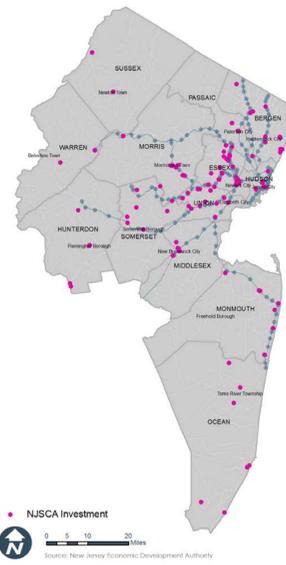
## Investment in Energy

NJ Board of Public Utilities Pay for Performance Investment



## Investment in the Arts

New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA) Investment 2011 - 2014



## Further Evaluation

All investment programs overlaid over Communities of Concern demographic analysis

