



March 26, 2013

Mayor Peter Hughes  
825 Bloomfield Avenue  
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear Tree City USA Supporter,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I write to congratulate Glen Ridge on earning recognition as a 2012 Tree City USA. Residents of Glen Ridge ought to be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority.

Your community joins more than 3,400 Tree City USAs, with a combined population of 140 million. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

As a result of your commitment to effective urban forest management, you already know that trees are vital to the public infrastructure of cities and towns throughout the country, providing numerous environmental, social and economic benefits. In fact, trees are the one piece of community infrastructure that actually increases in value over time.

We hope you are excited to share this accomplishment. Enclosed in this packet is a press release for your convenience as you prepare to contact local media and the public. If you wish to receive an electronic version of the release, please email Sean Barry, Director of Media Relations at [sbarry@arborday.org](mailto:sbarry@arborday.org) and we will reply with a copy within one business day.

State foresters are responsible for the presentation of the Tree City USA flag and other materials. We will forward information about your awards to Todd Wyckoff in your state forester's office to coordinate presentation. It would be especially appropriate to make the Tree City USA award a part of your community's Arbor Day ceremony.

Again, we celebrate your commitment to the people and trees of Glen Ridge and thank you for helping to create a healthier planet for all of us.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Rosenow".

John Rosenow  
Chief Executive

cc: Richard Wolowicz

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Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.  
Essex County Executive

April 2013

Dear Friend:

You can help protect the environment just by monitoring what you toss in your garbage pail.

Proper disposal of household cleaners, oil, and old computer and electronic equipment can help prevent the pollution of our air, drinking water and environment. To do our part, we once again will be holding our *Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day* and *Essex County Computer & Electronics Recycling Day*.

Help keep dangerous materials from unnecessarily entering our waste-streams. Drive them to our collection site and we will properly dispose them. These important collection days are for Essex County residents only.

<p><u>Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day</u> Saturday, May 4, 2013 8:30 am to 4 pm Essex County Fleet Maintenance Facility 99 West Bradford Avenue Cedar Grove, NJ</p>	<p><u>Essex County Computer &amp; Electronics Recycling Day</u> Saturday, May 18, 2013 9 am to 3 pm Essex County Fleet Maintenance Facility 99 West Bradford Avenue Cedar Grove, NJ</p>
<p><i>For information, call the ECUA at 973-792-9060</i></p>	

Enclosed are fliers about our popular Collection Days and on the back of this letter is a schedule of upcoming events in our historic Park System. We hope you will share this information with your friends and neighbors. Thank you for helping us to continue *Putting Essex County First*.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.  
Essex County Executive

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ESSEX COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



**We invite you to check out these upcoming Essex County events:**

### **Essex County Fishing Derby 2013**

For Children Ages 15 and Under. These are free events. Children are encouraged to bring their own poles and bait.

Saturday	April 20	Branch Brook Park, Newark
Saturday	May 4	Grover Cleveland Park, Caldwell/Essex Fells
Thursday	May 16	Verona Park, Verona
Saturday	May 18	Weequahic Park, Newark
Saturday	June 8	Monte Irvin Orange Park, Orange
Saturday	June 15	Irvington Park, Irvington

Thursday Registration begins at 5 p.m., Derby begins at 6 p.m., Awards given at 8:15 p.m.  
Saturday Registration begins at 8 a.m., Derby begins at 9 a.m., Awards given at 11:15 a.m.

### **Essex County Open House**

*Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

*Essex County Turtle Back Zoo, 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange*

The public is invited to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Essex County Open House. The carnival-like event combines games and activities to entertain and provide information to raise public awareness about the programs and services provided by Essex County. Admission to Turtle Back Zoo is free.

### **Celebrate Earth Day at Essex County Environmental Center**

*Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

*Essex County Environmental Center, 621B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland*

The public is invited to the Environmental Center's annual outdoor Earth Day festival. Enjoy nature through crafts, games, recreation opportunities, demonstrations, local green vendor products and services, and information on all partner groups at the Center. This is a free event, but some vendor items will be for sale.

### **Free Friday Flicks at Essex County Kip's Castle**

*22 Crestmont Road, Verona*

Enjoy outdoor movie presentations under the stars on the grounds of Essex County Kip's Castle Park. Gates open at 7 p.m. Movies begin at dusk. Admission is free.

Friday	June 7	"How to Train Your Dragon"
Friday	June 14	"Singin' in the Rain"
Friday	June 21	"Enchanted"
Friday	June 28	"Casablanca"

**For a complete list of Essex County events, visit [www.essexcountynj.org](http://www.essexcountynj.org)**

*Putting Essex County First*



# ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE

303 University Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07102

**Dr. Gale E Gibson**  
*Interim President*

The Honorable Peter A. Hughes  
Mayor, Borough of Glen Ridge  
825 Bloomfield Avenue  
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

RE: Essex County College Applies for New Jersey Higher Education Capital Facilities Bond Programs

Dear Mayor Hughes,

Essex County College has submitted a request for state bond funding totaling more than \$27 million for new construction, renovation of academic facilities, and infrastructure improvements at the Newark and West Caldwell campuses.

The College adopted a list of five priority facilities projects. The projects are contingent upon funding through New Jersey's Higher Education Capital Facilities Program which includes funds from the Building Our Future Bond Act approved by voters in November. The projects would create scores of construction and construction related jobs on the College's two campuses and more than a dozen new technology enabled classrooms and labs.

The proposed projects include:

1. the completion of previously approved *Renovations to the West Caldwell Campus*,
2. the creation of a new *Health Sciences Simulation Laboratory* to enhance clinical learning for Nursing and Allied Health students,
3. an adaptive reuse of the existing library space to house a brand new *Information Commons*,
4. a Campus wide overhaul of the College's *Foundation for Instructional Technology* to upgrade the College's classrooms, computer labs, and connectivity infrastructure, and
5. the creation of *Specialized Classrooms for Rapid Completion of Developmental Coursework* to bolster the success rate of first year students enrolled in developmental Math and English courses.

All of the projects are consistent with the academic priorities of our College and the state's commitment to expand and strengthen New Jersey's capacity in the fields of health care, life sciences and technology. We ask that you support our request for funding by adopting a Resolution urging our state legislators to approve Essex County College's projects.

PHONE: 973-877-4462 ● FAX: 973-877-4465 ● EMAIL: [ggibson@essex.edu](mailto:ggibson@essex.edu)

Members of the Essex County College Bond Funding Task Force would like the opportunity to address the Glen Ridge Council at the May 13, 2013 meeting to tell more about this extraordinary opportunity to bring excellence to higher education in Essex County and enhance the academic capacity of our students.

Dr. Joyce Wilson Harley, Esq. will represent the College at the meeting.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Gibson", written in dark ink.

Dr. Gale E. Gibson  
Interim President Essex County College

**NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION  
FISCAL YEAR 2013 REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), under provisions of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and under provisions of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21), gives notice of its intent to apply for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 federal financial assistance and Federal Fiscal Year 2012 carryover funds from the following programs: \$372.91 million under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 for operating and capital assistance; \$154.50 million under Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization/5337 State of Good Repair; \$77.26 million under Section 5309 New Starts and Bus Programs/5339 Bus and Bus Facilities; including Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities; Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities; Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC); Section 5310 Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program; Section 5317 New Freedom; and Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program; and \$208.36 million of Federal Highway Authority; and \$1,275.20 billion under Section 5324 Public Transportation Emergency Relief for a total of \$2.088.24 billion. Please note Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities may be applied for under Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant or Section 5311 Rural Transportation.

Federal operating funds will be matched as required with funds provided by the State of New Jersey and local recipients in conformance with Federal and State guidelines. NJ TRANSIT intends to provide the non-Federal share of capital projects through credit for toll revenues. The Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Federal program is described below.

**FISCAL YEAR 2013 FEDERAL PROGRAM  
Proposed Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program  
(in Millions of Dollars)**

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>
Bus Signs/Shelters Maint/Upgrade Program (TE)	1.01
Bus Rolling Stock	41.36
Elizabeth Rail Station Project	2.00
Hudson-Bergen LRT-MOS II	6.76
Cumberland County Bus Program	1.02
East Windsor Community Shuttle Operation Support	0.10
Frank R. Lautenberg Ground Transportation	2.00
Lackawanna Cutoff	3.20
Lyndhurst Station Project	4.00
NY Access Improvements	61.00
Perth Amboy High Level Platform Project	1.05
Rail Preventative Maintenance	57.26
Bus Preventive Maintenance	94.18
Rail Rolling Stock	84.97
Signal Renewal	<u>13.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$372.91</b>

**Proposed Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization/5337 State of Good Repair  
(in Millions of Dollars)**

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>
Preventative Maintenance - Rail	154.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$154.50</b>

**Proposed Section 5309 New Starts and Bus Programs/5339 Bus and Bus Facilities  
(in Millions of Dollars)**

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>
Bus Rolling Stock	27.26
Elderly & Disabled Bus Purchase Program	14.40
Elizabeth Rail Station Project	7.00
Frank R. Lautenberg Ground Transp. Intermodal Improvement	2.00
Howell Garage CNG Fill Station Expansion	0.25
Job Access & Reverse Commute (FY12)	3.67
New Freedom Program (FY12)	3.00
Perth Amboy High Level Platform	5.05
Rural Transportation Program-Intercity Funds	7.55
South Jersey Rapid Bus Transit Project	5.62
Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative	1.46
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$77.26</b>

**Proposed Federal Highway Authority (FHWA)  
(in Millions of Dollars)**

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>
655 Bus Route	0.21

Diesel Locomotive Retrofit	0.80
Local Atlantic County Bus Purchase	0.12
Local Atlantic County Bus Purchase/Mobile Dispatch Unit	0.03
Local Cape May Bus Purchase	0.30
Local DVRPC Bus Purchase	0.33
Multilevel Rail Cars	121.99
Local Programs NJTPA	1.08
Preventative Maintenance - Rail	48.84
Preventative Maintenance - Bus	33.66
Lyndhurst Station Project	1.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$208.36</b>

**FISCAL YEAR 2013 FEDERAL PROGRAM**  
**Proposed Section 5324 Public Transportation Emergency Relief**  
(in Billions of Dollars)

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>FEDERAL</b>
Repair/Restoration Projects	\$1,275.20
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,275.20</b>

**A. Property Acquisition/Environmental, Economic, and Social Aspects**

Any property acquisition or relocation that may be required will be conducted in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the law and regulatory requirements. As appropriate, the social, economic, environmental, and relocation aspects of the projects will be investigated. If required under applicable laws and regulations, interim findings may be presented at a future public hearing and further public comment will be solicited. Prior to the implementation of any of the projects and to the extent required, NJ TRANSIT may prepare an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to Federal regulations. The availability of this document will be made known by publication in the same manner as this notice. NJ TRANSIT will adhere to all Federal statutes and regulations affecting structures or properties eligible for or on the National Register of Historic Places.

**B. Comprehensive Planning**

NJ TRANSIT projects are developed in coordination with the following planning organizations: The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, which is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Northeast New Jersey urbanized area; the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, which is the designated MPO for Camden, Mercer, Burlington, and Gloucester counties; and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization, which is the designated MPO for Cumberland, Salem, Atlantic, and Cape May counties. The MPOs are the forums for local decision-making concerning the proposed projects. The projects are developed in consultation with local elected officials, interested citizens, and providers of private bus services.

**C. Private Enterprise Participation**

Through the comprehensive planning process administered by the MPOs and ongoing communication with NJ TRANSIT's Office of Private Carrier Affairs, NJ TRANSIT continues to discuss with private carriers their participation in the capital program. In addition, NJ TRANSIT encourages, to the maximum extent possible, the participation of the private sector in the development and implementation of public transportation in the State of New Jersey.

**D. Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities**

Services to be provided will be consistent with NJ TRANSIT's program of reduced interstate and intrastate rail and bus fares for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Every reasonable effort will be made to plan and design program elements involving facilities generally available to the public with careful consideration of the special needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

**E. Public Input**

NJ TRANSIT invites public comments on the above projects and its performance. Request for additional information on NJ TRANSIT's program of projects, written comments and/or requests for a public hearing should be sent to Joyce J. Zuczek, Acting Board Secretary, Office of the Secretary to the Board, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07105-2246 by May 23, 2013.

Based on comments received in response to this notice and information made available, NJ TRANSIT may modify the above program before final submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and will make a determination, pursuant to FTA regulations, as to whether a public hearing is in order. The above list of proposed projects will become the final list of projects unless notification is provided in the same manner as this public notice.

James Weinstein  
Executive Director  
New Jersey Transit Corporation