

2021 MORRIS COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET



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2021 MORRIS COUNTY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

MORRIS IS # 1 COUNTY IN NEW JERSEY

Item	2021 Budget	Highlight
Tax Effort	No county tax increase for existing taxpayer	Lowest County taxes in Northern NJ / 3rd lowest in the State
Bond Rating / Fund Balance	Structurally Balanced budget with growth in Fund Balance to address potential pandemic impacts	Record 45 th year of earning a AAA Bond Rating from both Standard and Poor's and Moody's
Remain a leader in responding to the COVID-19 Crisis	Since March of 2020, continued to address the Health, Social Service, and Public Safety issues that surfaced	Selected as one of the six Regional Vaccination Mega Sites. Maintain on-going COVID Testing at CCM. Continue to support Community Based Human Service Agencies as they address the needs of county residents
Public Safety Communications	\$26M Upgrade and Enhancement of the Morris Interoperable Communication System	Significantly increases system capacity and provides for new radios in every County and every Municipal Emergency Vehicle
THE Infrastructure County	\$22M to fund Road Resurfacing, Bridges, Parks, and Preservation	Structural integrity of Morris County Bridges is 70% superior to State Bridges

LEADERSHIP IN PANDEMIC RESPONSE

MORRIS COUNTY OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL STRENGTH

“MORRIS COUNTY RUNS LIKE A TOP” GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY
JANUARY 4, 2021 AT MEGA-SITE OPENING

- ESTABLISHED A COVID TESTING CENTER AT CCM, PARTNERING WITH THE SHERIFF & CCM
- ESTABLISHED A VACCINE MEGA-SITE IN ROCKAWAY CAPABLE OF 2,400 DAILY SHOTS PARTNERING WITH ATLANTIC HEALTH, STATE POLICE, NATIONAL GUARD, MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS
- EXPANDED EMS AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES DURING THE PANDEMIC
- ADDRESSED COVID OUTBREAKS IN THE MOST VULNERABLE- SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS INCLUDING THE ELDERLY, DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED, AND THE HOMELESS
- SUPPORTED AND WORKED WITH BUSINESSES TO DISTRIBUTE MASKS, THERMOMETERS, AND OPENING UP COUNTY LAND FOR OUTDOOR DINING
- DIRECTED EMERGENCY FUNDING TO FOOD BANKS AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
- RECORD YEAR FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS, KEEPING WORKERS EMPLOYED AND MORRIS COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AMONG THE BEST IN THE STATE

CAREFUL FISCAL MANAGEMENT RESULTS IN NO 2021 TAX INCREASE TO EXISTING TAXPAYER

Year	2020	2021
Introduced Budget	\$315.8M	\$320.0M
Tax Increase Inclusive of Preservation Trust Tax to Existing Taxpayer	-0.03%	0.0%
Ratable Base	\$97.0B	\$97.0B
County Tax Rate	25.25 cents	25.51 cents

* AVERAGE PRICE OF A HOME IN MORRIS COUNTY IS \$481,000 (2019)

FUND BALANCE: REMAINS EXACTLY WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE

- THE PRUDENT AND METHODICAL USE OF FUND BALANCE CONTINUES TO ENSURE STABILITY IN THE ANNUAL USE OF RESERVES AND SUPPORTS THE CONTINUATION OF THE COUNTY'S **“AAA” BOND RATING**
- AS A GENERAL RULE, RATING AGENCIES TYPICALLY SEEK “AAA” ENTITIES TO MAINTAIN 1 TO 2 MONTHS OF RESERVES
- ANNUALLY, MORRIS COUNTY CONTINUES TO USE THE PORTION OF THE YEAR ENDING FUND BALANCE THAT CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO BE REGENERATED

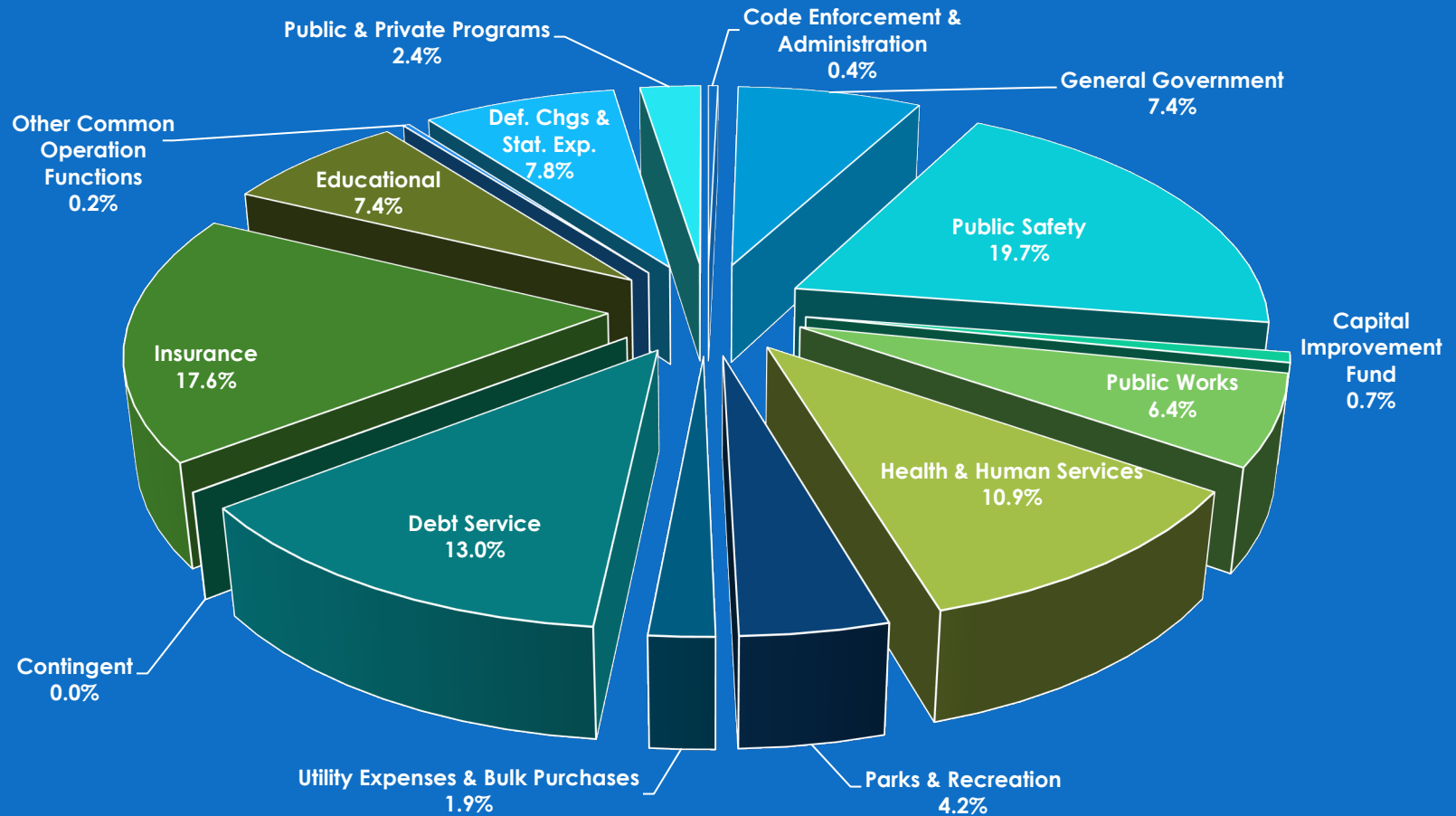
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Beginning Year Fund Balance	\$53.3M	\$52.7M	\$53.4M	\$53.5M	\$56.2M
Portion Used to Off-Set Tax Levy	\$25.3M	\$25.3M	\$25.3M	\$27.1M	\$28.2M
Fund Balance Regenerated	\$24.7M	\$26.0M	\$25.4M	\$29.8M	\$28.4M
Ending Year Fund Balance	\$52.7M	\$53.4M	\$53.5M	\$56.2M	\$56.4M*

**THE 2021 YEAR ENDING FUND BALANCE OF \$56.4M IS AN ESTIMATED FIGURE.*

WHAT THE 2021 MORRIS COUNTY BUDGET FUNDS

- CRITICAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS
- HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS
- HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES
- CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

WHAT THE 2021 MORRIS COUNTY BUDGET FUNDS



2021 BUDGET

CRITICAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

THE 2021 BUDGET CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY \$38.6M IN EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC INITIATIVES THAT SERVE ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MORRIS COUNTY INCLUSIVE OF:

- \$18.8M FOR THE COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS, SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, RUTGERS COOPERATIVE, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OFFICE
- \$13.4M FOR THE 20,100 ACRE MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION
- \$5.8M FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY LIBRARY AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
- \$591K FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

HUMAN SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS IN 2021 OPERATING BUDGET

**CONTINUING TO *PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS
TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES***

- OVER \$23M OF FUNDING DIRECTED TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY BASED HUMAN SERVICE INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS
- OVER 436,000 SQUARE FEET OF COUNTY FACILITY SPACE ALLOCATED TO COMMUNITY BASED HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THEIR MISSION
- OVER 384,500 NUTRITION MEALS WILL BE SERVED TO SENIORS
- OVER 33,500 MAPS RIDES WILL TO BE PROVIDED TO SENIORS AND THE DISABLED
- OVER 3,700 VETERANS WILL BE SERVED
- OVER 9,000 FOOD STAMP AND TANF CLIENTS WILL BE SERVED
- OVER 33,500 MEDICAID CLIENTS WILL BE SERVED
- OVER 2,000 NEW EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CLIENTS WILL BE SERVED
- OVER 6,500 CLIENTS WILL BE SERVED BY HOPE ONE
- OVER 3,400 CLIENTS WILL BE SERVED BY NAVIGATING HOPE

HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES IN 2021 BUDGET

CONTINUED FUNDING PROVIDED TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC NEEDS INCLUSIVE OF A TESTING FACILITY, A VACCINE CENTER, AS WELL AS THE PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF PPE TO CRITICAL FACILITIES.

THE COUNTY'S BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) UNIT, WHICH RESPONDED TO OVER 2,800 EMERGENCY CALLS IN 2020 WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE DAILY BACK-UP SERVICES TO LOCAL BLS/EMS FOR ALL MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES.

FUNDING ALLOCATED TO ABSORB THE 2021 MUNICIPAL 911 EMERGENCY DISPATCH COST INCREASES RELATIVE TO THE:

- 23 MUNICIPALITIES THAT CONTRACT FOR FULL DISPATCH SERVICES
- 2 MUNICIPALITIES THAT CONTRACT FOR MEDICAL PRE-ARRIVAL DIRECTIVES
- 3 MUNICIPALITIES THAT CONTRACT FOR 911 ONLY, AND
- 6 FIRE DISTRICTS
- SUPPORTS THE COUNTY WIDE INTEROPERABLE RADIO SYSTEM FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES

KEY COMPONENTS OF 2021 CAPITAL PLAN

- PUBLIC SAFETY
- INFRASTRUCTURE
- EDUCATION
- NATURAL RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

*Chestnut Terrace Bridge,
Rockaway Township*



2021 CAPITAL PLAN INVESTMENT

Total 2021 Capital Plan	\$35,779,901
Grant(s)	\$10,990,860
Net funding (Less Grants)	\$24,789,041

*East Blackwell Street Bridge,
Dover*



INVENTORY OF RESPONSIBILITY IS MASSIVE AND DIVERSE

- 287 MILES OF COUNTY ROADS THROUGHOUT ALL MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES
- 1,000 BRIDGES AND CULVERTS THROUGHOUT ALL MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES
- 3 FREIGHT RAILROADS
- 1,185 VEHICLES AND OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT
- 3.3 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF BUILDINGS / STRUCTURES
- FACILITIES REQUIRED BY THE JUDICIARY, SHERIFF, LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
- ALL TREES WITHIN THE COUNTY'S ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY
- MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES THROUGHOUT ALL MORRIS COUNTY
- 20,100 ACRES OF PARKLAND

MORRIS COUNTY PRIORITIZES PUBLIC SAFETY LIKE NO OTHER

New Radio System Project:

- Upgrade to the Morris Interoperable Emergency Radio System that will operate on the designated FCC frequency range, significantly increases system capacity, and install new radios in every County and every Municipal Emergency Vehicle.
- The New radios will be dual band, permitting them to operate on both the upgraded frequency and former radio system.
- Selected Radio Tower Sites will be added, relocated, and upgraded.



RESURFACING OF COUNTY ROADS REMAINS A TOP PRIORITY

The 2021 Capital Plan contains \$9.5 million for roadway resurfacing, covering 28 miles in 19 municipalities.

Some of the planned projects include:

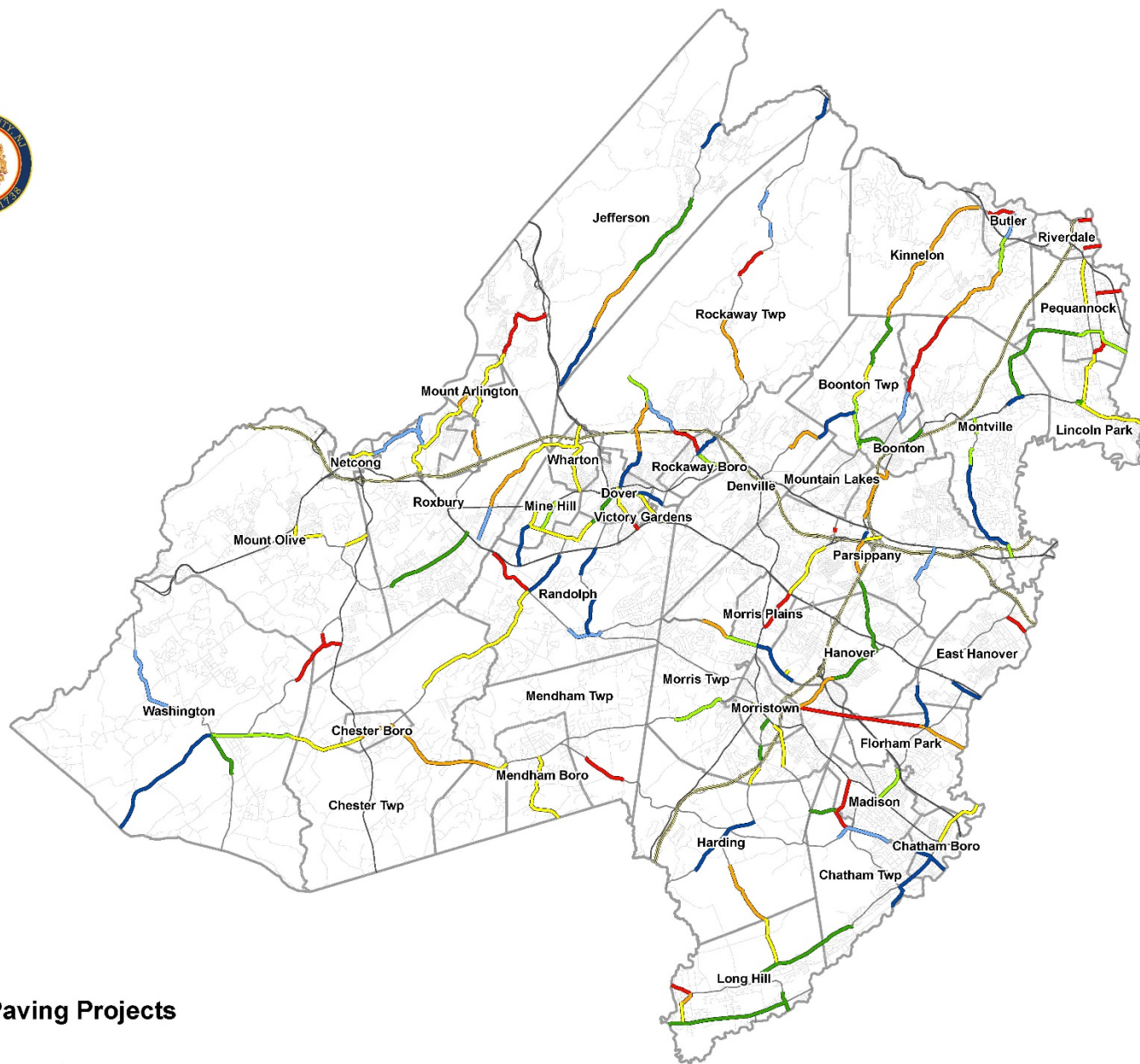
- Boonton Ave, Montville
- Green Pond Road, Rockaway Township
- Lincoln Park Road/Oak Road, Pequannock
- Bartley Road/Bartley Chester Road, Washington/Mt. Olive



*Ridgedale Avenue,
Hanover Township*



Morris County Paving Projects



Paving Projects by Year



MORRIS COUNTY LEADS THE STATE IN BRIDGE UPGRADE PROJECTS

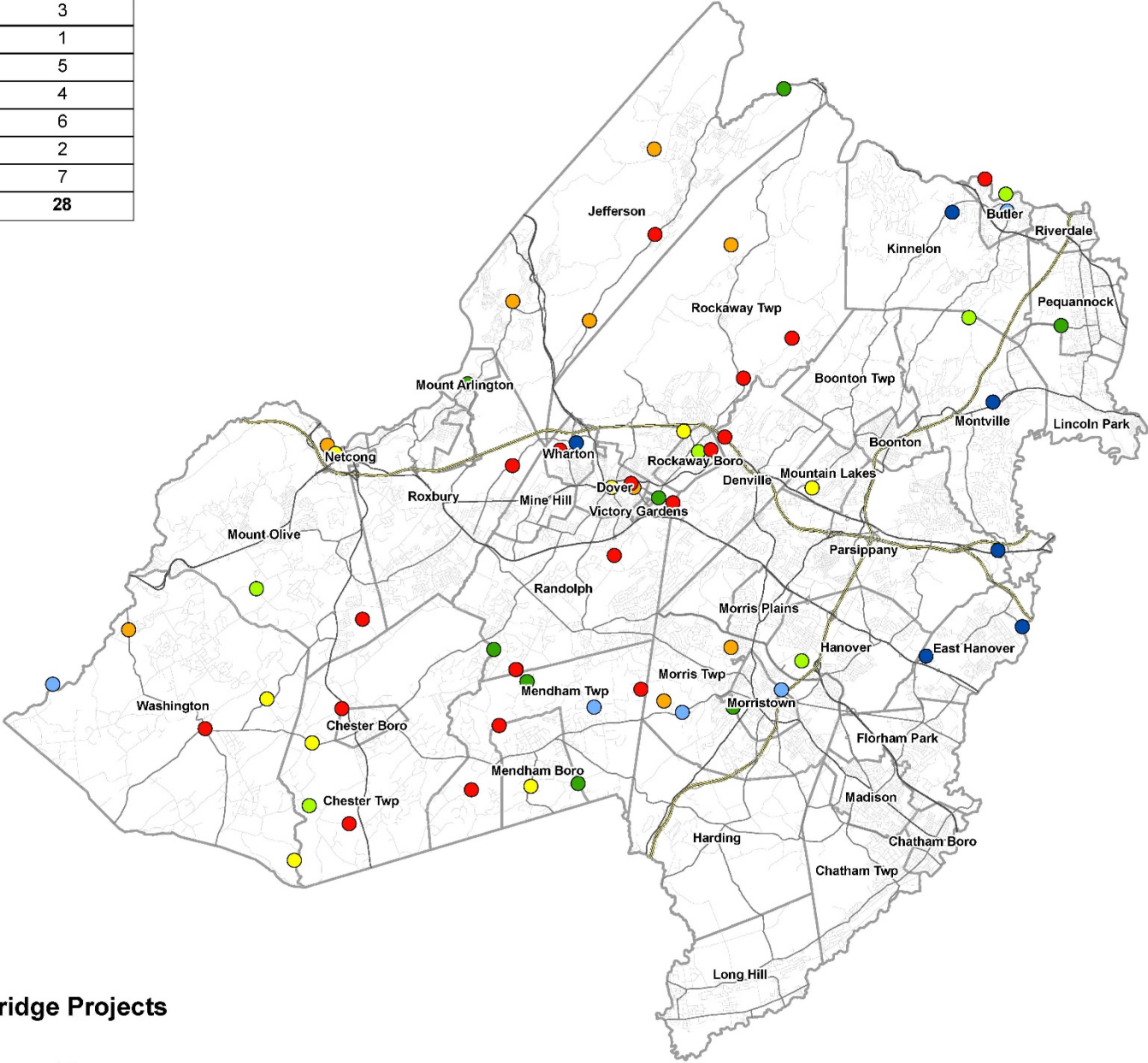
The 2021 Capital Plan contains \$4.9 million for bridge and culvert projects including:

- Intervale Road, Parsippany
- Washington Valley Road, Mendham Township
- Lamerson Road, Chester Township
- Wolfe Road, Mt. Olive

*Waterloo Bridge,
Netcong and Mt. Olive
in Morris County
and Stanhope in
Sussex County*



Bridge Projects		
Year	Replaced	Rehabilitated
2015	3	3
2016	4	1
2017	4	5
2018	2	4
2019	2	6
2020	7	2
2021	13	7
Total	35	28



Morris County Bridge Projects

Bridge Projects
by Year

- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021



MORRIS COUNTY EDUCATION IS NUMBER ONE IN NEW JERSEY

Completed construction
of the Advanced
Manufacturing and
Engineering Center at
County College of Morris.



2021 Capital funding was allocated
to CCM and Vo Tech for
infrastructure improvements and
accessibility modifications.

*Morris County Vocational
School, Denville, NJ*

MORRIS COUNTY HAS AND CONTINUES TO BE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

morris county *enjoy the*
park commission *experience*



*Playground, Central Park,
Parsippany-Troy Hills*

- 20,100 Acres of parkland
- 2021 Capital Funding of \$1,296,000 is to maintain 38 Facilities including:
 - Historic sites
 - Golf courses
 - Outdoor educational and recreational facilities
 - Arboreta
 - Conservation areas
 - 216 miles of trails, and
 - Ice skating arena

2021 MORRIS COUNTY BUDGET IN SUMMARY

PRUDENT FISCAL MANAGEMENT RESULTS IN STRUCTURAL STABILITY:

- OVERALL THERE IS NO TAX INCREASE TO THE EXISTING TAXPAYER
- A MISSION-DRIVEN ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS TOWARDS:
 - EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY RESPONDING TO THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC
 - MAINTAINING / UPGRADING COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE
 - ADDRESSING HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS INCLUDING COMBATING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC
 - ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES
 - EXPANDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES
 - PRIORITIZING EDUCATIONAL / CULTURAL INVESTMENTS
 - RESPONDING TO THE GAPS CREATED BY STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING REDUCTIONS

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THANK YOU