

Strategic Vision for Economic Development in Nassau County



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How Did We Get Here?

EDZ Public Meetings:

- We Listened for 2 ½ Years
- 35 Bus Tours and Meetings
- Thousands of Staff Hours
- Over 3,000 Attendees
- 1,500 Survey Responses
- 5 Economic Development Regions



What Did We Learn?

- We Love Nassau County
- We are Strongly Committed to Preserving Nassau County for Yourself and for Future Generations
- We Recognize That There are Challenges to Preserving this Quality of Life
- We are Willing to Consider New Ideas to Address These Challenges



Why We Love Nassau County !

- Natural Environment
- Exceptional Educational Opportunities
- The Best Health Care in the Country
- Close Proximity to NYC
- Low Unemployment
- Low Crime



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Today's Challenges to Economic Revitalization

- High Property Taxes
- Growing Traffic and Congestion
- Young People Leaving
- Pockets of Poverty
- No-Growth Economy



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Future Vision for Nassau County –

Improve Quality of Life and Address Challenges by:

1. Encouraging *High-Skilled/High-Tech/High-Pay Industries*
2. Supporting *Sports, Entertainment and Tourism*
3. Developing *Next Generation and Senior Housing*
4. Revitalizing *Historic Downtowns*
5. Developing the *Nassau “Hub”*
6. Addressing Needs of *Emerging Minority Communities*
7. Redeveloping *Abandoned Brownfield Properties*
8. Protecting *Open Space and Natural Resources*
9. Improving *Public Transit Connections and Usage*
10. Focusing on *Educational Opportunities and Needs*



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Where Do We Go From Here?



Implement the Vision: Nassau County Actions

- Nassau County Does Not Have Zoning Authority
- Successful Projects Will:
 - Require Approvals by Local Towns, Cities, Villages
 - Need to be Developed with Broad-Based Community Support



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Implement the Vision: Nassau County Actions

How Nassau County Can Help:

- **Partner** with local Towns, Cities, Villages and Communities in Creating their Vision
- Provide **Grants** from \$1 Million Visioning Fund to Match Local Commitments for Projects that Further the Future Vision for Nassau County
- **Foster Cooperation** among County Legislature, Federal, State, Town, City, Village Officials, Nassau County Planning Federation, Chambers of Commerce, Civic Groups and other Stakeholders



Implement The Vision : Nassau County Actions

Community Visioning - Past and Ongoing

New Cassel



Freeport



Port Washington



Nassau Hub



Glen Cove



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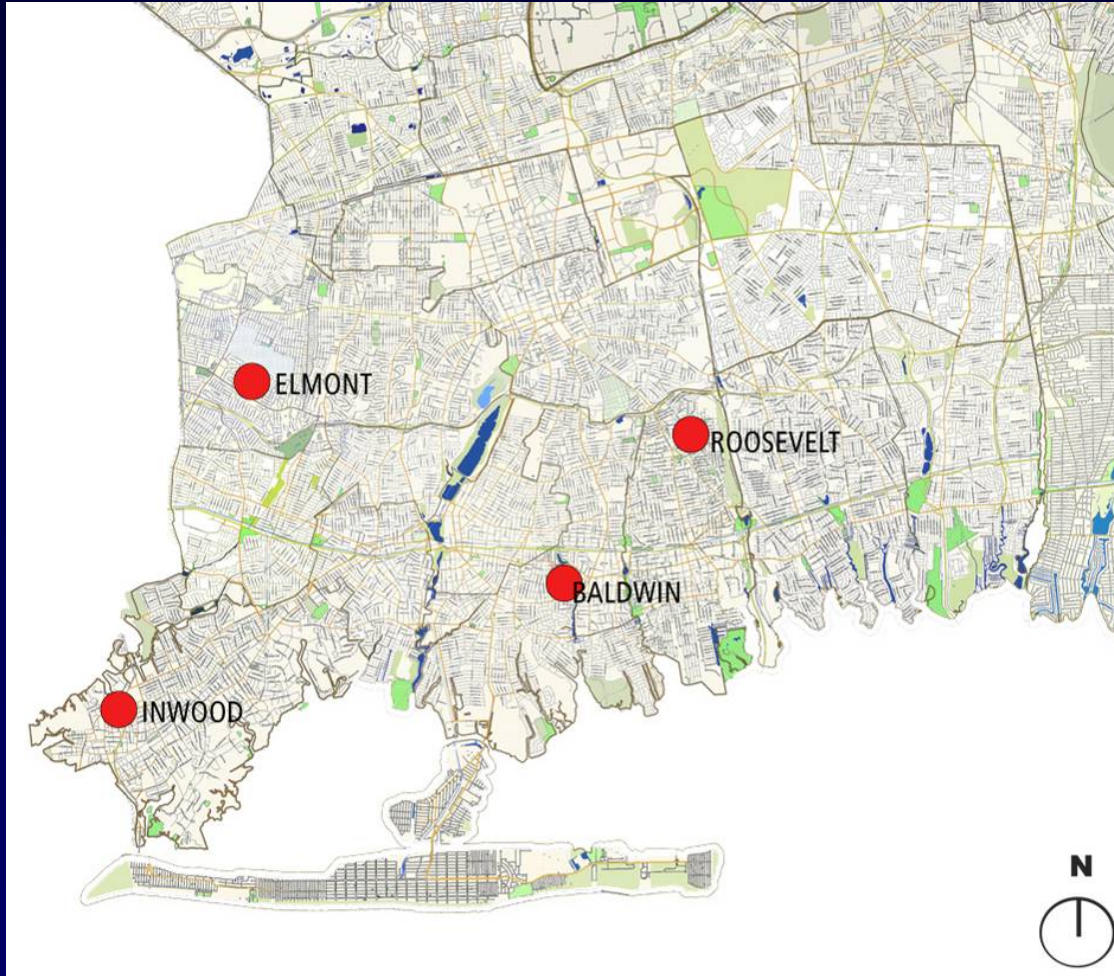
Implement the Vision: Nassau County Actions

Community Visioning – Help the Community to:

- Identify Stakeholders
- Gather Background Information
- Identify Opportunities and Constraints
- Plan and Carry Out Design Charrettes
- Prepare Implementation Plans
- Identify Sources of Funding for Planning, Design and Project Implementation



Implement the Vision: Pilot Communities



Partner with the Town of Hempstead for Visioning in:

- Elmont
- Baldwin
- Roosevelt
- Inwood



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Implement the Vision: Pilot Communities

Roosevelt



Baldwin



Elmont

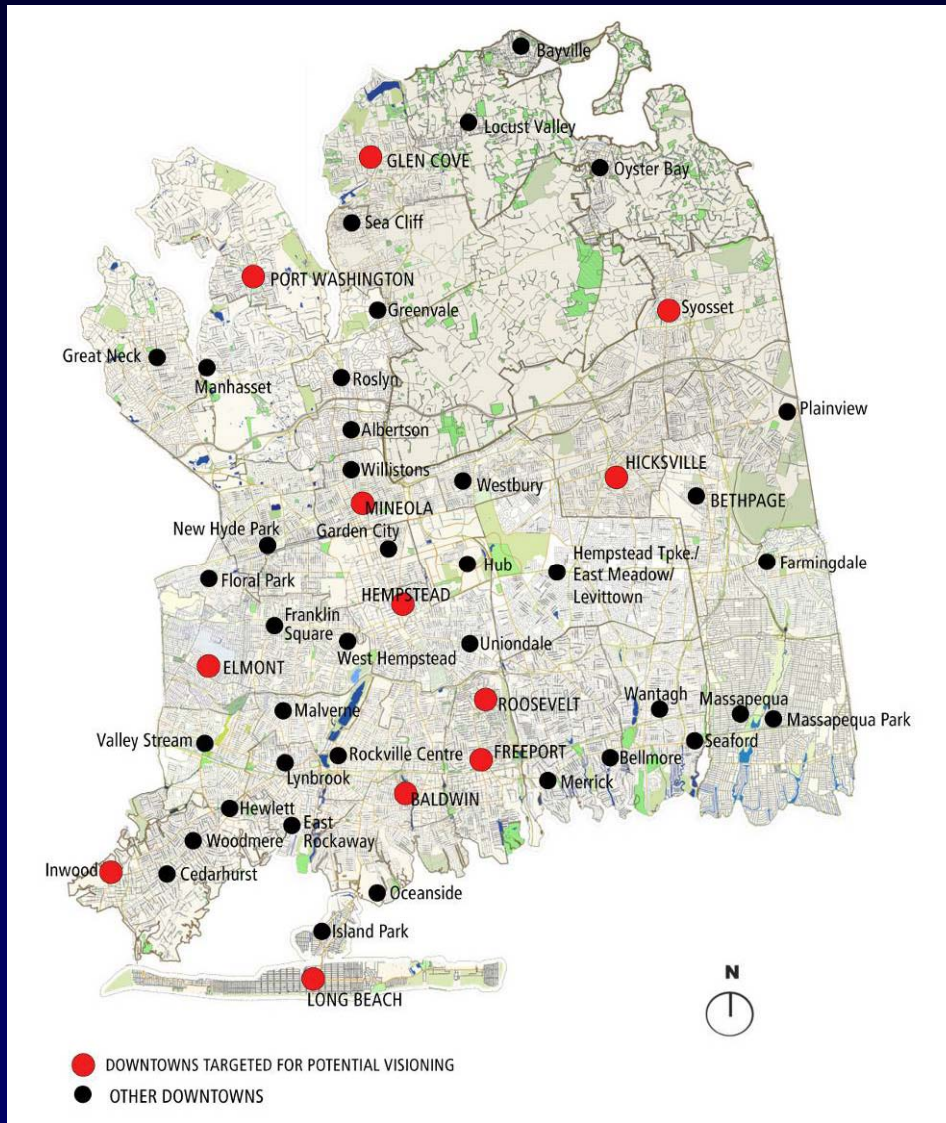


Inwood



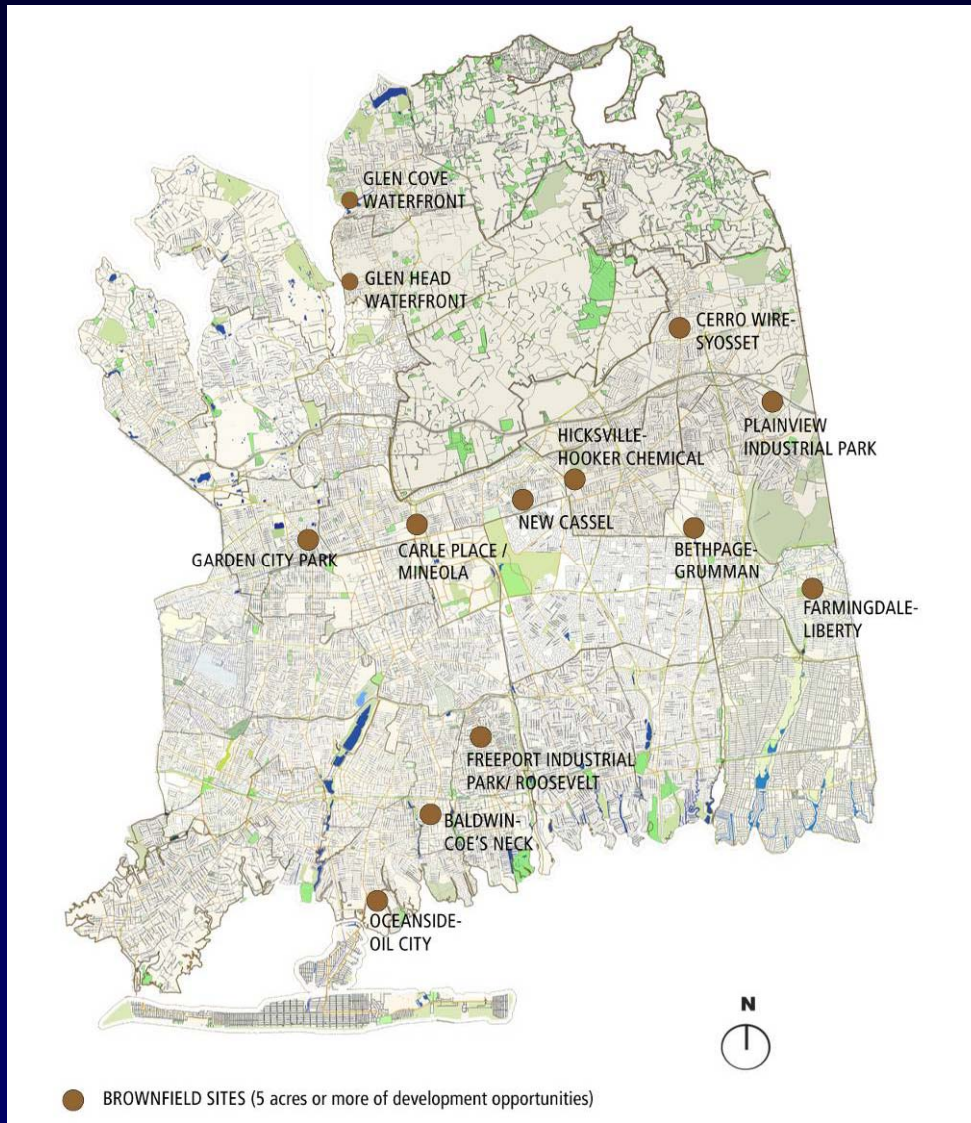
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Implement the Vision: Downtowns

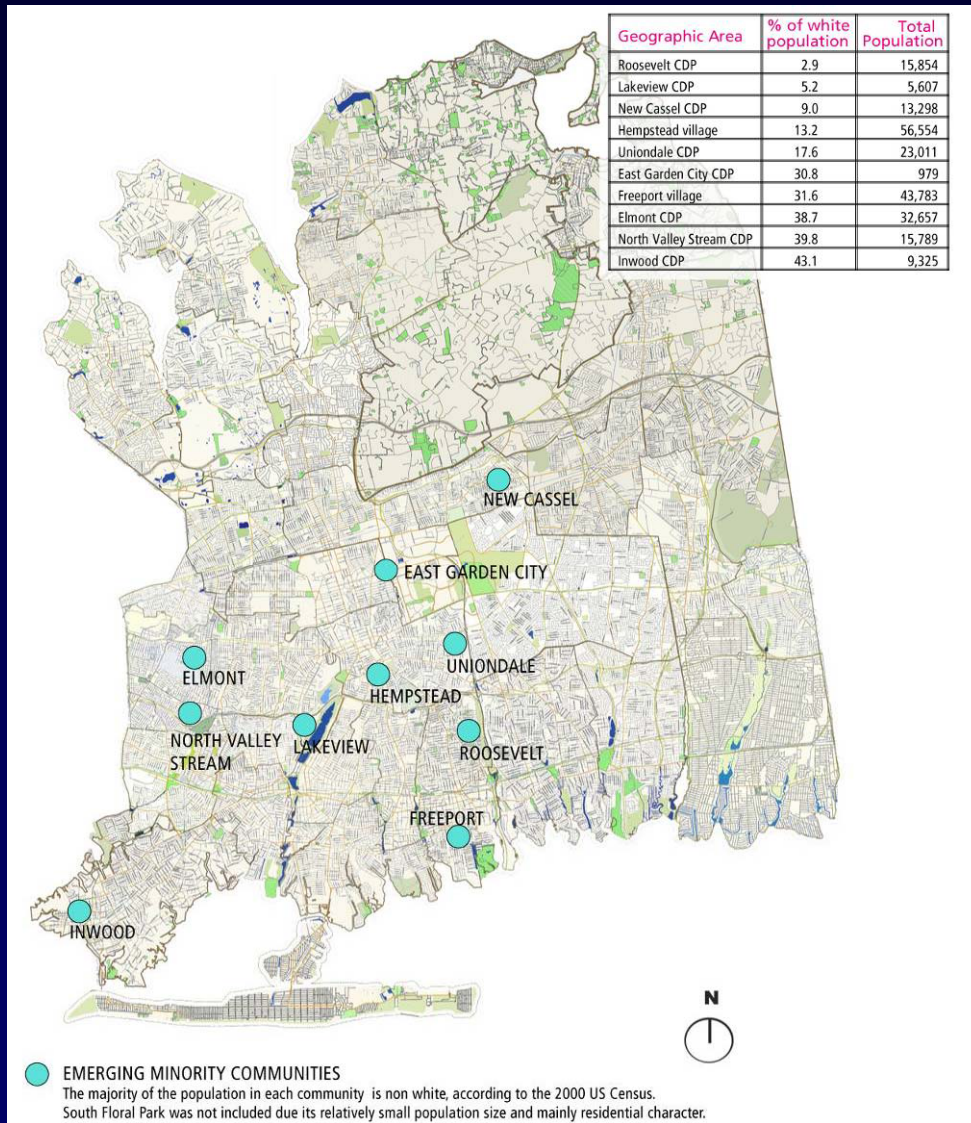


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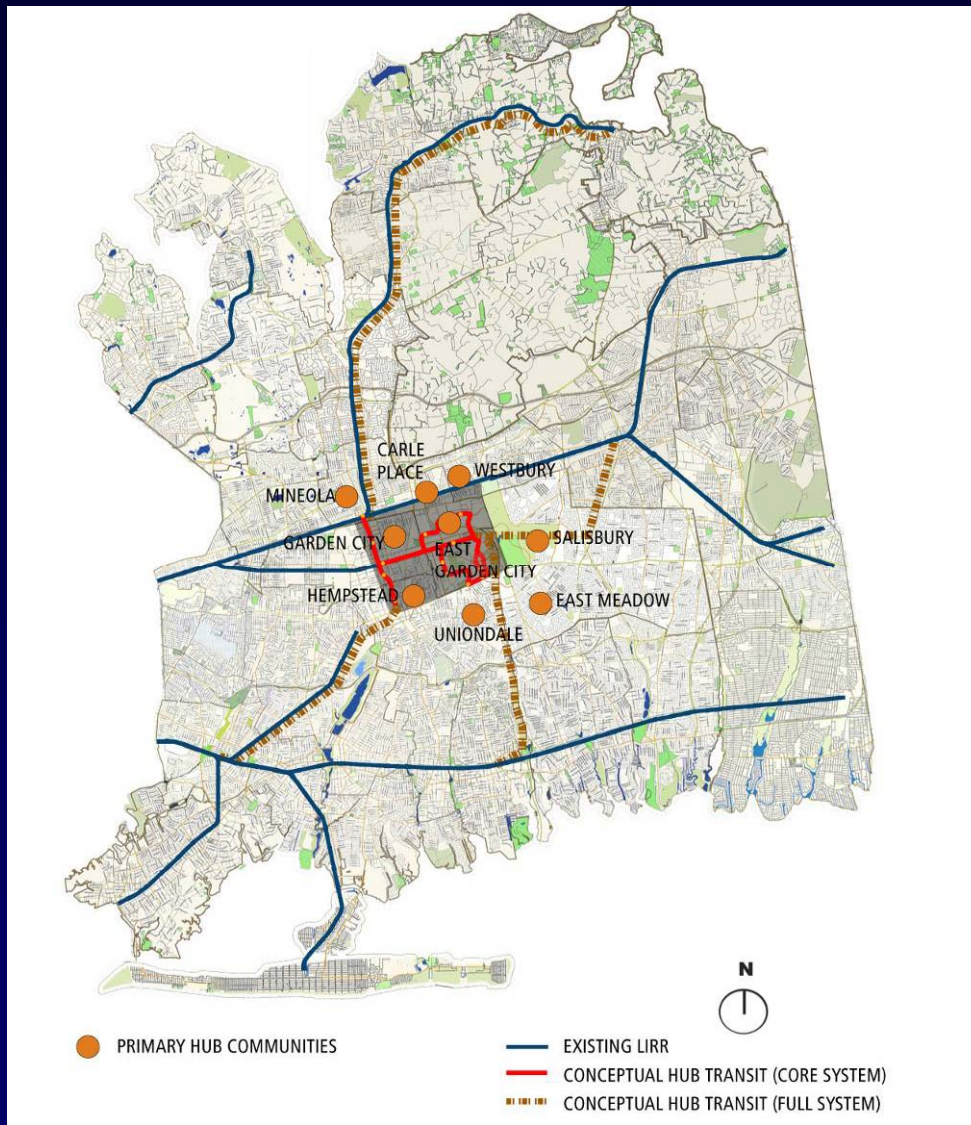
Implement the Vision: Brownfields (over 5 acres)



Implement the Vision: Emerging Minority Communities

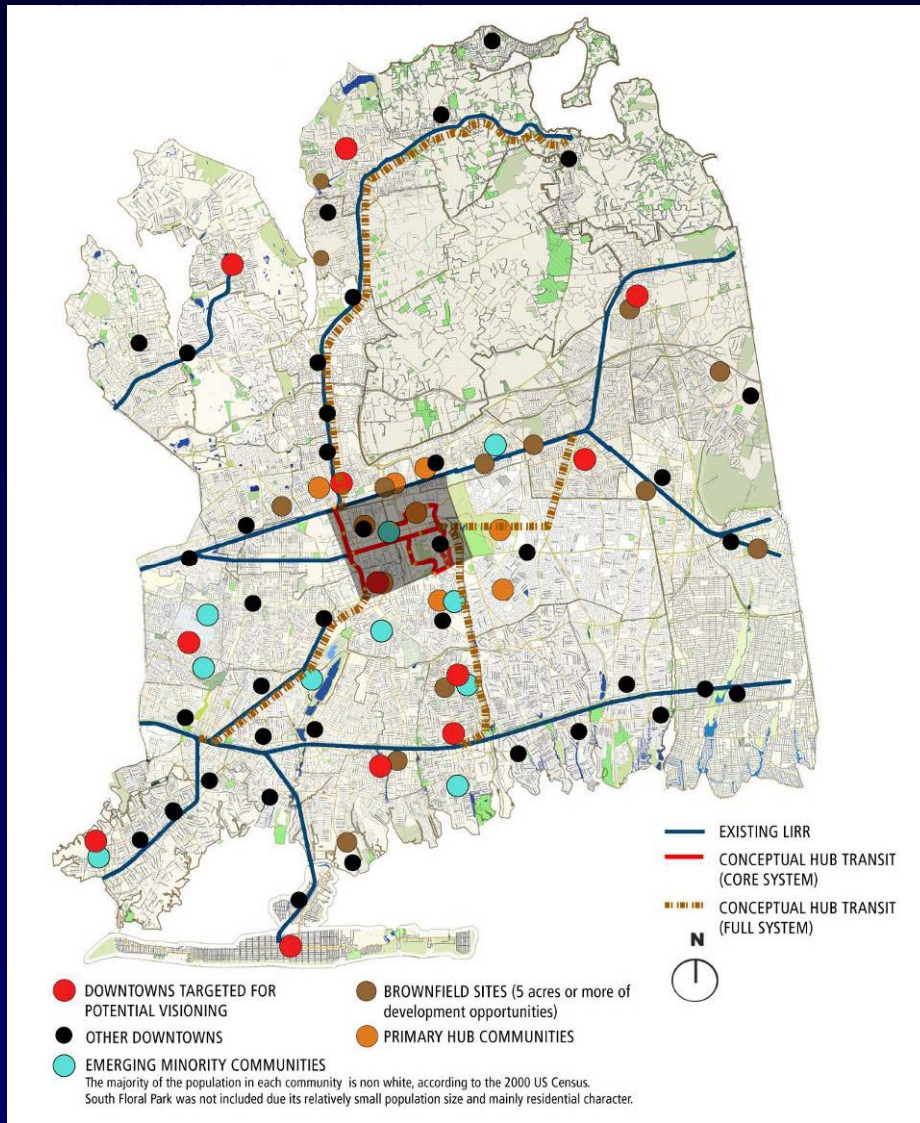


Implement the Vision: Nassau Hub Communities



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Implement the Vision: Summary of Opportunities



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Next Steps

- Establish County Visioning Program Requirements
- Establish Grant Application Process
- Provide Technical Assistance to Interested Communities





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