

**Summary of Issues raised by meeting participants:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ward completed a neighborhood plan in 2010, Master Plan should coordinate with this plan
- Poor connections between the Falls and the rest of the neighborhood
- No main economic project to capitalize on the Falls and the National Park
- No public access to Passaic River, such as boat landings
- Haledon Ave is a gateway to the City, and should be treated as such
- 1<sup>st</sup> ward needs a new library. It was destroyed by flooding and other libraries do not serve 1<sup>st</sup> Ward residents
- A community resource center housing computers and adult education classes would be very welcome, and could replace the library and its previous functions
- Hinchcliffe Stadium is very underutilized, and could be used for many kinds of public recreation activities
- There is no real football/soccer stadium for the local high schools
- Titus Park has problems with crime
- Many abandoned or vacant properties are scattered throughout the neighborhood
- There are significant flood issues, especially around the Bergen Street area and other streets adjacent to the river
- The County is buying out only some of the homes that are in flood prone areas, but not others. The process seems unclear as to why some homes are not purchased, and what can be done about other properties
- No real plan for future flood events
- No barrier on streets that lead towards river. Cars could drive straight into river
- Sidewalks and street crossings are in poor condition, especially around schools where they are most needed
- Many illegal pedestrian crossings (ADA compliance)
- Many traffic accidents at Arch Street due to blinking light rather than traffic light
- Number of crossing guards has been reduced
- Streets are poorly lit at night - not enough street lighting
- Community feels that overall it has been neglected
- Worries that planning will not turn into action. Will plan actually be implemented?
- Many streets have potholes and are in need of regular repair and maintenance
- Issues with people (mostly groups of young males) loitering around liquor stores and other businesses, making the streets unsafe
- Perhaps a curfew should be in effect
- Business owners mostly do not live in the community and don't seem to care about the community as a whole
- Business owners should be held responsible for maintaining a safe atmosphere in front of their businesses
- Too many panhandlers on streets in front of shops
- Most residents do not shop in the neighborhood, except for those who can not drive

- Many homes have issues with mold and require assistance to deal with it
- The City's combined sewer system has problems
- Neighboring municipalities are using the City's sewer lines but not paying their share of the costs
- After a fire, buildings remain abandoned for too long
- Street trees are getting too big, making maintenance difficult
- City code enforcement is inconsistent, targeting homeowners more so than renter occupied properties
- Many apartments are illegally converted in attics or basements
- Not enough recycling and public garbage cans and recycling cans are confusing as to which is which, or what materials can be put into recycling containers
- City does not take some garbage from the street.
- Garbage cans are not coordinated and many are in poor condition
- Property taxes are getting too high, while public services are not increasing with higher taxes
- The Sheriff's department is more effective than the City Police Department
- Police officers are much younger and primarily do not live in the City any longer
- There is no longer a youth detention center to deal with youth crime issues
- Abandoned properties are often occupied by squatters
- Very few homeowners in City; mostly renter occupied properties
- Some people believe that landlords do not maintain their property sufficiently
- North Jersey Development Center is planning to close, and employees will soon add to the unemployment problem in the City
- Several areas have had recent problems with rodent infestations
- Illegal clubs and activity take place in garages and other spaces at night

In 2010, Ward 1 had a population of 24,842, making it the most populated ward as it contains 17.0% of the total population of the City. Ward 1 has a population density of about 28.0 persons per acre. It also had the largest number of housing units, 8,871. 91.6% of these housing units were occupied, leaving 8.4% vacant. The majority of the occupied units (79.1%) were renter occupied, leaving the latter (20.9%) as owner occupied. The area of the ward makes up 15.9% of the total area of Paterson. For a more detailed analysis, see Table 1.

The ethnicity of Ward 1 differs slightly from that of the City in 2010. More than two-fifths (41.2%) of the population was African American, whereas the City as a whole only contained only 34.7% African American. This leaves less than a third (29.8%) of white descent, which is less than the City's percentage of 31.7%. There is less Hispanic/Latino persons in the ward than the rest of the city; only 51.9% of Ward 1 is of Hispanic or Latino descent, whereas the City encompasses 57.6%. For a more detailed analysis, see Table 2.

The majority of households in the Ward were family households (70.2%), with the remainder being non-family (29.8%). This ward has a slightly higher number of non-family households than the City, which had 73.8% family and 26.2% non-family households. This ward also contained slightly more 1- and 2-person households (47.1%) than 6- and 7-person households (9.1%) than the City's 42.4% and 11.3% respectively. For a more detailed analysis, see Table 3.

Using the 2010 Census data, more than half (53.3%) of this Ward were females, with the latter (46.7%) being males. Females outnumber males in all age cohorts with the exception of those under the age of 14. However, the overall ratio of females to males in this ward is slightly more than that of the City. The City contained 51.7% of the population being female and the remaining 48.3% being male. For a more detailed analysis, see Table 4.

The existing land use of Ward 1 makes up 16.7% of the total parcel area of the City. This ward contains nearly a quarter (22.9%) of the total vacant land in the city. Ward 1 also houses the most apartments out of all six wards; 38.3 acres of this ward is comprised of apartments, which makes up 30.8% of the total apartments in the City. Nearly half (46.3%) of the whole City's "Other Exempt" property is within this Ward. For a more detailed analysis, see Table 5.

Table 1					
General Data	Ward 1		Paterson		Percentage in Ward
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
<b>Population</b>	24,842	-	146,199	-	17.0%
<b>Housing Units</b>	8,871	100.0%	47,946	100.0%	18.5%
<b>Occupied Units</b>	8,126	91.6%	44,329	92.5%	18.3%
Owner Occupied	1,700	19.2%	13,118	27.4%	13.0%
Renter Occupied	6,426	72.4%	31,211	65.1%	20.6%
<b>Vacant Housing</b>	745	8.4%	3,617	7.5%	20.6%
For Rent	420	4.7%	1,868	3.9%	22.5%
Rented not occupied	3	0.0%	48	0.1%	6.3%
For sale only	83	0.9%	391	0.8%	21.2%
Sold not occupied	5	0.1%	103	0.2%	4.9%
Seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	3	0.0%	36	0.1%	8.3%
Other	231	2.6%	1,171	2.4%	19.7%
<b>Area (acres)</b>	885.8	-	5,563.2	-	15.9%

Table 2					
Racial Composition	Ward 1		Paterson		Percentage in Ward
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
White Only	7,398	29.8%	50,706	34.7%	14.6%
Black Only	10,233	41.2%	46,314	31.7%	22.1%
Asian Only	785	3.2%	4,878	3.3%	16.1%
Native American/Alaskan	277	1.1%	1,547	1.1%	17.9%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	4	0.0%	60	0.0%	6.7%
Other Race	4,832	19.5%	34,999	23.9%	13.8%
Two or More	1,313	5.3%	7,695	5.3%	17.1%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	12,883	51.9%	84,254	57.6%	15.3%

<b>Table 3</b>					
<b>Types of Households</b>	<b>Ward 1</b>		<b>Paterson</b>		<b>Percentage in Ward</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	
Family Household	5,705	70.2%	32,731	73.8%	17.4%
Non-Family Household	2,421	29.8%	11,598	26.2%	20.9%
<b>Household Size</b>					
1-Person	2,030	25.0%	9,316	21.0%	21.8%
2-Person	1,792	22.1%	9,468	21.4%	18.9%
3-Person	1,505	18.5%	8,088	18.2%	18.6%
4-Person	1,249	15.4%	7,250	16.4%	17.2%
5-Person	816	10.0%	4,960	11.2%	16.5%
6-Person	354	4.4%	2,534	5.7%	14.0%
7 or More Person	380	4.7%	2,713	6.1%	14.0%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>8,126</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>44,329</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>

Table 4					
Age Profile	Ward 1		Paterson		Percentage in Ward
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,842</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>146,199</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>17.0%</b>
Under 5	2,147	8.6%	11,730	8.0%	18.3%
5 to 9	1,994	8.0%	11,053	7.6%	18.0%
10 to 14	1,903	7.7%	10,816	7.4%	17.6%
15 to 19	2,088	8.4%	12,099	8.3%	17.3%
20 to 24	1,998	8.0%	11,730	8.0%	17.0%
25 to 34	3,635	14.6%	21,679	14.8%	16.8%
35 to 44	3,387	13.6%	20,649	14.1%	16.4%
45 to 54	3,211	12.9%	19,462	13.3%	16.5%
55 to 59	1,265	5.1%	7,648	5.2%	16.5%
60 to 64	1,035	4.2%	6,314	4.3%	16.4%
65 to 74	1,402	5.6%	4,513	3.1%	31.1%
75 to 84	615	2.5%	7,197	4.9%	8.5%
85 and older	162	0.7%	1,309	0.9%	<b>12.4%</b>
<b>Males</b>					
Under 5	1,085	9.3%	6,006	8.5%	18.1%
5 to 14	1,967	16.9%	11,185	15.8%	17.6%
15 to 24	2,036	17.5%	11,921	16.9%	17.1%
25 to 34	1,598	13.8%	10,455	14.8%	15.3%
35 to 44	1,539	13.3%	9,983	14.1%	15.4%
45 to 54	1,493	12.9%	9,365	13.3%	15.9%
55 to 64	1,024	8.8%	6,468	9.2%	15.8%
65 and over	867	7.5%	5,286	7.5%	16.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,609</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>70,669</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>
<b>Females</b>					
Under 5	1,062	8.0%	5,724	7.6%	18.6%
5 to 14	1,930	14.6%	10,684	14.1%	18.1%
15 to 24	2,050	15.5%	11,908	15.8%	17.2%
25 to 34	2,037	15.4%	11,224	14.9%	18.1%
35 to 44	1,848	14.0%	10,666	14.1%	17.3%
45 to 54	1,718	13.0%	10,097	13.4%	17.0%
55 to 64	1,276	9.6%	7,494	9.9%	17.0%
65 and over	1,312	9.9%	7,733	10.2%	17.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,233</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>75,530</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>

**Table 5**  
**Existing Land Use in Ward 1 & Paterson, NJ (in acres)**

Existing Land Use	Ward 1		Paterson		Percentage in Ward
	Acreage	Percent	Acreage	Percent	
Vacant	39.9	6.2%	174.6	4.5%	22.9%
Residential	222.7	34.7%	1,633.0	42.5%	13.6%
Commercial	90.6	14.1%	570.2	14.8%	15.9%
Industrial	29.3	4.6%	311.5	8.1%	9.4%
Apartment	38.3	6.0%	124.2	3.2%	30.8%
Railroad Class I	0.8	0.1%	26.2	0.7%	3.1%
Public School	29.7	4.6%	113.6	3.0%	26.1%
Other School	1.9	0.3%	5.1	0.1%	37.3%
Public Property	98.9	15.4%	454.7	11.8%	21.8%
Church & Charitable	22.0	3.4%	110.8	2.9%	19.9%
Cemeteries & Graveyards	0.0	0.0%	111.0	2.9%	0.0%
Other Exempt	55.5	8.7%	120.0	3.1%	46.3%
No Data	11.7	1.8%	91.2	2.4%	12.8%
<b>Total Area</b>	<b>641.3</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3846.1</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>

**Summary of Issues raised by meeting participants:**

- How will national park plan be integrated with City Master Plan?
- Garbage collection is not a key issue in the Hillcrest neighborhood as it is in other neighborhoods
  - Small pockets of the neighborhood however, are filthy, such as some of the areas on Union Ave
  - These particular areas lend themselves to illegal activity
- Most of the areas along the Mollyanne Brook are poorly maintained
  - Illegal dumping, drinking, and drug use takes place in these areas
  - Some of the lands around Mollyanne Brook are publically owned
  - The Army Corps property in this area could be a great community garden
- The City doesn't have the money to properly maintain parks, so they are not well maintained and become havens for illegal activity
- There are parking issues in the commercial areas, (Union Ave)
  - Perhaps angled metered parking could help alleviate parking issues.
- Union Avenue has a large concentration of Hispanic restaurants
- Residents would like to see more commercial options
  - There are too many "dollar" stores, liquor stores, and laundromats
  - Destination retail would be very welcome
  - A REAL grocery store is desperately needed
  - There used to be a grocery store on Chamberlain
  - There are empty warehouses on Crosby/Wayne that could be good locations for a small grocery store such as a Trader Joes
- There is a big parking lot behind the club on Berkshire that is empty and seems like a junkyard
- There is no place to launch a boat in the City on the Passaic River
- Totowa Ave often sees significant flooding during storms
- Fish are returning to the Mollyanne Brook (mostly carp)
- Illegal conversions of single family homes occur, but it is not a significant issue in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward
- The City has been responsive to illegal conversions in this neighborhood
- Property maintenance has not been a major issue
  - After a property has been foreclosed however, it becomes problematic
- The Hillcrest neighborhood has a relatively stable population
- The census count is probably wrong. There are likely over 200,000 people in City
- Some people shop in Center City Mall; however most don't because free parking is offered in shopping centers outside of town
- People don't feel safe downtown
  - City needs a nightlife
  - Montclair could be looked at as a good example
  - The City could use pockets of nightlife
- The Ward Street garage closes early, discouraging park n ride users