



# CITY OF PLAINFIELD

## Press Release

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#### **CITY OF PLAINFIELD HOLDS COMMUNITY PLANNING SESSION FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PLAINFIELD**

City of Plainfield, Saturday, March 27, 2010. In a unique community forum and day-long working session with academia from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), elected officials and City staff, Plainfield residents engaged in a rare hands-on planning opportunity to design the future of the City of Plainfield. Guided by seasoned transportation and design professionals at NJIT, graduate students presented their recommendations for opportunities for Transit Oriented Development on the east and west sides of the city, including the Netherwood Train Station area; the Downtown Train Station Area; the Grant Avenue, South Second and West Front Streets area; and the Clinton Avenue, West Front and South Second Street areas.

The diverse group of attendees included over 60 residents, business and commercial property owners, and members of several city boards. Grouped into round tables by location of interest, residents provided critical insight and practical recommendations in creating a future vision for the redevelopment of Plainfield, using the City's transportation and other assets as both catalysts and resource for future growth. Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs, acknowledged the opportunity for growth and underscored the importance of "strategic partnerships that respect the demographics of our city, and provide for a responsible integration of our architectural and recreational/open space inventory for all to enjoy." Members of the City Council were encouraged by the attendance and participation, committing to an open dialogue on the project, and looking forward to the implementation of the final product.

The City of Plainfield has opened a link with the presentation for residents to continue to review the recommendations, engage neighbors and community groups and to forward comments to the Visioning Study Box.

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