

THREATS

FINANCIAL

State mandates
Financial means
Slow economic conditions
Economic slowdown
Unfunded state mandates
Local/national economy
Trenton cutbacks
Not diversified economy
State/federal funding
State budget deficit
Government cutbacks
Economy in general
Lack of available employment
Taxes
Taxes - coming and going
Economy, economy
Economic downturn
Loss of township ratables
State aid declining
Cuts in state and federal funding
Regional economy
Overall economy
Lack of CRDA funding
School budgets
Declining municipal revenue
County, township and school board taxes increasing
State aid cuts to township and school districts pending
Unfunded state mandates

ENVIRONMENTAL

Resources/water utilization
Severe weather events
Disaster preparedness
Salt water intrusion
Agricultural run off
Upstream activities
Pinelands unfunded mandates
Berlin/flooding

GOVERNMENTAL

Changing federal and state regulations
Pinelands
Coordination of county responsibilities
PERC Rulings
Litigation
DOT and aging infrastructure
Cap on healthcare costs
Local mandates
Revaluation
Freeholders moving off Main Street
Withdrawn money
Health of major industries
Lack of job growth
Mandates/COAH
State cut backs on housing
Housing foreclosures
Section 8 housing
Transit use of resources without compensation
Reduction of NJ Transit
Overdevelopment in certain areas
County/State Roads
County control within our borders
Federal, state and county control within our borders
Labor contracts
COAH
Stealth development – lacking comprehensive study of ordinances
Community government representation- population grows but...

GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS

Layers of government
Growth
Pinelands, Pinelands
Pinelands forced housing
Acreage required for building houses
Lack of choice on acreage
Unfunded mandates
Unfunded mandates for fire protection
State mandated tax exemption of businesses
Census data do not reflect true picture of Hamilton communities (caused by Zip code variety?)
Roads controlled by county, state, and federal entities
Lack of diversity on township committee
Flooding
Control of schools
600 school districts

HEALTH & SAFETY

Inadequate traffic lights on Route 40 Buena, ML for dangerous turning
External criminal influences
County and state social services too hard to get
Insufficient bus shelters
Major highways create safety issues
Lack of commodities within communities (shopping/services/stores)

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CULTURAL

Decreasing representation on community boards
Greater Egg's perception of Hamilton – District becomes Hamilton only
Not following through on this Strategic Plan once developed
Casino and shore traffic congestion, route 40
Excessive development causes flooding, etc.
Terrorism – Tech Center and Airport nearby
Loss of volunteerism

PEOPLE

Citizen apathy
Expectations are exceeded

COMPETITION

Neighboring towns competing for same dollars
Casino compensation to Atlantic City
Competition for casinos
Neighboring state's economic initiatives: gambling, etc.
Legalization of gambling in surrounding areas
Other communities attracting commerce/business

Exit of families and businesses out of New Jersey
County and state influence

NATURAL OCCURRENCES

Weather conditions
Criminal activity nearby
Health and medical issues
HIV/AIDS
Natural resources – floods
Pineland, Pinelands, Pinelands
Route 40