

Vision 2025 Proposed Initiatives and Improvements	City of Plainfield – Programs underway or planned (to date) which support the Vision 2025 proposed initiatives
<b>Crime Control &amp; Outdoor Safety</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to see brighter street lights</li> <li>• More lighting in public parks</li> <li>• Tackle speeding motorists</li> <li>• Install more 4-way stop signs</li> <li>• Make Train Stations safer</li> <li>• Implement a Downtown foot patrol</li> <li>• Increase overall police presence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City is in the process of Introducing technology for real-time crime views</li> <li>• The division is working on bringing in officers to work on foot patrol in the downtown area</li> <li>• There is improved supervisory command, accountability, and communication</li> <li>• Established ordinance for open alcohol container</li> <li>• Have Installed (6) more four-way stop signs at various intersections around the City</li> <li>• There has been an increase in citations for moving violations</li> <li>• Increased road markings and pedestrian safety signs</li> <li>• Brightened up many streets and parks through installation of lighting at strategic areas. – This is ongoing</li> <li>• Increased fines for noise complaints</li> <li>• Working with the NJ Transit Police to monitor safety in both of Plainfield’s train stations</li> </ul>
<b>Streamline City Hall Procedures</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process for getting acquiring planning and building permits is confusing</li> <li>• The public is required to visit too many departments for simple tasks</li> <li>• Timeline and turnaround on requests is inconsistent</li> <li>• Many city employees have poor customer service skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have started and will continue to train (and cross-train) city staff to ensure clarity of permit processes</li> <li>• In the process of creating a one-stop-shop for our residents to find quick solutions to their issues</li> <li>• Have held several meetings with city employees stressing the need for friendly, welcoming attitudes in the workplace and when dealing with customers</li> </ul>
<b>Increase Resident Employment and Educational Opportunities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create more jobs for residents</li> <li>• Create access to internships for high school students</li> <li>• Evaluate current student goals and career paths</li> <li>• Evaluate student progress on post high school education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City continues to push financial agreements with companies / developers to hire Plainfield locals. The current Muhlenberg redevelopment project will create job opportunities for approximately 200 residents during the construction phase and 600 once the project is complete</li> <li>• The city continues to have frequent job fairs to bring employers and prospective resident employees together</li> <li>• Exploring means to introduce STEM programs for grades K-12</li> <li>• Currently looking at a way to restore the program which enables high school students to take courses in Union County College</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plainfield Action Services Bootstrap Program will expand to support residents working to become self-sufficient and a part of the work force</li> <li>• Partnering with Union County to provide education and training for the local re-entry population</li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Culture</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to see an Increase in arts and music festivals</li> <li>• Increase awareness of new talents and historical/famous Plainfielders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving ahead with Construction of a Pedestrian mall on North Avenue – this will create a gathering spot for eating, music, shopping and artistic and cultural events</li> <li>• The City is working on Introducing a “Restaurant Week” to showcase our local cuisine and bring residents out and visitors in</li> <li>• Continue the Annual “Taste of Plainfield” event held concurrently with the NJ State Cycling Championship</li> <li>• Pursuing the development of a Plainfield Art Space in the downtown area</li> <li>• Continue highlighting local artists through the various City media outlets</li> <li>• Publicly highlight and promote historical records in Plainfield Public Library (city maps and historical documents) – This will begin with the City’s 150-year celebration next year (2019)</li> <li>• The City is seeking to develop a non-profit tourism board focused on promoting city’s assets (including creation of city brochures, bringing attention to our music and arts, and promoting civic buildings’ architecture and significance)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Healthcare</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need adequate and reliable Transportation to medical services</li> <li>• Would like to see frequent Health Fairs to provide information and screenings</li> <li>• Access to whole, healthy food</li> <li>• Increase quantity of corner stores</li> <li>• Increase frequency of farmer’s markets</li> <li>• Funding for EMS and Police to combat opioid epidemic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The city is in the process of creating a Medical Row/Medical Mile aimed to offer local medical options for residents</li> <li>• Seeking Partnership with state/federal public health to increase frequency of health fairs for seniors</li> <li>• Currently working with the Gratta Foundation and Robert Wood Johnson through United Way to offer more health options to seniors. The program called “Lifelong Plainfield” is geared to offer quality of life options to help seniors age gracefully in place. It provides access to fruits and vegetables on a regular basis and looks at other components such as exercise and living conditions, access to healthcare etc.</li> <li>• Plainfield has community garden(s) which offer healthy options and are working with local partners to create more</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are currently a number of corner store initiatives through a partnership with EZRide, which educates and provides healthy alternative snack options and the city is looking for opportunities to Implement more</li> <li>• The City has negotiated an agreement with JFK Health System, the Plainfield Rescue Squad, and Union County to provide EMS/Ambulance services</li> </ul>
<p><b>Economic Development</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streamline City Services</li> <li>• Require Developers to hire local talent</li> <li>• Educate residents of the re-entry population to discourage recidivism</li> <li>• Establish Plainfield as a cultural mecca</li> <li>• Remove language barriers</li> <li>• Build Plainfield Art Space and focus on multi-cultural events and festivals</li> <li>• Highlight local artists</li> <li>• Facilitate the development of a non-profit tourism board focused on promoting Plainfield’s assets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plainfield is continuing to improve the processes for delivery of services with a customer-focused and developer friendly angle</li> <li>• Plainfield will continue pursuing agreements with developers to hire local residents. The current agreement with CHA who is developing the former Muhlenberg site includes hiring of 200 residents during the construction phase and 600 on completion</li> <li>• Continue to work with community and non-profit organizations to provide education and training for re-entry population</li> <li>• Plainfield will promote cultural venues such as the Drake House Museum, the Public Library, etc.</li> <li>• Educate business owners about the free ESL courses available to their employees</li> <li>• Construction of North Avenue Pedestrian Mall where arts events and festivals will take place</li> <li>• Continue the “Taste of Plainfield”, create “Restaurant Week”, and market Plainfield as a dining destination.</li> <li>• Create brochures and provide information regarding Plainfield’s history with the help of the Historic Preservation committee and the Historical Society of Plainfield</li> <li>• Publically promote historical records in the Plainfield Public Library (city maps, historical documents, etc.)</li> <li>• Promote Plainfield’s civic buildings and architecture</li> </ul>