



Hunterdon County
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TRAVEL PLAN

2010



Lambertville Public School

Lambertville, NJ

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200 North Main Street,

Lambertville, NJ 08530

Grades: K-8

Introduction

The City of Lambertville is 1.3 square miles. Lambertville School serves approximately 180 students in K-8. The school is located on the east side of State Route 29. The speed limit on Route 29 is posted at 25 mph in the City and 15 mph near the school when the yellow flashers are activated. Nearly all the city streets are residential, have sidewalks and feature ample crosswalks. Route 179 creates a barrier for students who wish to walk because it is four lanes wide and has few crossings or sidewalks. Lambertville is a walking district.

Objectives of the Travel Plan

1. To make travel to and from Lambertville school safer and more efficient.
2. To reduce traffic congestion around the school.
3. To encourage travel to school by means other than the car.
4. To encourage students to walk to school as a health option.
5. To incorporate travel safety, health and environmental information into the school day and curriculum.
6. Launch a walking school bus program.

<p>Community Profile: City of Lambertville Population: 3,741 (2008 est.) Area: 1.3 square miles Police: Lambertville Police</p>

Current Policies

Approximately 50 of the 180 students walk to school regularly. Bicycling to school is prohibited.

Lambertville began a walking school bus program in October 2010. International Walk to School Day was used to advertise the launch of the program. Two meetings were held with interested residents to introduce the program, discuss implementation details, and explain how to be a chaperone. Six teachers and local parents became chaperones. The bus runs weekly and the Student Safety Patrol is utilized to punch frequent walker cards as students approach Lambertville Public School.

The walking school bus stopped for the winter in mid-December and will restart in late March. The local culture and facilities are supportive of walking so the program launch was largely a matter of organizing students and parents who already walked to school.

An LED STOP sign was provided to the City for use by the school's one crossing guard.

Challenges

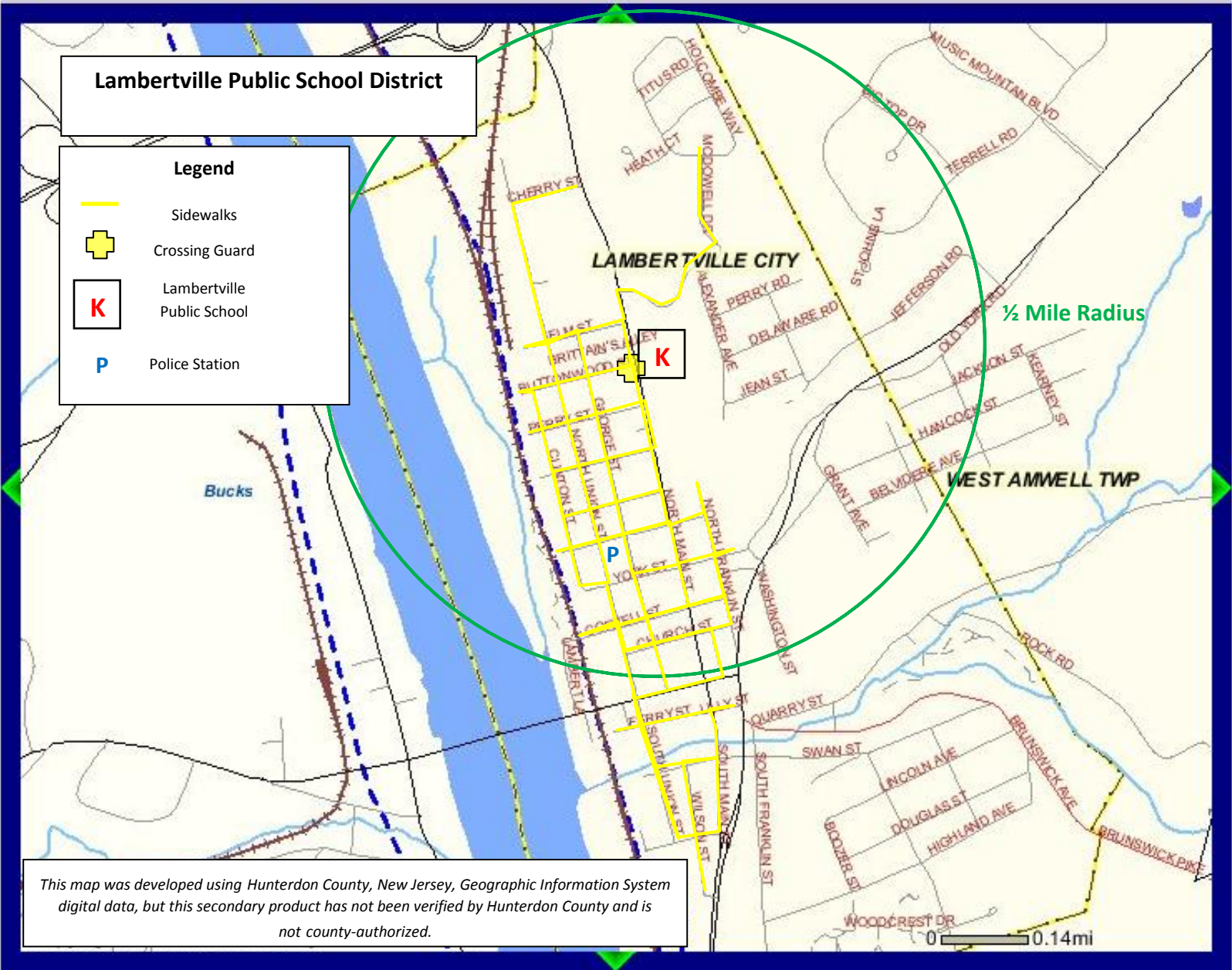
To establish the school bus routes, a map of student addresses was used to reach as many students as possible. (Attached) During the discussion, it became clear that Route 179 was a barrier and any students living across it would have to be dropped off closer to the school. There is a crossing with a stoplight at Hancock Boulevard, but the

traffic volume is intimidating to students, and the distance from the school is at the edge of what students are willing to walk.

Of the six initial routes, two will be combined due to a lack of participation. Despite limited initial participation on some of the routes, the chaperones seem enthusiastic about the program. Outreach efforts to the students and parents will be expanded in spring 2011. When the program is restarted in March a Travel Tally will be conducted.

Proposed Actions

Education Actions	Responsibility	Timeframe	Cost
Participate in countywide Public Awareness Campaign	School/TMA	Ongoing	Low
Encouragement Actions			
Walking School Bus program	School	Began Fall 2010	Low
Creating Maps/Routes for Walking School Bus & Printing of Outreach Materials	TMA	Fall 2010	Low
Enforcement Actions			
Speed enforcement	Lambertville Police	Ongoing	Low
Yield to pedestrians at crosswalks	Lambertville Police	Ongoing	Low
Handheld LED STOP Sign for Crossing Guard	TMA	Provided Fall 2010	Medium
Engineering Actions			
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Evaluation Actions			
Student Travel Tally	School	Spring 2010	Low



This map was developed using Hunterdon County, New Jersey, Geographic Information System digital data, but this secondary product has not been verified by Hunterdon County and is not county-authorized.

Walking School Bus Routes (November 2010)

