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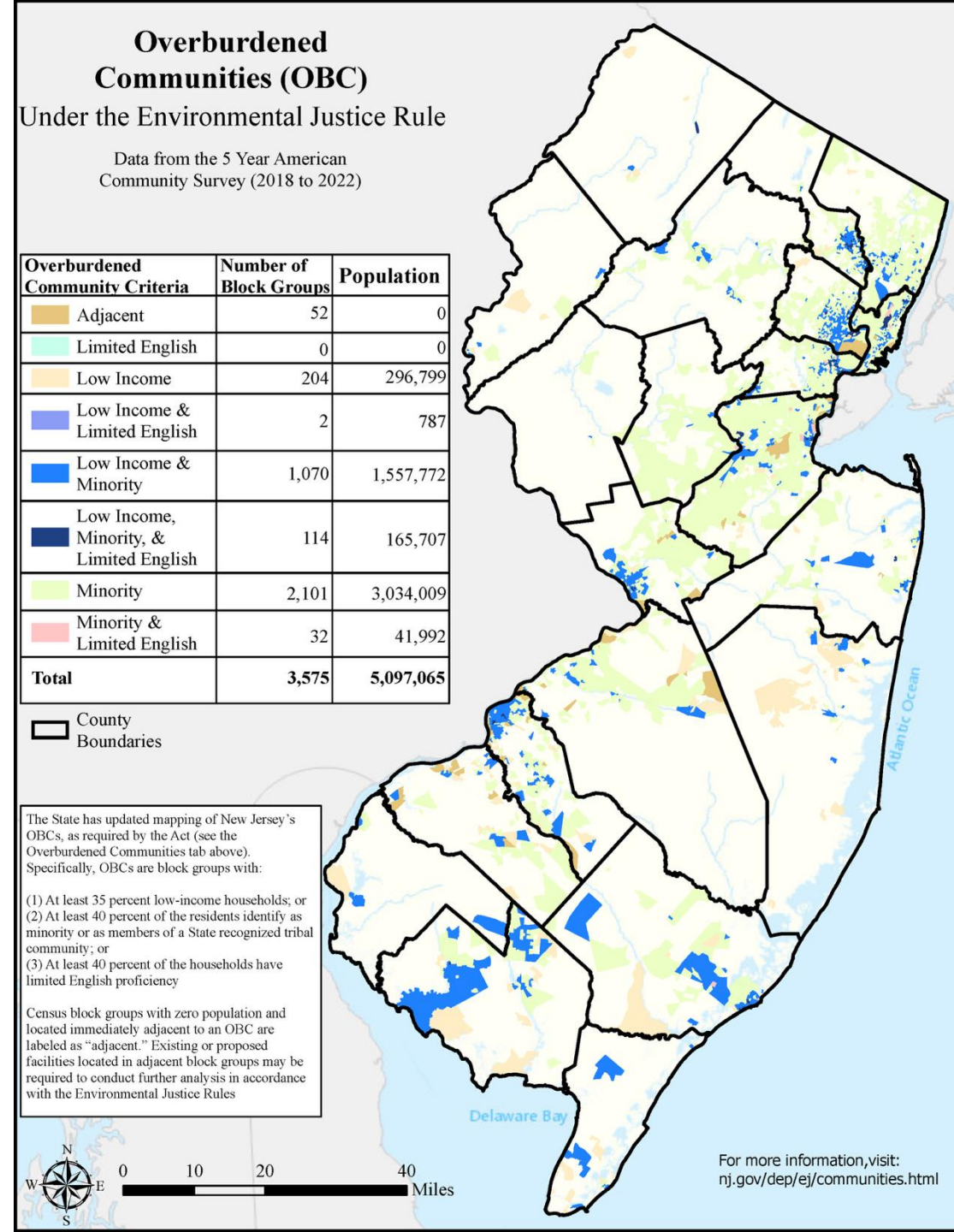
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Signing of New Jersey's Environmental Justice Law September 18, 2020

Definition of “Overburdened Community”

- **Low-Income:** At least 35% of households qualify as low- income households; or
- **Minority:** at least 40% of the residents identify as minority or as members of a state-recognized tribal community; or
- **Limited English Proficiency:** at least 40% of the households have limited English proficiency



UNITS OF ANALYSIS

United States

State

primary governmental divisions of the United States.

County

Largest divisions within states.

Census Tract

Collection of Census block groups, mostly between 1,200 and 8,000 people.

Block Group

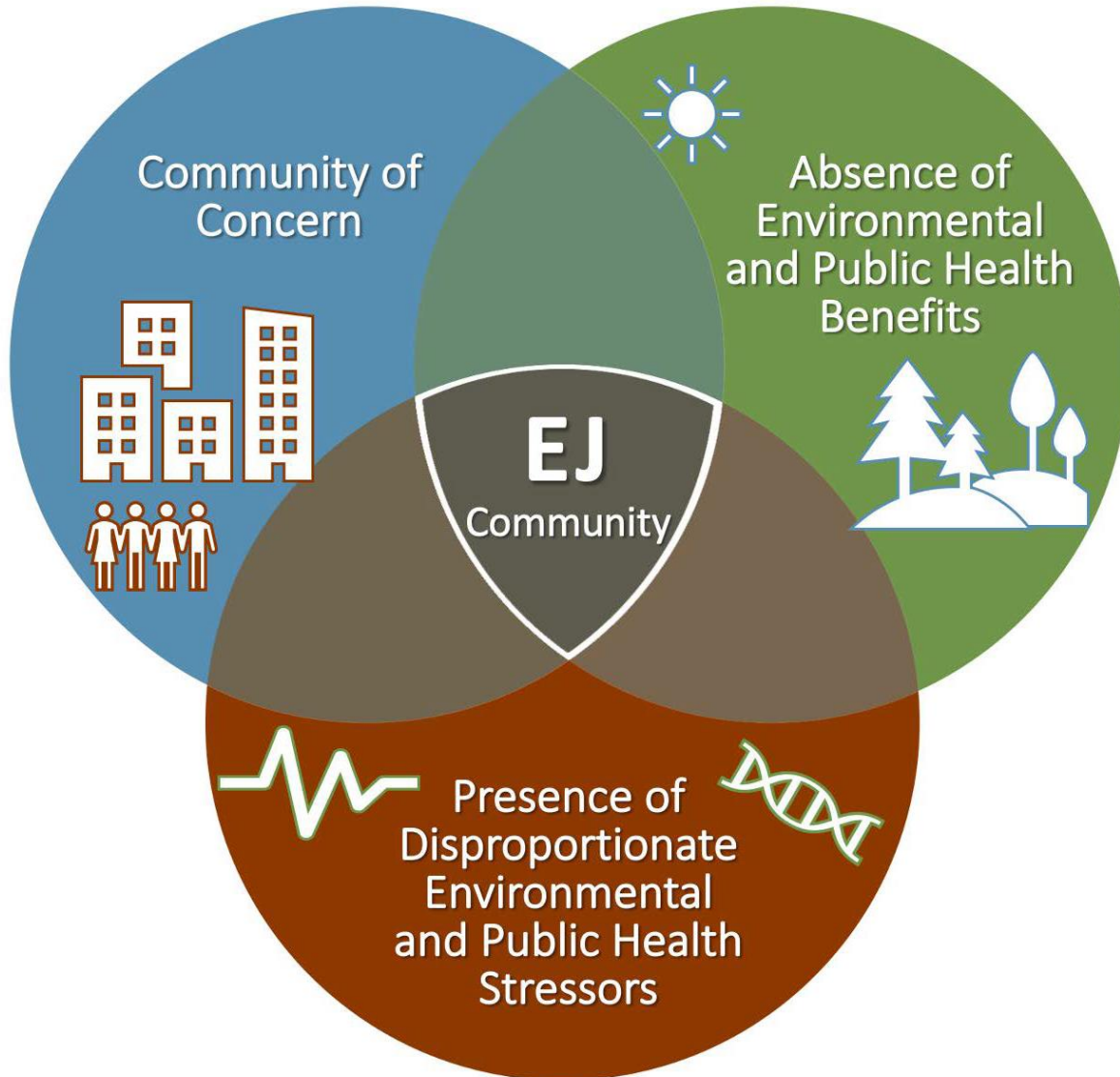
Collection of residential blocks, mostly, between 600 and 3,000 people.

Block

Residential block, bounded on all sides by streets.



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Presence of Communities of Concern

Inclusive of all overburdened communities identified in the recently signed EJ law.

- **Low-Income:** At least 35% of households qualify as low-income households; **or**
- **Minority:** at least 40% of the residents identify as minority or as members of a state recognized tribal community; **or**
- **Limited English proficiency:** at least 40% of the households have limited English proficiency

Once EJIC convenes, additional considerations not specified in the recently signed EJ law include, but are not limited to:

- Carless households
- Social vulnerability index
- Low and moderate income (LMI)

Presence of Disproportionate Environmental and Public Health Stressor

Inclusive of all environmental and public health stressors identified in the recently signed EJ law.

Disproportionate quantity of sources of environmental pollution, including, but not limited to:

- Concentration of stationary and mobile sources of air pollution
- Contaminated sites
- Waste transfer stations or other solid waste facilities
- Recycling facilities
- Water quality, water pollution from facilities, or combined sewer overflows; or
- Conditions that may cause potential public health impacts, including, but not limited to, asthma, cancer, elevated blood lead levels, cardiovascular disease, and developmental problems

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- Maternal and prenatal health stressors
- Increased vulnerability to climate change stressors

Lack or Absence of Environmental and Public Health Benefits

The lack or absence of net improvements in social welfare that result from changes in the quantity or quality of ecosystem goods and services attributable to policy or environmental decisions. Once EJIC convenes, additional considerations not specified in the recently signed EJ law include, but are not limited to:

- High quality parks
- A large quantity of parks
- Tree canopy resulting in reduced urban heat island effect
- Safe bicycle and pedestrian corridors in populated communities, and
- Green infrastructure
- Access to healthy food
- Access to quality public housing
- Access to quality public transportation
- Access to clean energy alternatives
- Access to resources to mitigate climate change stressors



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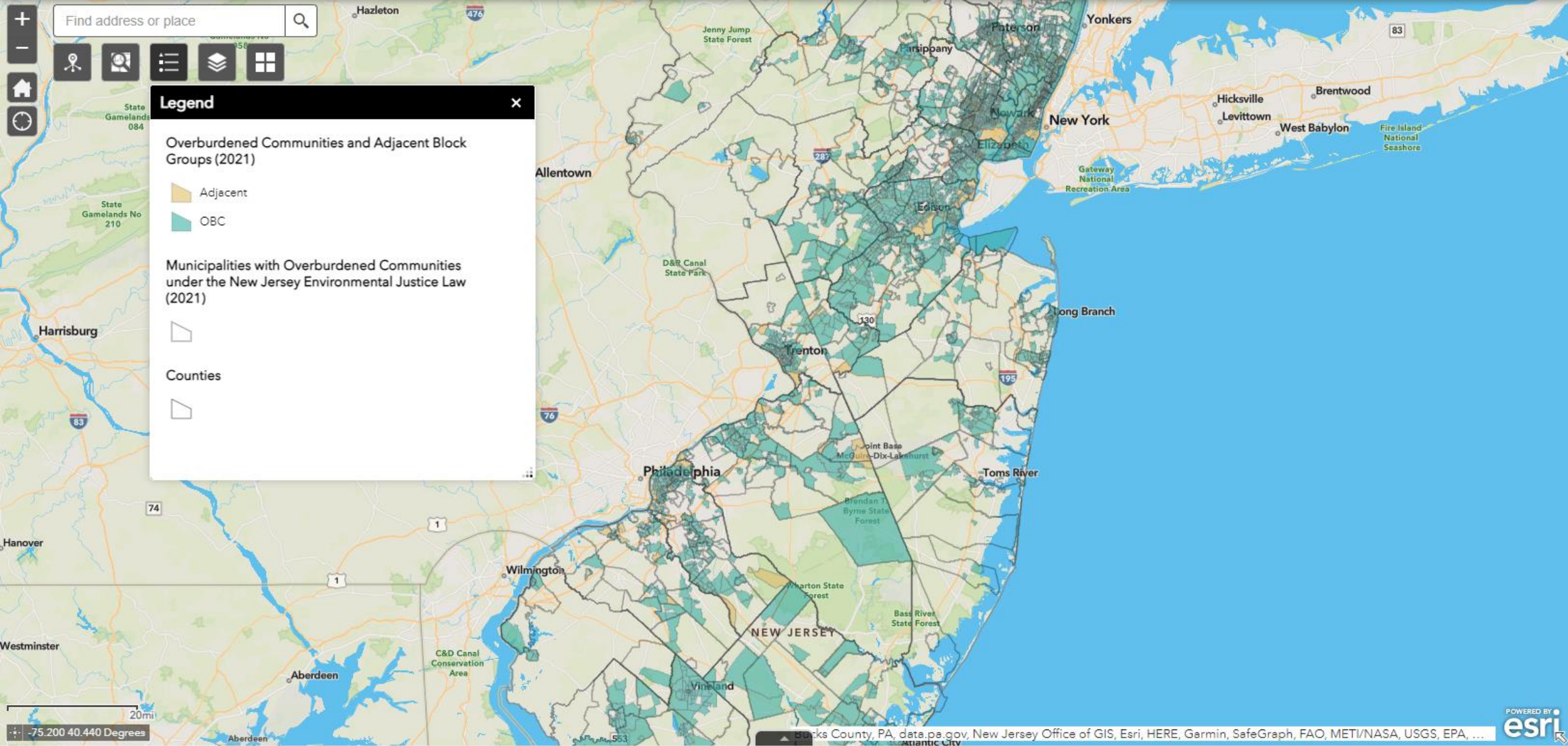
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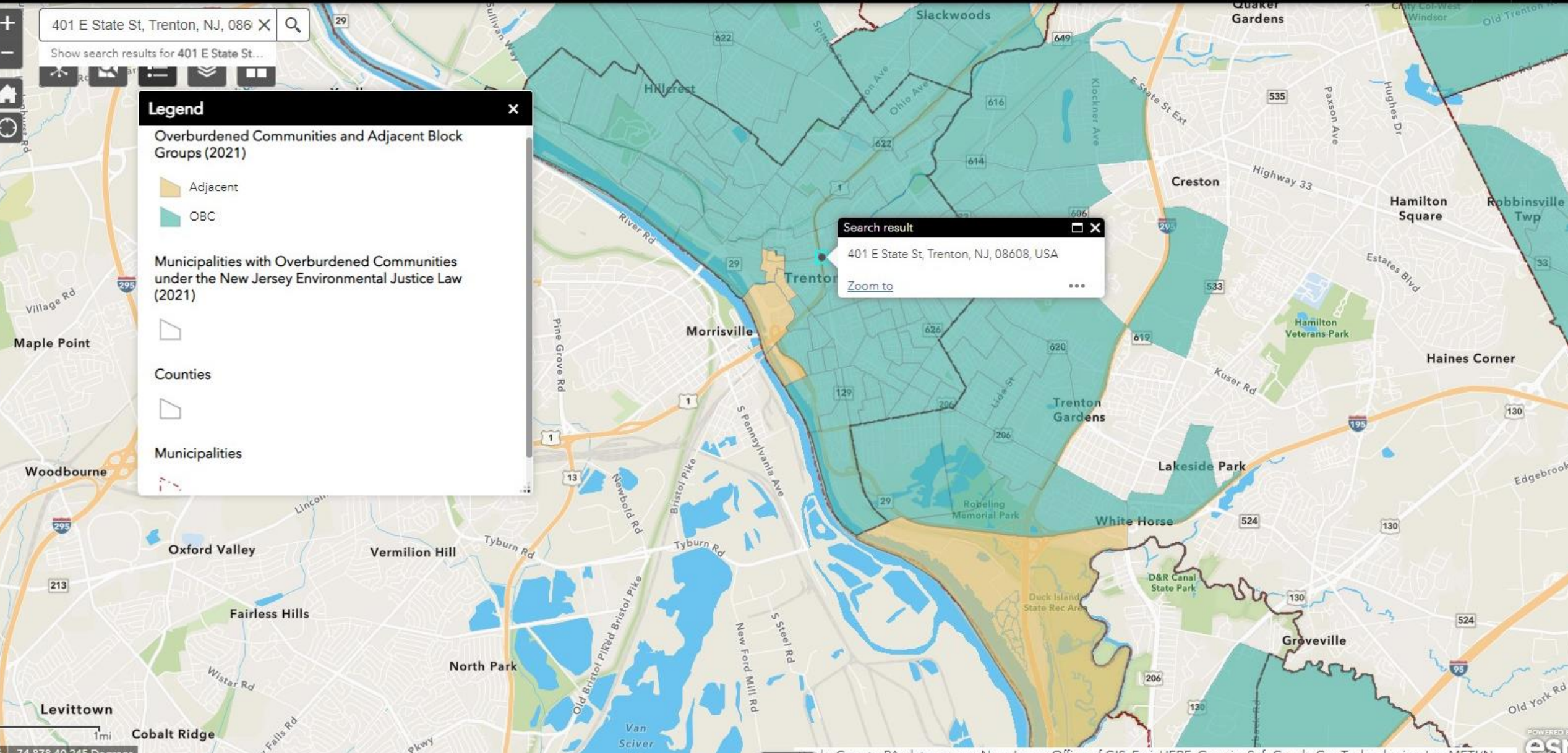


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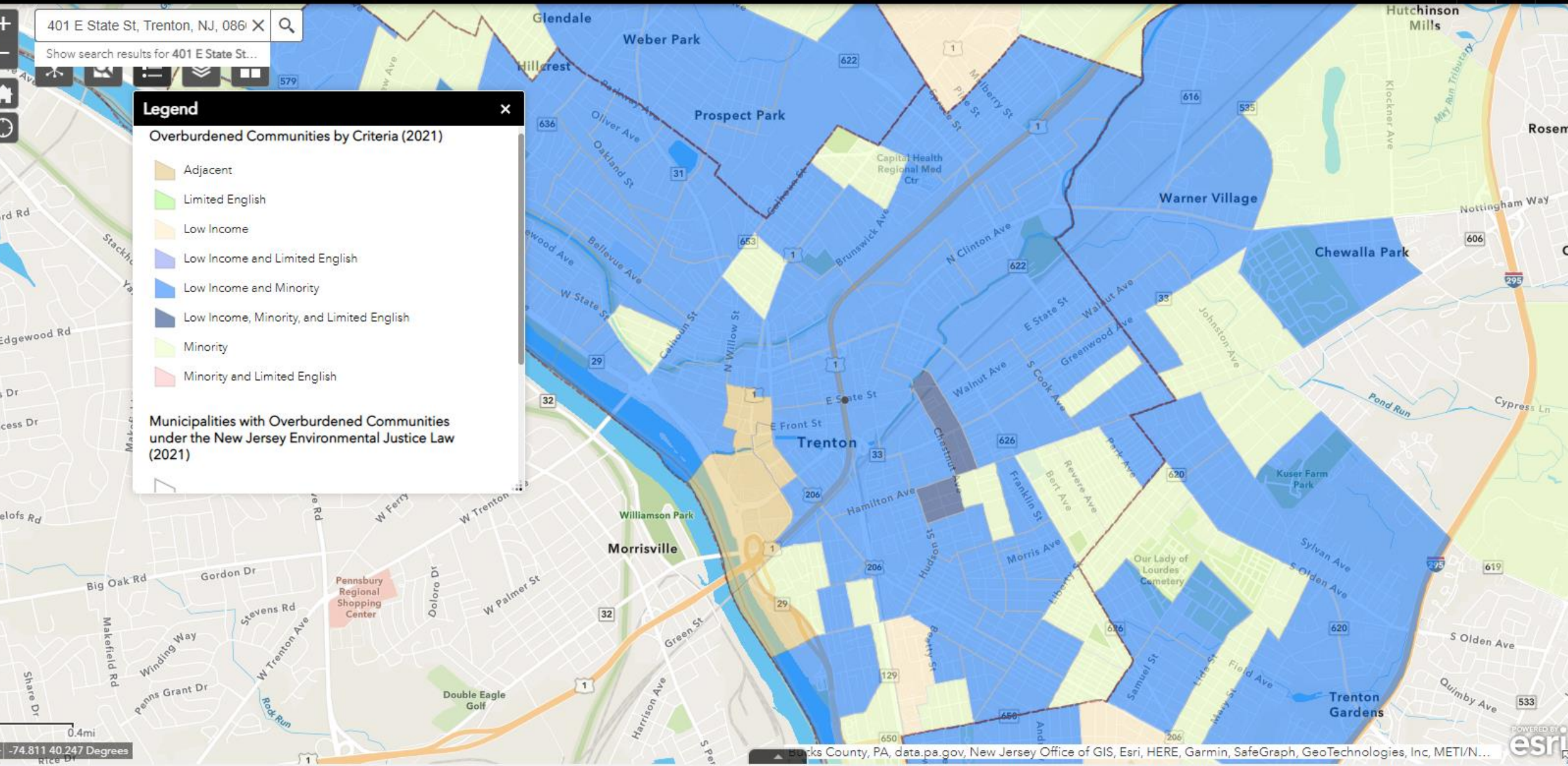
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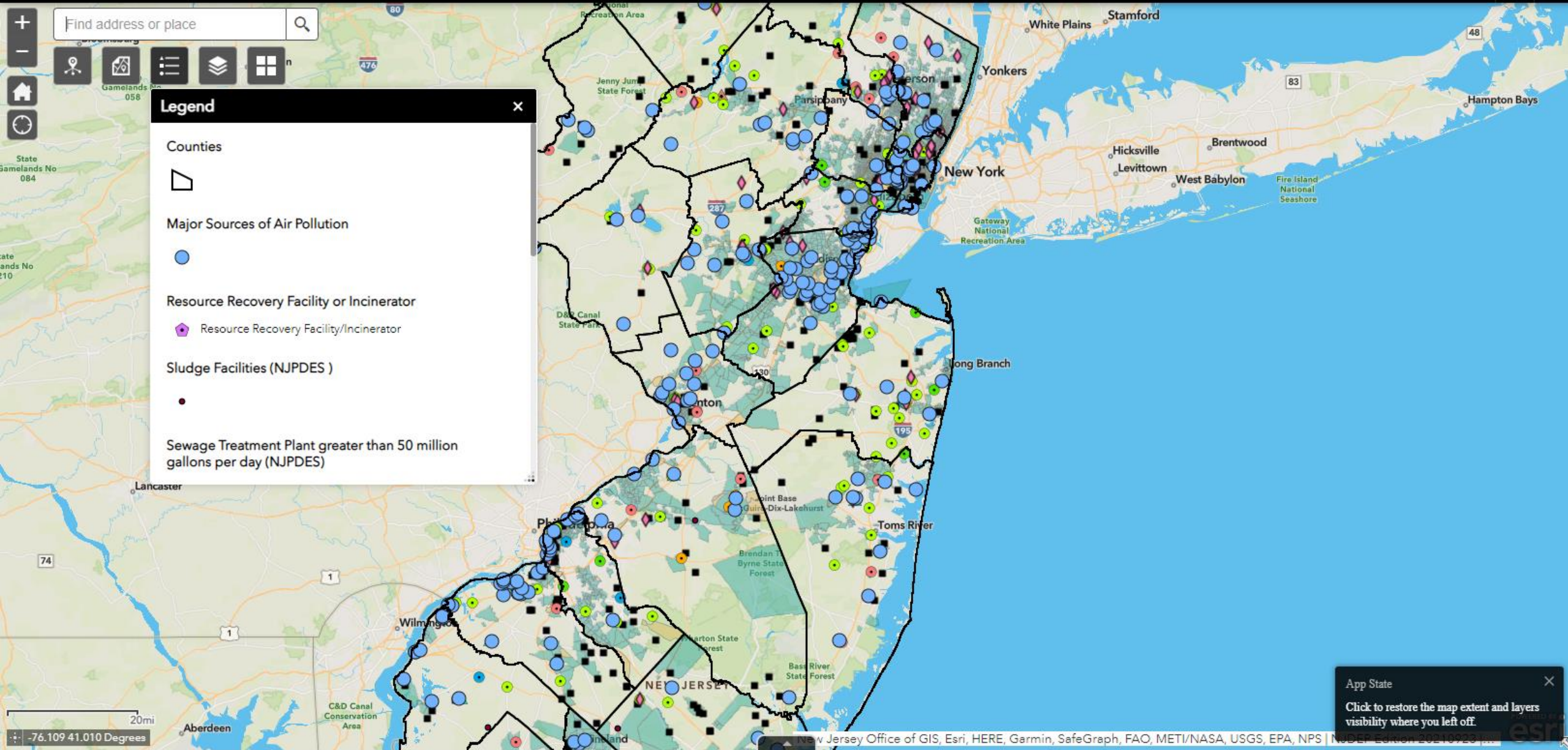
Major Sources of Air Pollution

Resource Recovery Facility or Incinerator

Resource Recovery Facility/Incinerator

Sludge Facilities (NJPDES)

Sewage Treatment Plant greater than 50 million gallons per day (NJPDES)



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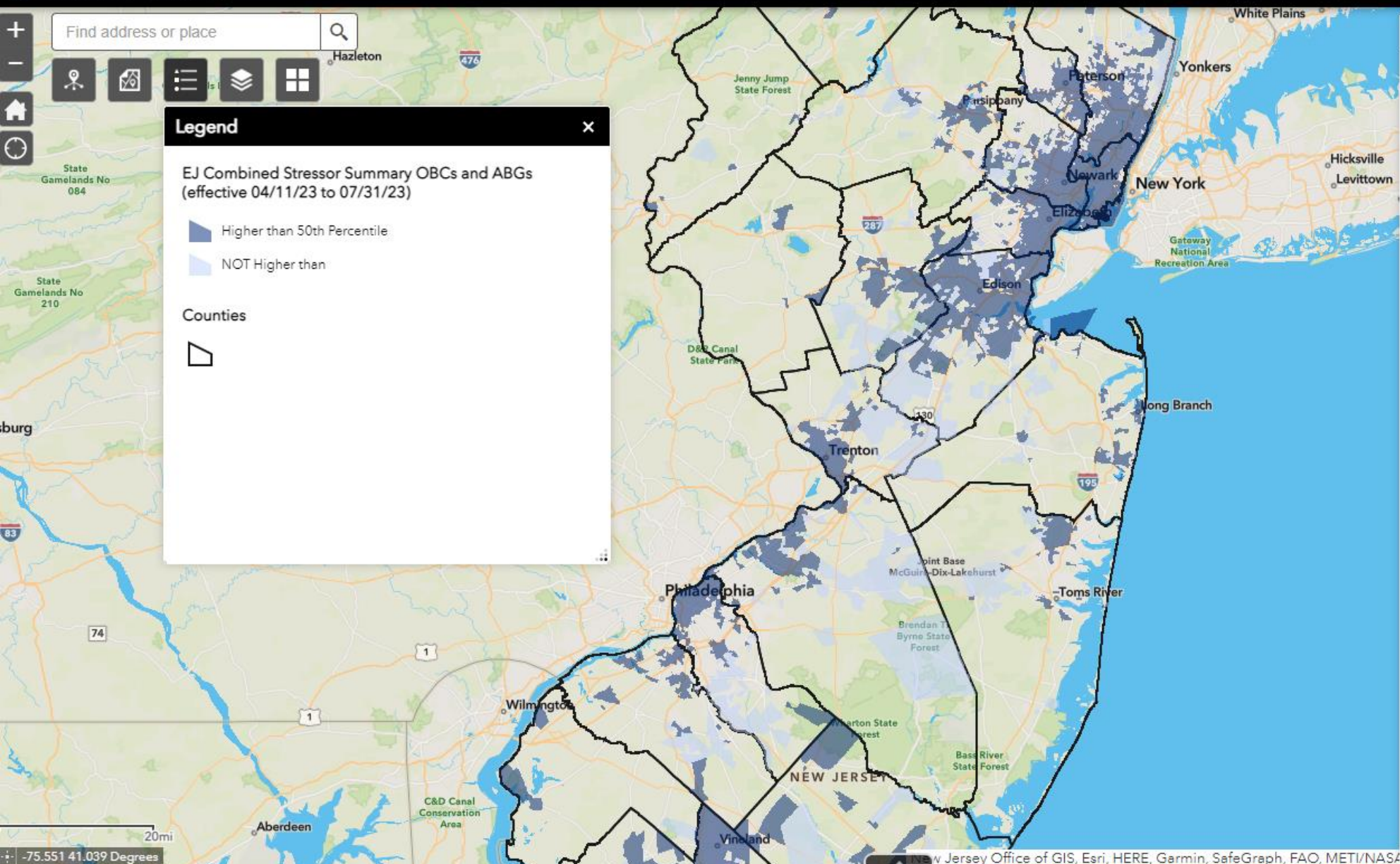
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Middlesex	14	13	13
Monmouth	12	13	12
Morris	13	13	13
Ocean	11	13	11
Passaic	14	13	13
Salem	12	13	12
Somerset	13	13	13
Sussex	13	13	10.5
Union	13	13	13
Warren	13	13	12

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Environmental & Public Health Stressors

Concentrated areas of air pollution

- Ground-Level Ozone
- Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})
- Air Toxics Cancer Risk Including Diesel PM
- Air Toxics Cancer Risk Excluding Diesel PM
- Air Toxics Non-Cancer Risk

Mobile sources of air pollution

- Traffic – Cars, Light- and Medium-Duty Trucks
- Traffic – Heavy-Duty Trucks
- Railways

Contaminated sites

- Known Contaminated Sites
- Soil Contamination Deed Restrictions
- Groundwater Classification Exception Areas/Current Known Extent Restrictions

Transfer stations or other solid waste, recycling & scrap metal facilities

- Solid Waste Facilities
- Scrap Metal Facilities

Point-sources of water pollution

- Surface Water
- Combined Sewer Overflows

May cause public health issues

- Drinking Water
- Potential Lead Exposure
- Lack of Recreational Open Space
- Lack of Tree Canopy
- Impervious Surface
- Flooding (Land Use Cover)

Density/proximity

- Emergency Planning Sites
- Permitted Air Sites
- NJPDES Sites

Social determinants of health

- Unemployment
- Education

DEP updates the data in EJMAP twice per year.

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340210009001

OBC Criteria

Percent Low Income

Percent Minority

Percent Limited English

OBC Criteria

59.814106

95.245727

13.457077

Low Income and Minority

Combined Stressor Total

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Hudson	17	13	13
Hunterdon	11	13	11
Mercer	13	13	13
Middlesex	14	13	13
Monmouth	12	13	12
Morris	13	13	13
Ocean	11	13	11
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Salem	12	13	12
Somerset	11	13	11
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State	13.000000
Geographic Point of Comparison	13.000000
OBC "Higher than"	Higher than 50th Percentile

Data
For a detailed look at the complete stressor evaluation, click on the data table link below.
[Download data table specific to 340210009001](#)

[EJMAP Tool Technical Guidance](#)

[Download all data as CSV](#)

Block Group: 340210009001 Municipality: Trenton City County: Mercer OBC Criteria: Low Income and Minority

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Concentrated Areas of Air Pollution					
Stressor	Block Group Value	County Non OBC 50th	State Non OBC 50th	Geographic Point of Comparison	Adverse Stressor
Ground-Level Ozone (3-year average days above standard)	2.667	2.333	0.999	0.999	Yes
Fine Particulate Matter (PM _{2.5}) (3-year average days above standard)	0.333	0.333	0.333	0.333	No
Cancer Risk from Diesel Particulate Matter (estimated cancer risk/million)	117.482	83.509	82.000	82.000	Yes
Cancer Risk from Air Toxics Excluding Diesel Particulate Matter (estimated cancer risk/million)	38.923	34.646	33.994	33.994	Yes
Non-Cancer Risk from Air Toxics (Combined Hazard Quotient)	2.252	1.910	1.841	1.841	Yes

Contaminated Sites					
Stressor	Block Group Value	County Non OBC 50th	State Non OBC 50th	Geographic Point of Comparison	Adverse Stressor
Known Contaminated Sites (weighted sites/square mile)	22.223	1.411	1.417	1.411	Yes
Soil Contamination Deed Restrictions (percent area)	10.585	0.000	0.000	0.000	Yes
Ground Water Classification Exception Area/Currently Known Extent Restrictions (percent area)	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.000	No

Point-Sources of Water Pollution					
Stressor	Block	County Non	State Non	Geographic	Adverse Stressor

Overburdened Community Stressor Summary

Block Group: 340210021004

Municipality: Trenton City

County: Mercer

OBC Criteria: Low Income and Minority

Combined Stressor Total	
Block Group Value: Combined Stressor Total	24
Greatest Stressed OBC Neighbor CST Value if applicable	NA
County	12
State	13
Geographic Point of Comparison	12
Adverse Cumulative Stressors	Higher than 50th Percentile

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Cancer Risk from Air Toxics Excluding Diesel Particulate Matter (estimated cancer risk/million)	43.603	39.078	37.728	37.728	Yes
Non-Cancer Risk from Air Toxics (Combined Hazard Quotient)	1.913	1.735	1.663	1.663	Yes

Mobile Sources of Air Pollution					
Stressor	Block Group Value	County Non OBC 50th	State Non OBC 50th	Geographic Point of Comparison	Adverse Stressor
Traffic – Cars, Light- and Medium-Duty Trucks (Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)-mile/square mile)	77063.326	32064.270	23004.559	23004.559	Yes
Traffic – Heavy-Duty Trucks (AADT-mile/square mile)	1486.136	988.970	417.954	417.954	Yes
Railways (rail mile/square mile)	1.534	0.000	0.000	0.000	Yes

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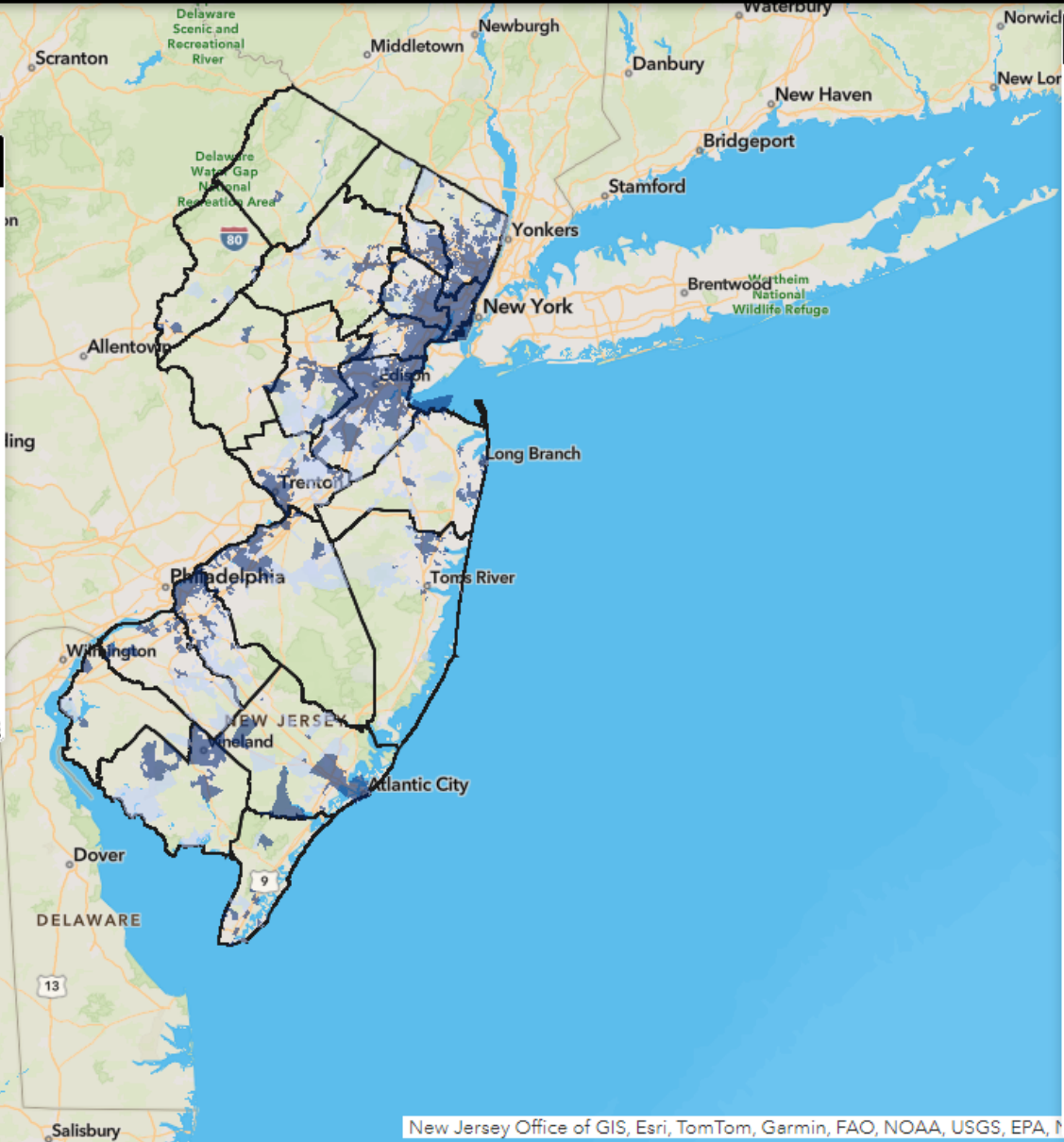
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Drinking Water: Adverse Stressor is

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Impervious Surface: Adverse Stressor is

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Lack of Tree Canopy: Adverse Stressor is

Yes

Lack of Recreational Open Space: Adverse Stressor is

- empty -

Flooding(Urban Land Cover): Adverse Stressor is

- empty -

Potential Lead Exposure: Adverse Stressor is

- empty -

Education: Adverse Stressor is

- empty -

Unemployment: Adverse Stressor is

- empty -

Permitted Air Sites: Adverse Stressor is

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Step 1: Applicability Determination – 3 Criteria

(1) Located in **Overburdened Community** census block group in which:

- at least 35 percent of households qualify as low-income households;
- at least 40 percent of the residents identify as minority or as members of a State recognized tribal community; or
- at least 40 percent of the households have limited English proficiency

(2) **Facility**

- major sources of air pollution (e.g., power plants, cogeneration facilities);
- incinerators or resource recovery facilities;
- large sewage treatment plants (more than 50 million gallons per day);
- transfer stations or solid waste facilities;
- recycling facilities that receive at least 100 tons of recyclable material per day;
- scrap metal facilities;
- landfills; or
- medical waste incinerators, except those attendant to hospital and universities.

(3) **Permit**: solid waste and recycling, land use, water supply and pollution, and air pollution.

- Applies to individual permits (those permits for more substantial activities requiring deeper review) and excludes authorizations or approvals necessary to perform remediation and minor modification to major source air permits that do not increase emissions

Note: If the EJ rules are applicable, all permitting clocks are stopped until the completion of the EJ process.

Step 2: Environmental Justice Impact Statement & Meaningful Public Participation

Environmental Justice Impact Statement (EJIS) Assesses

- The potential environmental and public health stressors associated with the facility;
- The environmental or public health stressors already borne by the overburdened community;
- Any adverse environmental or public health stressors that cannot be avoided if the permit is granted; and
- Measures to avoid or minimize facility contributions to stressors in the OBC.

EJIS plus Supplemental Information

- Where communities are already subject to adverse cumulative stressors, or where a facility will create adverse cumulative stressors, the applicant must submit supplemental information.
- The supplemental information includes detailed information on site conditions and pollution control measures.

Meaningful Public Participation

- The applicant conducts a public hearing in the overburdened community to present EJIS.
- Public Notice: 60 days prior to hearing, newspaper, property owners within 200 feet, sign at facility, additional community specific methods.
- There is a minimum 60-day public comment period, and applicants must respond to all public comments in writing.
- Upon completion of the public process, the applicant provides the EJIS and any supplemental information, hearing testimony, written comments, the applicant's response to comments, and any other relevant information to the Department for review and decision.

Step 3: Department Decision

The Department considers the EJS and any supplemental information, testimony, written comments, the applicant's response to comments, and any other information deemed relevant by the Department and determines whether the facility can avoid a disproportionate impact.

Where the facility **can avoid a disproportionate impact**, the Department would authorize the applicant to proceed with the imposition of conditions set by the Department necessary to ensure a disproportionate impact is and remains avoided.

Where the facility **cannot avoid a disproportionate impact**, the Department would:

- New Facilities: The Department will deny an application for a new facility unless it demonstrates it will serve a compelling public interest **in the overburdened community**.
- Expanded facilities/Major source renewals: authorize the applicant to proceed with Department permitting subject to appropriate conditions to address facility impacts to environmental and public health stressors.

Guidance and Supportive Materials

The Office of Environmental Justice's [website](#) is updated to include the final copy of the rule and supportive materials.

Policy

- [Environmental Justice Law](#)
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- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [EJ Rule Training Video](#)
 - [EJ Rule Training Presentation](#)
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- [EJMAP Technical Guidance](#)
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- [OBC Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Applicant Resources

- [EJ Submission Service Instructions](#)
- [Meaningful Public Participation Guidance](#)
- [Environmental Justice Impact Statement \(EJIS\) Guidance](#)



Get Involved

- 1. Identify environmental injustices in your community**
Explore [EJMAP](#) and [HCP-NJ](#) and gather information
- 2. Get Trained**
Attend a seminar to learn foundational environmental information. dep.nj.gov/ej/seminars
- 3. Join the [EJ Directory](#)**
Become a member to be contacted about EJ-related opportunities and bridge information gaps
- 4. Spread the word**
Tell your neighbors about opportunities to have a seat at the decision-making table
- 5. Attend a public meeting**
dep.nj.gov/ej/meetings
- 6. Review documents & submit actionable comments**
- 7. Connect with the NJDEP EJ Office**
<https://dep.nj.gov/ej/contact/>
When in doubt, email environmentalJustice@dep.nj.gov

Finding EJ-Rule Related Documents

- Public Notices
- EJ Impact Statements
- Responses to Comments
- Current and Pending Permits
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The EJ Rules in Practice

The Environmental Justice Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:1C (EJ Rules), establish the specific requirements and procedures that applicants must follow when seeking permits for certain facilities located, or proposed to be located, in overburdened communities. The specific requirements and procedures include identification of relevant environmental and public health stressors, the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Justice Impact Statement, the procedures concerning public participation, and the Department decision.



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EJ Rules Public Participation

Check for upcoming EJ Rule public hearings and access documents related to applications going through the EJ Rule process.

[Hearing Schedule](#)

Guidance

Guidance for applicants on the EJ Rule process: creating an Environmental Justice Impact Statement, holding a public hearing, and more.

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EJ Rules Public Participation

Access information concerning permit applications subject to the EJ Rules



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Permit applications subject to the EJ Rules

Pursuant to the EJ Rules, N.J.A.C. 7: 1C, below is a list of permit applicants and links to files associated with each individual applicant's EJ process.

Search:

County	Public Hearing Date	Applicant Name and Location	Applicable Activities	Updates
Union	10/22/2025	Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC 126 East Lincoln Ave Rahway, NJ 07065	EJ Project ID: 35009928 Air Quality PI: 41712 Proposed Title V operating permit renewal BOP240005 and Proposed Title V operating permit modification BOP 240004	Files/Information Date Posted
				Final EJIS 8/14/2025
				Final EJIS Appendix 8/14/2025
				Public Hearing Notice (English) 8/14/2025
				Public Hearing Notice (Español) 8/14/2025
				Public Hearing Recording Pending
				Public Hearing Transcript Pending
				Response to Comments Pending
				EJIS Decision Document Pending
Cumberland	10/16/2025	Calpine Sherman Avenue Energy Center 2600 Orchard Road and Sherman Ave Vineland, NJ 08360	EJ Project ID: 33496494 Air Quality PI: 75476 Proposed Title V operating permit renewal: BOP230001	Files/Information Date Posted
				Final EJIS 8/1/2025
				Public Hearing Notice (English) 8/1/2025
				Public Hearing Notice (Español) 8/1/2025
				Public Hearing Recording Pending
				Public Hearing Transcript Pending
				Response to Comments Pending
				EJIS Decision Document Pending
Cumberland	3/5/2025	Corning Pharmaceutical Glass, LLC 563 Crystal Ave Vineland, NJ 08360	EJ Project ID: 34120350 Air Quality PI: 75503 - Proposed Title V operating permit modification: BOP230002 - Proposed Title V operating permit renewal: BOP210002	Files/Information Date Posted
				Final EJIS 2/20/2025
				Public Hearing Notice (English) 1/14/2025
				Public Hearing Notice (Español) 1/14/2025
				Public Hearing Recording 3/7/2025
				Public Hearing Transcript 7/24/2025
				Response to Comments 7/11/2025
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Union	4/15/2024 5/28/2024	Safety Kleen 1200 Sylvan St Linden, NJ 07036	EJ Project ID: 34105263 Air Quality PI: 40097 - Proposed Construction of New Source: PCP230003 Hazardous Waste PI: NJD002182897 - Proposed Class 3 Modification: HWP230003	Files/Information Date Posted
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Pursuant to the EJ Rules, N.J.A.C. 7: 1C, below is a list of permit applicants and links to files associated with each individual applicant's EJ process.

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County	Public Hearing Date	Applicant Name and Location	Applicable Activities	Updates
Union	10/22/2025	Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC 126 East Lincoln Ave Rahway, NJ 07065	EJ Project ID: 35009928 Air Quality PI: 41712 Proposed Title V operating permit renewal BOP240005 and Proposed Title V operating permit modification BOP 240004	Files/Information Date Posted
				Final EJIS 8/14/2025
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Cumberland	10/16/2025	Calpine Sherman Avenue Energy Center 2600 Orchard Road and Sherman Ave Vineland, NJ 08360	EJ Project ID: 33496494 Air Quality PI: 75476 Proposed Title V operating permit renewal: BOP230001	Files/Information Date Posted
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Cumberland	3/5/2025	Corning Pharmaceutical Glass, LLC 563 Crystal Ave Vineland, NJ 08360	EJ Project ID: 34120350 Air Quality PI: 75503 - Proposed Title V operating permit modification: BOP230002 - Proposed Title V operating permit renewal: BOP210002	Files/Information Date Posted
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Sample EJ Rule Public Notice

Merck site, Rahway/Linden, NJ

Notice to Release Title V Permit Renewal and Environmental Justice Impact Statement and Intent to Hold Public Information Session for Title V Operating Permit Program Interest (PI) No. 41712, Title V Operating Permit Renewal Activity No. BOP240005 and Title V Operating Permit Modifications Activity No. BOP240004, EJ Project No. 35009928

NJDEP Environmental Justice Regulations

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:1C-4.1 and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Environmental Justice (EJ) regulations that the Merck site, located at 126 East Lincoln Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey, intends to hold a public information session on October 22, 2025 at 6 p.m. to share details about its Title V permit applications and Environmental Justice Impact Statement (EJIS).

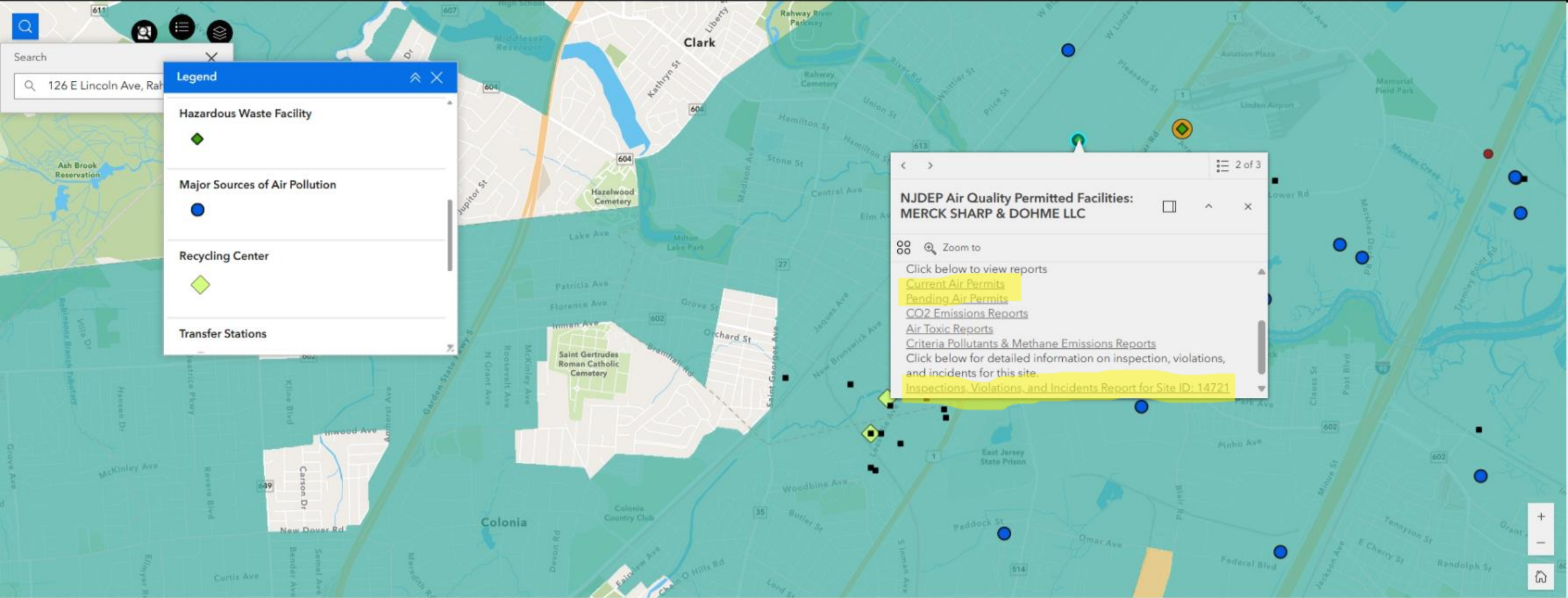
The Merck site is classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and NJDEP as a major Title V facility. Title V of the Clean Air Act (CAA) directs States – like New Jersey – to develop and enforce an operating permit program that set air emission limits from specific sources. This Title V operating permit is a legal document that is issued to all major sources of air emissions and cites what a facility must do to control sources of air emissions. Merck operates with a Title V operating permit under the EPA CAA.

In September 2020, the New Jersey State Legislature signed an EJ law that requires the NJDEP to explore public health impacts and environmental stressors during review of environmental permits related to new, upgraded and expanded facilities. Regulations implementing this law were adopted by NJDEP in April 2023. The Merck site is one of the many facilities in Union County and New Jersey that is subject to the new EJ Law, as it is a major-source permit holder located within an area designated as an “overburdened community” or OBC.

The Merck site submitted its Title V renewal application to the NJDEP on May 23, 2024. This application incorporates various permit modification details that reflect new and pre-existing equipment for multiple projects at the Merck site. An EJIS is an extensive review of environmental and public health conditions in an overburdened community that identifies and analyzes: existing/adverse environmental public health stressors; cumulative stressors and a facility’s potential contributions to stressors; and mitigations that the facility can take to avoid adverse cumulative impacts to the community. The public can view a copy of Merck’s EJIS at the Linden Free Public Library (31 E Henry St, Linden, NJ 07036) and Rahway Public Library (2 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, NJ) or online at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s website: <https://dep.nj.gov/ej/meetings/>



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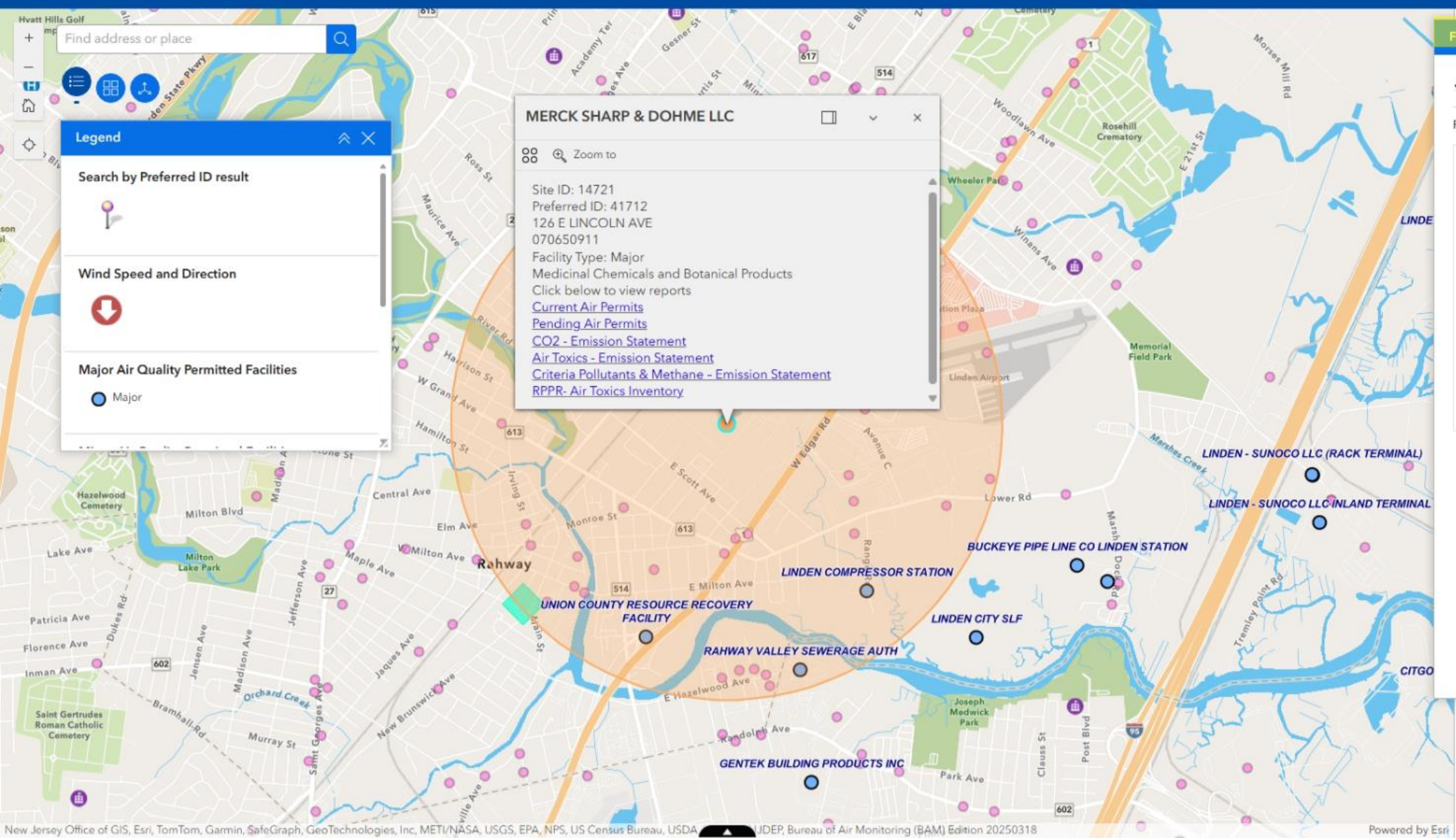
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