



Warren County



- ❖ 364.55 square miles
- ❖ Some of the most rugged and scenic terrain found in New Jersey
- ❖ Over 30,000 acres of preserved farmland
- ❖ Almost 50,000 acres of federal, state, county, and municipal parkland
- ❖ Major towns include Phillipsburg, Hackettstown, and Blairstown

The Highlands and our water

Warren County sits in a region where land-use decisions directly affect groundwater, streams and drinking-water supplies.

91% say protecting drinking water is a very important benefit of preserving land

96% support county action to protect natural areas and resources

82% rank lakes and water bodies as a high preservation priority





Warehouse planning set the precedent

When large warehouses emerged as a regional land-use concern, Warren County helped municipalities plan before proposals arrived.

The county approach

- ❖ Identify the regional impact
- ❖ Give municipalities practical land-use tools
- ❖ Keep final zoning decisions local

The same playbook now guides the county's response to data centers.

A shared ordinance Local decisions

Warren County shared a model ordinance with all 22 municipalities so each community could address data centers through its own zoning process.

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municipalities now have protections in place

15 passed an ordinance shared through the county effort
3 already had superseding local protections

**Home rule can produce regional results when local leaders receive
usable policy tools**

