

# Vernon Township

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*Identifying Opportunities*



# Open for Business

The Vernon Economic Development Advisory Committee is a voluntary group of professionals and business owners, appointed by the mayor, and whose mission is to promote new businesses and assist existing businesses to enhance the quality of life for Vernon residents while stabilizing and expanding our local tax base.

The committee convenes on a monthly basis and is available to work with developers and prospective business owners who are interested in pursuing opportunities in Vernon Township. We are here to help every step of the way, from identifying locations to permit processes, as well as grand openings and ribbon cuttings.

Vernon has a robust town center district with water and sewer access as well as developable land to meet a variety of needs for businesses of all sizes.

Vernon Township has many different zones, including residential, commercial, light industrial, farm use, recreational, and agri-eco tourism.

Please visit [vernontwp.com](http://vernontwp.com) for our meeting schedule and feel free to contact EDAC Chairperson Sally Rinker at 201-317-4916.

We look forward to working with you!



# Township Profile

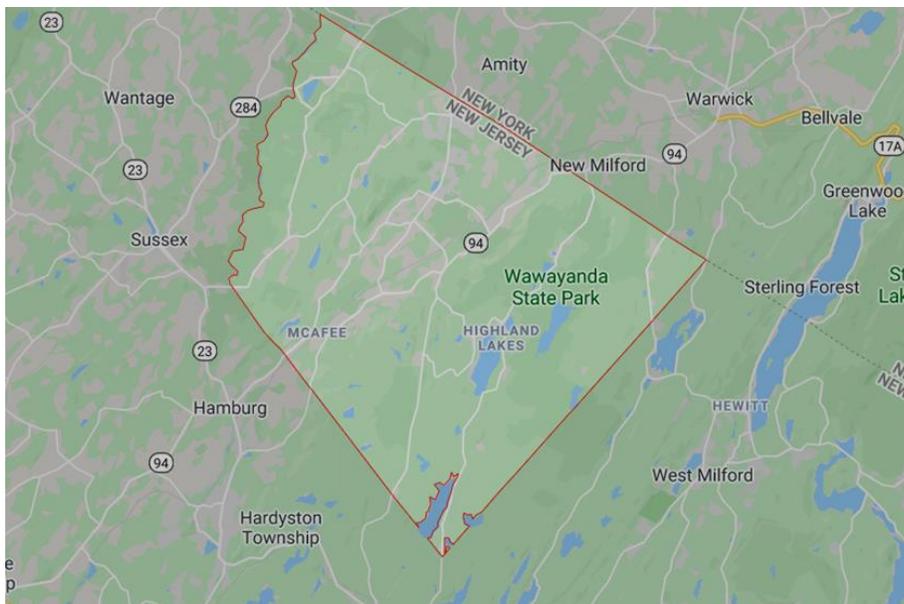
Established in 1792, Vernon Township consists of mountains, rolling hills, beautiful vistas, forests, and farms. It is located in the northwest corner of New Jersey and is about an hour drive from New York City.

As Sussex County's largest and most populated municipality, Vernon has a population of approximately 24,000, with a median family income of about \$87,000.

Vernon is comprised of lake communities, single family developments, as well as condominiums, and townhomes, ski and golf resorts, and active farms.

Of the 68 square miles making up the township, about 60% is preserved open space, with numerous historical sites.

Vernon is a family friendly, four-season recreational resort community and was recently voted one of the safest places to live.



# Recreation

Natural treasures such as Wawayanda State Park, the archeologically historic Black Creek Site, and some of the most beautiful vistas on the entire Appalachian Trail, offer much to enjoy for locals and visitors alike.

**Vernon truly embodies the County motto of “People and Nature Together.”**

## Recreational Opportunities

- Camping
- Hiking
- Biking
- Running
- Snowshoeing
- Horseback Riding
- Skiing
- Snowboarding
- Boating
- Downhill Mountain Biking
- Canoeing and Kayaking
- Fishing and Hunting
- Bird Watching
- Wildlife Photography
- Relaxing Spas
- Wildlife Refuge



## Nearby Opportunities

- Ice Skating
- Mine Tours
- Gemological Tours
- Legoland
- Minor League Baseball
- High Point State Park



**Need more time to see it all? Come stay in one of the many resorts, hotels, bed and breakfasts, and short-term rentals. Be sure to stop by our local restaurants and coffee shops!**

# See the Sights

Visit the Appalachian Trail to hike boardwalks, a suspension bridge, hardwood forests, fields of wildflowers, cow pastures, and historic stone walls, before steeply climbing the “Stairway to Heaven” to Pinwheel Vista, one of the most scenic views on the Appalachian Trail.



The Black Creek Indian Site in Vernon Township is listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. The site is one of only three Native American sites in New Jersey listed on the historic registers. More than 6,000 artifacts dating back 10,000 years were found at Black Creek. These artifacts represent the Early Archaic to the Late Woodland Periods. The Nanticoke Leni Lenape Indians of New Jersey joined efforts with local residents to nominate and preserve the Black Creek Site.

