stories from the field

Stories meant to inform, inspire and transform your communities.

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STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Mayor Liz Lempert
Municipality of Princeton, New Jersey

TRANSPARENCY

- Publish agendas, full backup material, videos ot Council meetings
- Post videos of Zoning Board and Planning Board meetings

COMMUNICATION

- SOCIAL MEDIA
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - Nixle
- EMAIL ALERTS
- REVERSE 9-1-1

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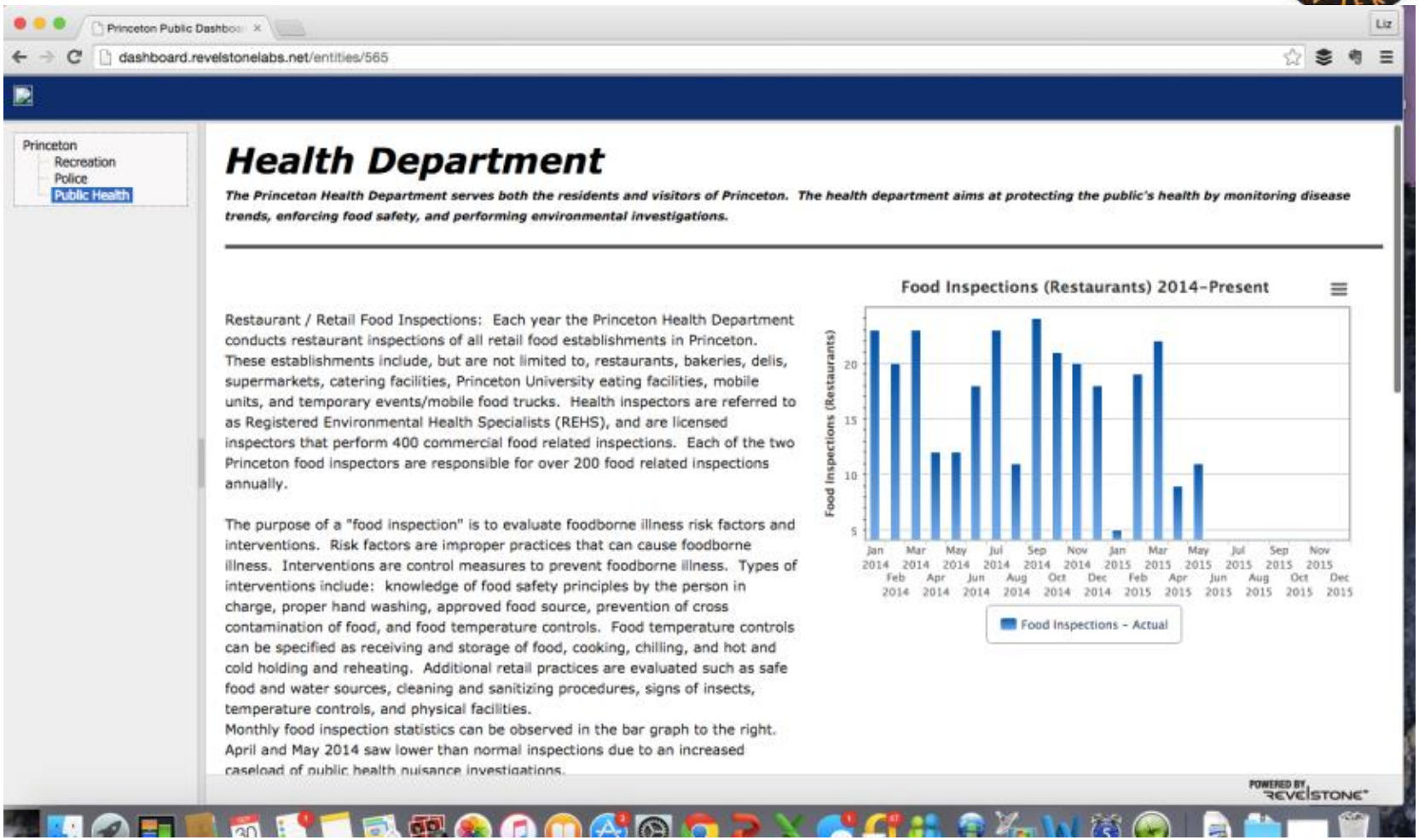
Princeton Public Dashboard
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Liz
Princeton
Recreation
Police
Public Health
Health Department
The Princeton Health Department serves both the residents and visitors of Princeton. The health department aims at protecting the public's health by monitoring disease trends, enforcing food safety, and performing environmental investigations.
Restaurant / Retail Food Inspections: Each year the Princeton Health Department conducts restaurant inspections of all retail food establishments in Princeton. These establishments include, but are not limited to, restaurants, bakeries, delis, supermarkets, catering facilities, Princeton University eating facilities, mobile units, and temporary events/mobile food trucks. Health inspectors are referred to as Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS), and are licensed inspectors that perform 400 commercial food related inspections. Each of the two Princeton food inspectors are responsible for over 200 food related inspections annually.
The purpose of a "food inspection" is to evaluate foodborne illness risk factors and interventions. Risk factors are improper practices that can cause foodborne illness. Interventions are control measures to prevent foodborne illness. Types of interventions include: knowledge of food safety principles by the person in charge, proper hand washing, approved food source, prevention of cross contamination of food, and food temperature controls. Food temperature controls can be specified as receiving and storage of food, cooking, chilling, and hot and cold holding and reheating. Additional retail practices are evaluated such as safe food and water sources, cleaning and sanitizing procedures, signs of insects, temperature controls, and physical facilities.
Monthly food inspection statistics can be observed in the bar graph to the right. April and May 2014 saw lower than normal inspections due to an increased caseload of public health nuisance investigations.
Food Inspections (Restaurants) 2014–Present
Food Inspections (Restaurants)
20
15
10
5
Jan 2014
Feb 2014
Mar 2014
Apr 2014
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Nov 2014
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Feb 2015
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Food Inspections - Actual
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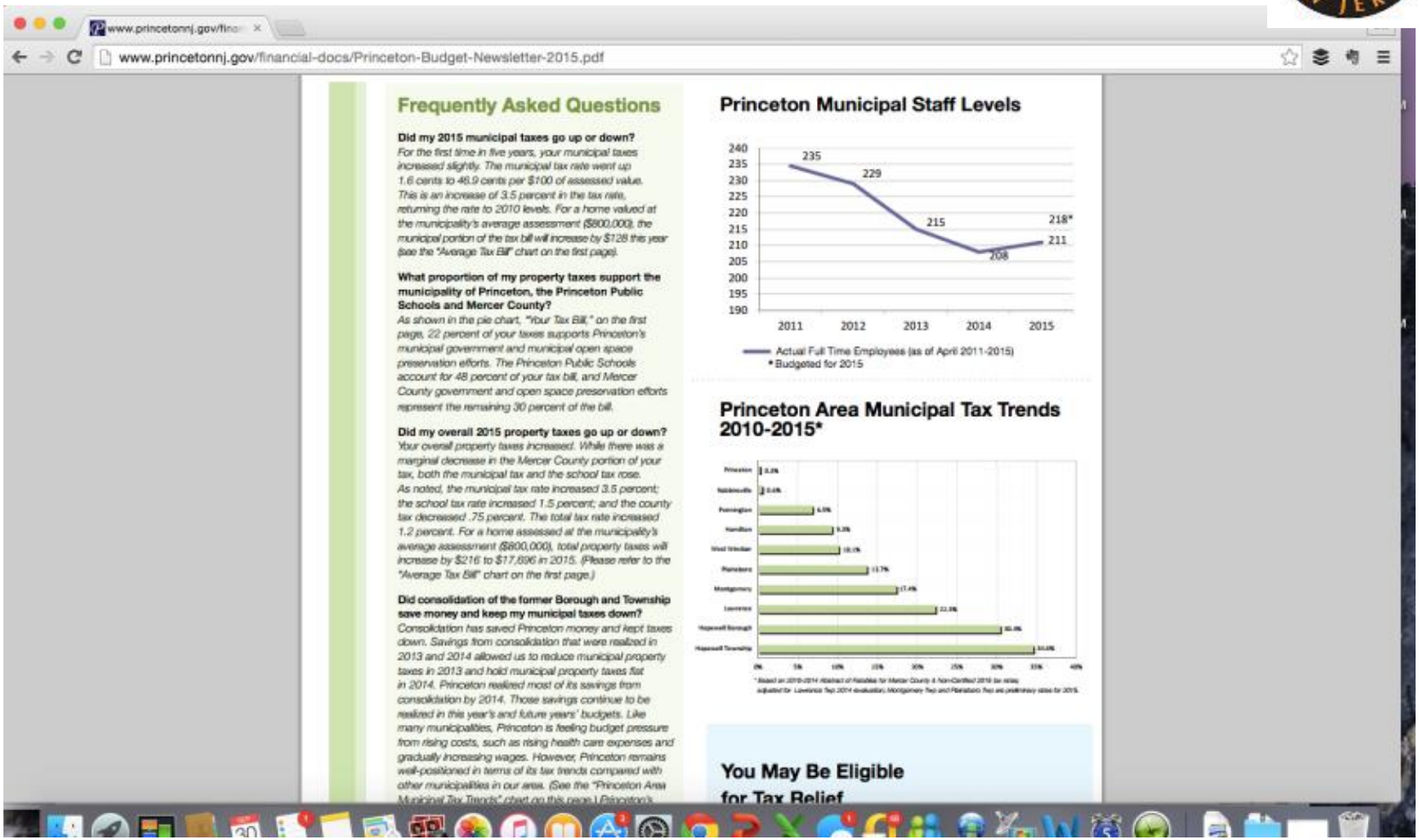
FINANCE


www.princetonnj.gov/financial-docs/Princeton-Budget-Newsletter-2015.pdf
Frequently Asked Questions
Did my 2015 municipal taxes go up or down?
For the first time in five years, your municipal taxes increased slightly. The municipal tax rate went up 1.6 cents to 46.9 cents per $100 of assessed value. This is an increase of 3.5 percent in the tax rate, returning the rate to 2010 levels. For a home valued at the municipality's average assessment ($800,000), the municipal portion of the tax bill will increase by $128 this year (see the "Average Tax Bill" chart on the first page).
What proportion of my property taxes support the municipality of Princeton, the Princeton Public Schools and Mercer County?
As shown in the pie chart, "Your Tax Bill," on the first page, 22 percent of your taxes supports Princeton's municipal government and municipal open space preservation efforts. The Princeton Public Schools account for 48 percent of your tax bill, and Mercer County government and open space preservation efforts represent the remaining 30 percent of the bill.
Did my overall 2015 property taxes go up or down?
Your overall property taxes increased. While there was a marginal decrease in the Mercer County portion of your tax, both the municipal tax and the school tax rose. As noted, the municipal tax rate increased 3.5 percent; the school tax rate increased 1.5 percent; and the county tax decreased .75 percent. The total tax rate increased 1.2 percent. For a home assessed at the municipality's average assessment ($800,000), total property taxes will increase by $216 to $17,696 in 2015. (Please refer to the "Average Tax Bill" chart on the first page.)
Did consolidation of the former Borough and Township save money and keep my municipal taxes down?
Consolidation has saved Princeton money and kept taxes down. Savings from consolidation that were realized in 2013 and 2014 allowed us to reduce municipal property taxes in 2013 and hold municipal property taxes flat in 2014. Princeton realized most of its savings from consolidation by 2014. Those savings continue to be realized in this year's and future years' budgets. Like many municipalities, Princeton is feeling budget pressure from rising costs, such as rising health care expenses and gradually increasing wages. However, Princeton remains well-positioned in terms of its tax trends compared with other municipalities in our area. (See the "Princeton Area Municipal Tax Trends" chart on this page.) Princeton's
Princeton Municipal Staff Levels
240
235
230
225
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215
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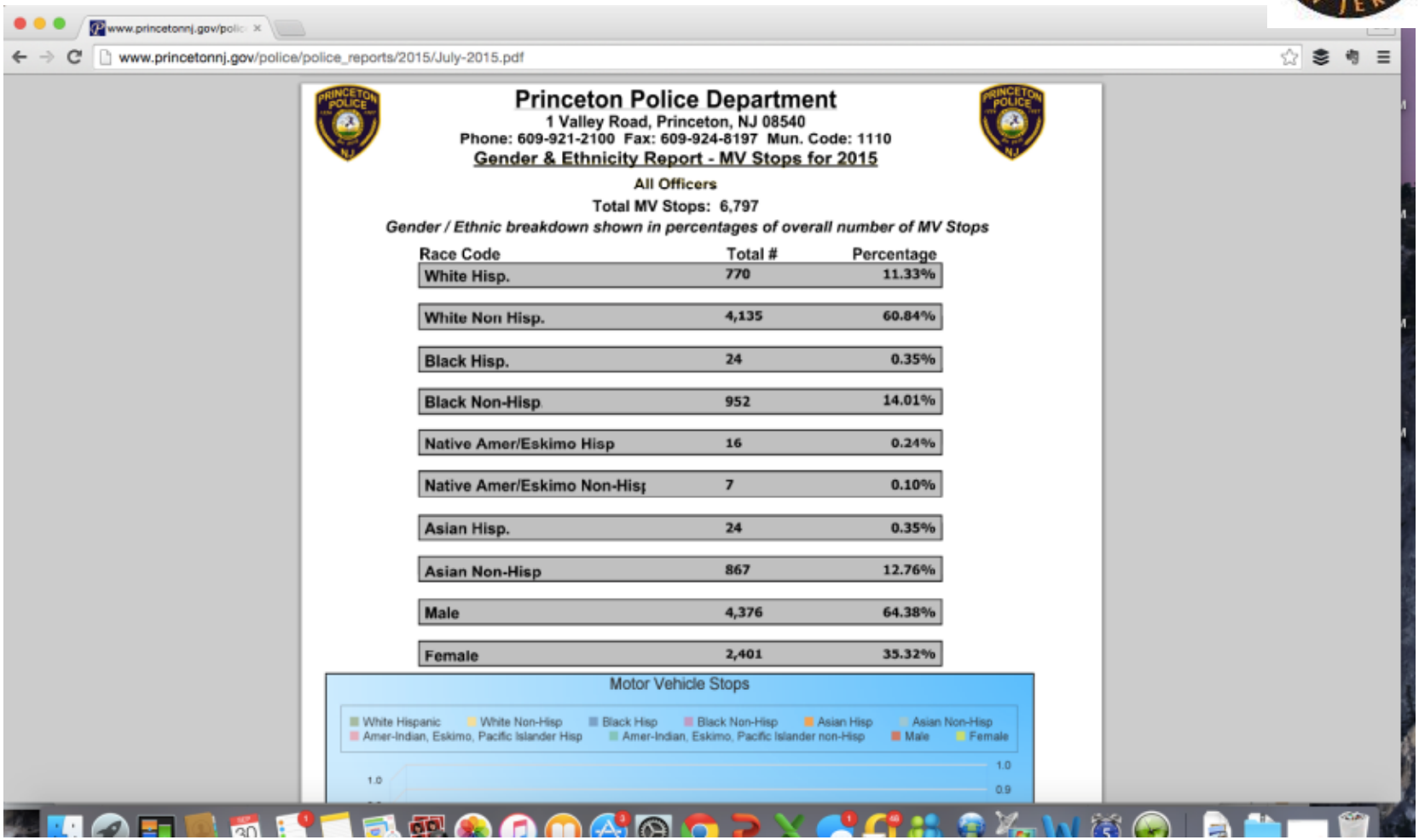
205
200
195
190
235
229
215
208
218*
211
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
Actual Full Time Employees (as of April 2011-2015)
* Budgeted for 2015
Princeton Area Municipal Tax Trends 2010-2015*
You May Be Eligible
for Tax Relief

POLICE



www.princetonnj.gov/police/police_reports/2015/July-2015.pdf

Princeton Police Department

1 Valley Road, Princeton, NJ 08540
Phone: 609-921-2100 Fax: 609-924-8197 Mun. Code: 1110

Gender & Ethnicity Report - MV Stops for 2015

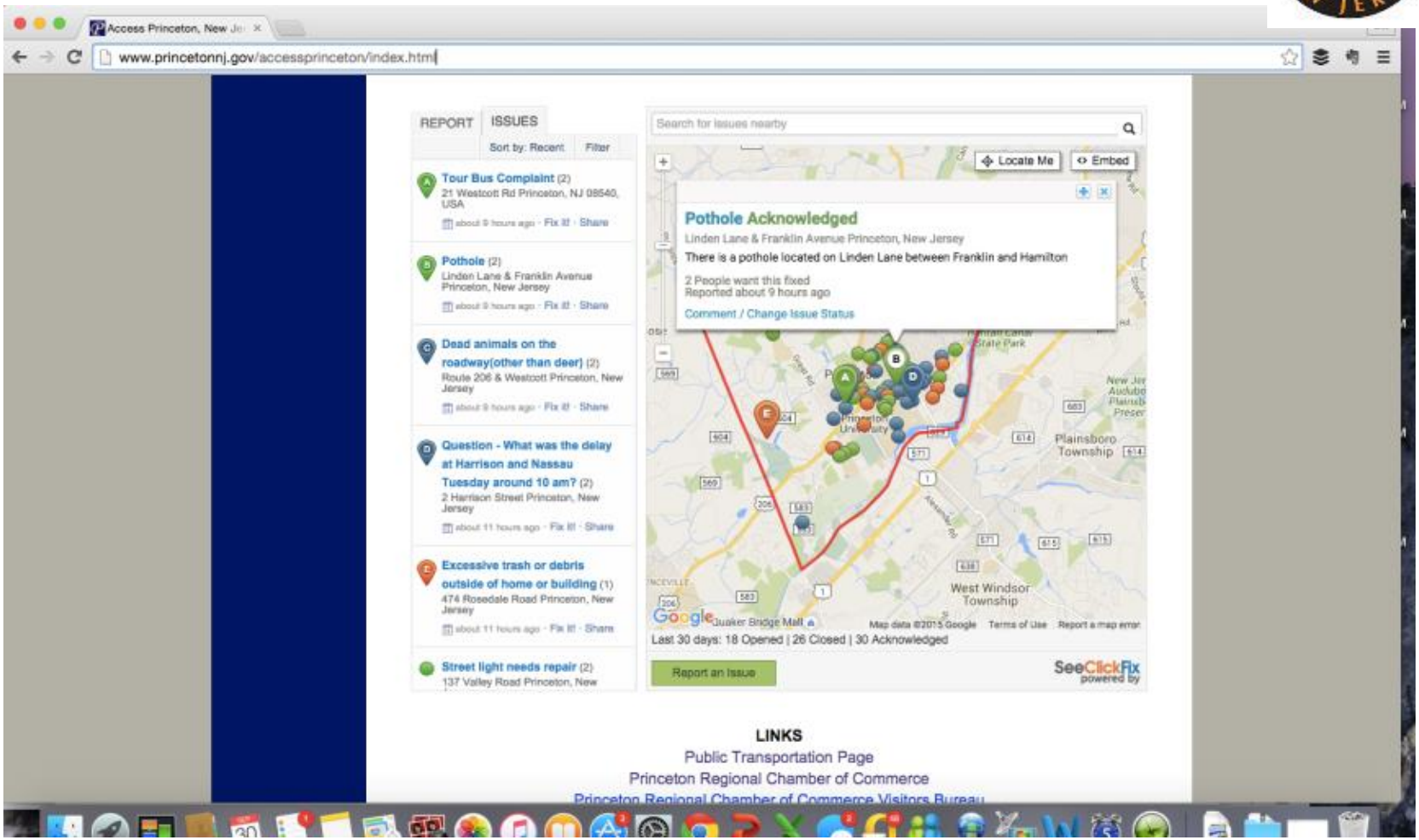
All Officers
Total MV Stops: 6,797
Gender / Ethnic breakdown shown in percentages of overall number of MV Stops

Race Code	Total #	Percentage
White Hisp.	770	11.33%
White Non Hisp.	4,135	60.84%
Black Hisp.	24	0.35%
Black Non-Hisp	952	14.01%
Native Amer/Eskimo Hisp	16	0.24%
Native Amer/Eskimo Non-Hisp	7	0.10%
Asian Hisp.	24	0.35%
Asian Non-Hisp	867	12.76%
Male	4,376	64.38%
Female	2,401	35.32%

Motor Vehicle Stops

White Hispanic | White Non-Hisp | Black Hisp | Black Non-Hisp | Asian Hisp | Asian Non-Hisp | Amer-Indian, Eskimo, Pacific Islander Hisp | Amer-Indian, Eskimo, Pacific Islander non-Hisp | Male | Female

ACCESS PRINCETON



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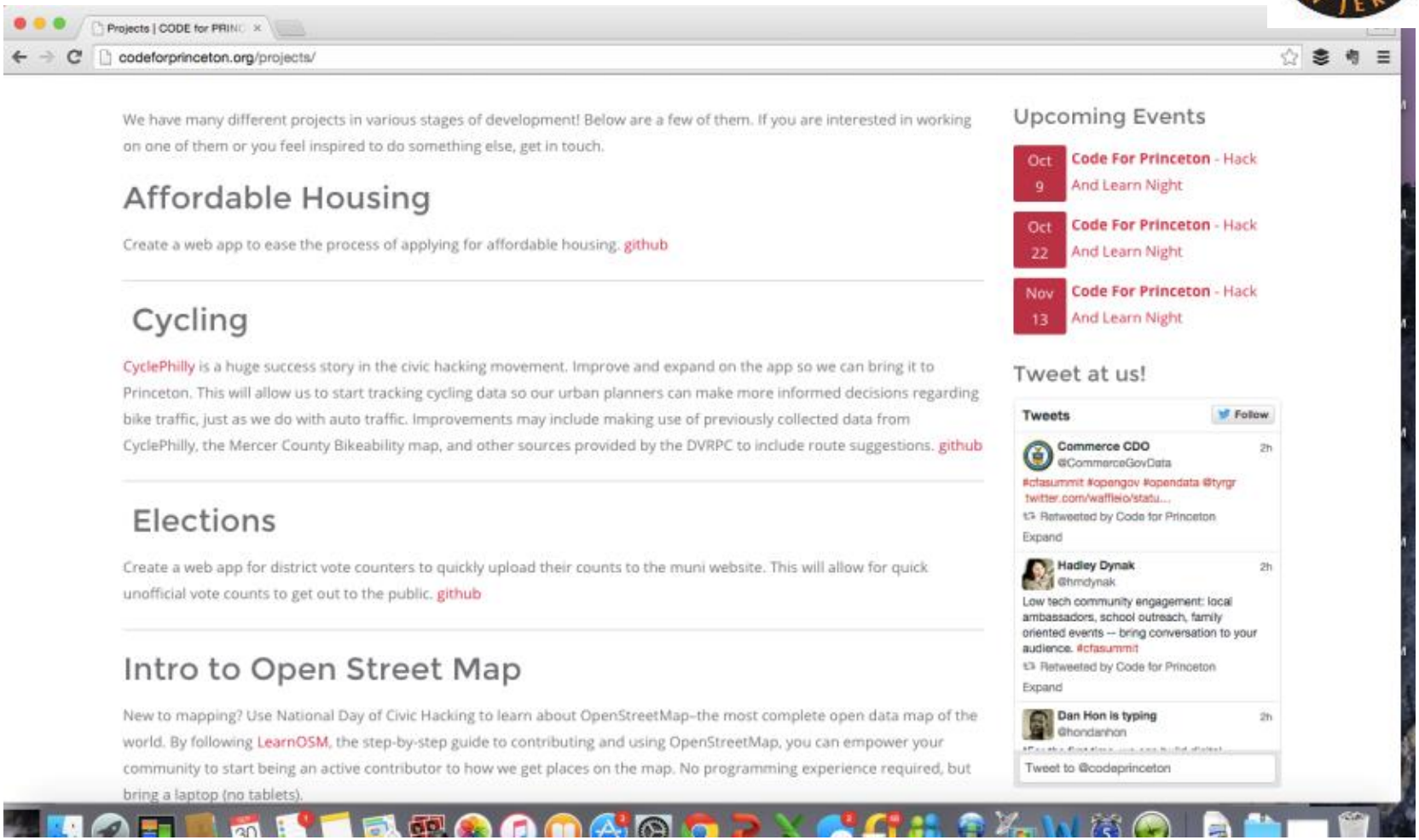

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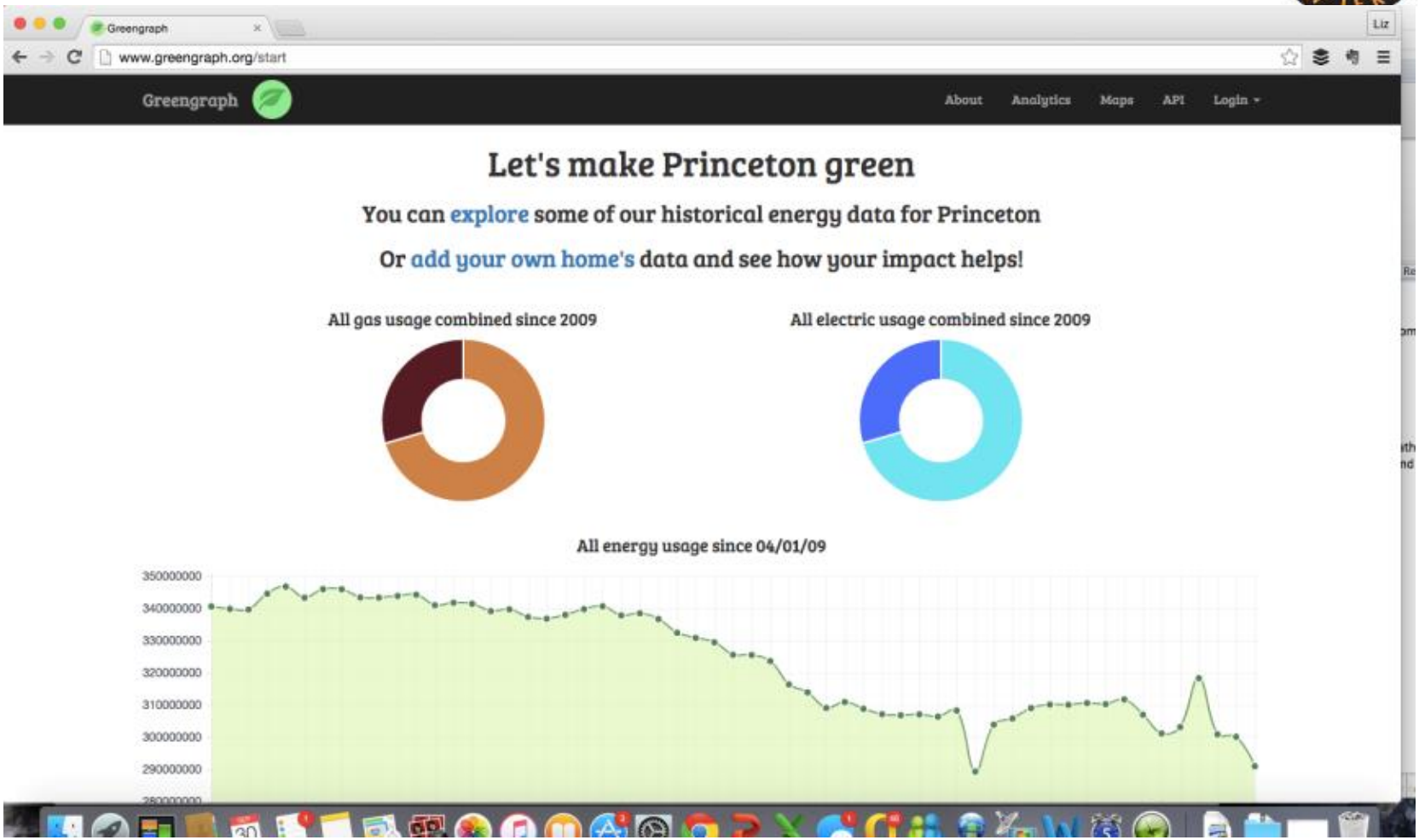

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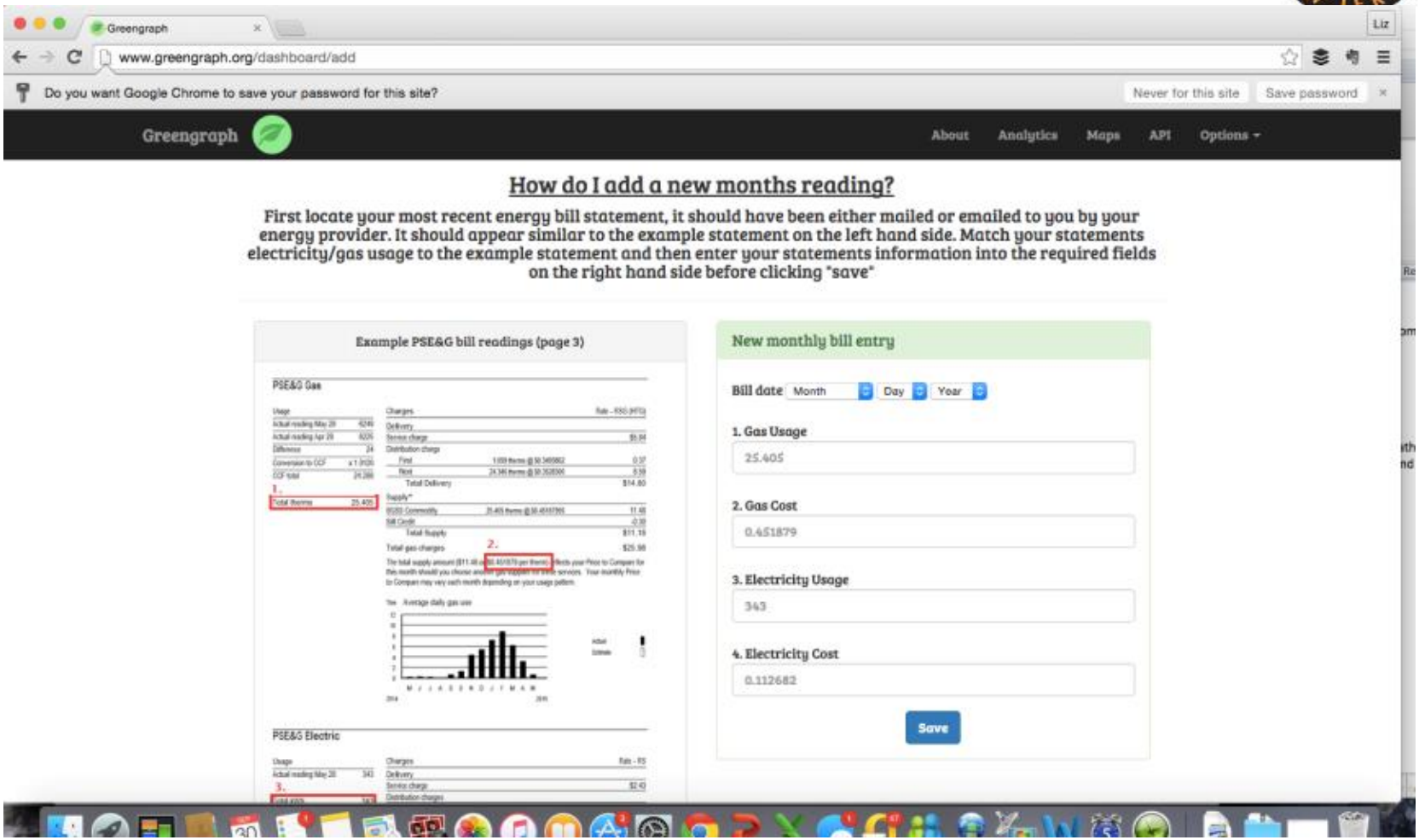

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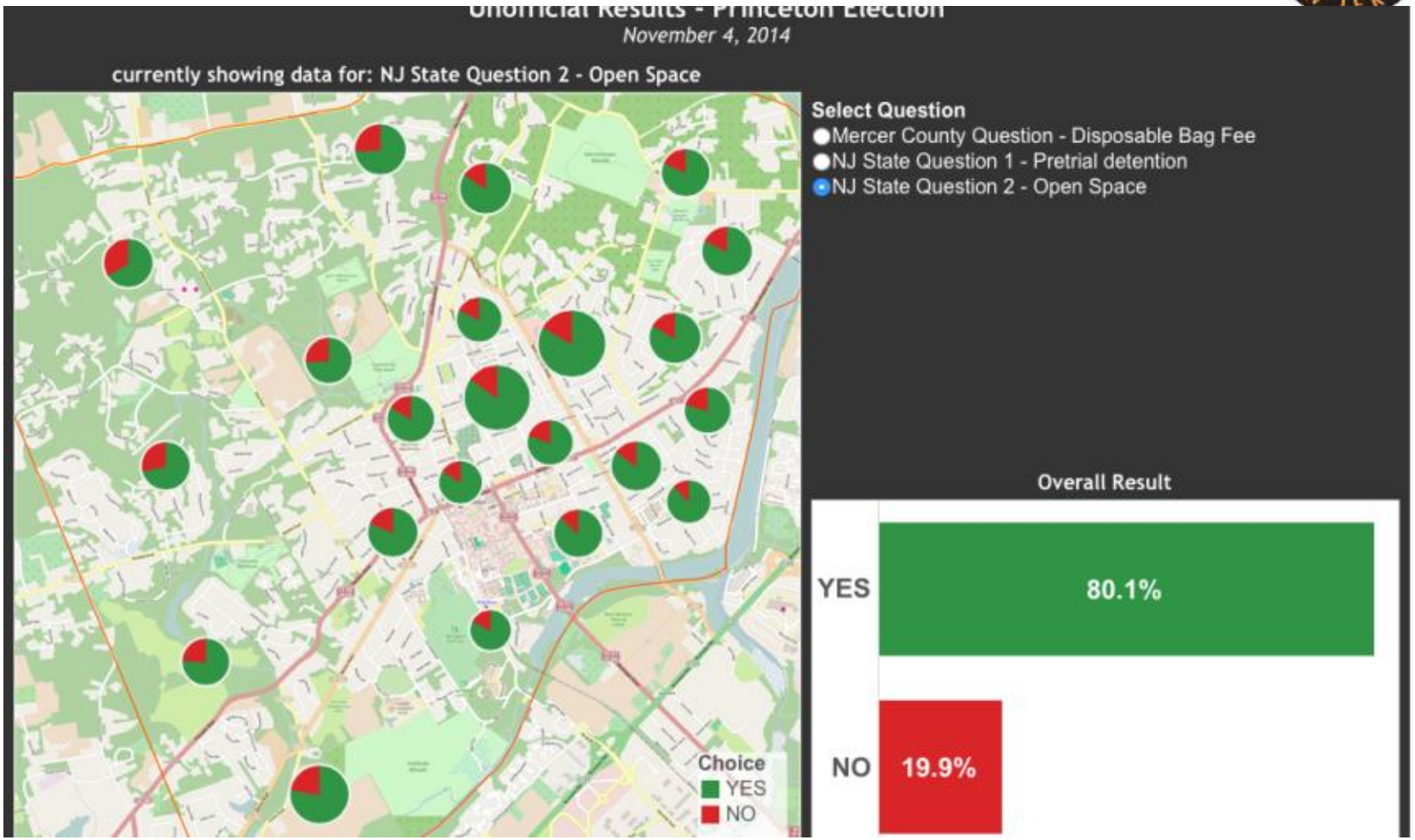

PRINCETON HACKATHON

adaptable mobile apps for the public sector

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South Toms River & Island Height

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UNION COUNTY
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Union County Sheriff
Joseph Cryan
Service - Integrity - Respect - Quality
Home
Tip
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Meet Sheriff
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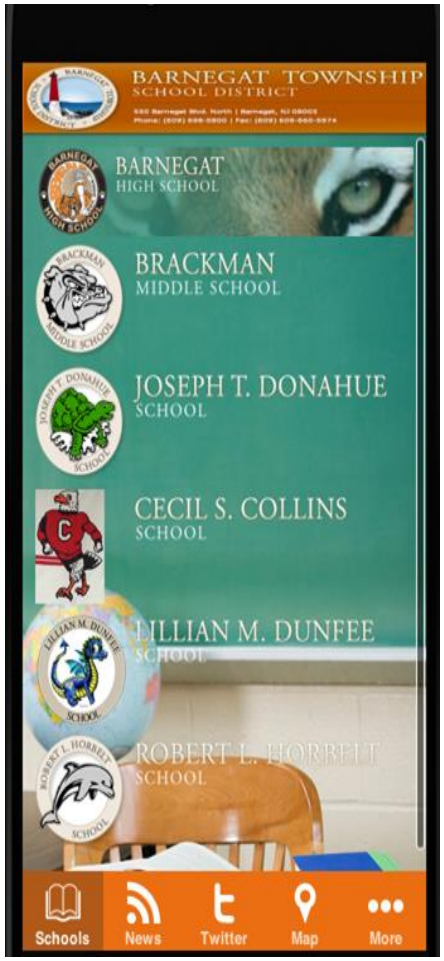
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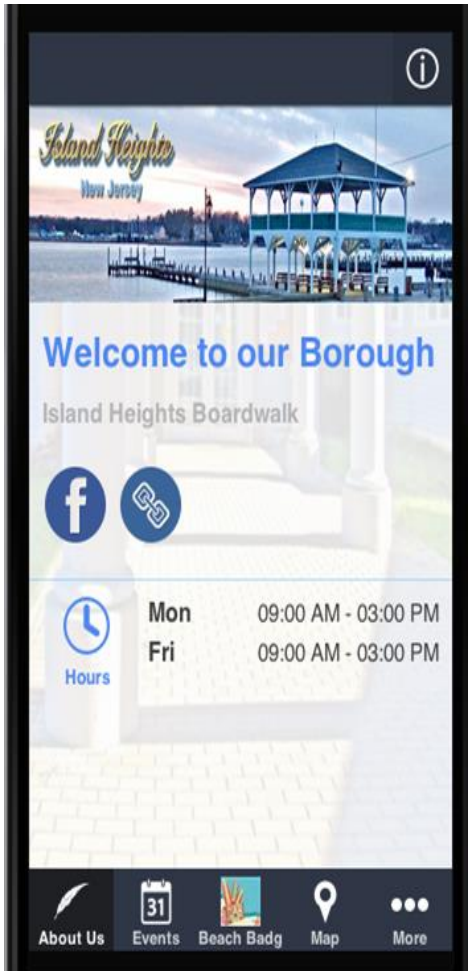
Island Heights
New Jersey
Welcome to our Borough
Island Heights Boardwalk
Hours
Mon 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM
Fri 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM
About Us
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ReportIt!
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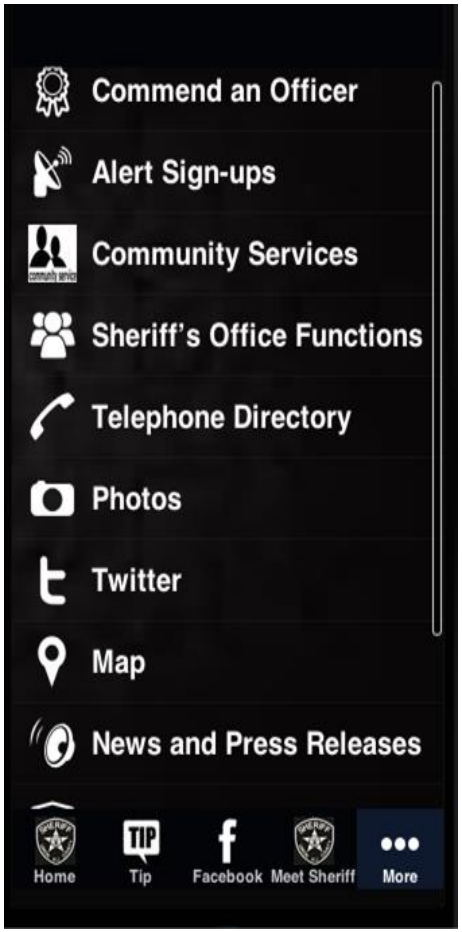
Commend an Officer
Alert Sign-ups
Community Services
Sheriff's Office Functions
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Map
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Tip
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Meet Sheriff
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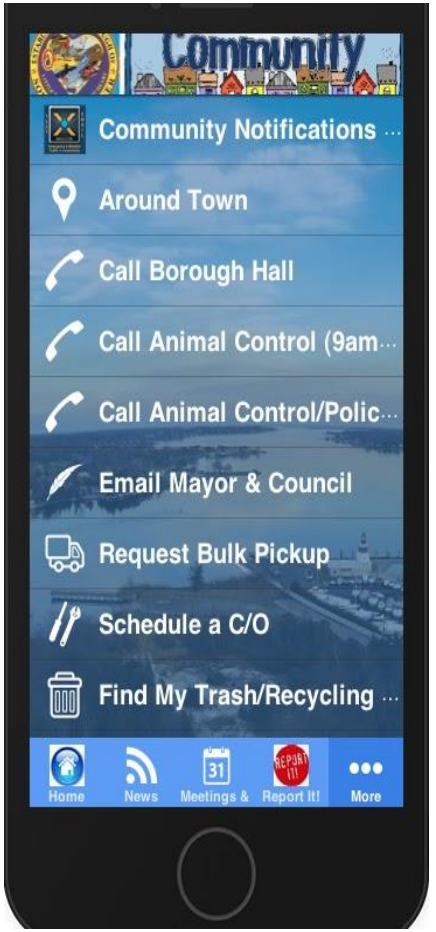
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Community Notifications
Around Town
Call Borough Hall
Call Animal Control (9am
Call Animal Control/Polic
Email Mayor & Council
Request Bulk Pickup
Schedule a C/O
Find My Trash/Recycling
Home
News
Meetings &
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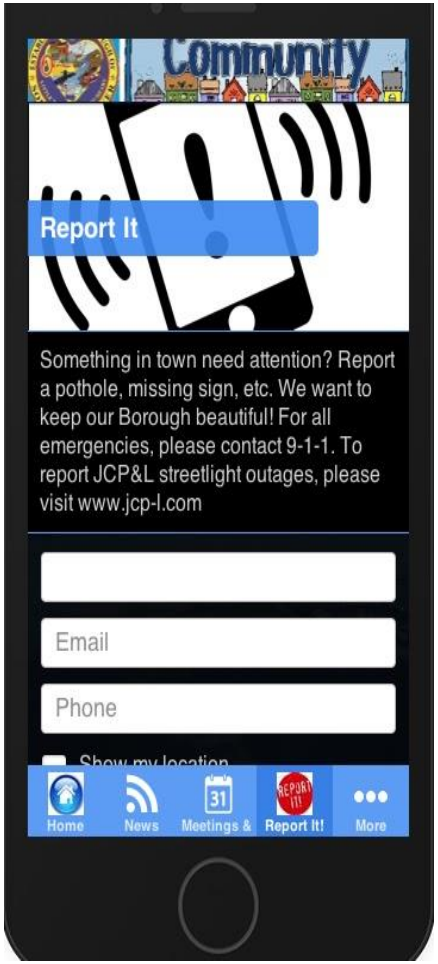
Community
Report It
Something in town need attention? Report a pothole, missing sign, etc. We want to keep our Borough beautiful! For all emergencies, please contact 9-1-1. To report JCP&L streetlight outages, please visit www.jcp-l.com
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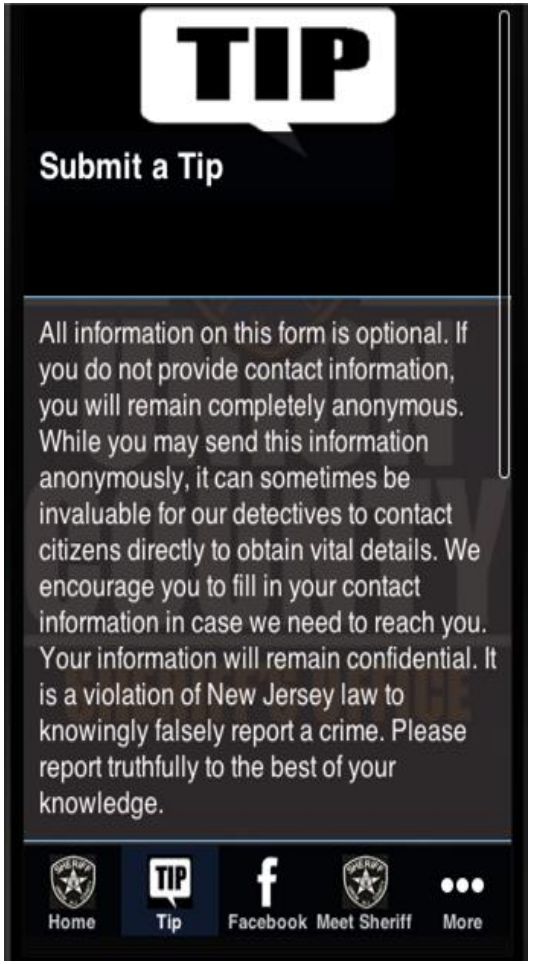
TIP
Submit a Tip
All information on this form is optional. If you do not provide contact information, you will remain completely anonymous. While you may send this information anonymously, it can sometimes be invaluable for our detectives to contact citizens directly to obtain vital details. We encourage you to fill in your contact information in case we need to reach you. Your information will remain confidential. It is a violation of New Jersey law to knowingly falsely report a crime. Please report truthfully to the best of your knowledge.
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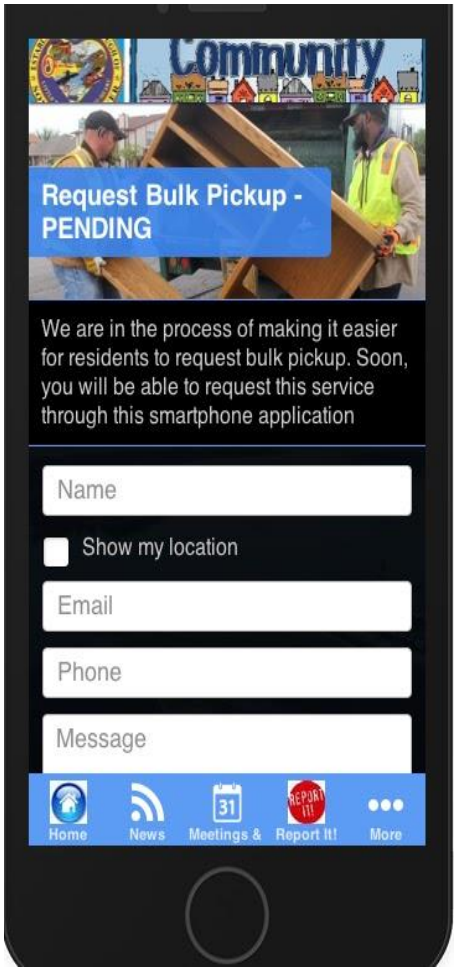
Community
Request Bulk Pickup - PENDING
We are in the process of making it easier for residents to request bulk pickup. Soon, you will be able to request this service through this smartphone application
Name
Show my location
Email
Phone
Message
Home
News
Meetings &
Report It!
More

- ✓ news
- ✓ social media
- ✓ forms
- ✓ applications

customized set up

South Toms R...
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Save

Continue

Need more help? Click here

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Brian Platt

Jersey City's open data portal

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- ✓ Director, Office of Innovation, City of Jersey City
- ✓ Previously Senior Aide to Mayor Steven Fulop
- ✓ Projects include:
  - Body Worn Cameras
  - Transgender Healthcare Coverage
  - Increasing City credit rating
  - Building Pedestrian Mall
  - Port Authority Lawsuit
  - Open Data Portal
- ✓ Previous work experience includes Teach For America, McKinsey & Company, and the Mountain Lakes Fire Dept.

Jersey City's open data portal

www.jerseycitynj.gov/data

http://data.jerseycitynj.gov

Creating a successful Data Portal required 6 key components

Key components of success		
Start Small	Use familiar tools	Allow for flexibility
Defer responsibility	Move slowly	Build value and relevance

The first iteration of Jersey City's Data Portal began with excel files

City of Jersey City
Mayor Fulop's Data Dashboard v2.0

FIRE DEPARTMENT (FDJC)

Prepared By:
Approved By:
LAST MODIFIED:
Week:
Week #:

Service Calls	Batallion 1		Batallion 2		Batallion 3	
	Calls	*Units*	*Calls*	*Units*	*Calls*	*Uni*
Private Dwellings						
Apartments						
Hotels and Motels						
All Other Residential						
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL						
Public Assembly						
Schools and Colleges						
Health Care and Penal Institutions						
Stores and Offices						
Industry, Utility, Defense, Labs, Manuf.						
Storage in Structures						
Other Structures						
TOTAL STRUCTURE FIRES						
Highway vehicles						
Other Vehicles						

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JERSEY CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Prepared By:
Approved By:
Month:

CURRENT INPUT

Weekly Statistics		Main	Bookmobile	Cunningham	Five Corners	Greenville	Heights	Miller	Pavonia	Lafayette	Marion	West Bergen	Total
RESOURCE USAGE													
Books checked out	**Total**												
Books checked out	Adults												
Books checked out	Young adults												
Books checked out	Children												
e-Books checked out	**Total**												

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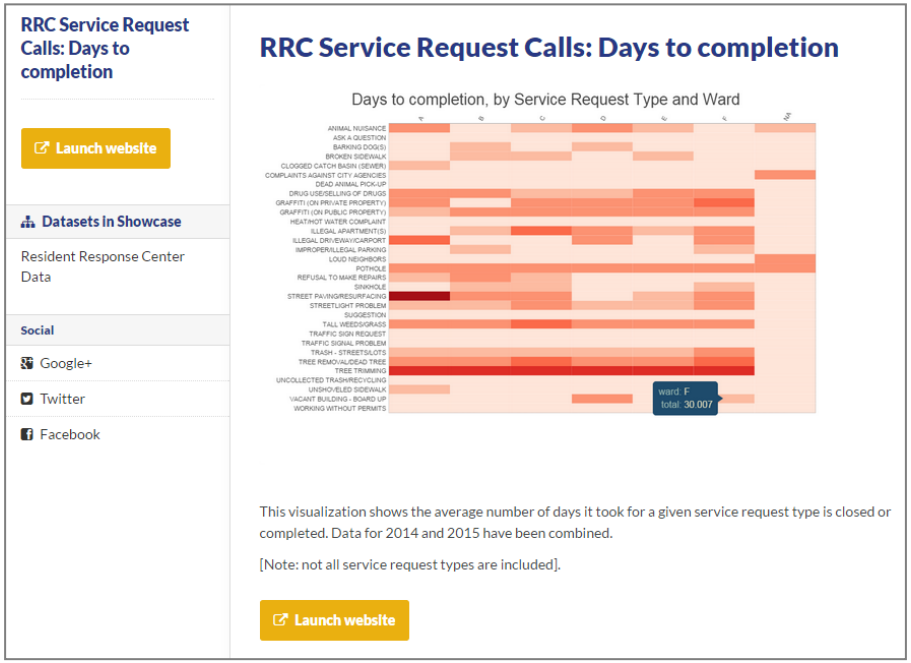
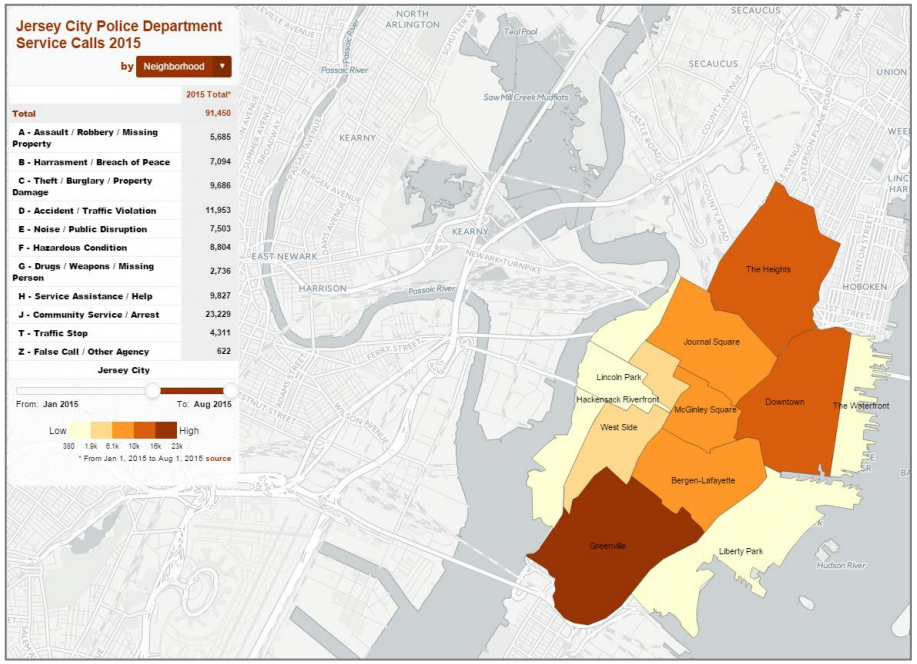
Our next Data Portal iteration includes more analysis and automated systems





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PUBLIC INFORMATION & ENGAGEMENT ACTIONS

sustainablejersey.com

- ✓ several new actions online
- ✓ few being revised

Send case studies we can share & feedback to:

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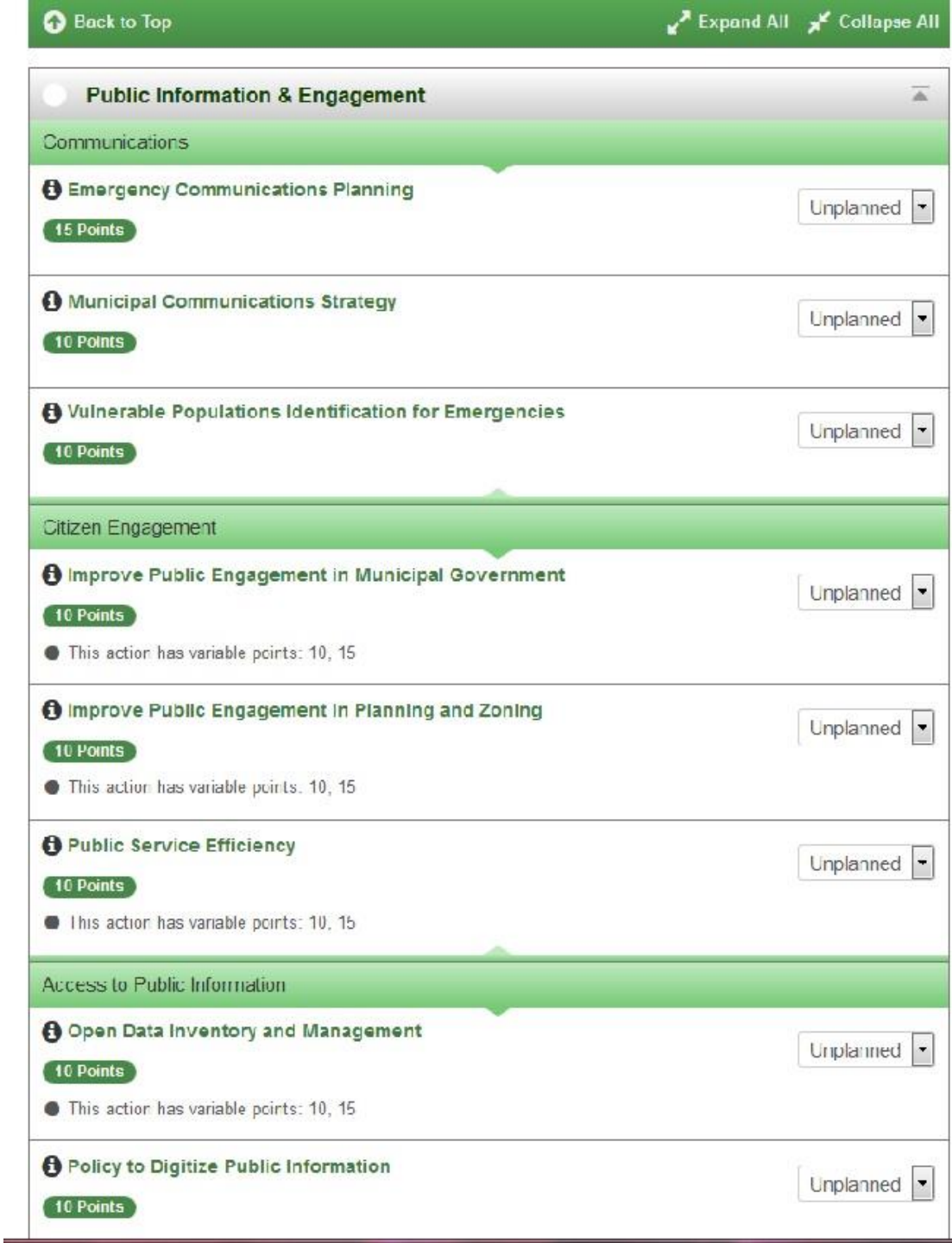
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