

Appendix A – The Current State of Highland Park- November 2004

In order to understand the benefits of the Highland Park Green Plan, one must first understand the current state of the Boro – demographics, economics, culture and environment. The following fact sheet and maps will provide a glimpse of Highland Park’s community statistics, land use patterns, transportation options, hydrography and several other basic amenities.

	Number	Percent
Land Area (square miles)	1.80	
Total population	13,999	100
Male	6,758	48.3
Female	7,241	51.7
Median Age (years)	34.7	
Population by Race		
White	10,087	72.1
Black or African American	1,111	7.9
American Indian and Alaska Native	16	0.1
Asian	1,908	13.6
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	12	0.1
Some other race	503	3.6
Two or more races	362	2.6
Hispanic or Latino	1,145	8.2
Average household size	2.37	
Average family size	3.06	
Total housing units	6,071	100
Occupied housing units	5,899	97.2
Owner-occupied housing units	2,475	42
Renter-occupied housing units	3,424	58
Vacant housing units	172	2.8
Median value single-family (dollars)	183,300	
Education		
High school graduate or higher	8,929	91.1
Bachelor's degree or higher	5,827	59.5
Income		
Median household income (dollars)	53,250	
Median family income (dollars)	71,267	
Per capita income (dollars)	28,767	
Families below poverty level	183	5.3
Individuals below poverty level	1,181	8.4

	Number
Nearest Cities (miles away)	
New Brunswick, NJ	2.0
Edison, NJ	4.2
Newark, NJ	23.2
New York, NY	37.6
Weather by Month (average temperature)	
January	29.7
February	32.1
March	40.7
April	50.4
May	60.7
June	69.6
July	74.8
August	73.2
September	65.7
October	54.1
November	44.6
December	35.0
Transportation	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	28.1
Drove to work (percent)	81.4
Took public transit to work (percent)	10.9
New Jersey Statistics (HP above/below)	
Median household income	above
Median house value above	above
Black race population percentage	above
Hispanic race population percentage	above
Foreign-born population percentage	above
House age	above
Population with a bachelor's degree	above
Population density	above