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## NJMC To Help Revitalize Downtown North Arlington

**LYNDHURST, N.J.** – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission is partnering with North Arlington and the New Jersey Department of Transportation in a Mobility and Community Form program to revitalize the Borough’s downtown area along Ridge Road.

“The NJMC strives every day to improve the quality of life in the Meadowlands District, and our participation in this exciting initiative in North Arlington is a prime example of that commitment,” said Joseph Doria, of the NJMC and Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Chairman. “We look forward to working with Borough and NJDOT officials to bring improvements to Ridge Road that will benefit the Borough aesthetically and grow its tax base.”

The Mobility and Community Form program is a community-based initiative operated and funded by the NJDOT and focuses on creating pedestrian-friendly downtown areas that support social interaction and civic life. Such mobile communities foster a healthy climate for businesses and recreation activities.

The NJMC’s role includes providing professional planning assistance to the process at no charge to the Borough. The Commission will analyze feedback and suggest possible changes to the local zoning ordinances and Master Plan, and provide digital maps of the area. The Commission will also offer guidance to officials and merchants if they wish to establish a special improvement district.

The NJMC recommended North Arlington to the NJDOT as an ideal candidate for the program. Ridge Road, which turns into Route 17, is a state road, and the Borough had previously expressed a desire to improve the area.

“The Commission is always looking for ways to assist District municipalities and we jumped at the chance to bring this program to North Arlington,” said Robert Ceberio, Executive Director of the NJMC. “Ridge Road is an important thoroughfare in North Arlington and the Meadowlands District as a whole and its upgrade will be a benefit to many people.”

