

1: REGION, LOCATION AND BASEMAP

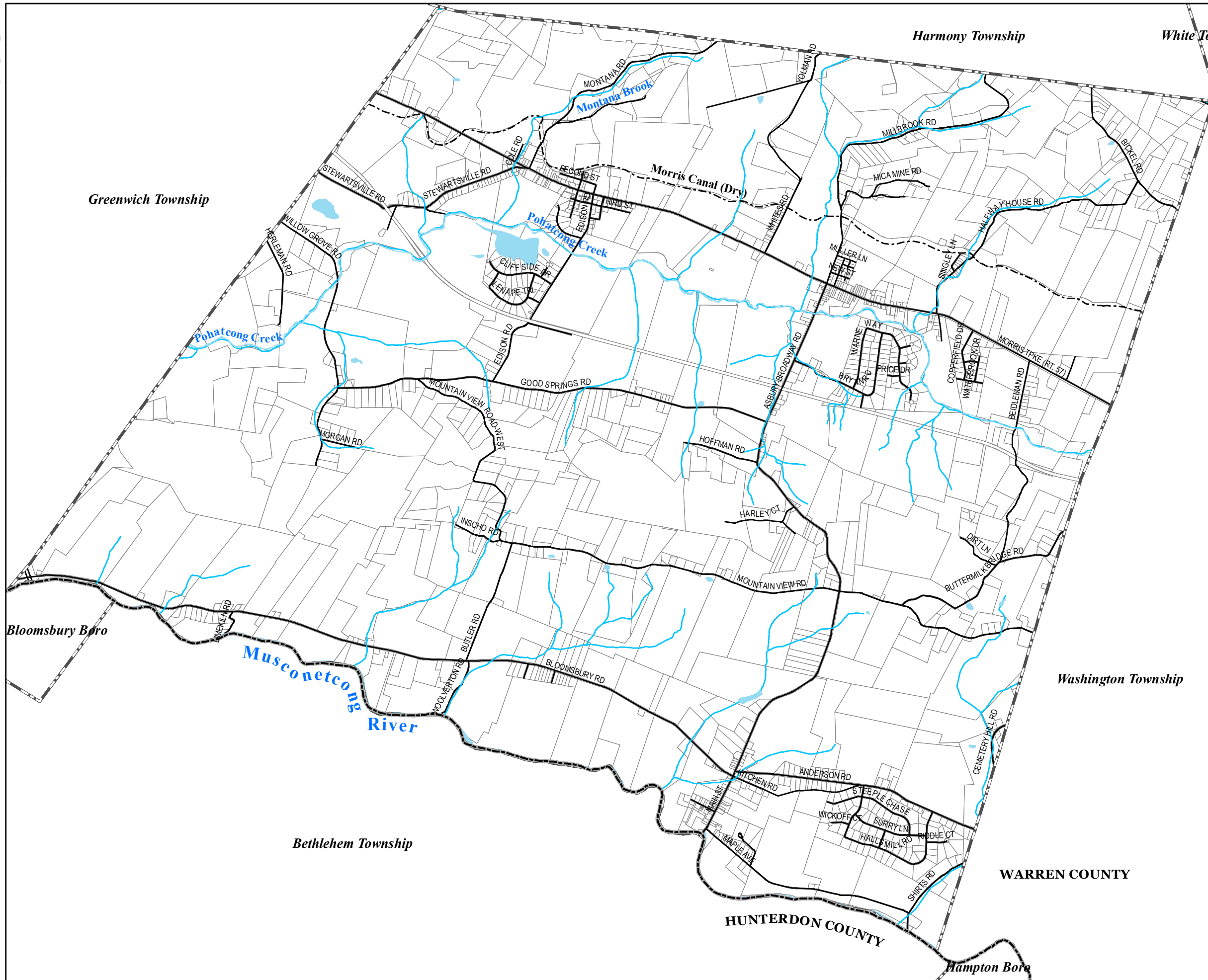
The Township of Franklin encompasses 15,076.66 acres (23.5 square miles) in the southwest corner of Warren County, New Jersey ([Figure 1](#)). The Township is bound on the south by the Musconetcong River, which also forms the Hunterdon-Warren County boundary, dividing Franklin from Bethlehem Township and Bloomsbury Borough. Another major waterway in the Township is the Pohatcong Creek which flows through the upper central portion of the Township. To the west, the Township is bordered by Greenwich Township, Warren County. The border with Washington Township, Warren County, lies to the east. Franklin Township includes three villages: Asbury, Broadway, and New Village.

Franklin Township is easily accessible from the east and west via State Route 57 (also known as the Morris Turnpike), which crosses the northern portion of the Township. Interstate 78 lies just to the south, connecting with US Route 22 west of the municipal boundary, in Greenwich Township. County Routes 632, 633 and 643 provide secondary access.

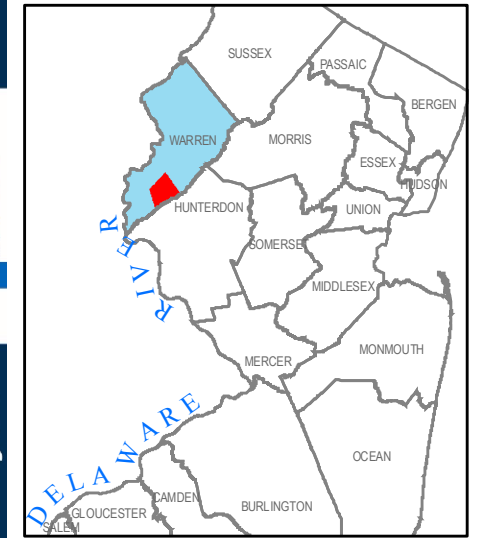
According to US Census data, the population of Franklin Township was recorded as 3,190 in 2005. This represents an increase of just over 25% from the 1990 population (2,404), compared to an increase of just under 12% for Warren County as a whole. The population growth in Franklin Township likely reflects the increase in developmental pressure spurred by suburban growth due to accessibility of major transportation routes, Routes 22 and 78, and the generally attractive quality of life perceived by those drawn to live in this rural community.

Forests and agricultural uses are the dominant land covers in Franklin Township, although the Township is also characterized by diverse geology, topography, soils and plant and wildlife communities. Environmentally sensitive features include significant areas of threatened and endangered species habitat, exceptional resource wetlands, and Category One (C1) waters (i.e., the Pohatcong Creek and its tributaries). Franklin Township lies within New Jersey's Watershed Management Area (WMA) 1, the Upper Delaware WMA, which drains the headwaters of the Musconetcong River.

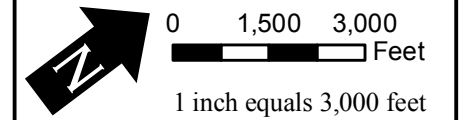
Franklin Township is located primarily within the Highlands Planning Area, although portions of the municipality fall within the Preservation Area. In general, significant development will not be permitted in the Preservation Area unless specifically approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the Highlands Council. Nearby natural resource features and recreational areas of significance include the Merrill Creek Reservoir, the Musconetcong River Reservation, and the Musconetcong River Wildlife Management Area. Recreational opportunities within the borders of Franklin Township include State-owned properties, County-owned Bread Lock Park, municipally-owned recreational fields and indoor facilities, as well as Board of Education playing fields.



NEW JERSEY COUNTY MAP



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SOURCES:

1. Parcel, roads and the Franklin Township Boundary data obtained from Warren County Planning Dept. "This map was developed using the Warren County New Jersey, Geographic Information System digital data, but this secondary product has not been verified by Warren County and is not county-authorized."
2. Surface water data obtained from the NJDEP, Division of GIS.

**FIGURE 1
REGIONAL BASE MAP**

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY
 FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
 WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Legend

- County Boundary
- Municipal Boundaries
- Ponds/Lakes
- Streams**
- Streams
- Morris Canal (Dry)
- Roads
- Parcels

