

**Forces of Change Affecting Camden County (MAPP Coalition-Sept./Oct. 2005)**

	<i>Events</i>	<i>Factors</i>	<i>Trends</i>
<b>Economic</b>	Camden City Redevelopment Rise of China	Other jurisdictions may offer more lucrative tax breaks, etc. Some of workforce unprepared (e.g., punctuality, attendance issues) Workforce retention issues Employees' out of work challenges -- housing, health, child care --impact retention and job performance Proximity to Philadelphia/NYC	Less funding available for gov./nonprofits Proliferation of retail centers- More jobs in construction as retail proliferates  Rising gas/oil prices Rising energy costs Affordable housing tougher to find Rising cost of living expenses outpacing growth in wages Growing disparity between haves/have-nots Outsourcing of jobs Increase in rateables generally but not uniformly
<b>Environmental</b>	Loss of LICAR-lead paint abatement program in Camden Hurricane Katrina	global warming insufficient screening for lead County open space efforts air quality/chemicals in Camden Extreme weather New stormwater regs Mercury in freshwater fish	environmental enforcement staff Less monitoring of air/water
<b>Legal/Political</b>	Clean election law Reorganization of Camden City Police ongoing gubernatorial campaign Recent Camden City mayoral elections State takeover of Camden Sup. Ct. eminent domain ruling (Kelo) Pending Sup. Ct. nominations-Roberts news coverage and impact local tobacco ordinances continuing ramifications of 9/11-security	Patriot Act-privacy provisions HIPAA Involuntary outpatient commitment	Need to ensure all groups/persons adequately represented More partisan/less civil political process Need for equalization of services within county (e.g., transportation) Reduced outreach/services in Southern part of county Growing litigiousness-people quick to sue/defensive Demand for increased accountability for gov/nonprofs Escalating taxes-impact on families/towns
<b>Social</b>	death of 3 young children in Camden  Influx/dispersion of Hurricane Katrina evacuees Welfare reform ramifications	Need for religious institutions to collaborate  increased out of home childcare- 70% kids under age 6 immigration Few grocery stores in Camden selling affordable, healthy foods	Aging population and growing proportion of elderly Rise in aggression, poor social and emotional skills, as manifested by road rage, etc. Increased need for job training Increasing need for literacy training Gaps in services, e.g., those leaving prison, etc. have little access to services of benefits so recidivism Jails becoming surrogate mental health providers Need for prevention/healthier alternatives to keep kids out of judicial system Increased security around college campuses in City Increase in street violence Growing lack of afterschool programs Increased dropout rate Apathy-people feel powerless or unwilling to help Shift in population-wealthier leaving county Poor leaving Camden for Lindenwold/South Cty. Transportation to/from services (esp. in southern pt. of county)
<b>Health</b>	Needle exchange court ruling/controversy Medicare Pt D. (Rx Drugs) Medicaid changes (funding)	Clinics closing Charity care changes Recent hospital closures AIDS ↑ among adolescents AIDS ↑ among African-American ♀ Inadequate immunization for teens nursing shortage  avian flu	People increasingly transitory--impacts health, etc. Increasing number of diabetes cases More dialysis centers and need for these services More consistent insurance coverage needed Pt. use of meds/devices (blood glucose/apnea) w.out MD/RN consult Increase in alcohol and substance abuse More use of emergency rooms Low Medicaid reimbursement rates hurt hospitals providing charity care and discourage such care Increased childhood obesity and resulting health problems
<b>Technological/ Scientific</b>		Enhanced access to info (+ and -)	Advanced information technology
<b>Other</b>	Traffic issues		Need for transportation, adequate parking