

## **F. Train Station**

The Train Station, located on the south side of Monmouth Street adjacent to the Conrail Line, is a 110-year-old building of historical significance, located outside of the Municipal Historic District (See Figure CF-14)..

As previously noted, the Train Station is currently used by the City to house the Building and Welfare Departments. Nine municipal employees occupy 1,200 sq. ft. of this building for a space ratio of one employee per 133 sq. ft. of floor area. The City will have to relocate these employees to another location when NJ Transit initiates commuter rail service connecting Glassboro to Camden (and Philadelphia) via the Conrail rail line and restores the building to its original function as a Train Station.

In 1994, the City filed an application for approximately \$240,000 in ISTEAs funds to undertake renovations to the building so that it could be restored to its original function. The City was not successful in its first attempt to obtain these highly-competitive funds. It is recommended that the City analyze and correct the weak points of its original application and resubmit for funding.

In addition to undertaking renovations to this structure, the City should coordinate with NJ Transit officials to have all bus routes running through the City rerouted to include stops at the station. This would result in the structure functioning as a multi-modal transportation center serving residents of Gloucester City and the surrounding area.

FIGURE CF-15

TRAIN STATION  
GLOUCESTER CITY, NJ



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*Currently, this historic structure houses the City's Building and Welfare Departments. NJ Transit is planning to return facility to its original use as part of a proposed commuter rail service.*

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**G. Library**

The City Library is located on Hudson Street, east of the Conrail Line. As shown in Figure CF-16, the library is a one-story masonry structure.

The 1984 Master Plan presented the results of an exhaustive analysis of the space allocation in the library and the compatibility of the facility with the standards of the American Library Association. According to City officials, there have been no significant modifications to the library since that time. It is presumed that the facility continues to meet the needs of the residents of Gloucester City.

**FIGURE CF-16**

**GLOUCESTER CITY LIBRARY  
GLOUCESTER CITY, NJ**

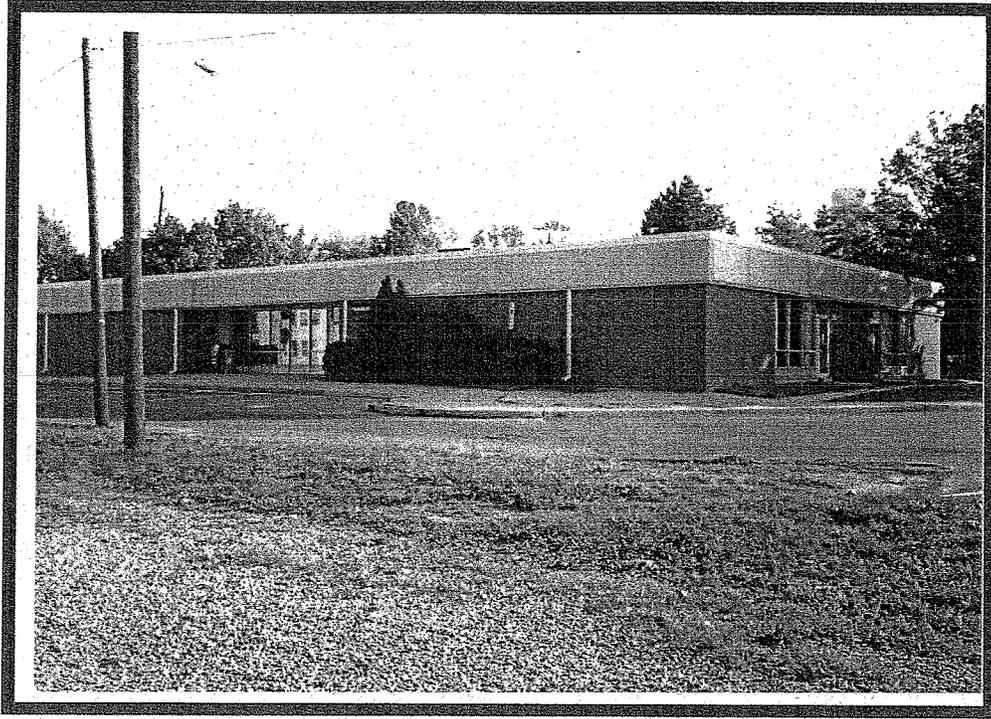


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*The library is located near the intersection of Hudson Street and the railroad. The parking lot for the library extends to Monmouth Street and could serve nearby commercial uses.*

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## **H. Recreation**

A detailed review and analysis of the recreation amenities provided in Gloucester City is included in the Recreation Element of the Master Plan. The following is a brief summary of the pertinent findings of that Element.

The City maintains approximately 54 acres of park and recreation areas at various locations throughout the municipality. The facilities include neighborhood parks with small tot lots and seating areas, community recreation areas with athletic fields, hard surface areas for "court" games (e.g. basketball and tennis), and a waterfront community park. While a majority of the parks and recreation areas are in fair to good condition, there are sites in need of significant improvements and repair.

Although there is a significant amount of land along the waterway in Gloucester City public recreational areas represent only a small proportion of the use along these edges. Waterfront recreation areas are found at the Johnson Boulevard/Veterans Park Complex along Newton Creek and Proprietors Park on the Delaware River and the Board of Education property on Little Timber Creek. Recently, the Zoning Board of Adjustment granted Site Plan and Variance Approval for the development of Rack Storage/Restaurant/Commercial Complex on the former Coast Guard property. The development of this facility will provide increase public access to the Delaware River both through the Marina operations and also in the form of a waterfront pedestrian walkway around the perimeter of the site.

The recommendations for improvements contained in the Recreation Element of the Master Plan are:

- Providing additional recreational areas to serve residential neighborhoods. This primarily focuses on creating a recreational area to serve the Park Manor neighborhood and the core of the West Broadway residential area;
- Expansion of facilities at the Newton Creek Recreational Complex as a means of expanding recreational opportunities at the primary activity center of the Municipality;
- The development of a marina and other recreational activities at Proprietors Park as an element of creating a core Riverfront Recreational Redevelopment Area.