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## IN BROADER CONTEXT...

Morris Area Together is an independent subset of New Jersey Together, a 501 c3 affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF). The nation's first and largest network of multi-faith community organizations.

The IAF partners with religious congregations and civic organizations at the local level to build broad-based organizing projects;

We have seven decades of experience winning tough campaigns for change, including passing the nation's first living wage law in Baltimore, securing more than \$1 billion of chromium cleanup in Jersey City, and building 6,000, affordable, owner-occupied Nehemiah homes across the North East and Mid-Atlantic.

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**MORRIS AREA  
TOGETHER**  
AN AFFILIATE OF THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS FOUNDATION

**BUILDING POWER  
THROUGH  
FELLOWSHIP AND ACTION**



## WE ARE A FAITH-BASED, POWER BUILDING ORGANIZATION..

Morris Area Together is a non-partisan, growing, broad based group of faith based institutions and non-profits concentrated in the Morris County Area, committed to working together to build power to address key issues in our communities.

We strengthen congregations and community institutions by investing in their leaders, helping them develop the skills and capacity to be active makers of change in the public arena.

We create a vehicle through which ordinary people are able to be heard, allowing them to be part of the decision making processes around the community decisions that affect their lives.

We build relationships of trust among people and institutions across Morris County, and the state when necessary, crossing lines of class, age, race, religion and partisanship that divide our communities.

We launched in the spring of 2021, with a mix of congregations and non-profits. Our launch saw community leaders and clergy retain commitments from corporate and government officials in front of 650+ individuals over zoom.

These commitments addressed specific issues with Housing Accessibility, Mental Health and Substance Use treatment accessibility, and disparities in Criminal Justice issues.

Currently, we are 10 organizations with solidified commitments in the form of time and money, and the understanding that with united democratic action, we can bring about meaningful effective change for our communities.

Some of the impact of our work together, thus far, includes:

- 130+ police and first responders trained in mental health crisis de-escalation techniques.
- The thorough inspection and repair of 35 heavily dilapidated units at Manahan Village, Morristown.
- The re-opening of the Marion W. Sally resident's center at Manahan Village.

## OUR MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH Mendham  
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER Morristown  
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN Florham Park  
MORRIS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Randolph  
MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Morristown  
MORRISTOWN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
FELLOWSHIP Morristown  
NEW LIFE RECOVERY Morristown  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MORRISTOWN Morristown  
ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Morristown  
TEMPLE B'NAI OR Morristown

## MEMBERSHIP DUES STRUCTURE AND NEED FOR RECRUITMENT

Our membership annually contributes 1% of their revenue budget with a cap of \$7500 and a minimum of \$500, to own and sustain the organization.

In order for us to continue to make meaningful effective change and for Morris Area Together to continue, we currently are focusing on recruitment, as well as on working together to continue building relationships and power, for the sake of being the drivers of change in our communities.

"At the banquet table of nature there are no reserved seats. You get what you can take, and keep what you can hold. If you can't take anything, you won't get anything; and if you can't hold anything, you won't keep anything. And you can't take anything without organization."

--A. Philip Randolph, Civil rights leader and Founder of the March on Washington and Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

