

# John S. Watson Institute for Urban Policy and Research

The John S. Watson Institute for Urban Policy and Research comprises integrated policy centers and initiatives that support informed public policy. We serve as a vital, non-partisan resource for New Jersey decision-makers, supporting the development and implementation of real-world solutions.



The Institute celebrates the 100th birthday of its namesake, the late John S. Watson. Sr., with a year of programs and events continuing the visionary leader's legacy.

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# Our Work



## > New Jersey Urban Mayors Policy Center

The John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy and Research supports the New Jersey Urban Mayors' Association through critical insights and analysis of policies, issues and opportunities facing New Jersey's cities.



## > Center for the Positive Development of Urban Children

The Center for the Positive Development of Urban Children amplifies the voices of teachers, practitioners, families, and advocates, through strategic policy initiatives.



## > Center for the Urban Environment

The Center for the Urban Environment is dedicated to addressing the disproportionate amount of pollution found in low-income communities and communities of color.



## > Center for Economic and Workforce Development, Social Entrepreneurship, and Innovation

The Center for Economic and Workforce Development, Social Entrepreneurship, and Innovation promotes the development of resilient businesses and living-wage jobs.

## > Center for Health Policy Development

The Institute collectively works with health organizations and elected officials across the state to advance health policies.



## > Center for Urban Policy Research

The Center for Urban Policy Research (CUPR) positions equity as a lens through which to evaluate issues facing urban centers and analyze legislative, executive judicial, and regulatory actions impacting urban spaces.



## > Watson/NFBPA-NJ Chapter Partnership

The John S. Watson of Public Policy and Research partners with the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) – NJ Chapter

## > Coalport Neighborhood Revitalization Planning Project

The Coalport Neighborhood Revitalization Project is a research and planning effort to envision the revitalization of the historic Coalport neighborhood located in New Jersey's capital city of Trenton.

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