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**CAN IT HAPPEN TO YOU?**

Eminent domain -- the taking of private property by government -- has become a hot issue this year. In June, the United States Supreme Court ruled that towns can take property from private owners and sell it to developers as part of larger redevelopment plans. The practice has become commonplace in New Jersey. Below is a list of 64 municipalities that have declared "areas in need of redevelopment" within their towns and had those plans approved by the state. While not all of these towns have used eminent domain to seize property, the state approval gives them the authority to do so within the redevelopment areas.

Municipality	County
Aberdeen	Monmouth
Asbury Park	Monmouth
Bayonne	Hudson
Belmar	Monmouth
Bloomsbury	Hunterdon
Camden City	Camden
Carteret	Middlesex
City of Burlington	Burlington
City of Elizabeth	Union
City of Irvington	Essex
City of Somers Point	Atlantic
City of Trenton	Mercer
Cranford	Union
Deerfield Township	Cumberland
Delran	Burlington
East Brunswick	Middlesex
East Hanover	Morris
East Orange	Essex
Edgewater	Bergen
Englewood	Bergen
Fort Lee	Bergen
Frankford	Sussex
Garfield	Bergen
Gloucester City	Camden
Gloucester Township	Camden
Hackensack	Bergen
Hainesport Township	Burlington
Hainesport	Burlington
Hamilton	Mercer
Jersey City	Hudson
Keyport	Monmouth
Lawnside	Camden
Linden	Union
Linwood	Atlantic
Lodi Borough	Bergen
Logan Township	Gloucester
Mansfield Township	Burlington
Maplewood	Essex
Merchantville	Camden
Milford Borough	Hunterdon
Montclair	Essex
Morristown	Morris
Neptune Township	Monmouth
Ocean Township	Ocean
Old Bridge	Middlesex
Oxford Township	Warren
Passaic City	Passaic
Perth Amboy	Middlesex

Pilesgrove	Salem
Pleasantville	Atlantic
Plainfield	Union
Plumsted Township	Ocean
Ridgefield Borough	Bergen
Riverside	Burlington
South Amboy	Middlesex
Stratford	Camden
Tinton Falls	Monmouth
Town of Newton	Sussex
Union City	Hudson
Union Township	Union
Wallington	Bergen
West Caldwell Township	Essex
West New York	Hudson
Woodstown Borough	Salem

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