

PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1 COMMENTS

TOPIC: TRANSPORTATION / CIRCULATION

Roads, Public Transit, Pedestrian and Bicycle Access...sidewalks, paths, trails, bike lanes

1. What are the **strengths** or positive aspects of the township's transportation/circulation system?

Access to major highways; snow removal; public trans; bus services; well-maintained streets; signage; parking; well-maintained transit area;

2. What are the **weaknesses** or negative aspects of the township's transportation/circulation system?

Lack of bike access; lack of sidewalks; minimal public transit; traffic @ WCU; traffic in Roslyn/Pamona Hill/Spruce Ave; speed and volume; on-street parking in Roslyn; Paoli Pk, Westtown Rd, Pottstown Pk, Phoenixville Pk; Wawa intersections; speed on WC Pike and Rt 202 to Matlack; intersections – Greenhill/Boot, WC Pike/Maple Ln; lack of crosswalks and shelters @ bus stops; Five Pts to QVC speed limit too low; Boot/Wilson (Comcast hundreds of cars); Rt 100 N/Pottstown Pk merge; Grove Rd and Oak Ln speeding; Rt 100 S / 202 S speeding; 202 N onto 202 bypass @ High St; Boot Rd E to 202 N; flappable stop signs;

3. **What would you like the township to do** with regard to its transportation/circulation system?

Add bike lanes to WC Boro and Chester Valley Trail; connect trails; widen shoulders/add sidewalks; safe pedestrian access to WC Boro; shared-use paths; connect 322 E to Pottstown Pk; add left turn lane Rosedale to New St southbound; address 202/Matlack congestion; Five Points/WC Pike light timing; improve Rt 3/Rt 202 interchange; Airport Rd S-curve next to reservoir; Commercialize bus stops (ads); install bus shelters; bike route along 322; ped and bike from CCH to Fern Hill & WG Park; User pay shuttle from WG to Exton from carpool lot; more public trans; ride sharing; coordinate parking lots w/ shuttle; improved communication for enforcement; Rt 100 S / 202 S speeding—enforcement & traffic study; Roslyn/Pamona Hills—open Stadium Rd; update signage & road markings; train to Phila

TOPIC: ENVIRONMENT

Woodlands, Water, Floodplains, Wetlands, Slopes, Habitat (Open space areas are included in the Land Use and Housing topic)

1. What are the **strengths** or positive aspects of the township's environmental resources and efforts to protect them?

Jerrehian open space; good planning/awareness; stormwater plan; Open space in Twp parks; ordinances prevent erosion/runoff from neighboring properties; woodlands off Spruce Ave for walking; natural resource ordinances—well-regulated and defined; ordinance requires native vegetation @ detention basins; lots of trees

2. What are the **weaknesses** or negative aspects of the township's environmental resources and efforts to protect them?

Runoff, pesticides, noxious chemicals; noise pollution/traffic; sewer plant odor; road litter; Plum Run no longer has constant flow; too many Canadian geese; too few trees in some areas; too many invasives; too little attention to good natural landscaping in developments; deer; riparian buffers (lack of?); drinking water quality; no storm sewers in N. Hill, N Penn, S Penn, W Penn, E Penn neighborhoods; unsightly tree pruning along rds; native plants not required for developments (?); few remaining resources, natural areas;

3. **What would you like the township to do** with regard to environmental resource protection?

Save Jerrehian for OS (160 acres not enough); do not pave hiking/biking paths – adds to impervious cover; volunteer clean-up days for road litter; partner with scouts for road clean-up; creative deer and pest mgt; inventory of trees, native plants and animals; educate public on wetland regulation; what is cost of runoff tax; protect aquifer; Windsor Dr well contamination (fecal); Aqua rep to address quality; do not remove old trees; cultivate habitats, old trees; protect floodplains, wetlands; require native plants for development; educate public on resource preservation; acknowledge Earth Day—sponsor/organize resident involvement; access to fishing stream; keep streams clean; better protection of resources; stream buffers; restore areas to improve habitat

TOPIC: HISTORIC RESOURCE PROTECTION

Historic Buildings, Structures, Objects, Sites, and Districts/Areas

1. What are the **strengths** or positive aspects of the township's historic resources and efforts to protect them?

Twp has a historical commission & preservation committee; historic cemeteries with important people; Boyd House; Jerrehian Mansion; Lenape engraved rock; underground railroad in house...maybe more...Grove btwn Sunset Hollow & Netherfield; Grove/Ashbrooke massive old tree

2. What are the **weaknesses** or negative aspects of the township's historic resources and efforts to protect them?

Lack of knowledge of historic resources; no inventory; no identification of resources/markers; no vehicles to preserve historic resources; ordinance to preserve historic res; Have Flagg Field designated?; Is WC reservoir properly named (who owned the farm?); upkeep of Rolling Green Cemetery;

3. **What would you like the township to do** with regard to historic resource protection?

Add historic markers/signage; protect historic resources; events to commemorate history in the area; lectures; encourage research of existing homes by homeowners; seek grants/funding for research and to offset preservation costs; get historical buildings/conservation easements; historic street map; keep building and writing the history; planning commission and historical commission work together; prioritize historical buildings and land; offer tax incentives and other encouragement

TOPIC: COMMUNITY FACILITIES & UTILITIES

Parks and Recreation, Emergency Services, Municipal Services, Schools, Sewer and Water

1. What are the **strengths** or positive aspects of the township's community facilities and utilities?

Good park system; excellent emergency services; good 411 alert system; good snow removal, trash and yard waste removal, recycling of cardboard; twp staff friendly and helpful; repairs to sewer plant; activities offered by parks & rec; playground and programs at WG Comm Park; free concerts, trips; excellent schools; communication of trash changes, etc.;

2. What are the **weaknesses** or negative aspects of the township's community facilities and utilities?

More diversity of personnel/boards/committees; bollard ordinance in parking lots (for pedestrian safety?); not enough parking for summer music program; sewer system needs improvement, especially for downstream; flooding; water quality; sewer plant update; lack advertising of police collection site for medicines; illegal parking in fire lanes at shopping ctr; some area lack public water; water pressure is low; not enough restrooms in parks; not enough natural parks

3. **What would you like the township to do** with regard to its community facilities and utilities?

Use reservoir for recreation; get status of last year's water quality inspections; provide lights at courts for evening play; pay for use (of courts?); open school facilities for community use; electronic payments and automatic billing; use molasses for snow removal; more diverse police force and fire dept; commit to renewable energy; plant more trees in parks; shuffleboard, horseshoes; clubs for activities like E Goshen; no budget cuts for emergency svcs; more money for police; fundraiser for emergency svcs; long- and short-term capital investment plan; alternative energy—solar, wind, etc; Good Neighbor Day—bring neighbors together; Township Community Day; ticket cars parked in fire lanes; public water on Grove Rd; improve township website—navigation, mobile version

TOPIC: LAND USE & HOUSING

Land Development and Redevelopment, Open Space Preservation, Housing

- + Land Development/Redevelopment = residential, retail, office, industrial, institutional
- + Housing = condition, types, supply and affordability

1. What are the **strengths** or positive aspects of the township's land use and housing?

Good balance of residential options and retail space; large range of housing; good use of land development (mix of residential, industrial, office); Parkway Shopping Ctr; a lot of shopping – convenient; plenty of corporate area/work sites; nextdoor.com;

2. What are the **weaknesses** or negative aspects of the township's land use and housing?

Minimal open space; lack of diversity of housing types and home values; no notification to residents of development within 1000 feet; almost built out of space; too few homes \$2-\$3 million that will raise property values; harder to know each other; neglected properties; condos surprisingly expensive; lack of affordable housing; lack of senior housing; population keeps increasing;

3. **What would you like the township to do** with regard to land use and housing?

Sidewalks in new developments; incentives for sustainable development; keep zoning laws in place; establish a policy of infill and redevelopment; limit number of homes on Jerrehian Estate; enforce property maintenance code; facilitate neighborhood connection; zoning should require mix of high-end and affordable/starter housing; Intensify K-Mart and Shop Rite shopping ctrs—2 story?; Promote town center— Colonial flair and fusion—with welcome ctr to promote township and amenities—staffed by volunteers; purchase land to preserve open space (e.g. along Sunset Hollow—also used by bikers); promote conservation easements and conservation subdivision

PRIORITIZE THE ISSUES

Based on your answers to the previous questions, please list in order of priority what you feel are the five most important issues the township should address.

Most important issues:

(the number in parenthesis indicates the number of work groups that cited the issue)

- Traffic (7)
- Sidewalks/Trails/Pedestrian access (5)
- Open Space/Environment/Trees (4)
- Bike access/paths (3)
- Sustainability /Renewable energy (3)
- Redevelopment/Town center (3)
- Public transportation/Bus shelters (2)
- Historical awareness/preservation (2)
- Good land development – wise/thoughtful
- General safety/security
- Electronic billing (2)
- Municipal services – lack of diversity in police dept
- Affordable housing
- Enforce speeding laws
- Sewer authority and infrastructure long term planning – water quality – do not privatize sewer auth.
- Increase police funding – keep as elite force
- Increase community interaction – bring back Community Day – community projects
- Public Water

Is there anything else your group would like to add, which was not covered in this exercise?

- Energy/Renewable energy/Climate commitment (2)
- Noise pollution (2)
- Coordinate/cooperate with WC Boro – traffic, housing, pedestrian circulation
- Relationship with WCU student authority
- Neighborhood watch
- Less development
- Technology---microgrids
- Social media
- This is a great idea to engage with residents