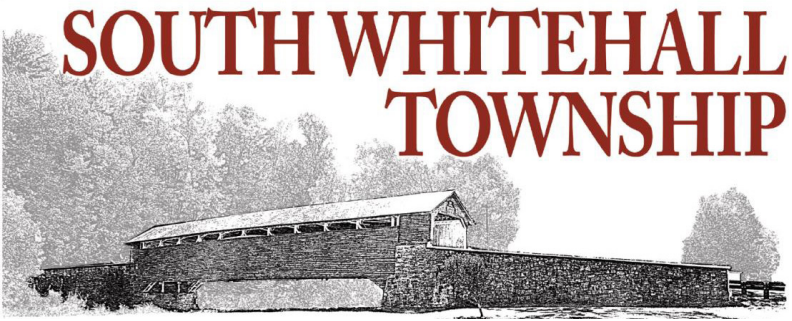


SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP



South Whitehall Township *Comprehensive Plan*

REEXAMINATION REPORT

2025



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The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) enables local jurisdictions to conduct a comprehensive planning process to identify areas where growth and development will occur so that a full range of public infrastructure services, including sewer, water, highways, police and fire protection, public schools, parks, open space, and other services can be adequately planned and provided as needed to accommodate growth.

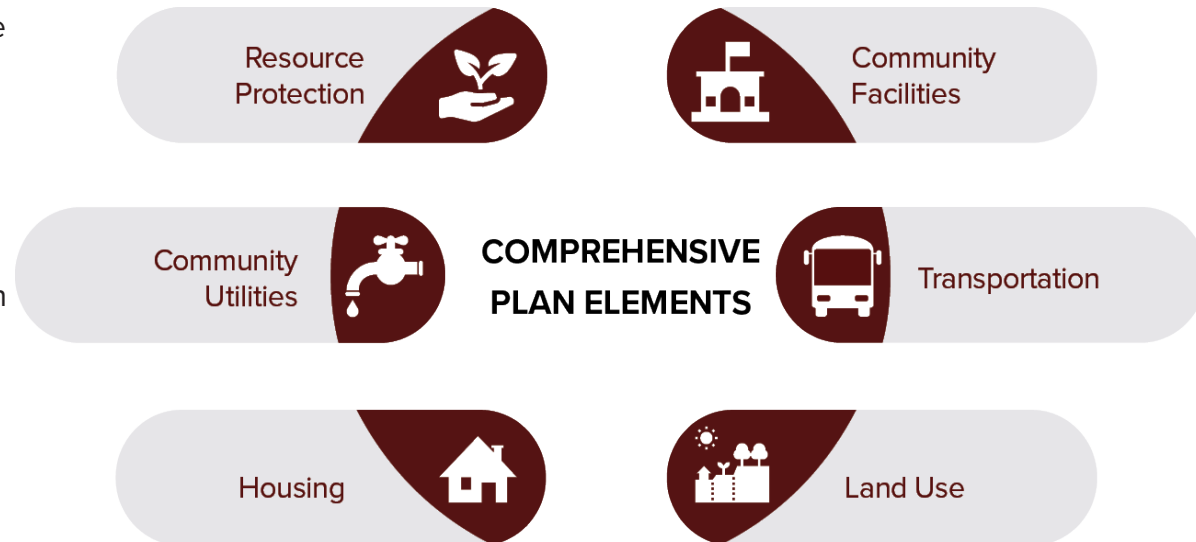
Introduction

The Comprehensive Plan

In Pennsylvania, the planning for and regulation of land use is determined by local government. State enabling legislation known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), Act 247 is what specifically governs local planning and provides guidance to municipalities on a variety of planning-related aspects like the operations of planning agencies or commissions, enacting a zoning ordinance, or preparing a Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is an important tool available to counties and municipalities to effectively plan for land use and local governance. The Comprehensive Plan can often be described as an organized vision for the community, meant to guide the development, management, and the functionality of a municipality. This long-range plan is an official document that, once adopted by the municipality, should guide all future policy, additional planning, and decision-making. Comprehensive Plans set goals and objectives for elements of a municipality such as land use, housing needs, transportation, facilities and services, and resource management. Typically, a municipal Comprehensive Plan is set out to guide a community over a 10–15-year period before it should be revisited or updated.

The current South Whitehall Township Comprehensive Plan was adopted in March 2023, following several years of extensive public engagement and planning. The vision for this plan was to encourage community engagement from the outset to allow the community to direct the general themes of the plan's goals and strategies, which were later fine-tuned by staff, consultants, and elected officials. Additionally, the plan was designed to be simple, easily referenced, and implementable. The six critical elements (which serve as individual chapters) discussed in the plan each have a set of individual goals and strategies. These goals and strategies are proposed to be carried out via an Implementation Plan, which considers both the individual elements, along with their connection to each other.



Introduction

Community Development Goals & Objectives

The MPC requires a community to create or revise a statement of objectives for the municipality concerning the location, character, and timing of future development. These objectives and goals form the basis for the rest of the Comprehensive Plan and the subsequent plans and policies developed. The overarching objective and goals developed throughout the updated comprehensive plan are as follows:

Objective: Guide future growth in a sustainable and harmonious manner that preserves the character, community, and diversity of South Whitehall Township.



GOAL

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Identify areas based on existing neighborhood, natural characteristics, and existing physical boundaries to strategically plan for potential growth that is harmonious within the identified area.



GOAL

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Plan for future land use, development, and redevelopment to remain within the capacity to install and maintain infrastructure in a fiscally responsible manner.

Reexamination

Implementation Action - Reexamination Report (R2): Establish a process and timeline in accordance with recognized best management practices to periodically track progress and identify significant revisions or changes to the Comprehensive Plan.

Why Reexamination?

During the recent comprehensive planning process, the question was raised about the status of the previous Comprehensive Plan, adopted by the Township in 2009. The community and elected officials wanted to know what had been accomplished and what impact the plan had on the community. While some of the recommendations of the 2009 plan had been completed, the structure of the plan itself made it difficult to objectively evaluate how recommendations had been implemented and what has been achieved during the lifetime of this plan.

This question of measuring impact and tracking progress has led to the discussion of needing to revisit the Comprehensive Plan on a more frequent basis and regularly reviewing progress. Implementation Item R2 calls for the Township to establish a process for a Reexamination Report, which would trigger a periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan and provide an opportunity to summarize progress to date. Additionally, this Reexamination Report will highlight the status of Implementation Items and call for any changes, additions, or alterations to be made to the action plan, so that progress is not only tracked, but also pursued. This allows the Township Planning Commission, Board of Commissioners, and Community Development Department to pause and reflect on how the proposed actions continue to fulfill the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, while also taking a moment to celebrate any successes.

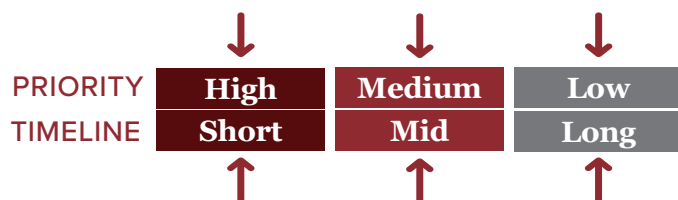
This standalone document is a compliment to the Planning Commission Annual Report, which serves its own purpose and is updated in a format consistent with the MPC. At a minimum the Planning Commission and Community Development Department shall review this document annually, typically following the completion of the Planning Commission's annual report. If a significant change or high-impact project has occurred in the Township, the Planning Commission always has the option to review the Reexamination Report more frequently as needed.

Implementation Update

Implementation Plan

The Implementation Plan was developed to be a prioritized, goal-oriented list of actions that the Township should take to ensure the vision developed in the Comprehensive Plan is fulfilled. These Implementation Items were developed to inform decision-makers and staff of the steps, timing, resources, and partners necessary to implement.

This Implementation Plan is intended to be dynamic and laid out in a way that is easy to track progress and make adjustments as necessary. The matrix on the following pages is a snapshot of the original 26 individual Implementation Items from the Comprehensive Plan and their status as of March 2025. Each item was given a priority level and anticipated timeline at the time the Comprehensive Plan was originally adopted. The timeline, priority, and details of the items in the matrix on the next page have not been updated since the Comprehensive Plan was adopted.



PLAN ELEMENTS

Elements highlighted in red are impacted by the proposed implementation item














































On the pages following the Implementation Plan matrix are summaries of current South Whitehall Township or regional projects and initiatives that support one or multiple Implementation Items from the original plan. These projects and initiatives should be used as a guide to update or develop new actions for the Implementation Plan.

The Implementation Item Status is color coded according to the following:

















































Grey/White	Red	Yellow	Green	Blue
No action as of yet	Delayed/Attention	Pending Action	On Track	Complete

Items initially marked as Short Term are highlighted in red.

Implementation Plan Status 2025

Implementation Item	Description	Plan Elements						Timeline	Priority	Status
Active Transportation (A1)	Develop plan to provide safe/efficient bicycle and pedestrian connectivity							Short Term	High	In Progress
Advisory Committee Evaluation (A2)	Evaluate roles/duties of boards, committees, and subcommittees							Short Term	High	In Progress
Agricultural Preservation (A3)	Develop plan and programs to preserve agricultural lands and culture							Short Term	Medium	Complete
Broadband Infrastructure (B1)	Increase access to high-speed internet							Mid Term	Medium	Not Started
Capital Improvements Plan (C1)	Integrate capital improvements budgeting and planning across departments							Short Term	High	Not Started
Energy Conservation (E1)	Investigate energy reduction opportunities/policies							Long Term	Low	Not Started
Hazard Mitigation (H1)	Coordinate hazard mitigation planning between Township and regional entities							Short Term	Medium	Complete
Historic Preservation (H2)	Develop plan to preserve historic assets and places							Short Term	Medium	Complete
Housing (H3)	Develop programs and policies to ensure current and future housing needs are met							Mid Term	Low	Not Started
Infrastructure Evaluation (I1)	Evaluate municipal services and utilities for functionality and expansion							Short Term	High	Not Started
Landscape Preservation (L1)	Develop plan and policies to preserve important cultural and historic landscapes							Mid Term	Medium	Complete
Open Space Preservation (O1)	Develop a plan, strategy, and process to preserve open space and natural areas							Short Term	Medium	Complete
Official Map Updates (O2)	Update the Official Map with new recommendations from the Comp Plan							Short Term	High	Not Started

Implementation Plan Status 2025

Implementation Item	Description	Plan Elements						Timeline	Priority	Status
Park & Rec. Plan (P1)	Implement the priority goals of the P&R Plan							Long Term	Low	Ongoing
Public Safety Evaluation (P2)	Evaluate public safety needs of SWT (including outside 3rd party evaluation)							Short Term	High	Not Started
Regional Coordination (R1)	Investigate regional/multi-municipal planning opportunities (transportation, watershed, etc.)							Mid Term	Medium	Not Started
Reexamination Report (R2)	Establish timeline and mechanism to reexamine and reevaluate the Comp Plan							Short Term	Medium	Complete
Resource Protection Ordinances (R3)	Draft ordinances to protect specific resources (riparian areas, woodlands, steep slopes, etc.)							Long Term	Low	Pending
SALDO Updates (S1)	Update the SALDO based on Comp Plan recommendations (design standards)							Short Term	Medium	Pending
Sewer Plan (Act 537) (S2)	Update Township sewage facilities plan per DEP requirements							Short Term	High	Complete
Solid Waste (S3)	Evaluate SWT waste collection and recycling processes							Mid Term	Medium	Complete
Stormwater Plan (Act 167) (S4)	Develop a stormwater management plan							Mid Term	Medium	Not Started
Transfer of Development Rights Program (T1)	Investigate the feasibility/applicability of a TDR program							Mid Term	Medium	In Progress
Traffic Safety (T2)	Identify high crash and priority safety improvement areas							Short Term	High	In Progress
Transportation Plan (T3)	Inventory critical transportation infrastructure, investigate Act 209 feasibility, update necessary transportation policies							Short Term	High	In Progress
Zoning Updates (Z1)	Update zoning ordinance to be consistent with the Comp Plan							Short Term	High	In Progress

Active Implementation Projects/Initiatives

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COUNCILS RE-WRITE

2025 UPDATE

The Township is in the process of re-writing and reorganizing the ordinances for all volunteer Boards/Commissions/Councils to be laid out in a consistent manner. Staff has prepared an outline of each heading under Chapter 17 as follows:

- Article I Board of Commissioners
- Article II Planning Commission
- Article III Zoning Hearing Board
- Article IV Public Safety Commission
- Article V Environmental Advisory Council
- Article VI Parks and Recreation Board
- Article VII Landscape and Shade Tree Commission
- Article VIII *Reserved*
- Article IX *Reserved*
- Article X Community Development Department
- Article XI Police Department

All subheadings are intended to be the same in order to better outline the purpose and intent of each board, membership composition, duties/responsibilities, and the manner in which meetings are to be conducted.

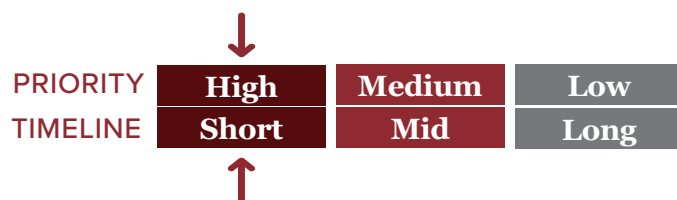
As of 2025, only Article V Environmental Advisory Council and Article VII Landscape and Shade Tree Commission have been completed.

IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

- Advisory Committee Evaluation (A2)

POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

- Identify next Article revision



Active Implementation Projects/Initiatives

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

2025 UPDATE

The Township is currently working on a comprehensive transportation plan in two phases covering the following topics:

Phase I

- **ENGAGE:** Outreach to the community and public engagement
- **ACTIVE:** Development of an “Active Transportation Network”
- **SAFETY:** Identification of priority safety concerns and corridors

Phase II

- **CLASS:** Reclassification of Township roads by functional and character class
- **FREIGHT:** Analysis and evaluation of the Township’s freight network
- **TRAFFIC:** Congestion analysis and management strategies

Phase I is in draft form and is anticipated to be adopted in Spring 2025. Phase II is currently underway, with a draft plan anticipated to be presented in Summer 2025.

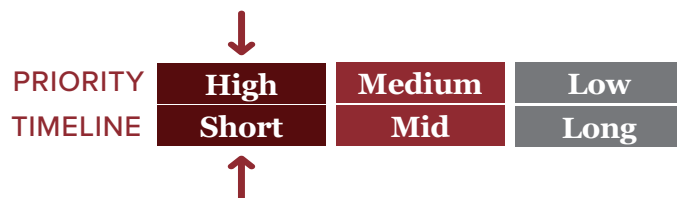
Phase I identified a number of priority projects, policies, and programs to implement. This phase also introduced a handful of new transportation infrastructure design concepts and terminology.

IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

- Active Transportation (A1)
- Traffic Safety (T2)
- Transportation Plan (T3)

POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

- Adopt Phase I
- Complete and review Phase II
- Identify priorities to implement
- Update Township Code



Active Implementation Projects/Initiatives

SOUTH WHITEHALL LANDSCAPES PLAN

2025 UPDATE

In September 2024, the Township adopted *South Whitehall Landscapes*, which outlines resource preservation priorities and recommended actions for the following:

- Agricultural Resources
- Natural Resources
- Historic Resources
- Open Space

Highlights of this plan include recommendations to encourage and support various scales of agriculture, suggestions for additional resource protection ordinances, a process to consider classifying local historic resources, and the introduction of nine (9) distinct categories of “open space”, along with strategies to preserve those different types of open space.

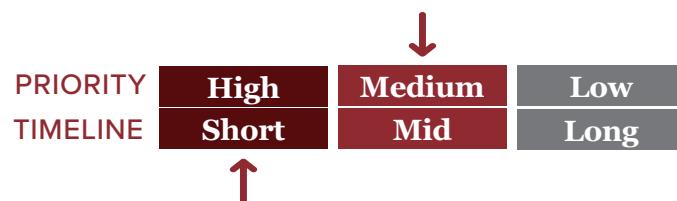
This plan identifies 13 goals and 25 individual actions to support said goals. Several actions are currently underway through efforts by staff and the South Whitehall Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).

IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

- Agricultural Preservation (A3)
- Historic Preservation (H2)
- Landscape Preservation (L1)
- Open Space Preservation (O1)
- Resource Protection Ordinances (R3)

POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

- Map and classify “open spaces”
- Update Township Code
- Prepare Resource Protection Ordinances
- Develop a Township Open Space Preservation Program



Active Implementation Projects/Initiatives

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY

2025 UPDATE

A Historic Resource Survey is the first step in evaluating which resources should be preserved in a community and to what extent. Throughout 2024, the Township worked with a historic preservation consultant to conduct a limited historic resource survey of South Whitehall to identify what resources are still present and how representative they are of Township history.

The data collected and analyzed is currently being reviewed, compiled, and organized into a database and summary document, which will serve as the Township's first Historic Resource Inventory (HRI). This HRI may serve as the official record for properties considered to be "historic" in the Township, which would assist in determining the following:

- Prioritizing properties for historic preservation
- Protecting properties from demolition via the Official Map
- Allowing properties opportunity for historic-related incentives/benefits such as adaptive reuse, official recognition, and potential federal tax incentives

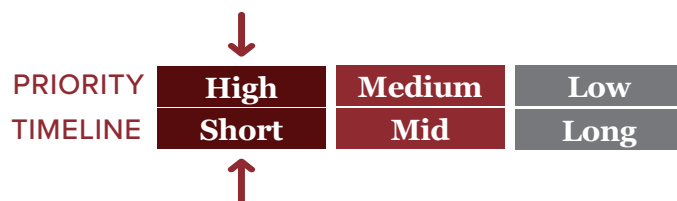
Once the Historic Resource Survey has been finalized, the Board of Commissioners may choose to adopt this organized list as the official Historic Resource Inventory for the Township. Related to, but not required at the adoption of the HRI, should be an ordinance outlining any protections and/or benefits available to resources identified in the HRI.

IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

- Historic Preservation (H2)
- Landscape Preservation (L1)

POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

- Finalize the Historic Resource Survey
- Officially adopt the Historic Resource Inventory
- Prepare and adopt related Historic Resource Preservation ordinance



Active Implementation Projects/Initiatives

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING EVALUATION

2025 UPDATE

Throughout 2024, the Township worked with a consultant to conduct an evaluation on the efficiency of residential curbside collection of trash and recyclable materials. This report provided a baseline model of the Township's current collection process, so that alternatives could be evaluated to improve efficiency and cut down costs, while maintaining the same level of service.

The results of this study indicates that the Township should consider rebalancing collection days as residential growth occurs. Details on rebalancing scenarios are provided and should be considered, especially once the Ridge Farms development starts to populate.

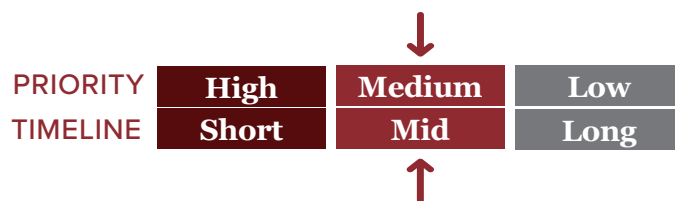
Subsequent to this evaluation, the consultant also produced a Community Rate Study to understand how costs for solid waste/recycling collection compares to other municipalities.

IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

- Solid Waste (S3)

POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

- Consider the results of the evaluation study as new residential units are developed
- Review the results of the evaluation study when bidding a new collection contract



Active Implementation Projects/Initiatives

JORDAN VALLEY OPEN SPACE ZONING OVERLAY

2025 UPDATE

Over the first half of 2024, Township staff worked with a consultant to incorporate the existing Township Zoning Ordinance into ArcGIS Urban, a tool that can be used to model changes and test land use scenarios in the Township. Over the second half of 2024, staff worked with a team of consultants to develop a new draft Zoning Overlay District for the Jordan Valley, an approximately 5,500-acre area in the northern part of the Township that has been recognized for its rich agricultural, natural, and historic resources.

The intent of the overlay is to fulfill the goals for the Jordan Valley identified in the Comprehensive Plan:

- Preserve natural resources and important landscapes through incentives and cooperation with landowners
- Enhance crossroad villages with attention to the surrounding landscape
- Encourage the continuation of active agriculture by allowing uses consistent with operations of working farms
- Incentivize the utilization of Conservation Subdivision for future land developments

This Overlay lays out a process to pre-plan a Conservation Subdivision that in turn requires the permanent protection of valuable open space. As part of this Overlay, three (3) new types of development are introduced that reflect the character of the Jordan Valley and are suitable for clustering in a Conservation Subdivision:

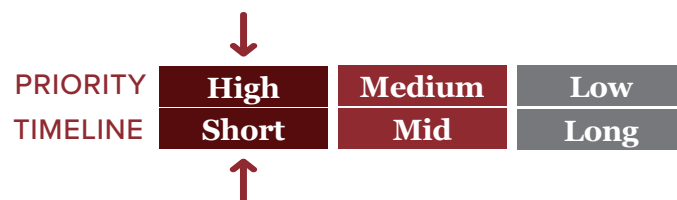
- Village Residential
- Village Mixed-Use
- Planned Industrial

IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

- Zoning Updates (Z1)

POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

- Adopt the Jordan Valley Open Space Zoning Overlay



Active Implementation Projects/Initiatives

REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

2025 UPDATE

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC), Carbon County, and Warren County are currently developing the Greater Lehigh Valley Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP). This RCAP follows a regional effort to inventory regional greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate strategies to decarbonize the Lehigh Valley.

The RCAP incorporates findings from those recent climate-related efforts with public engagement to create a plan across several emission sectors including:

- Industrial
- Commercial
- Residential
- Water/Wastewater/Solid Waste
- Agricultural

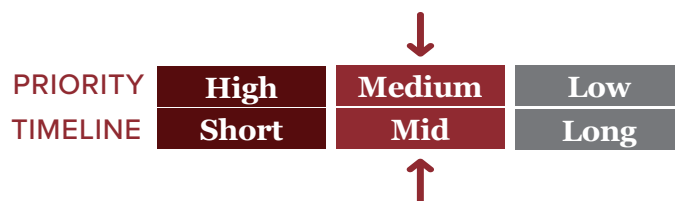
The development of this RCAP continues throughout 2025 with continued opportunities for public input.

IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

- Energy Conservation (E1)
- Hazard Mitigation (H1)
- Solid Waste (S3)

POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

- Continue to participate and support the development of the RCAP
- Consider future municipal recommendations from the RCAP



Active Implementation Projects/Initiatives

LEHIGH VALLEY HOUSING STRATEGY

2025 UPDATE

In 2025, the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) kicked off their Lehigh Valley Housing Supply and Attainability Strategy with an event featuring a panel of speakers from LVPC, Lehigh County, and the Urban Land Institute. This strategy is aimed at providing achievable ways of increasing housing at appropriate income levels and in locations that support the needs of everyone.

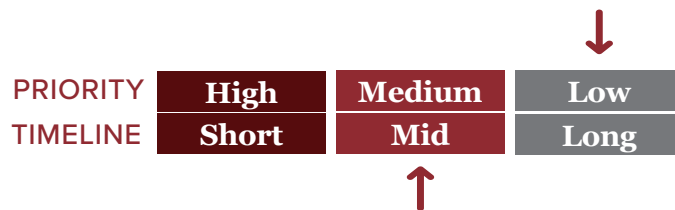
LVPC has started to roll out tools and data related to housing in support of this regional initiative. The information derived from this Housing Strategy will lead to recommendations for municipalities to consider in support of creating a more sustainable housing market for the Lehigh Valley.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

- Housing (H3)
- Zoning Updates (Z1)

NEXT STEPS

- Continue to participate in the regional housing strategy
- Consider housing attainability recommendations in future updates to Township Codes (i.e. zoning)
- Consider a South Whitehall Housing Analysis



Evaluation

Purpose

The purpose of this section of the report is for the Township Planning Commission to evaluate any changes or issues that may have arisen in the Township since the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan or the latest Reexamination Report. This evaluation was conducted by the South Whitehall Township Planning Commission with the assistance of staff in the Township Community Development Department. Over the course of several Planning Commission meetings, the Planning Commission reviewed the Implementation Update and were asked a series of questions to consider the impact and relevance of the Comprehensive Plan since its adoption in March 2023. These questions are guidelines to help evaluate changes in the Township.

Question 1: *What are the major problems related to land development in the Township since adoption of the Comprehensive Plan?*

Question 2: *To what extent have these problems been reduced or increased?*

Question 3: *To what extent have there been significant changes to the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan, particularly regarding the following:*

- *Density and distribution of population and land uses*
- *Housing conditions and need*
- *Transportation circulation*
- *Conservation of natural resources*
- *Energy conservation*
- *Collection and disposal of waste and recyclable materials*
- *Changes in Federal, State, County, and/or Municipal Policies and Objectives*

Evaluation

Questions

Question 1: *What are the major problems related to land development in the Township since adoption of the Comprehensive Plan?*

Answer:

The Planning Commission notes that there have not been any significant problems or changes related to land development since the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, but several larger development projects have started recently including the PA 309 & Tilghman Interchange Reconstruction. Additionally, Ridge Farms Phase 1A has been completed and Phases 1B and 1C have been approved.

The Planning Commission made the comment that while it may or may not be related to the Comprehensive Plan, the approval time for land development projects seems to be taking longer compared to several years ago. The Commission also noted that the Township is less inclined to grant waivers for sidewalks and other frontage improvements, but instead are recommending deferrals, especially for sidewalks.

Evaluation

Questions

Question 2: *To what extent have these problems been reduced or increased?*

Answer:

The Planning Commission identified that the increased length of time required to approve a land development project could be related to the timing requirements associated with plan submittals, meeting notices, and outside agency review periods. Minor changes to these requirements in the Township code may help streamline the process, but the Commission notes that the approval process may continue to be lengthy as land becomes less available and/or more challenging to develop.

While the Township has made a concerted effort to grant more sidewalk deferrals rather than waivers, very few (if any) sidewalk deferrals have actually been called in. Guidance from the Township's Transportation PLAN and recommendations from the Planning Commission as to sidewalk priorities may help better support the Board of Commissioners call in sidewalk deferrals in accordance with the Township Sidewalk Deferral Call-in Policy.

Evaluation

Questions

Question 3: *To what extent have there been significant changes to the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan?*

Answer:

In 2024 the Township adopted South Whitehall Landscapes, an Open Space, Historic, Agricultural, & Natural Resources Preservation Plan. The adoption of this plan, along with the resurrection of the South Whitehall Environmental Advisory Council has given more direction and support to implementing resource preservation goals, including proposed updates to Township codes and the Official Map.

Additionally, the Township is in the process of adopting the first phase of the South Whitehall Transportation PLAN, which serves as a transportation safety action plan and guides the development of an active transportation network. This plan will aid in the prioritization of future transportation infrastructure improvements and other code or policy changes related to transportation infrastructure. On a broader scale, grant programs and sources (Federal, State, Local) are always shifting. The Township should prepare projects to be flexible with changing priorities for grant programs, especially when it comes to transportation and infrastructure funding.

Recommendations

Following the evaluation conducted by the Planning Commission members and Community Development staff, recommendations were made to address the comments in the evaluation or make appropriate adjustments to the Implementation Action Plan.

Recommendation:

The Planning Commission recommends updating the Implementation Action Summary Table to incorporate the comments made through the Reexamination process with specific actions. The updated table will also be used to better track what has been accomplished so far from the Implementation Action Plan and to break down specific actions to prioritize next. This updated table is meant to be used as a guide for staff to bring actions forward to the Board of Commissioners for direction or approval, and to help assess staff capacity and timing of projects.

The updated 2025 Implementation Action Summary Table is provided on the following pages. Each action has been given a new priority and timeline based on feedback from the Planning Commission through the Reexamination process.

2025 Implementation Action Summary Table

Implementation Item	Actions	Status	Timeline	Priority
Active Transportation (A1)	Develop an Active Transportation Plan	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Adopt Transportation PLAN - Phase I	In-Progress	Short Term	High
	Update Township Codes with Bike/Ped Recommendations	Pending	Short Term	Medium
	Prioritize Sidewalk Deferral Call-Ins		Mid Term	Medium
Advisory Committee Evaluation (A2)	Revise Chapter 17 (Phase 1) - Articles V, VII	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Hold Joint Workshop Meeting (BOC, PC, EAC)		Short Term	High
	Revise Chapter 17 (Phase 2) - Articles XI, IV, VI	Pending	Mid Term	Medium
	Revise Chapter 17 (Phase 3) - Articles II, I		Mid Term	Medium
	Revise Chapter 17 (Phase 4) - Articles III, X		Mid Term	Medium
Agricultural Preservation (A3)	Adopt <i>South Whitehall Landscapes</i>	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Develop Ag-Friendly Zoning Regulations		Mid Term	Medium
Broadband Infrastructure (B1)	Inventory High-Speed Internet Availability		Long Term	Low
	Explore Opportunities to Expand Service		Long Term	Low
Capital Improvements (C1)	Develop a cross-departmental Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)	Pending	Short Term	High
Energy Conservation (E1)	Identify scope of an Energy Conservation Plan		Mid Term	Medium
	Evaluate Township Codes related to Energy Infrastructure		Mid Term	Medium
Hazard Mitigation (H1)	Provide updated annex to the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Adopt the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Investigate grant opportunities related to Hazard Mitigation Goals	In-Progress	Short Term	Medium

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Implementation Item	Actions	Status	Timeline	Priority
Historic Preservation (H2)	Adopt <i>South Whitehall Landscapes</i>	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Conduct a Historic Resource Survey	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Adopt the South Whitehall HRI/Designate Resource Classifications	In Progress	Short Term	Medium
	Develop/Adopt Historic Preservation Ordinance		Short Term	Medium
	Form Township Historical Advisory Board		Mid Term	Medium
	Foster formation of South Whitehall Historical Society		Long Term	Medium
Housing (H3)	Participate in Lehigh Valley Regional Housing Strategy	In Progress	Mid Term	Low
	Incorporate Housing Attainability Provisions in Code Updates		Mid Term	Low
	Prepare a South Whitehall Housing Analysis		Long Term	Low
Infrastructure Evaluation (I1)	Conduct a Utility User Rate Study	Complete	N/A	N/A
Landscape Preservation (L1)	Adopt <i>South Whitehall Landscapes</i>	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Adopt Jordan Valley Preservation Overlay Ordinance	In Progress	Short Term	High
Open Space Preservation (O1)	Adopt <i>South Whitehall Landscapes</i>	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Develop 'Open Space' Definitions	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Update Township Codes with Open Space Recommendations	Pending	Short Term	Medium
	Conservation Finance Feasibility Study - Phase I (Research)	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Conservation Finance Feasibility Study - Phase II (Polling)	In Progress	Short Term	High
	Prepare Open Space Funding Ordinance		Short Term	High
	Conduct Education/Outreach for Open Space Referendum		Short Term	High

2025 Implementation Action Summary Table

Implementation Item	Actions	Status	Timeline	Priority
Official Map (O2)	Identify Priority Resource Protection Areas	In Progress	Short Term	High
	Develop Map 1: Existing Conditions		Short Term	High
	Develop Map 2: Resource Protection		Short Term	High
	Develop Map 3: Transportation		Short Term	High
	Draft/Adopt Official Map Ordinance		Short Term	High
Parks and Recreation (P1)	Adopt Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Increase Recreation Impact Fees	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Upgrade Park Facilities to NRPA Guidelines		Long Term	Low
	Pursue Cooperative Agreements with Parkland School District		Long Term	Low
	Jordan Creek Preliminary Feasibility Report	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Update Covered Bridge Park Master Site Plan	In Progress	Mid Term	Medium
Public Safety (P2)	Utilize Independent Third Party to Evaluate Fire/EMS Service Areas		Mid Term	Medium
	Inventory, Maintain, and Repair Equipment		Long Term	Low
	Identify Partnerships and Increase Volunteerism		Long Term	Medium
Regional Coordination (R1)	Initiate Multi-municipal Coordination on Hamilton Boulevard	In Progress	Short Term	High
	Initiate Multi-municipal Coordination on Tilghman Street		Mid Term	Medium
	Investigate a Regional Watershed Plan Update		Long Term	Low
Reexamination Report (R2)	Develop Consistent Guidelines and Questions for Reexamination	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Determine Frequency of Reexamination	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Incorporate Reexamination into Planning Commission Annual Report	Complete	N/A	N/A

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Implementation Item	Actions	Status	Timeline	Priority
Resource Protection Ordinances (R3)	Adopt <i>South Whitehall Landscapes</i>	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Review/Evaluate Existing Ordinances (Trees/Floodplain/Stormwater)	In Progress	Short Term	High
	Review/Evaluate Model Ordinances (Steep Slopes/Riparian/Woodlands)		Short Term	High
	Draft and Adopt New/Updated Ordinances		Short Term	High
SALDO Updates (S1)	Incorporate Resource Preservation Recommendations into SALDO	Pending	Short Term	High
	Incorporate Transportation Recommendations into SALDO	Pending	Short Term	High
	Revise Plan Submission Procedures and Requirements	Pending	Short Term	High
	Evaluate Lighting Standards		Mid Term	High
Sanitary Sewer (S2)	Dissolve South Whitehall Township Authority	In Progress	N/A	N/A
	Adopt Act 537 Public-to-Public System Transfer Plan	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Update Full Act 537 Plan	Pending	Mid Term	High
Solid Waste (S3)	Evaluate Municipal Solid Waste/Recycling Procedures	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Conduct Rate Study	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Investigate Opportunities for Local/Regional Composting		Mid Term	Medium
Stormwater Management (S4)	Coordinate with LVPC on Act 167 Stormwater Updates	In Progress	Mid Term	Medium
	Investigate Opportunities for Green Infrastructure Guides/Improvements		Long Term	Low
Transfer of Development Rights (T1)	Investigate Opportunities for a TDR Program	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Incorporate Cluster Provisions into the Jordan Valley Preservation Overlay	In Progress	Short Term	Medium

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Traffic Safety (T2)	Develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Adopt Transportation PLAN - Phase I	In Progress	Short Term	High
	Form a Vision Zero Sub-Committee		Short Term	Medium
	Repeal/Update Township Traffic Calming Policy		Short Term	Medium
Transportation Plan (T3)	Prepare a Comprehensive Transportation Plan	Complete	N/A	N/A
	Adopt Transportation PLAN - Phase I	In Progress	Short Term	High
	Adopt Transportation PLAN - Phase II	Pending	Short Term	High
	Update Codes with Transportation PLAN Recommendations		Mid Term	High
	Reclassify Roadways		Mid Term	High
	Conduct Truck Restriction Engineering Studies		Mid Term	High
	Incorporate Transportation Recommendations into CIP		Long Term	Medium
Zoning Updates (Z1)	Adopt Jordan Valley Preservation Overlay Ordinance	In Progress	Short Term	High
	Develop Place Type Manual	In Progress	Mid Term	Medium
	Update Township Zoning Ordinance with Place Type Integration		Mid Term	Medium

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