

Meeting Summary

Implementable Comprehensive Plan



A second meeting of the Steering Committee for the Brighton Township Implementable Comprehensive Plan update was held on January 30, 2020, at Two Mile Run Park - Schultz Lodge.

This document summarizes discussion highlights from the meetings:

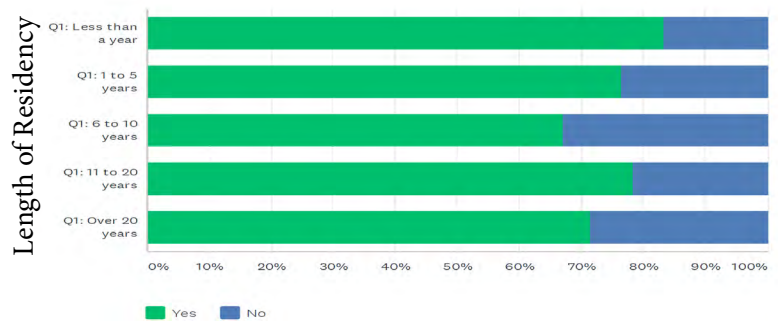
- Community Survey Summary (see separate attachment with final results)
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Other Discussion

General Reactions to Survey results

- Generally consistent with Past Planning efforts
- Length of Residency did NOT have a clear correlation with support for active greenspace preservation by Township, as all residency brackets were very supportive (see right)

Q16 Should the Township take a more active role in preserving greenspace?



Conservation

- Should the Twp be conserving the excess property that is left over from the residential development? Bryan questions whether HOA or Twp should hold it?
- West Penn conservancy too far away to be interested in preservation here.

Funding for Conservation/Recreation

- Twp has pool of money each year for land acquisition
- Twp also has impact fees that go towards development of recreational assets
- Stormwater fee - last year each home was assessed \$66 dollars a year for the future

Focus Groups?

- Yes - potentially three of them (Active Transportation, Conservation & Mixed-Use Area) - promote at public meeting to see if there is interest in public participating





Community Survey Themes

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SURVEY RESULTS

- 79% do NOT want water & sewer service area expanded
- 74% feel Twp should take a greater role in preserving Greenspace
- 56% live in Twp for Rural Character

PLANNING ISSUES



PRESERVE RURAL CHARACTER

PUBLIC FORUM

- Ask for input on assets (riparian corridors, etc.) to conserve and protect, and potential passive recreation amenities

- 61% desired walking & biking paths
- Hiking trails & Natural Areas were 2nd most desired recreational amenity (40% each)
- Desired bike/ped connections were parks & commercial areas Beaver)



PROVIDE TRAIL CONNECTIONS

- Ask for input on origins and destinations for bike/ped trips, as well as facility types (e.g. bike lanes vs off-road trail)

- 3 in 5 would like to see more restaurants
- Some interest in Senior Housing
- Interchange area was preferred location for those seeking commercial development



DEVELOP MIXED-USE AREA AT INTERCHANGE

- Ask for input on mix of uses and scale (height, lot coverage, etc.) of development

Public Meeting #1 - Activity Stations

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**ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION**



**ECOLOGICAL
PRESERVATION**



**MIXED-USE
DEVELOPMENT AREA**



**PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE**

Stakeholder Interviews

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Draft List of Steering Committee Interviews

1. St. Barnabas
2. Heritage Valley Health System
3. Beaver Area School District
4. Trinity Oaks Care Center / Cambridge Pointe Senior Living
5. GCU - Greek Catholic Union
6. Beaver County Recreation & Tourism Office
7. Beaver County Conservation District
8. Beaver County Planning Commission
9. Beaver Area Heritage Foundation OR Brighton Township Historical Society
10. PA DCED
11. Vanport Township (in context of potential Cooperative Planning agreement)
12. Local Business rep TBD or Local Civic Group rep TBD

Steering Committee Input on Draft List

- Conservation District - State just took away authority - Don't interview them
- Talk to both historical societies
- When talking to Vanport - talk about Joint Land Use, but also trails and connections as well (would like to get to the high school)
- Eaton - add to the list - They are in Vanport but could help
- Penn DOT Connects - Talk to District 11

School District Capacity Implementable Comprehensive Plan



From Gary Gardner via Email 1/31/2020 per his discussion with Beaver Area School District

Excess Capacity in Beaver Area School District Buildings

31-Jan-20

| School Building | Designed Capacity | 2020 Student Count | Current Surplus Capacity | % Current Surplus Capacity |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Dutch Ridge Elementary | 780 | 600 | 180 | 23% |
| Highschool/Middle School | 1237 | 1100 | 137 | 11% |
| College Square Elementary | 482 | 400 | 82 | 17% |
| Totals | 2499 | 2100 | 399 | 16% |

Designed capacity as of last project in 2002
Designed capacity as of last project in 1994
Designed capacity as of last project in 2009

According to Statista, the average number of school age children per household is 1.9. The number of additional children introduced into the township by any combination of new homes and existing homes bought by families with children from people without children (older, empty nesters) would result in the need for additional student capacity at the following possible results:

| School Building | Current Surplus Capacity | Number of Additional Homes with Children Accommodated by Current Surplus |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dutch Ridge Elementary | 180 | 95 |
| Highschool/Middle School | 137 | 72 |
| College Square Elementary | 82 | 43 |
| Totals | 399 | 210 |

There is currently a residential development plan before the Planning Committee for 87 new homes to be built in two phases. They would use approx. 78% of current surplus capacity at 1.9 children per household.