A New Tool for Shale Gas Development

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The PA Wilds - A Special Place
PA Wilds Planning Team
Operating Principles

The primary responsibility as planners is to identify, enhance, and protect the Commons based on the rightness of our relationships with each other and the earth.

• We will honor the local, regional, and state perspectives.
• We will value the relationships of humans to the earth.
• We will promote and enhance ecological integrity, stewardship and sustainability.
• We will balance social, economic, and environmental concerns.
• We will revisit and restore the Jeffersonian concept of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.
• We will respect the land and those who call it home.
• We will balance opportunity with common sense.
• We will act today with a plan for tomorrow.
• We will encourage local dialog and listen to what we hear.
• We will share what we love with the next generation.
• We will consider the synergy of the whole—people, ecosystems and landscapes.
• We will seek consensus in all we do.
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Organizational Structure
1.B: What is a Design Guide?

A Common Tool
A Design Guide is a community tool used to guide development patterns and aesthetic qualities in a particular direction. Design Guides have been used in the U.S. for decades, but their use has become more popular with the recognition of public interest in creating healthy, vibrant communities and reducing impacts on the environment.

Sets Design Objectives
This Design Guide sets forth physical design objectives for building placemaking, architecture, landscaping, signs, lighting, grades, land use arrangements, natural resource conservation, and other related items. The document includes photographic illustrations and text descriptions of design elements and land use patterns that are desirable in the Pennsylvania Wilds.

Design Guide

Promotes Aesthetic Quality
Use of this Design Guide is voluntary. It is not a replacement for comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, or subdivision and land development ordinances. Rather, the Design Guide gives direction to ensure respect for the natural environment and to promote certain aesthetic qualities in our working communities. This Design Guide can supplement and illustrate the intent and vision of comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances and also can provide constructive ideas for communities that do not have comprehensive plans or zoning.

Defers Expectations
Using the Design Guide, public officials, property owners, developers, investors, and design professionals will know what is desired in the quality and character of new construction, exterior building features, subdivision effects, public improvements, and other related projects.
# Design Guide Supplement for Oil & Gas Best Practices

- Donation from Shell Appalachia
- Held a Series of Roundtables with O&G Industry Representatives.
- Went through several drafts and revisions.
- Will be disseminated across the region to planners, municipal officials, and industry developers.
- Download both Design Guide & Supplement at [www.pawildsresources.org](http://www.pawildsresources.org)