Preserving Natural and Cultural Greenways in a Community:
The Upper Salford Township Greenway Guidebook

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What is Upper Salford Township like?
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Montgomery County

4 rural townships, 2 small towns, Population 20,000

1 shared Comprehensive Plan
Natural Features

- State Park
- County Park
- Local Park
- Private Conservation
- Preserved Farmland
- Streams
- OS Plan Trails
- Existing Trails

Trails and Open Space

- 2007 Open Space Plan
- Existing Resources

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Woodlands
Steep Slopes
Floodplains
Wetlands
Spring Mountain NAI Landscape
Unami/Ridge Valley Creeks NAI Landscape
Streams
2007 Open Space Plan

Prioritized Community Connections Network
Cluster Development
(Advanced: Conservation Subdivision)

About 90% of the township is zoned as
- 2-acre SFD (yellow)
- Recreation (dark green)
- Institutional (light blue)
- Village SFD (orange)

All of these areas qualify for cluster development.
Cluster Development Guidebook
Each landscape character zone has certain natural and historic features that make it unique from the others.

- **Conservation Subdivision**
  - 10 acres (4 ha) or larger
  - R2, Institutional, CE, A&C Districts (80% of twp.)
  - Not RA5, LI, LLI Districts
  - R30 – 8 acres min.
  - Requires 60% open space

- **70 Properties (totaling 2,051 acres (85% of the township))**
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- Steep Slopes
- Floodplain
- Wetlands
- Buffers to Parks
- Preserve Historic Resources
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Other Resources
- NAI Conservation Landscape
- Stream Buffers
- Public Access Easements
- Destinations
- Views from Streets
- Topography
development on Parcel #4 or #6, and transferring that development to Parcel #5.

Parcel #6

As seen in Figure 19, this 45-acre parcel is extensively wooded, contains a large concentration of infiltration soils, and the vast majority of the area is bisected from the road access by a tributary to the Unami Creek. Ensuring preservation of at least a 75-foot stream buffer means the developed portion of this parcel will need to be split into two areas (see Figure 20). While this, if developed independently from its neighbors, would result in a stream crossing, it will maximize preservation of woodlands on steep slopes and high infiltration soils, as well as provide a possible roadway connection to Parcel #4. Development of this site should also result in the establishment of 4 pathway connections: 1) between Orchard Park via Parcel #4 and the Village of Woxall via Barton Road, 2) downstream along the tributary toward the Unami Creek, 3) a branch of this trail toward the Hester House, and 4) a new proposed trail upstream along the tributary to Woxall via Parcels #4 and #5. Figure 20 may provide additional clarity.

Parcels #7

14 acres in size, is primarily wooded with a swath of infiltration soils across the middle (see Fig...
Greenway and Trails totaling 2,051 acres
- 60% Conservation Area = 1,235 acres preserved (21% of township)
- Interconnected Greenway and Trails Network
- Significant Increase in Trail Connection Possibilities

Greenway and Trail Network

Legend:
- Greenway Paths and Trails
- Existing Trails
- County Trails
- Streams
- Greenway
- Public Open Space
- Private Open Space
- Institutional Land
Regional Network: So, how does this work?
When a Development is Proposed
The Greenway Guidebook shows...