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Active
Transportation
Plans and
Bike Parks

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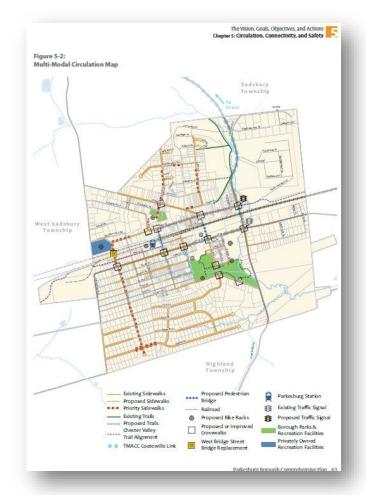
A plan or study dealing with non-single occupancy vehicle transportation opportunities (bicycle, pedestrian, transit)

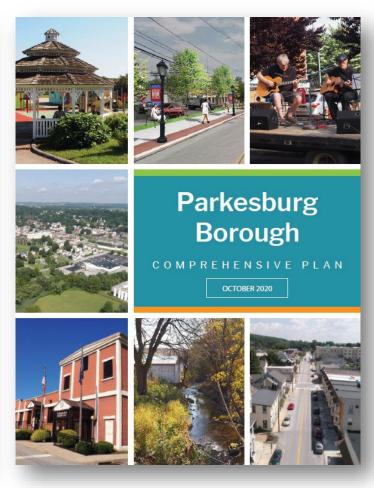


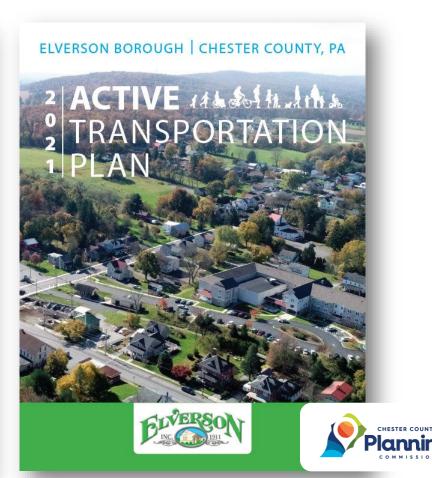




Can follow and refine active transportation elements of a comprehensive plan as a stand-alone effort (plan or study).



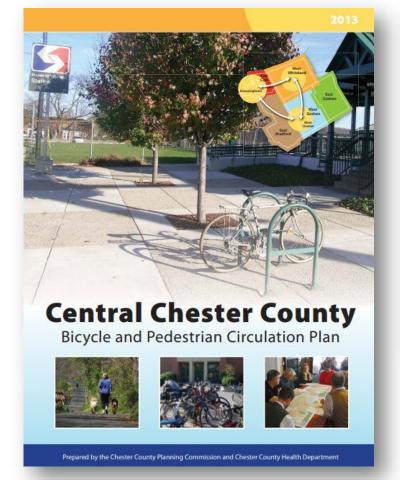


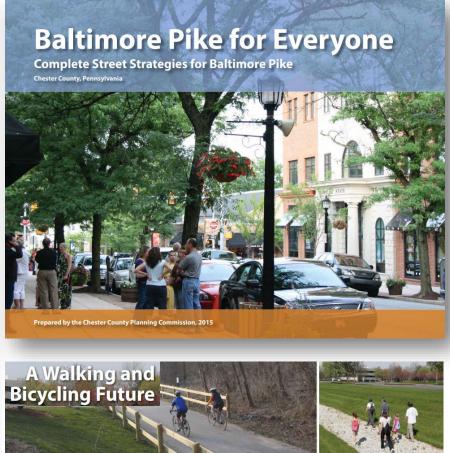


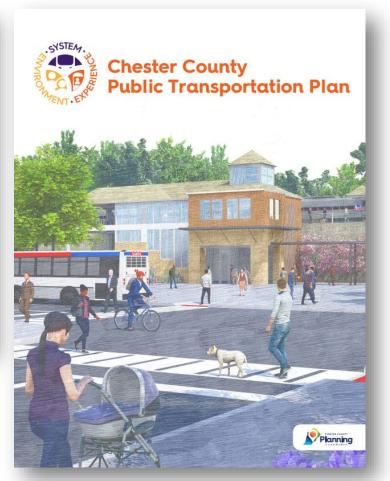
Can be for different geographies: A county, region, or single municipality.



Can focus a specific area or elements and be as simple or complex as needed or as funding permits.







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#### **Connections Inside Elverson Borough**

This map shows the overall desired active transportation network within the Borough of Elverson. The recommended improvements have been divided into distinct projects and are numbered on the map accordingly.

#### **Priority 1 Projects**

Priority 10 - Hopewell Spur Extension

Priority 113 - Chestnut Street (Rt 82) Sidewalk Extension

Priority 10- Summerfield – Livingood Park Connector

Priority 10 - Municipal Authority Trail

Priority 13- Twin Valley Elementary Connector Trail

Priority 1F&1G - Signed Bike Routes to French Creek State Park

Priority :- Sidewalk Extension to Brick Lane Church on South Brick Lane

Priority 11- Walking Trails to Blue Rocks

#### **Priority 2 Projects**

Priority 2A- Sidewalk Extensions - Stable Drive West

Priority 2B- Sharrows on North and South Chestnut Street

Priority 29 - Sharrows on South Pine Street

Priority 2D- Sharrows on Parkside Drive

Priority 23- Sharrows on Yeingst Drive

Priority 23 - Sharrows on Stable Drive

#### **Priority 3 Projects**

Priority 3A - Boar's Back Trail

Priority 3B- North Brick Lane Sidewalk and Walking Path

Priority 30 - South Brick Lane Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Improvements

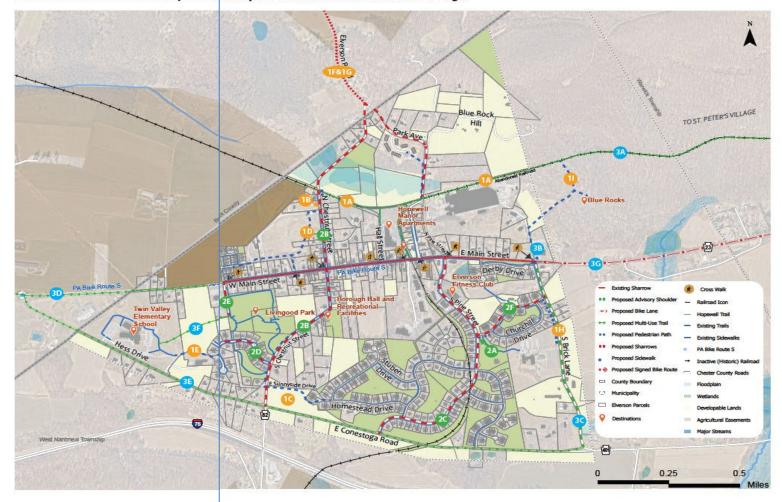
Priority 3D- Multi-use Trail on PA-23 to Morgantown

Priority 3E- Multi-use Trail on PA 401

Priority 31 - Multi-use Connector Trail - Twin Valley Elementary to Livingood Park

Priority 3G - Buffered Bike Lanes on PA 23

#### Recommended Active Transportation Improvements within Elverson Borough





- A good way to engage and involve residents, the public, and users of different modes.
- Can help prioritize projects and lead to funding/implementation.



Exton public meeting at the West Whiteland Township Building (3/29/12)





West Chester public meeting at the West Chester Borough Hall (7/26/12)







#### **Examples:**

- Central Chesco Regional Bike/Ped Plan (2013 Completed with assistance from CCPC)
- Oxford Borough (2023 funded by WalkWorks Pennsylvania Department of Health and PA Downtown Center)
- Phoenixville Region (2018 Completed with assistance from CCPC)
- Phoenixville Borough (2019 funded by VPP cash grant)
- Kennett Township/Kennett Square Borough (2018 funded by Pennsylvania DCED)
- Malvern Borough Sidewalk Inventory (Completed by municipal planning commission)

#### **Funding sources:**

- Chester County Vision Partnership Program
- WalkWorks (Pennsylvania Department of Health)
- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED)
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (check with your MPO)



### **BIKE PARKS** – Why talk about Bike Parks?

- Continuation of "active" theme to Active Recreation.
- Growing Trends Three Chester County municipalities have a bike park!
  - Kennett (pump track)
  - Phoenixville (skills park)
  - Elverson (skate park/pump track) Coming soon!







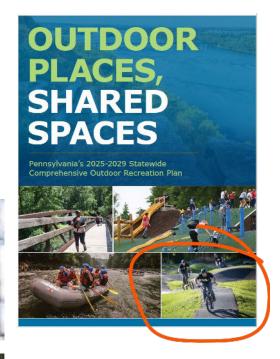


### **BIKE PARKS** – Why talk about Bike Parks?

- Provides an outlet or legitimate location for cyclists and other users:
  - Creates a fun and exciting activity that can be used by everyone
  - Popularity of cycling
- Economic Development/Tourism:
  - Draw visitors to existing businesses
  - Draw new businesses
  - Popularity of cycling and similar activities





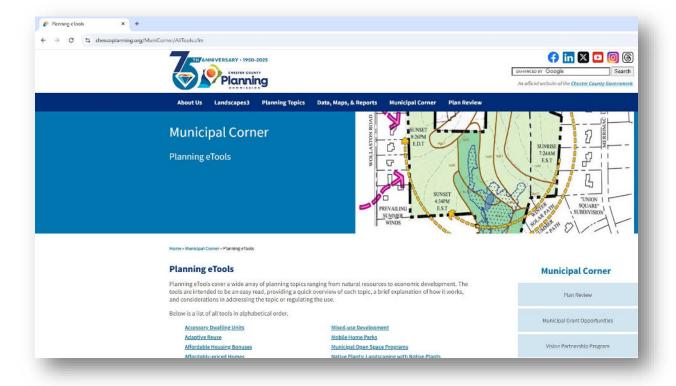






#### **BIKE PARKS** eTool









#### **BIKE PARKS** – What is a Bike Park?

- A dedicated facility for bicycles at a specific location.
- Three main types:
  - Pump track
  - Jump line
  - Skills park or bicycle playground





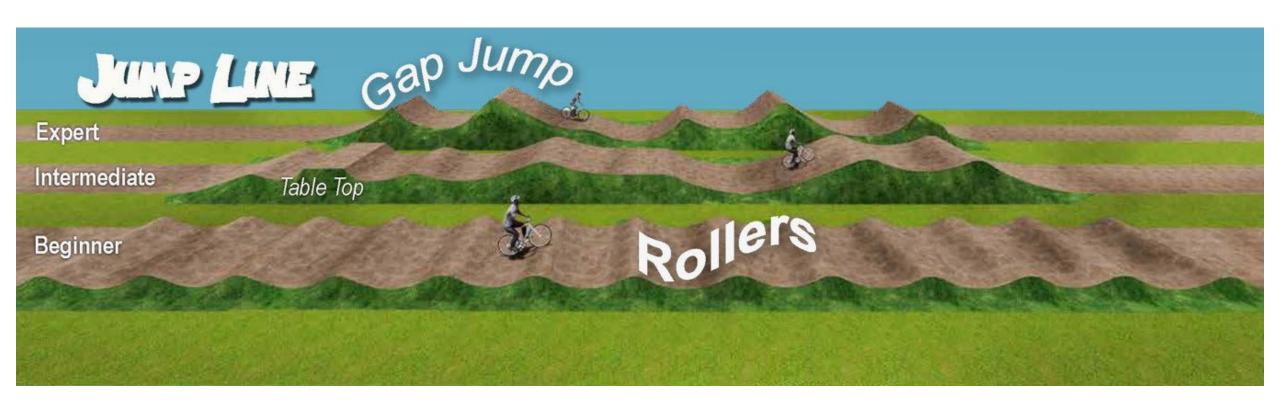


### **BIKE PARKS** – Pump Track





### **BIKE PARKS** – Jump Line





### BIKE PARKS – Skills Park















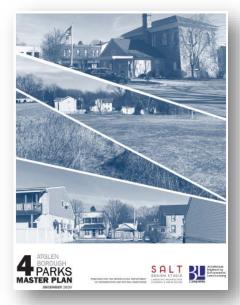
#### **BIKE PARKS – What is a Bike Park?**

Can be designed and used by <u>all abilities and ages</u> to provide an active and fun activity that can be used by everyone (especially youth and children) to <u>enhance</u> bike handling skills.



- Can be identified in a comprehensive plan or parks master plan.
- Gauge public input or interest via a survey or holding meetings.
- Usually located in existing municipally owned parks or property.
- May involve a non-profit/friends' group:
  - Can assist with community engagement, funding, programing
  - Maintenance
  - Special events









#### Could be permitted in ordinances:

- Definitions
- Permitted within parks or in open space
- As permitted use

#### Size/Cost:

- Can start small with limited funding, using volunteers or partners
- Can be as small or large as desired or funding permits
- Cost: As little as \$40,000; average \$120,000-250,000







- Can use municipal staff or consultants and materials.
- Recommend consulting a bike park design/construction firm:
  - American Ramp Company/Velosolutions
  - PumptraxUSA
  - DirtSculpt (PA)

\*This is not a complete list and Chester County does not endorse specific companies





#### Funding is available for planning, design, and construction:

#### **Chester County:**

- Department of Community Development (DCD) Community Revitalization Program
- Department of Parks + Preservation Municipal Park and Trail Improvements

#### Pennsylvania:

- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) –
   Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2).
- Department of Community and Economic Development/ Commonwealth Financing Authority

#### Other:

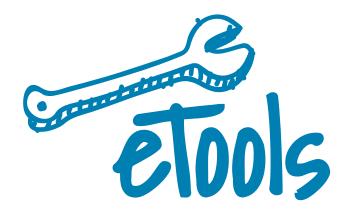
- Parter with a non-profit
- private sponsors
- crowd-funding











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