Should We Have an Ordinance for That?

Input on topics to include in the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) Planning Toolkit

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PLANNING TOOLKIT

Our planning toolkit offers a wide variety of techniques and policies that promote Smart Growth principles.

Browse the toolkit by topic below or on the sidebar navigation of each page.

Feel free to contact us with any questions at (717) 234-2639 or **planning@tcrpc-pa.org**.

BUILDING STOCK

- **Brownfield Redevelopment**: Brownfields are abandoned or underutilized properties that are often contaminated from past use.

- **Green Building Standards**: Simple building code fixes in can create building stock that uses less energy, manages stormwater better and provides healthier air quality.

- **Accessory Dwelling Units**: Additional living space on the same property is perfect for aging parents, college students and other tenants.

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- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) - Municipal Assistance Program Grant

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What we hope to gain from this session:

Where we are:

- We are just beginning the process of updating our "planning toolkit"
- Effort is expected to take about a year
- While final product will be somewhat tailored to local needs, it will be available online

Why we're here:

- To determine what topics and issues are relevant and important to communities as they seek to complete local planning efforts and adopt ordinances

Proposed Approach:

- Review existing contents for applicability
- Identify new topics & issues along with best available guidance and examples

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- Dauphin County Municipality providing input into development of topic areas

- One of the communities we hope to directly help and support through the development of updated Toolkit

- Township's Implementation of recently completed Comprehensive Plan

Susquehanna Township

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Developed Goals

Redevelopment and Reinvestment

• Encourage redevelopment and reinvestment along the Township's priority corridors to promote appropriate development including a mixture of housing, retail, office, and commercial.

Recreation

• Improve the Township's parks and recreation facilities and programs and explore the potential for developing additional park acreage to leverage new passive and active recreation opportunities in the Township.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections

• Prioritize pedestrian and bicycle connections in priority corridors throughout the Township, and develop guidelines for bike/pedestrian requirements for development projects and road improvements.

Transportation Safety and Mobility

• Improve safety and mobility along priority corridors and major roads within the Township.

Neighborhood Character

• Protect neighborhood character and develop ways to address and prevent deteriorating residential properties.

Community Events and Celebrations

• Invest in new opportunities to bring residents together at community events and celebrations.
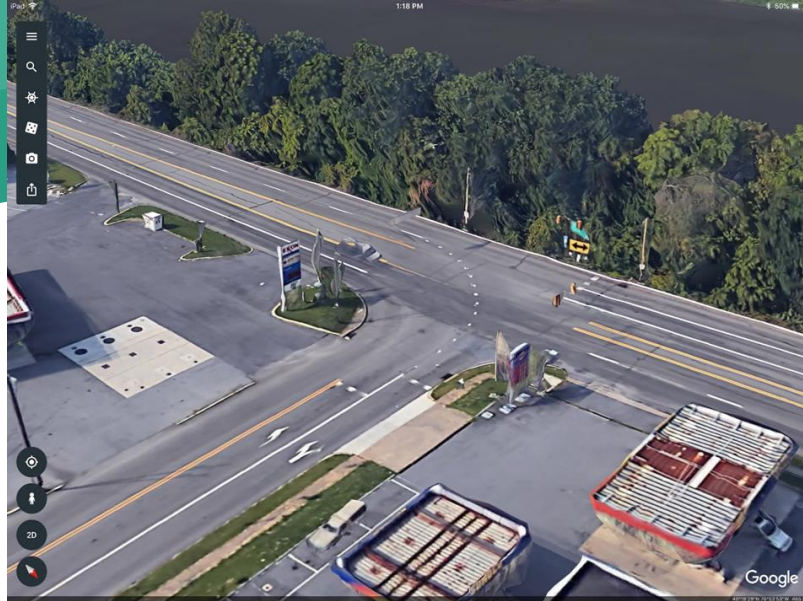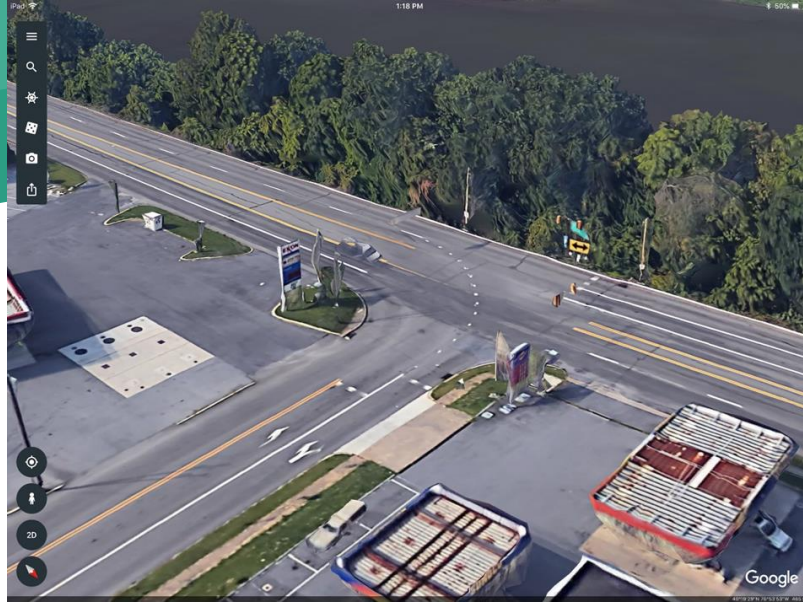
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Implementation

- Comprehensive Plan Approved May 2019

- Started Process to Ordinance Rewrites April 2020

- Official Map – in the 45-day public comment period

- Zoning Ordinance – has begun

- Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance - will start in a couple of months

Susquehanna Township

Additional Questions

- In addition to design concepts, how do we address the other issues identified in Comp Plan into an ordinance?
    - Connectivity
    - Transportation Safety & Mobility
    - Neighborhood Character
    - Property Maintenance
    - Diverse Culture

Review of categories:

- What planning categories are important for your comprehensive planning and implementation efforts?

Review of key issues:

Current housing/building stock guidance

Review of key issues:

Cultural resource guidance

Review of key issues:

Current infrastructure guidance

Review of key issues:

Current land development guidance

Review of key issues:

Current open space guidance

Review of key issues:

Current transportation guidance

Polling Results/ Q&A:

Are there issues that we haven't discussed?

Do you have questions about the planning toolkit?

Can you provide input during the process?

Can you contribute to the outreach process?

Contact information

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