

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**CHARGE:** To provide advice in developing policies/procedures and assisting with implementation of strategies that preserve the Township's cultural and historic place in the history of the Commonwealth and County.

**GOAL: To sustain and enhance cultural and historical resources for the benefit of township residents.**

### **Objectives:**

1. Preserve the Township's cultural and historical assets.
2. Identify and share resources for the governing body and general public on historic preservation.
3. Provide input and recommendations to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors on proposed demolition of any historical structure.

### **Strategies:**

1. Inventory the historical and cultural resources of the Township.
2. Enlist the assistance of a person or non-profit familiar with funding sources for historic preservation and develop a program to assist owners of historic properties with maintenance and preservation efforts.
3. Complete PHMC Resource Inventory Form to determine if parts of the Village of Lampeter and Willow Street qualify for Historic District Designation. Assist with nominations to the state and federal historic registers as appropriate.
4. Establish a historic properties preservation manual with criteria to provide objective analysis of properties and structures with potential historical significance as well as providing objective analysis of appropriateness of demolition of identified structures when such applications are presented.
5. Consider a Historical and Cultural Features Map and Zoning overlay for adoption to provide additional protections to these areas.

**Overall Vision of the Comprehensive Plan:**

At the completion of the 2020 plan year, both residents and observers will describe West Lampeter Township as a community of neighbors. The rural character of the community is preserved through measures that protect the agricultural, natural, and cultural resources that have contributed to the Township's rich history. The impact of new growth is minimized through the careful attention that is paid to providing open space, the provision of adequate transportation and utility services, and the provision of recreational opportunities for all residents. The Township government and staff proactively engage residents in order to obtain their input, and educate and inform residents through both personal interaction and communications media. Residents walk and bike on trails that connect residential neighborhoods, parks, and revitalized village centers. The Township has promoted high-tech, office/technology/research businesses in order to diversify the tax base of the Township. Residents continue to take pride in the excellence of the school district, and police, ambulance and fire services. West Lampeter Township is recognized throughout the county for its high quality of life.