

VILLAGE RENEWAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHARGE: To develop recommendations and assist with implementing strategies that will enhance our villages so that they are a pedestrian oriented community where citizens have access to residential, commercial / professional and recreational opportunities. Promote an appreciation for the cultural and historic character of the village setting.

GOAL: Re-establish the villages of Willow Street and Lampeter as traditional neighborhoods/villages and centers of community activity.

Objectives:

1. Establish policies that encourage the villages of the township to be integrated communities of houses, shops, workplaces, schools, parks and civic facilities.
2. Require and/or team with developers to recreate a traditional village design that includes a village square or center, common parking areas, historic architecture, pedestrian amenities, appropriate lighting, parks and village greens based on a common theme.
3. Establish an integrated network of trails and sidewalks for non-motorized traffic connecting residential, commercial, mixed use and recreational areas.
4. Establish commercial uses within the villages that are oriented toward serving the surrounding community.

Strategies:

1. Development of a Village Renewal Master Plan for the villages of Lampeter and Willow Street.
2. Establish separate sub-committees for the Village of Lampeter and Willow Street to address issues specific to each.

3. Work with Park & Recreation Board to establish an integrated network of trails and sidewalks for non-motorized traffic connecting residential, commercial, mixed use and recreational areas.
4. Work with the Historical Preservation Commission to inventory village structures of historical significance.
5. Develop a Traditional Village District (zoning overlay) that encourages the restoration and re-use of existing buildings.
6. Continue to evaluate and make recommendations for commercial uses within the villages that are oriented toward serving the surrounding community. Such uses may include dining, entertainment, professional offices, general stores, mixed uses with second floor apartments and other small-scale commercial uses.
7. Integrate pedestrian crossings and sidewalks into Willow Street Pike and Lampeter Road to prevent a division of the villages.
8. Establish a well-defined greenbelt around the Village of Lampeter in order to prevent it's merging with existing developed areas.
9. Work with Board of Supervisors to establish a Main Street Program including evaluating the hiring of a "Main Street" coordinator for the village of Willow Street.
10. Support community policing in the villages.
11. Work with the utilities to have future and existing utilities placed underground.
12. Open discussions with Kendig Square about blending future upgrades into a village environment.
13. Open negotiations with the existing Turkey Hill about blending the store's appearance into the village setting during future upgrades.
14. Develop off-street parking opportunities.

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.