

What is working well now in South Whitehall Township?

Parks are good (eg covered bridge)

Parkland Acquisition

Vibrant parks, retail, and medical facilities. We have a new library and good park programs.

New library

Summer daycamp program, run at the schools. Very successful program.

Great school systems.

Good relationship with PSD for shared facilities

What are the problem areas in South Whitehall Township?



What SME tools or best practices are relevant to addressing these problems?

Looking into measures to enhance walkability - to enhance/maintain quality of life

Thoughtful development which incorporates green space.

Longstanding relationship with school district (relationship to facilities/population growth), relationship in discussing growth and where may occur. How school district may respond and township can respond.

Recommendations that can encourage greater community coordination, potentially community messaging systems.

Land is becoming scarce and re-purposing may help with preservation.

hazard mitigation tools

sustaining relationships between entities to provide mutual support of community services

scorecard/progress report (annually) - mechanism to check-in and see how we are doing, one year from Plan adoption. Where there is successful and where we may need to refocus our efforts.

I feel that so much can happen within a 10-year period. One year brought us a pandemic and really changed our world. It may be wise to revisit our Comp Plan every 5 years.

Official Map

Citizen Survey - keeping it simple

Surveys to assess community priorities.

Preservation Tools -- Easements, etc..

Preserve natural resources first, farmland, then provide development within needs of community. (suggestion from LVPC)

What recommendations based on SME tools and best practices should we carry forward to the Comprehensive Plan Update?

Assess current capabilities and where want to go from there.

Update Hazard Mitigation recommendations every 2.5 years (to prepare to be involved in County Plan). Engage in Annual Process to look at amendments on a yearly basis.

EMS fire needs to reflect new and changing housing development

Look at Walbert Corridor and determine how we want it to look and act.

Parks Rec and Open space plan update (how will further recommendations from Comp Plan)

Develop Parks, Rec and Open Space Plan

Walbert Ave seems to have little consistent zoning...auto junk shops mixed in with mom and pop stores, bakeries, etc. This is also true in other areas.

Example: Lower Nazareth updated official map

Land preservation, and re-purposing of current structures for community facilities. i.e. A community center in a re-purposed building.

can be placed on official map (i.e. park space, etc). Where might residents of Township not be as well served as other areas - and understand what we can do. Process can lead to trying to find opportunities for

Official Map - easements (conservation, agricultural). Identify priorities, and where priorities provide opportunities.

Lower Mac is planning for a solar farm. Is this feasible for SWT?

Consider connectivity via the Official Map (i.e. connect greenway to park to agricultural easement)

trail and recreational centers - how they are connected and make it easy to get to community facilities

