

Comprehensive Plan Update

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Resource Mapping

TOTAL ACRES	11,040
developed	7,693
undeveloped	3,346

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Resource



All areas are prime farmland	4,477
Farmland of statewide importance	1,648



NATURAL HERITAGE AREAS	
1. Crackersport Road Wetlands	175
2. Fullerton Forest	na
Supporting Landscapes	2,410

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INDIVIDUAL MEETING FLOW

public comment review

review of “synthesized goals/objectives/implementation”

open comment period. “approval” to post

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public comment review

- D. Spiegel: A Vision for the Future of the 309 Corridor (Transportation)
- R. Bronstein: Comprehensive Plan – Lands of Jeras – Comments and Next Steps (land use)
- Comment form live (4/29).
 - 5/2: Does G1 include surrounding Townships and the City? Does G2 include upgrading and modernizing existing infrastructure?
 - 5/2: S4, how long is periodically?

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Resource Protection Goal (2022)

RPG1.

Preserve and protect resources that are important to the unique characteristics of the Township.

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Resource Protection Strategies (2022)

RPS1.

Identify and prioritize resources that are important to the unique characteristics of the Township.

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Resource Protection Strategies (2022)

RPS2.

Strengthen Township regulations to ***encourage*** and ***incentivize*** preservation of resources.

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Resource Protection Strategies (2022)

RPS3.

Actively pursue *partnerships* and *opportunities* to preserve resources.

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Resource Protection Strategies (2022)

RPS4.

Direct development to areas with access to infrastructure and limit development in hazard prone areas.

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Historic (2022)

Identify and Prioritize

- Define historic
- Inventory historic properties

Encourage and Incentivize

- Adaptive Reuse
- Rehabilitation of structures
- Ensure long-term maintenance of structures

Partnerships and Opportunities

- Trexler Trust
- Property owners
- Lehigh County Historical Society
- Township-based commission

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Natural (2022)

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Identify and Prioritize

- Woodlands
- Steep Slopes
- Riparian Areas
- Critical Habitat
- Others

Encourage and Incentivize

- Update/Adopt Ordinances addressing specific natural features: steep slopes, riparian buffer, floodplains, woodlands, etc...
- Greenways / natural corridors

Partnerships and Opportunities

- Wildlands Conservancy
- DCNR
- Forest Stewardship Program
- Property Owners

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Scenic (2022)

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Identify and Prioritize

- Significant viewsheds

Encourage and Incentivize

- Visual Buffer provisions
- Height Restrictions
- Scenic Resource Overlay

Partnerships and Opportunities

- Developers
- Landowners
- Wildlands Conservancy

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Community Utilities

Water

Wastewater

Stormwater

Broadband

Renewable Energy

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Community Utilities: Wastewater

2009 COMP PLAN GOALS

- WWCPG1. Develop and maintain consistency between land use and sewage systems/public water systems plans
- WWCPG2. Consider alternative options for sewer treatment, particularly in the Jordan Valley.
- WWCPG3. Examine the feasibility of the Township's future sewage treatment capacity at the Allentown plant.
- WWCPG4. Consider developing a landfill policy.

2009 COMP PLAN RECS

- WW CPR1. Conduct fiscal impact studies of proposed alternatives for extending the sewer and public water systems.
- WW CPR2. Conduct an Act 537 Feasibility Study to determine the most feasible option for expanding sewer service in the Township and gain DEP approval of a revision to the Township's Act 537 Plan
- WW CPR3. Extend sewer treatment capacity to new growth areas in pace with Township capability and the Capital Improvements Plan.

FUTURELV GOALS

- WWFLV1. Promote development in areas with public sewer and water capacity.
- WWFLV2. Strengthen public sewer and water in Centers and along Corridors, as needed.
- WWFLV3. Discourage use of packaged sewage treatment plants.
- WWFLV4. Provide environmentally responsible and economical solid, electronic, and hazardous waste disposal and recycling.
- WWFLV5. Educate elected officials and the public on the importance of sustainable sewer, water, and green infrastructure.

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Community Utilities: Water

2009 COMP PLAN GOALS

- WCPG1. Develop and maintain consistency between land use and sewage systems/public water systems plans
- WCPG2. Consider employing user fees to a greater degree to support municipal services.
- WCPG3. Match Infrastructure with affordability based on new zoning areas and anticipated tax revenues.

2009 COMP PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

- WCPR1. Consider incorporating elements of the wellhead protection program prepared by the LVPC to increase protection of the water supply.
- WCPG2. Incorporate planned and future utility extensions as part of a 5-year and 10- year Capital Improvements Plan

FUTURELV GOALS

- WFLV1. Protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater.
- WFLV2. Ensure that mineral extraction and commercial agriculture, which impact water supply sources, are managed according to law.

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Community Utilities: Stormwater

2009 COMP PLAN GOALS

- SWCPG1. Examine tools to better protect water supply sources and recharge areas, including a wellhead protection ordinance and a riparian buffer ordinance.

2009 COMP PLAN RECOMENDATIONS

- SWCPR1. Consider groundwater recharge measures for new development and redevelopment proposed within the Groundwater Recharge Basins to preserve water supply.

FUTURELV GOALS

- SWFLV1. Manage the rate, volume, and quality of storm runoff.
- SWFLV2. Discourage development in hazard-prone areas.