



Penn Township Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting #7

Penn Township, Butler County, PA

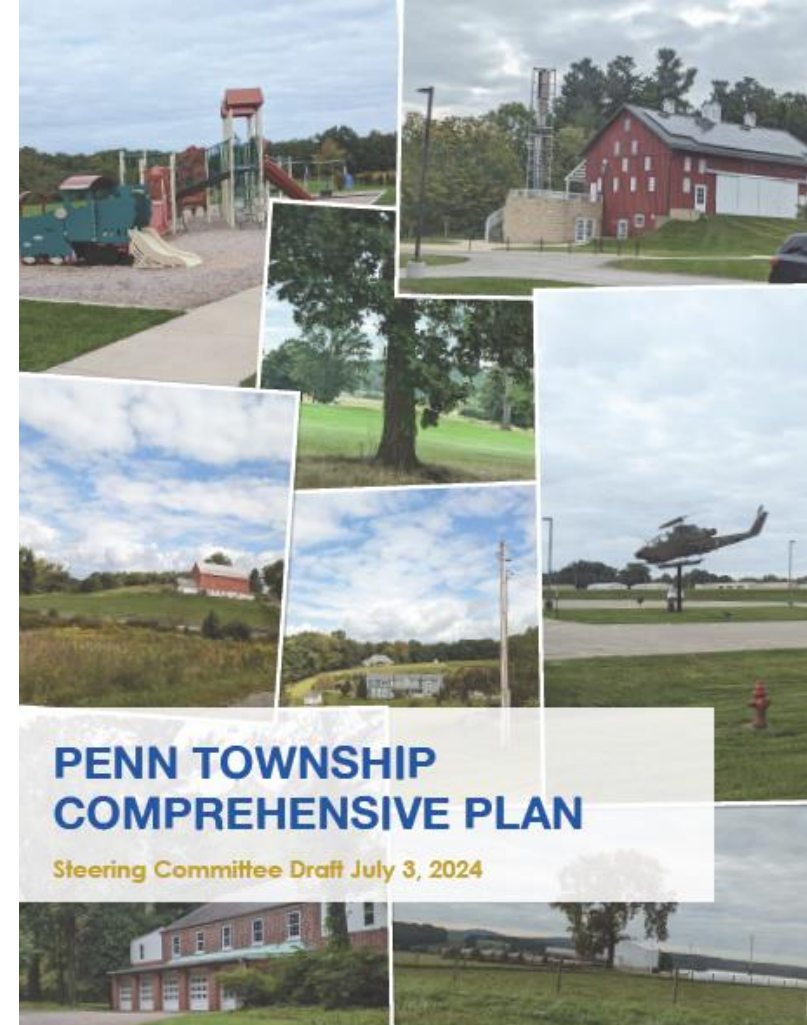
July 17, 2024

AGENDA

1. Review and Discuss the Draft Plan
 1. Changes and edits are ongoing but need to be finalized ASAP
 2. Review Airport Road Sketch
2. Review Timeline for Public Review and Adoption

THE UPDATED DRAFT

Please share any initial thoughts, comments, edits, questions, or feedback with us on the updated draft plan!



THE UPDATED DRAFT

Please email us with any comments or questions you may have as you're reviewing.

What we're looking for:

- Typos
- Inaccuracies in data/information
- Formatting issues
- Confusing phrasing
- Blurry photos
- Additional details to insert into certain sections

INTRODUCTION

Overview

This 2024 Comprehensive Plan for Penn Township was developed over the course of a 12-month period to provide an understanding of how the Township has changed since their previous multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan, the Butler Area Multi Municipal (BAMM) Plan was completed in 2008, jointly with the City of Butler, Butler Township, Summit Township, and East Butler Borough.

The new Comprehensive Plan provides a snapshot of where the Township currently is and develops a roadmap for future policy and decision-making in the years to come for several important topics including economic development, preservation of farmlands and greenspace, parks and recreation, environmental and natural resources, trails and connectivity, infrastructure, and various community facilities and services.

What additional improvements are needed for the Township's parks and community amenities? What do residents want the future of Penn Township to look like? Where should development be focused and what areas should be slated for conservation, preservation, and agriculture? Where can additional connections be made? These are all questions that the Comprehensive Plan intends to address.

The 2024 Comprehensive Plan outlines goals and strategies with an emphasis on the key themes that were identified during the planning process. The key theme areas were developed based on feedback received from the online community survey and through discussions with the project Steering Committee members and Township staff and officials. These key theme areas are as follows:



2019 Penn Township Community Day at Harcrest Park, image courtesy of Penn Township

1. **Balancing Preservation and Growth**
2. **Infrastructure Needs and Improvements**
3. **Parks and Recreation for Everyone**
4. **Promoting Economic Development**
5. **The Route 8 Commercial Corridor**

The chapters that follow in this Plan provide background and context for each of the five key theme areas that emerged from the public and stakeholder engagement process.

Planning in Pennsylvania

A comprehensive plan is a community's opportunity to aspire to be a better version of itself for its residents and stakeholders. Municipalities in Pennsylvania are required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) to adopt a comprehensive plan and to review and update their plan every 10 years. A comprehensive plan provides a vision for what a community wants to look like in the future and the actionable steps it must take to make its vision a reality.

CHANGES AND EDITS SINCE THE INITIAL MAY DRAFT

The following changes or additions have been made to the draft:

- Added a goal re: becoming a Bird Town Community
- Added the Airport Road Sketch with sidewalks, benches, and trees
- Addressed typos and grammar issues that we found

COMMENTS RECEIVED ON JULY 3, 2024 DRAFT

- **Doug's Comments**

- Add some language regarding the Township joining the Southwest Stormwater Committee, and continued involvement with the committee.
- Three areas identified for flooding concerns in the Township through that Committee, add mention of these areas in the Plan.
 - Dodds Road at Rockdale
 - South Dutchtown Road between Woodland and Crisswell
 - Renfrew
- Welcome signage – Airport Road? Potential Route 8 options too complicated?

- **Larry Moore – Future Land Use Map**

- Is Route 8 Overlay too extensive? Thorncrest Road not up to standards and could not support multi-family development.
- Should we add language to clarify?

TRANSFORMATION SKETCHES

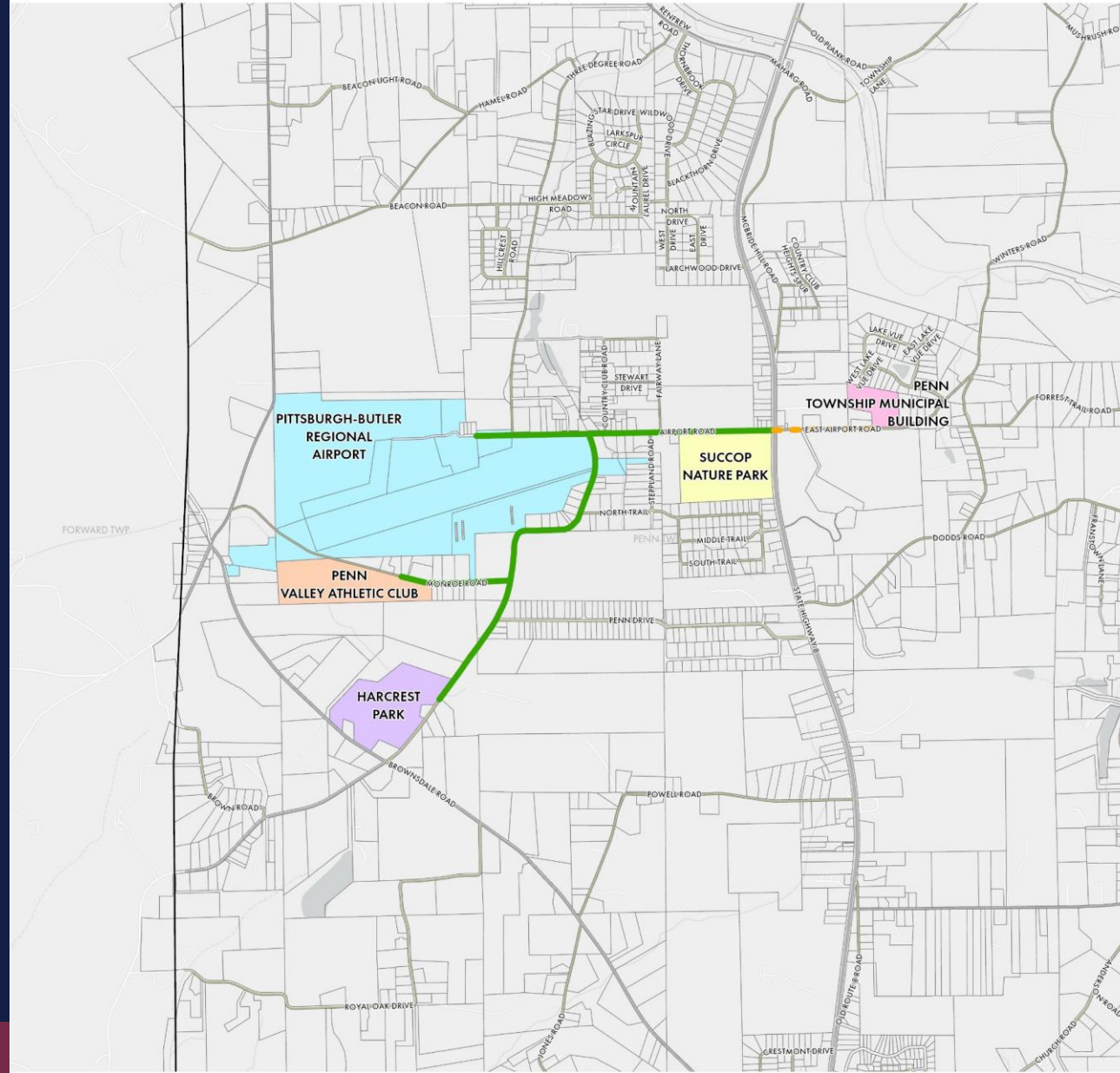
AIRPORT ROAD SKETCH

- Please keep in mind that these drawings are **high-level** in nature and may not be completely representative of the requirements involved in making these sketches a reality.
- Sketches included in the Plan:
 - Proposed Future Trail Network
 - Municipal Building Land Development
 - 2 Options
 - Township Welcome Signage
 - Refine potential locations mentioned in the Plan?
 - Airport Road Improvements

PROPOSED FUTURE TRAIL NETWORK

PENN TOWNSHIP

Proposed Trail Network



Legend

Trail Phase

- Phase I
- Phase II

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Mapping derived from Esri Community Maps
Contributors, data.pa.gov, Esri, TomTom, Garmin,
SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA,
USGS, EPA, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA, USFWS

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING LAND DEVELOPMENT OPTION 1

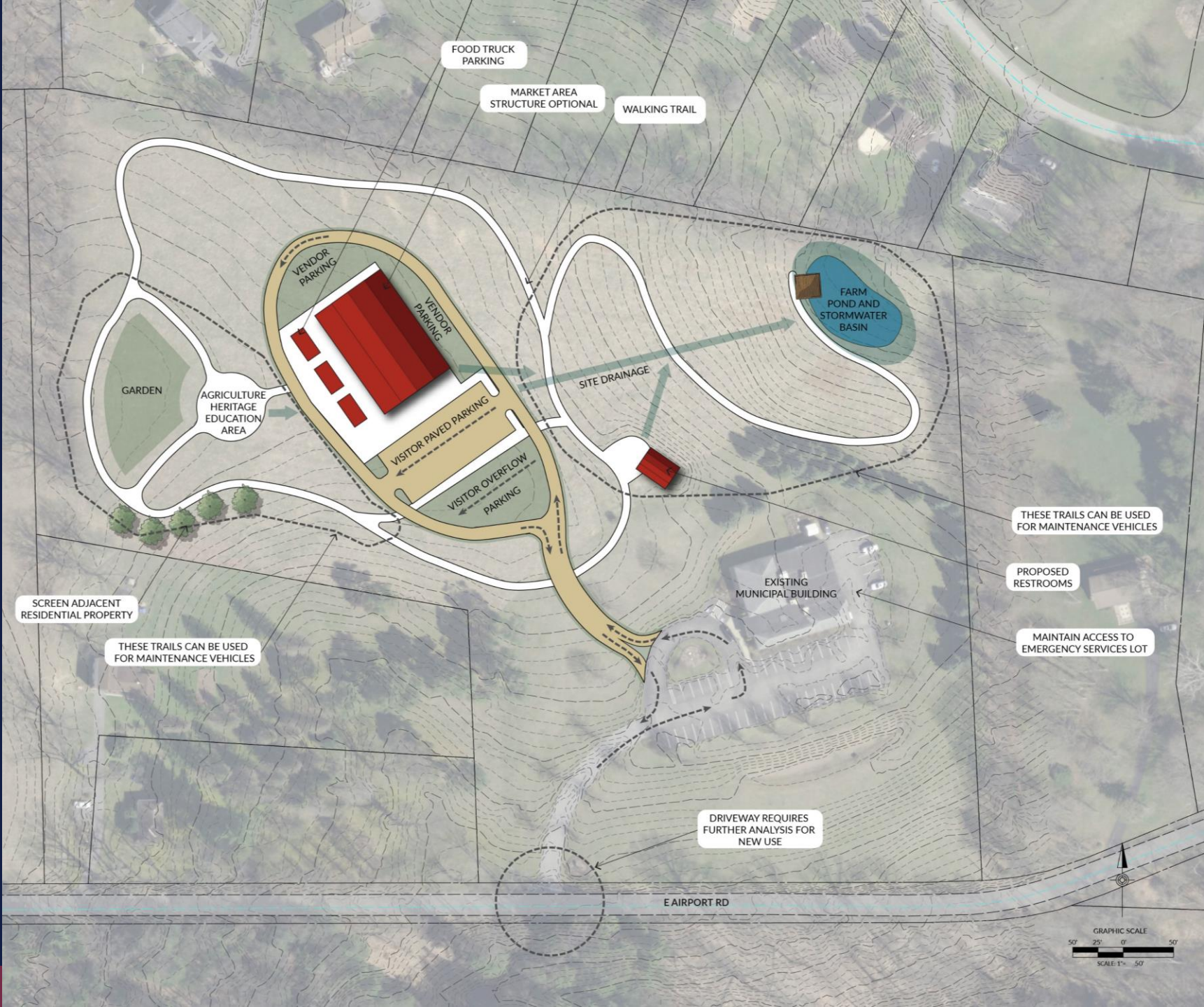


MUNICIPAL BUILDING LAND DEVELOPMENT OPTION 1

NEW DRIVEWAY



MUNICIPAL BUILDING LAND DEVELOPMENT OPTION 2



TOWNSHIP WELCOME SIGNAGE



**TOWNSHIP
WELCOME
SIGNAGE**

**WITH TOWNSHIP
LOGO**



AIRPORT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR SKETCHES

- **Welcome sign locations**
 - If Route 8 is too complicated, are there other locations that can work?
 - If so, we can list these within the text that discussed the sketch.
- **Airport Road Sketch feedback**
 - Initial thoughts and feedback on this new sketch added to the draft plan?
- **Anything else to note?**

PUBLIC OUTREACH AT COMMUNITY DAY

HRG staff will be attending the Township's Community Day on Saturday, August 17th from 12pm-4pm at Harcrest Park

- We plan to have a hard copy of the draft plan and some display boards prepared summarizing the key theme areas, showing the transformative sketches, etc.
- We will have comment cards available for people to write their comments and suggestions on the draft and on the information shared on the boards

PUBLIC REVIEW AND ADOPTION TIMELINE

- Public Display Period begins on July 26th
- Public Engagement and Outreach Event – Community Day – August 17th
- Planning Commission Public Meeting– August 27th
- Board of Supervisors Public Hearing – September 10th

NOTE: HRG will work with Township staff on draft advertisements

PC – 4th Tuesday of the Month

BOS – 2nd Tuesday of the Month

ARE THE ABOVE DATES CORRECT?



PUBLIC REVIEW AND ADOPTION – CONTACTS FOR DISTRIBUTION

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Are these correct? Anyone missing? We need EMAILS preferably.



PUBLIC REVIEW AND ADOPTION

- We typically set up a comment form via Survey Monkey that is available via a link and QR code.
- We can also print hard copies of the comment form.
- Who do we coordinate with to get the Draft Plan, Appendices, and Comment Form on the Township website?

NEXT STEPS

- SEND ANY COMMENTS AND EDITS TO HRG BY MONDAY, JULY 22ND
- HRG TO FINALIZE DRAFT FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY
- START PUBLIC DISPLAY AND REVIEW PERIOD AND SUBMIT TO BUTLER COUNTY, KNOCH SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES FOR REVIEW
- TARGET GOAL: FRIDAY, JULY 26TH