



Skippack Township Comprehensive Plan Update

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Why Update the Comprehensive Plan?



Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) is the enabling legislation and requires Comprehensive Plans to be reviewed and updated every 10 years



Skippack's last plan was adopted in 2001



The plan update would bring the Township into compliance with the MPC



Provides a home for the goals of the Township and its residents



Helps guide development in alignment with the vision of the Township for the future of Skippack



Bolsters likelihood of receiving grant funding for projects and recommendations in the Plan

Components of the Plan

- The MPC outlines several required elements of the plan:
 - A statement of objectives for future development and growth
 - A plan for **land use**
 - A plan for **housing**
 - A plan for **the movement of people and goods** (transportation)
 - A plan for **community facilities and utilities**
 - A plan for **the protection of natural and historic resources**
 - A statement of the interrelationships of plan components
 - A statement of consistency of existing and proposed development with contiguous municipalities
 - Implementation strategies

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- Working Group
 - The process typically starts with the formation of a working group comprised of township staff and the consultant team
 - This working group helps guide the process of developing the plan, and select stakeholders
 - A kickoff meeting will be held to introduce the planning process, expectations of the group, and visioning exercises to discuss strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in the community
 - Several meetings would follow, typically held monthly, to update the group on plan progress, receive feedback on findings, and discuss local issues
 - Goals and objectives will be established early in the process with the group and revised as needed

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Community Outreach

This is an important element of the comprehensive planning process

Several options are available including **surveys**, **open houses**, **workshops**, and **presence at community events**

Input from the community helps to ensure that the plan aligns with the vision all residents and the Township have for the future of Skippack




Final Steps

Once the plan had been drafted and revised, it will go through official review processes and presented to the Board of Supervisors for adoption



Importance of the Plan



Skippack Township could greatly benefit from an up-to-date comprehensive plan that reflects the existing conditions, demographics, challenges, and opportunities to plan effectively for growth and establish a vision for the community

Questions?

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