

West Lampeter Township

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

MISSION

In the year 2020 West Lampeter Township is described 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 provisions of adequate transportation and utility services, and the provision of adequate 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 communication media. Residents walk and bike on trails that connect residential neighborhoods, parks and revitalized village centers. The Township has promoted office, technology and research businesses in order to diversify the tax base of the Township. Residents continue to take pride in the excellence of the school district. The police, ambulance and fire services create a feeling of safety and comfort among the residents. West Lampeter Township is recognized throughout the county for its high quality of life.

VISION

The Vision of the Comprehensive Plan is broad and reflects input from a variety of sources as part of the community surveys, public meetings and workshops during the development of the Comprehensive Plan. The vision provides themes that are reinforced throughout the chapters of the Comprehensive Plan. The themes provide a basis for the strategic update since they reflect the vision of the community and are relevant today.

- Preserve the excellent **quality of life** of its residents.
- Promote an **agricultural** way of life and preserve **rural landscapes** of the Township
- **Manage growth** by limiting growth occurring within the Designated Growth Areas (DGA) and Village Growth Area (VGA) of the Township
- Provide an interconnected system of **sidewalks, trails and greenways**.
- Develop **Villages of Lampeter and Willow Street** as focal points and centers of commerce
- Recognize and celebrate West Lampeter's settlement and **heritage** of community.
- Provide opportunities for high quality **housing** that is affordable to first time homebuyers and younger families.



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Protect the Township's farms and farmers, agricultural economy and rural way of life.

Objectives under this goal are to maintain the Township's agricultural character by directing growth into the designated areas targeted for growth; provide protection for lands that contain a majority of prime agricultural lands; provide tools to farmers such as expanded allowed uses; and, promote preservation.

Manage growth in a sound manner directing the majority of future growth into the DGA and VGA located in the Township.

Objectives under this goal are to maintain the Township's agricultural character by directing growth into the designated areas; coordinate utility service providers' to ensure their policies support the Township's growth management strategies; match proposed growth with transportation system; develop non-motorized transportation system; promote infill and Traditional Neighborhood Development; increase available stock of rental and moderately priced housing; develop additional office, technology and research type uses.

Develop a transportation system that supports future growth projections and land uses. Analyze the system on both local and regional level.

Objectives under this goal are to coordinate future land uses to avoid exceeding design capacities; coordinate with PennDOT to ensure that developers mitigate their impacts; establish revolving Transportation Capital Improvement Plan and seek State and County funding to implement; minimize the number of new curb cuts; work with County and LIMC in Regional Comprehensive Planning process; establish network of trails, sidewalks and greenways; provide signal pre-emption devices for emergency service providers.

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

Objectives under this goal are to establish network of trails and sidewalks for non-motorized traffic; develop a Traditional Village District Ordinance that encourage restoration and re-use in the Villages; establish commercial uses with the villages; establish a well-defined greenbelt around the Village of Lampeter; hire a Main Street Coordinator; establish a Village Renewal Committee.

Provide recreational facilities to every resident in the Township.

Objectives under this goal are to establish recreational facilities in locations; promote and develop neighborhood parks; connect parks and other recreational sites via sidewalks, trails and greenways; complete the development of West Lampeter Township Village Park; provide community based library or library extension.

Develop and maintain adequate public services as a part of the Township's growth management strategy.

Objectives under this goal are to maintain open communication with Township residents; coordinate Township activities and growth management strategies with L-S School District and emergency service providers; ensure neighborhood parks have adequately maintained amenities; maintain adequate police, fire and ambulance services; ensure Township planning documents are consistent with vision; work with Lancaster County Planning and LIMC on regional approaches; improve refuse and recycling service to residents.

Sustain and enhance natural, scenic and historical resources for the benefit of Township residents.

Objectives under this goal are to coordinate with Red Rose Transit to explore feasibility of park and ride lot; preserve prime agricultural soils, steep slopes, wetland, riparian areas and groundwater; protect natural features by requiring greenways, riparian buffers through ordinances; consider natural and cultural conservation ordinances; inventory historic and cultural resources and establish historic and cultural zoning overlay; require Best Management Practices (BMPs) in all stormwater controls.

Work with Utility providers to meet the utility needs of the Township, protect the environment and support the growth management strategies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Objectives under this goal are to coordinate with utility service providers' to ensure their policies support the Township's growth management strategies; coordinate extension of utility lines to future developments at the developers' expense; develop program of regular inspection and maintenance of on-lot systems; promote benefits of water conservation; encourage upgrade of utility services.

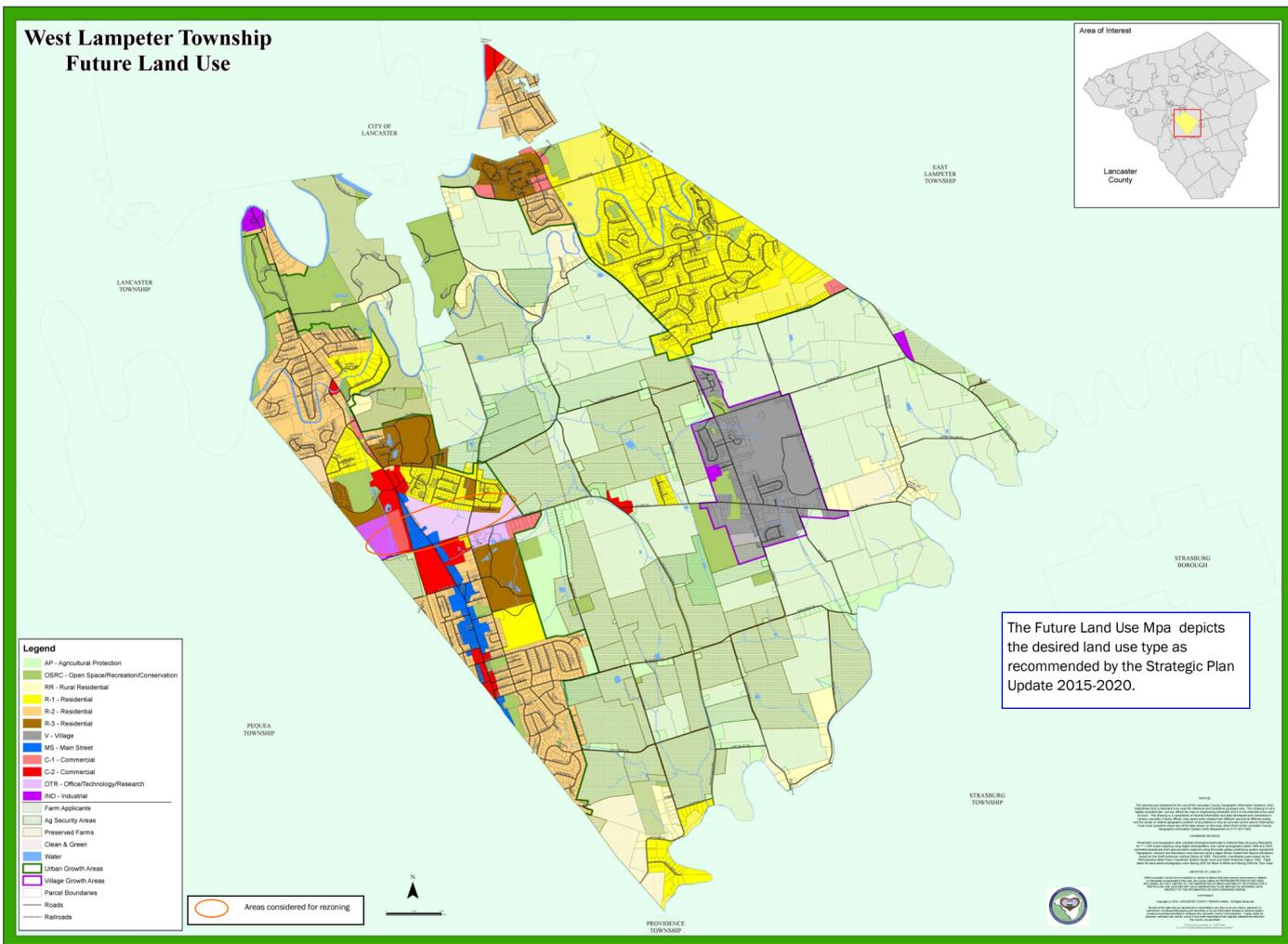
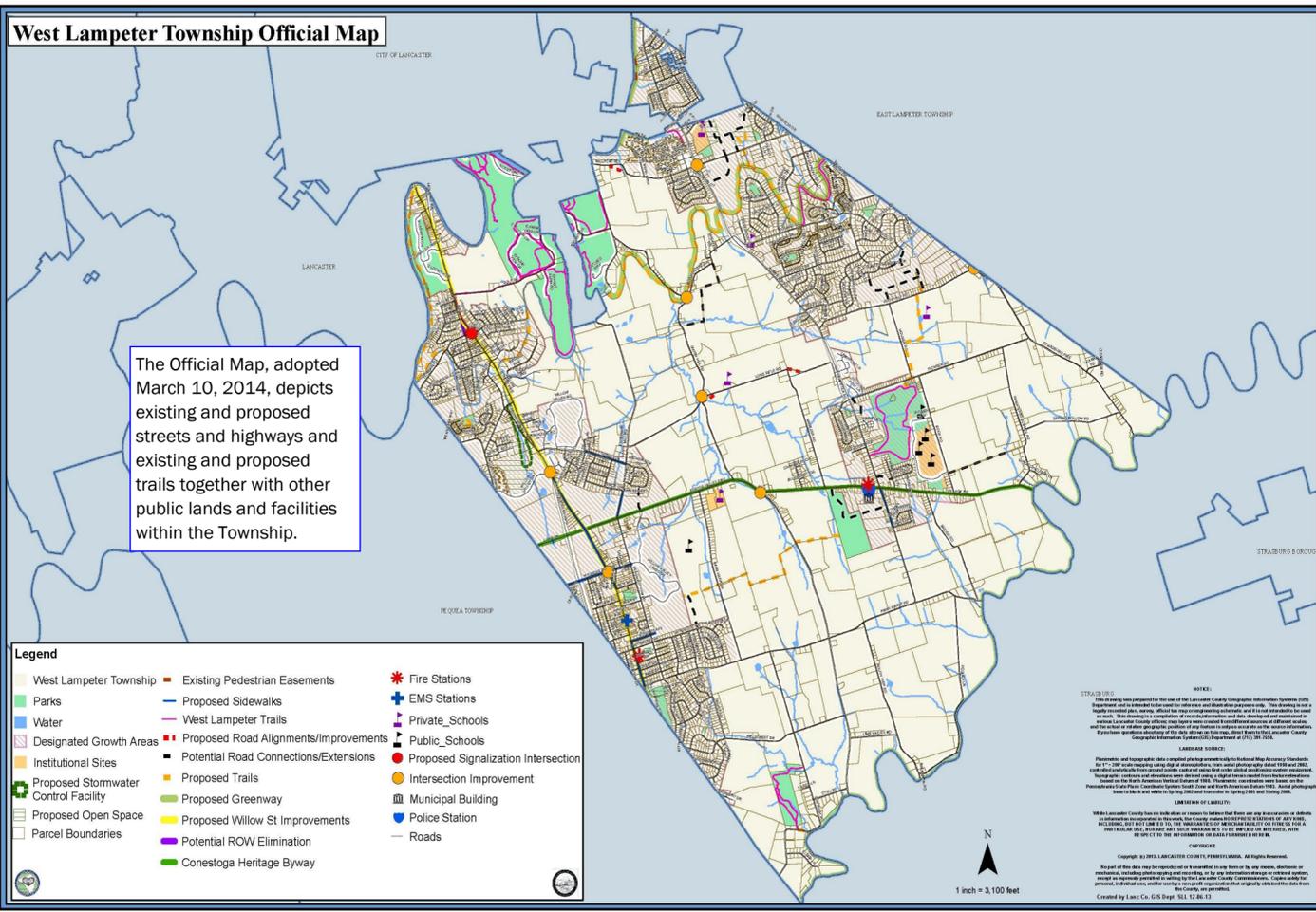
Retain an agriculturally based economy but encourage diversification with the addition of appropriate commercial uses.

Objectives under this goal are to diversify the tax base with the provision of the Office/Technology/Research zoning district; diversify farm related activities; develop a business association to promote Township businesses; work with L-S School District and Vo-Tech school on public-private partnership; consider creation of development authority to promote and develop the high-tech business park; develop a farmers market; discourage strip commercial development.

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Priority Short-Term Action Items

The purpose of this summary is to provide a list of immediate action items to be taken to achieve the mission, vision, goals and objectives of the strategic update. The Strategic Plan Update 2015-2020 has a full list of short, mid, long-term and continuous implementation items. The following is a list of recommended short-term action items that should be implemented in the next 2 years:

- ◆ Conduct outreach meetings on the importance of conservation plans/manure management plans
- ◆ Provide assistance to farmers to implement BMP's on their farms
- ◆ Document and promote the use of Best Management Practices on farms
- ◆ Engage a consultant to seek public input to rezone area north of Beaver Valley Pike and Long along Willow Street Pike to encourage mixed-use Village Zoning.
- ◆ Update Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance
- ◆ Adopt complete street policies as part of SLDO and zoning amendments.
- ◆ Coordinate with LIMC's non-motorized transportation study
- ◆ Coordinate with Active Transportation Committee to conduct walk audits
- ◆ Establish clear roles and responsibilities for Village Renewal Committee and create liaison between the Planning Commission and the Supervisors to ensure coordination of effort
- ◆ Work with the Lancaster County Preservation Trust to inventory historic structures in the Township.
- ◆ Seek funding and implement Village Park Master plan to increase number and quality of ball fields for residents and sports leagues.
- ◆ Coordinate with the Lampeter-Strasburg School District to identify current and future opportunities for use of school district facilities
- ◆ Conduct bi-annual public outreach meetings providing citizens with the opportunity to discuss services with Township staff/officials
- ◆ Develop an education program regarding pollution caused by stormwater as part of the Township requirement to meet NPDES Phase II standards
- ◆ Seek ways to increase residential and commercial recycling rate
- ◆ Continue to conduct community police academy trainings for residents to learn about community policing efforts and provide citizen input.
- ◆ Require that all future developments in the DGA and VGA be served by public water and sewer
- ◆ Provide an annual or bi-annual opportunity for City of Lancaster and SLSA to brief and receive comment from the Supervisors regarding water and sewer service
- ◆ Coordinate with the City of Lancaster to establish a written policy that public water service will not be extended to development outside the DGA/VGA
- ◆ Coordinate efforts to educate farmers about the methods for and benefits of reducing sediment and nutrient runoff
- ◆ Hire consultant to evaluate possible rezoning of identified parcels of land along Beaver Valley Pike, Long Lane and Willow Street Pike.



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