

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Introduction

In the course of developing this Addendum to the Comprehensive Plan, the Upper Providence Township Comprehensive Plan Task Force identified ten goals that should serve as the cornerstone of implementation for the Township into the future. Each goal is supported by multiple objectives and the ten goals are enumerated below under each topic:

- One goal addressing land use;
- Two goals for traffic volume and safety;
- Five goals for community infrastructure and services;
- One goal for resource preservation; and
- One goal for storm water management – MS4.

Note that implementation of many of the objectives guided by the character and desire of our community, will promote the above-stated goals, as well as to enhance the other stated goals and bring the VISION into focus.

LAND USE

Goal #1:

Provide for the development and redevelopment of land within the Township in a manner that respects, preserves, and enhances the residential character of the various neighborhoods.

- **Objective 1A:** Review and amend the Township’s development regulations (Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance) to implement the land use allocation as elicited through citizen response of the public outreach process and the policy set forth.
- **Objective 1B:** Continue to accommodate a comprehensive range of housing choices that encourage the availability of housing to households over a wide range of socio-economic standards. However, the Township does not want to encroach on sensitive natural features to maximize density or increase population that would compromise existing community and character attributes.
- **Objective 1C:** Assure that land use regulations continue to accommodate a comprehensive variety of uses that will promote the fiscal health of the Township, particularly as land is developed or rezoned.
- **Objective 1D:** Partner with the Chamber of Commerce, Commercial Real Estate professionals, and other business organizations to bolster businesses in our defined commercial corridors.

Guiding Principles for Planning, Development, and Growth

These guiding principles for the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Addendum are intended to summarize the approach and actions above and to supplement the “purpose” of the Upper Providence Township Zoning Ordinance.

Upper Providence Township is envisioned to be a community that:

1. Balances the Pace of Growth with Infrastructure Capacity and Improvements.

Coordinate development and redevelopment with available sewer, transportation, and other infrastructure systems in order to maintain a high quality of life for residents and businesses, and manage Township financial resources.

2. Conserves Open Space and promotes active and passive recreation opportunities for enjoyment of future generations and enhancement of Community Character.

Proactively expand the protection and preservation of natural resources, to include woodland and other environmentally sensitive areas.

3. Promotes Route 252 as a vibrant and attractive thoroughfare that reflects the diversity and vitality of the Township.

Re-envision Route 252 as an attractive, vibrant, and well-functioning multi-modal corridor, as applicable.

4. Values and protects Historic, Natural and scenic Resources for vital roles in Township identity, health and recreation, and green infrastructure.

Incorporate strong resource protections and enhancements as part of new development/redevelopment, so that essential functions and contributions are maintained and enhanced for the future.

5. Invests in a growing network of trails, bike paths, sidewalks, and pathways that facilitates safe and convenient walking and biking around the Township for work, school and recreation.

Develop interconnected networks of trails, sidewalks, pathways, and crosswalks, that are accented with shade trees and street lights, to provide functional, safe, and attractive thoroughfares, where applicable.

6. Strives for a diverse housing supply, in enhanced older neighborhoods and new mixed used neighborhoods, provides opportunities for families, the young an old and persons of any ability or income to reside in the Township.

Encourage a diverse range of housing and neighborhoods types that will better meet the needs of existing and future residents of any age, ability and income.

7. Enables redevelopment and flexible development patterns that continue to attract residents and businesses, and encourages efficient use of land and infrastructure.