

Haverford Teams Up With Radnor Township for Joint Comprehensive Plan

For the past year, members of the Planning and Zoning Committee of the Board of Commissioners have been working with Radnor Township officials to update the Comprehensive Plan. The Committee members, Commissioners D'Emilio, McGarrity, Holmes and Oliva, are pleased to say that we are see progress for a new multi-municipal plan.

A Comprehensive Plan is a community blueprint, defining our goals and laying out a plan to reach those goals. The Township's Comprehensive Plan was last adopted in 1988, with a supplemental report added in 2009. Many of the streetscape improvements on Eagle Road are a reflection of the 2009 addendum. In this new joint effort with Radnor, a Steering Committee will be seated and will consist of representatives from both towns. It will include Township staff, consultants, economic development specialists and a cross-section of residents with expertise in land use planning, natural resources management, traffic planning, recreation and other community services.

We hope to see other partnership and grant opportunities for those improvements indentified in the Comprehensive Plan.

Why plan jointly?

- Provide an opportunity to address mutual problems and goals
- Save money on consultant fees
- Increase results by working together and pooling resources
- Priority consideration in grants and other state funding

The Comprehensive Plan will be used as a tool in writing a new Haverford Township Zoning Code. Our 1974 Zoning regulations have undergone many changes and additions but, like the Comprehensive Plan, it's time for a new Code. The Commissioners are committed to seeing these two vital land use tools rewritten to define and preserve our community and a more sustainable Haverford Township.

Look for a series of public meetings soliciting community input in the development of the new Comprehensive Plan.