



Preserving Plumstead

Main Concerns:

- Complaints of a general lack of funds for historic and cultural preservation.
- Discussions of how Historic Districts are not being restored properly, but instead redeveloped in a way that loses its character.
 - Point Pleasant was discussed (this is on the National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District, containing several historic buildings)
 - Concerns of renovations or redevelopments on historic properties and villages happening that were not run by the Historical Advisory Board for input.
 - Complaints of the old Mountainside Inn being redeveloped in a way that destroyed its historic charm.
- Residents would like to see a HARB, in addition to Historic Advisory Board. Residents want a board with more power to make changes to how historic buildings and districts are treated.
- Complaints of inaccessibility to data regarding historic properties.
 - Residents unable to access maps/surveys/plans that were developed for historic properties. Residents want this data to be made public or easily accessible.
 - Residents are concerned with this information being lost or forgotten.
- Increased flooding and stormwater management needed
- BMPs are needed for meadow conversions
- BMPs are needed for forest management as ash trees die
- Concerns about local aquifers not getting recharged.
- Consensus amongst residents that conservation easements are the most responsible form of land management.
- Concerns about increased flooding and stormwater management
- Concerns about the park/open space in the northwest corner of the township that is isolated, is difficult to get to, and does not have any bike or trail connections.

Opportunities for Preservation:

- Residents wish to see the farm along Potters Lane (below Geddes Lane) be preserved. There were concerns that this farm is going to be developed.
- There is a stretch of Stump Road that cuts through a zone of preserved lands where residents saw an opportunity for a scenic road with setbacks.
- Residents think Ferry Road (Fountainville to Kendigtown to Danboro) should be designated as a historic corridor or scenic road with setbacks.
- Residents think Old Easton Road (Dyerstown to Danboro) should be designated as a historic corridor with scenic setbacks.
- Another land preservation bond issue is needed.
- The preserved farm on Bradshaw Road was highlighted as an important part of Plumstead.

Requests for pedestrian crossings:

- 611 and Silo Hill Rd
- Flashing ped crossing on Stump Road to connect to park (Owl's Nest?)



Getting Around

Speeding/noise concerns:

- Speeding and noise concerns along Tohickon Hill Road, River Road, and Point Pleasant Pike on weekends from motorcycles and sports car.
- Speeding on Point Pleasant is unsafe for cyclists.

Dangerous intersections:

- Residents noted the following as intersections they find dangerous:
 - Durham Rd & Curly Hill Rd
 - Making a left turn onto Point Pleasant Pike (Ferry Road) from Old Easton Road (in Danboro across from the post office).
 - Easton Rd & Curly Hill Rd

Pedestrian/Cyclist Opportunities

- Need better cyclist safety on Point Pleasant Pike
- Residents want sidewalks on Potters Lane
- Trail to Doylestown opportunity at Pine Run Rd & Swamp Rd
- Sidewalks on Sawmill Rd to connect to 611
- Finish sidewalk connections on Easton Rd to connect to Cross Keys Place.
- Add bike lanes to the sides of all major roads (Durham Rd as an example).
- Bike lanes needed from Cold Spring Creamery to Stump Road.
- Landisville has constant foot traffic but no shoulder or bike lanes.

Congestion concerns:

- Swamp Rd & Landisville Rd to Burnt House Hill & Landisville Rd
- Stump & Easton Rds (intersection with the most traffic congestion concerns)

Other suggestions/concerns:

- Potholes on Curly Hill Rd between Meetinghouse and Potter Lane need to be addressed
- Curly Hill & Haring Rds needs traffic management—opportunity to remove left turn and add traffic light
- Residents think German Rd extension should be removed from recommendations in the current comprehensive plan.
- German & Applebutter Rd—3-way stop sign needed
- German Rd & Spring Rd—4-way stop sign needed
- Residents do not want to see traffic circles
- Residents want more PennDOT resources. Residents want more of a connection between the township and the state instead of getting told it's a state road when they have a complaint.
- Connecting communities should accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists.



Staying Active

Areas of concern:

- Jennifer Schweitzer Park needs maintenance and improvements
 - These nature trails are neglected
 - Signs and fencing at trailheads/wooden bridges on trail have aged and either are unsafe or get removed and never replaced.
- Questions of when trails on the proposed trails map will be developed.
- Point Pleasant Community Park (Turtle Park) is not being maintained and needs more parking.
- Trash and vandalism at the Cabin Run tot lot.
- Concerns over finding Allohaken Park. Many community members did not know this park existed.
- Gardenville Fields needs to be maintained better.
- There is a portion of Durham Road that is closed to pedestrians.

Areas of opportunity:

- Connect to the Doylestown hike and bike system to maximize connectivity between communities
- Residents of Country Greene, Belmont Manor, Plumstead Preserve, Timberly, and Wind Tree get use out of the walking paths, sidewalks, and streets that connect these neighborhoods.
 - A walking path on Curly Hill Rd loop is a missing link in this circuit and would get use and be safer for residents in these communities.
- Waterfront access is needed for township residents to enjoy the river.
 - Need for parking to use the canal path for recreation.
 - Township needs to make more use of the river front.
- Splash Pad is needed somewhere in the township.
- Use the woods at Allohaken park for nature trails.
- Equestrian trails needed in the northeast portion of the township (resident identified this area as the township's "Horse Country").
- Patriot's Ridge needs safer pedestrian connections to shopping centers.
- Connect the neighborhoods of Landis Park and Landis Greene with the Bedminster Square and Penn Land Farm neighborhoods in Bedminster.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

- New trails should serve a purpose from getting here to there, not be a destination where you drive to park to use a trail.
- New trails should accommodate both walking and cycling
- Need to reduce the amount of unsafe cycling on roads
- Shared use trails will connect community members



Planning for Growth

Areas of concern:

- Needing to engage with the younger generation who are the future of the township.
- Residents do not think the German Road extension is feasible and do not want to see it as a recommendation in the new comprehensive plan.
- The old historic charm of Plumsteadville needs to be improved.
- See map for suggestions on where residents believe shopping centers/box stores would fit best.
- Need to incentivize river access, especially where the old Mountainside Inn used to be.
- Residents would like to see the public water/sewerage map overlaid with the 2011 future land use map.