

PRESERVING PLUMSTEAD

Preservation is understanding the value of a resource and protecting it before it can be damaged or lost for good. Preserving Plumstead will look into anything from agriculture, open space, historic and cultural resources, and natural resources.

The purpose of this workshop is to understand the issues and visions discussed in the previous workshops, and to consult with the subject matter experts to create solutions for how to preserve Plumstead's key characteristics.



PRINCIPLES:

1. **Preservation Education**—Ensure residents and township officials have a clear understanding of preservation and understand the benefits. Allow resources to be easily accessible to the public.
2. **Restore Resources**—Educate and provide proper restoration techniques for historic properties and districts.
3. **Expand**—Broaden the township's involvement with historic preservation.
4. **Acquisition and Designation**—Work to continue to acquire land for agricultural and open space preservation and designate certain areas of the township as historic corridors.
5. **Collaboration**—Be receptive to partnerships between public, private, and non-profits groups that further the preservation priorities of the Township.



- Add viewsapes and animal movement corridors
- Protecting our historic villages that established Plumstead
- Preserve scenic vistas
- Work with Del Val to coordinate future farmers and current farmers so that farming continues to be an integral part of Plumstead Township.

WHAT WE HEARD...



SOLUTIONS & STRATEGIES

- Create a Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) in addition to the township historic advisory board, to add further protection on historical sites in the township by reviewing all changes and modifications to the exteriors of buildings.
- Create Best Management Practices for natural resources, including practices for meadow conversions and forest management.
- Update the township's historic inventory and create a database that is easily accessible to the public.
- Designate Stump Road as a scenic corridor with proper setbacks to further protect the preserved lands that it cuts through.
- Assist farmers who want to keep properties as active agricultural operations for future generations through farm preservation programs and provide farmers with information on education/training and funding opportunities.



- ID and target land to preserve – look for opportunity tracts
- Educating public/citizens about public accessibility guidelines for open space in developments/subdivisions
- Hold seminars to invite citizens who own historic property to educate and understand the benefits of preserving
- Establish more historic districts for a HARB to protect
- Explore funding opportunities for grants for land preservation
- Possible CSA or co-op farmland
- Educate residents on benefits of land preservation
- Work with county to facilitate the process of land preservation and funding sources
- Public material about Plumstead significant history & structures (accessibility)
- Connect historical experts in community with homeowners of historical homes (educate, help restore, etc)
- Create a “Plumstead Historical Trail” that explores the sites, people, and features of Plumstead Township. Then use that trail as a historical UNESCO site so that anything along that trail cannot be developed.