

WELCOME

September 22, 2022

Trails, Transit
and Tractor
Trailers



AGENDA



7:00 | Welcome & Opening Remarks

Brian Styche, Chester County Planning Commission
Opening Remarks by Chester County Commissioners

7:10 | Chester County Trails Master Plan

Steve Buck, Chester County Planning Commission

7:30 | Public Transportation Plan Update Phase 2 Preview

Alex Sankaran, Transportation Planner, Chester County Planning Commission

7:35 | Building Better Bus Stops

Natasha Manbeck, McMahon Associates

7:55 | Roadways: Transportation Improvement Inventory & Transportation Priority Projects

Patty Quinn, Chester County Planning Commission

8:00 | Chester County Freight Plan

Kristin Scudder, Freight Program Manager, DVRPC

8:20 | Q&A

8:30 | Adjourn

Upcoming Events



TUESDAY
**Oct
18th**



TUESDAY
**Oct
25th**



TUESDAY
**Nov
15th**

Fall Planners' Forum

Discuss Coatesville's new initiatives, affordable housing development, and ag economic planning.

Nth Solutions, Coatesville

Hybrid Event: 8:00–10:00 am ▶ [more](#)

How We **PROSPER**

Urban Centers Forum – Density, Diversity, and Discussion

Hear from the county's urban centers on recent successes and challenges.

Chester County Public Safety Training Campus, South Coatesville

Hybrid Event: 5:00–7:00 pm ▶ [more](#)

How We **LIVE**

A+ Homes – Decoding Housing Proformas

Explore the costs and challenges of building A+ homes in Chester County.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Chester

Hybrid Event: 4:00–5:30 pm ▶ [more](#)

FALL 2022

COMMUNITY PLANNING MASTER PLANNER PROGRAM

OCTOBER 12, 19, & 26 • 6–9:30 PM • DINNER INCLUDED

West Chester University Graduate Center,
1160 McDermot Drive, West Chester PA 19382

A course for:

- planning commissioners
- local officials
- citizen planners

ZONING PROCEDURES LAND DEVELOPMENT
COMPREHENSIVE PLANS SUBDIVISIONS



Register Here



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Course Description

An overview of the many facets of community planning. Participants learn where planning fits in the framework of local government, how planning commissioners relate to the governing body, zoning hearing board, and zoning officer, and how to carry out responsibilities under the PA Municipalities Planning Code.

Chester County Trails Master Plan

September 22, 2022

Steve Buck, Trails Planner
Chester County Planning
Commission



Pop Quiz



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- Chester Valley Trail
- Struble Trail
- Schuylkill River Trail
- Chester County Trail

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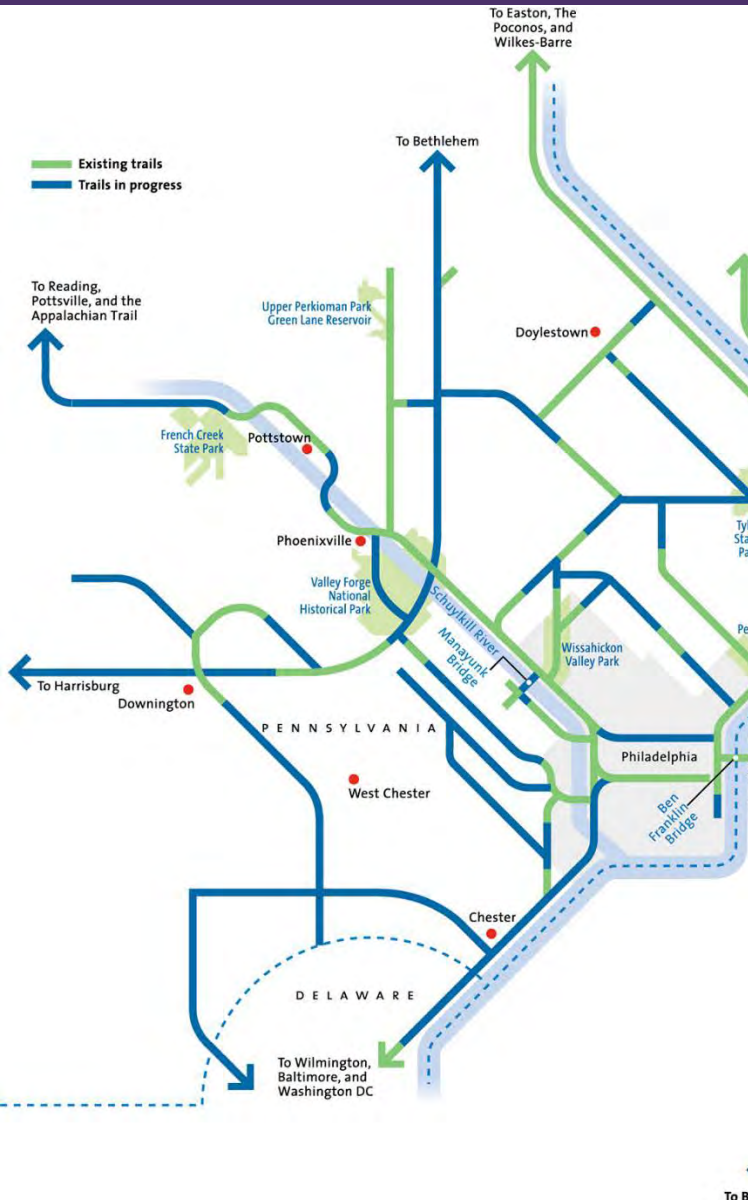


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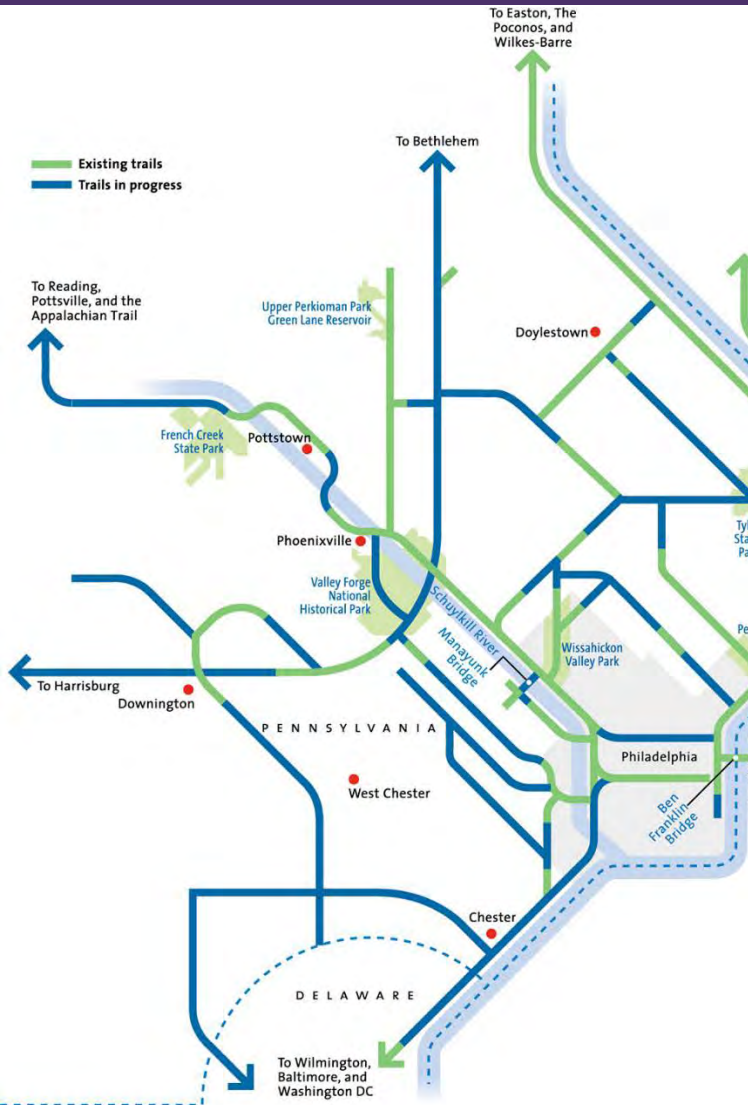


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- Delaware Valley Trail System
- The Circuit Trails
- The Trail Network of Greater Philadelphia

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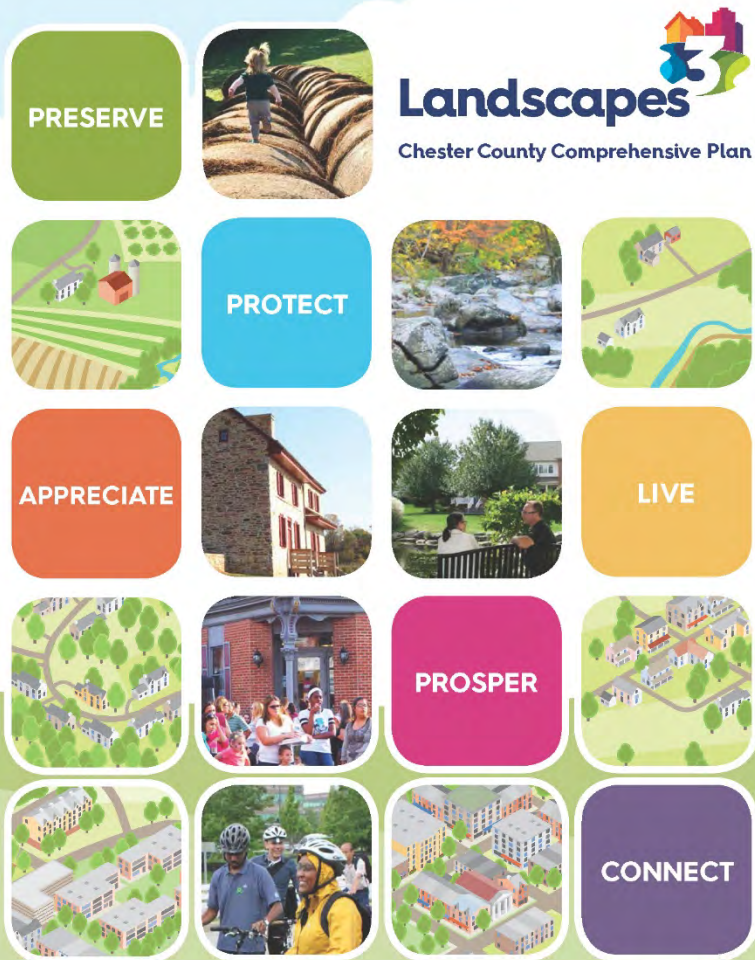


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Planning Context



Landscapes

Chester County
Comprehensive Plan (2018)

Vision

“Chester County abounds with healthy natural areas, robust farms, cherished historic sites, diverse housing, thriving businesses, quality education, accessible transportation, and vibrant communities for all.”

Planning Context



Connect Objective C:

“Provide universally accessible sidewalks, trails, and public transit connections to create a continuous active transportation network within designated growth areas, and develop multi-use trails to interconnect all communities.”

Trails



Trail: A linear, off-road facility with a permanent alignment that is open to the general public and is designed, constructed, and maintained for use of a variety of non-motorized forms of travel

Use Restricted



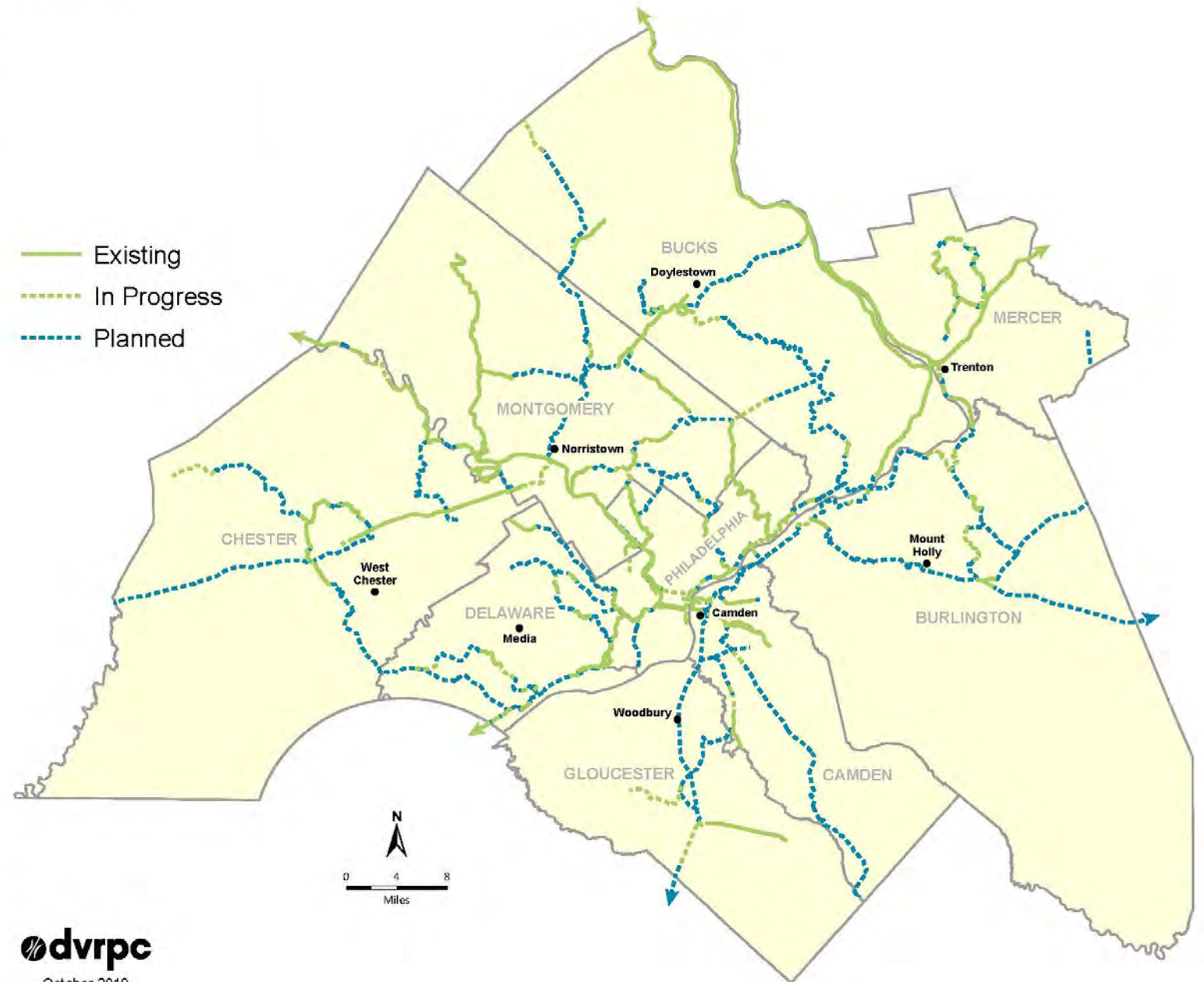
Multi-Use



Trails as Transportation Alternative



The Circuit Trails



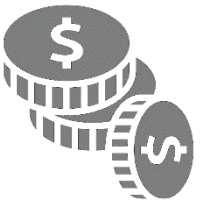
Benefits of Trails



Transportation



Health + Wellness



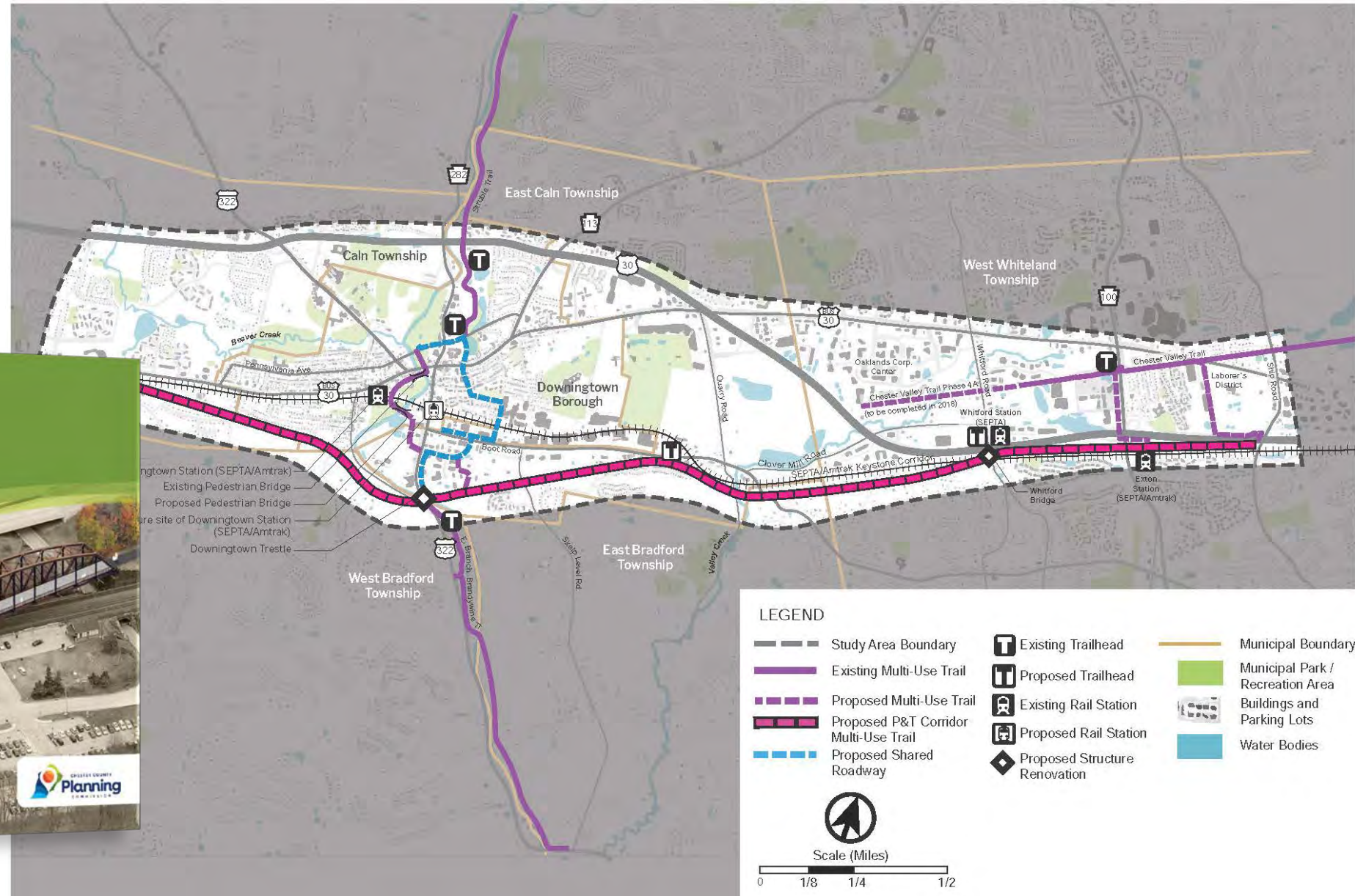
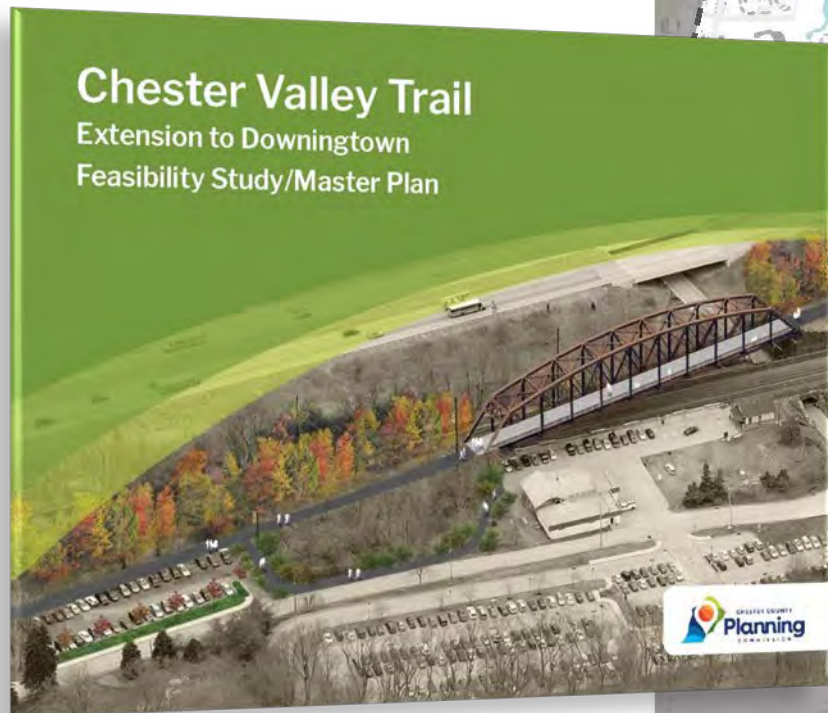
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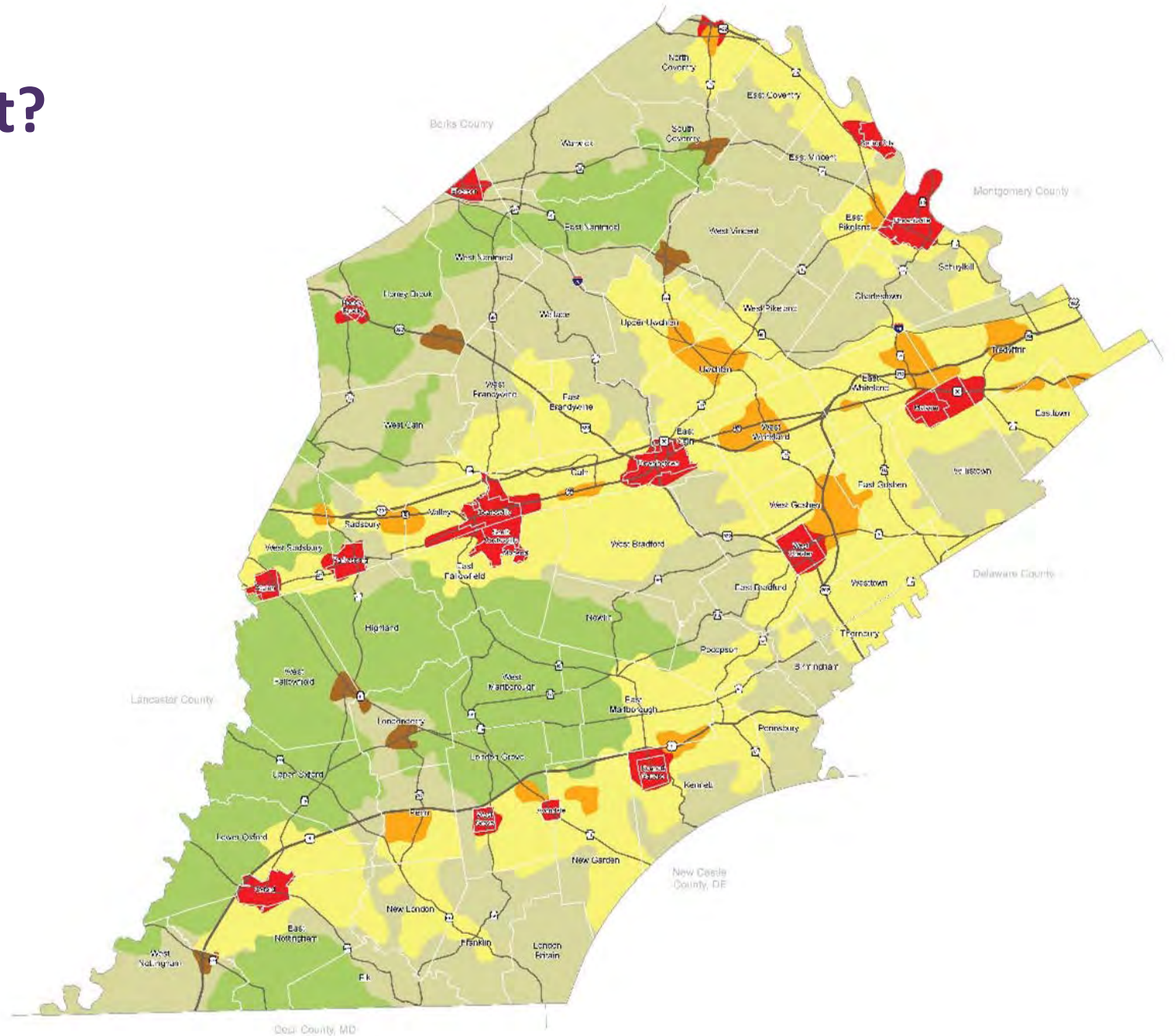
Recreation



What is a Trails Master Plan...



A street scene in a small town. In the foreground, a silver SUV is driving away from the camera. To its right, a cyclist is riding in the same direction. The street is lined with various buildings, including a gas station and a convenience store. Traffic lights are visible at the intersection ahead. The scene is captured in a wide-angle shot, showing the layout of the street and the surrounding environment.



Process



Municipalities
Friends Groups
Advocacy Organizations
Planning Agencies
Transportation Agencies
Funding Agencies
Trail Users
Trail Implementors
General Public

Process

18 Months

8 Steering Committee Meetings

3 Public Meetings

Public Survey

Interviews



Goals & Objectives

Physical Inventory & Assessment

Network Analysis

Recommendations

Implementation Plan

Task	2022					2023											
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
TASK 1: INTRODUCTION/PROJECT PURPOSE																	
Develop Steering Committee List																	
Send Invitations to Steering Committee																	
Internal scoping meeting																	
Purpose/Vision/Goals																	
TASK 2: PHYSICAL INVENTORY & ASSESSMENT																	
Develop County-wide Base Map																	
Data Collection/Research																	
Existing Conditions Mapping																	
Trail Counts & Intercept Surveys																	
Develop Public Survey and Website																	
Network Mapping																	
Proposed Trail Mapping																	
TASK 3: NETWORK ANALYSIS																	
Develop Trail "Value" Methodology																	
Identify Potential Trail Corridors																	
Analyze survey results and public feedback																	
Legal Feasibility Analysis																	
TASK 4: RECOMMENDATIONS																	
Trail Prioritization / Mapping																	
Determine probable/recommended facility types for each segment of recommended alignment																	
Design Standards																	
Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage Plan																	
Trail Marketing Strategy																	
TASK 5: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN																	
Trail Implementation Plan for each Priority Trail																	
County-wide Policy Recommendations																	
TASK 6: FINAL PRODUCTS/REPORT																	
Draft report																	
Graphics production- maps/photosims																	
Input text/images into report layout																	
Public Comment Period																	
Final Report Edits																	
Submit Final Report to DCNR/Commissioners																	
Public Engagement																	
Steering Committee Meetings		SC1		SC 2		SC 3		SC 4		SC 5		SC 6		SC 7		SC 8	
Public Meetings		PM 1							PM 2						PM 3		
Public Survey																	
Interviews/focus groups																	
Commissioners' presentation / resolution																	2024 >>

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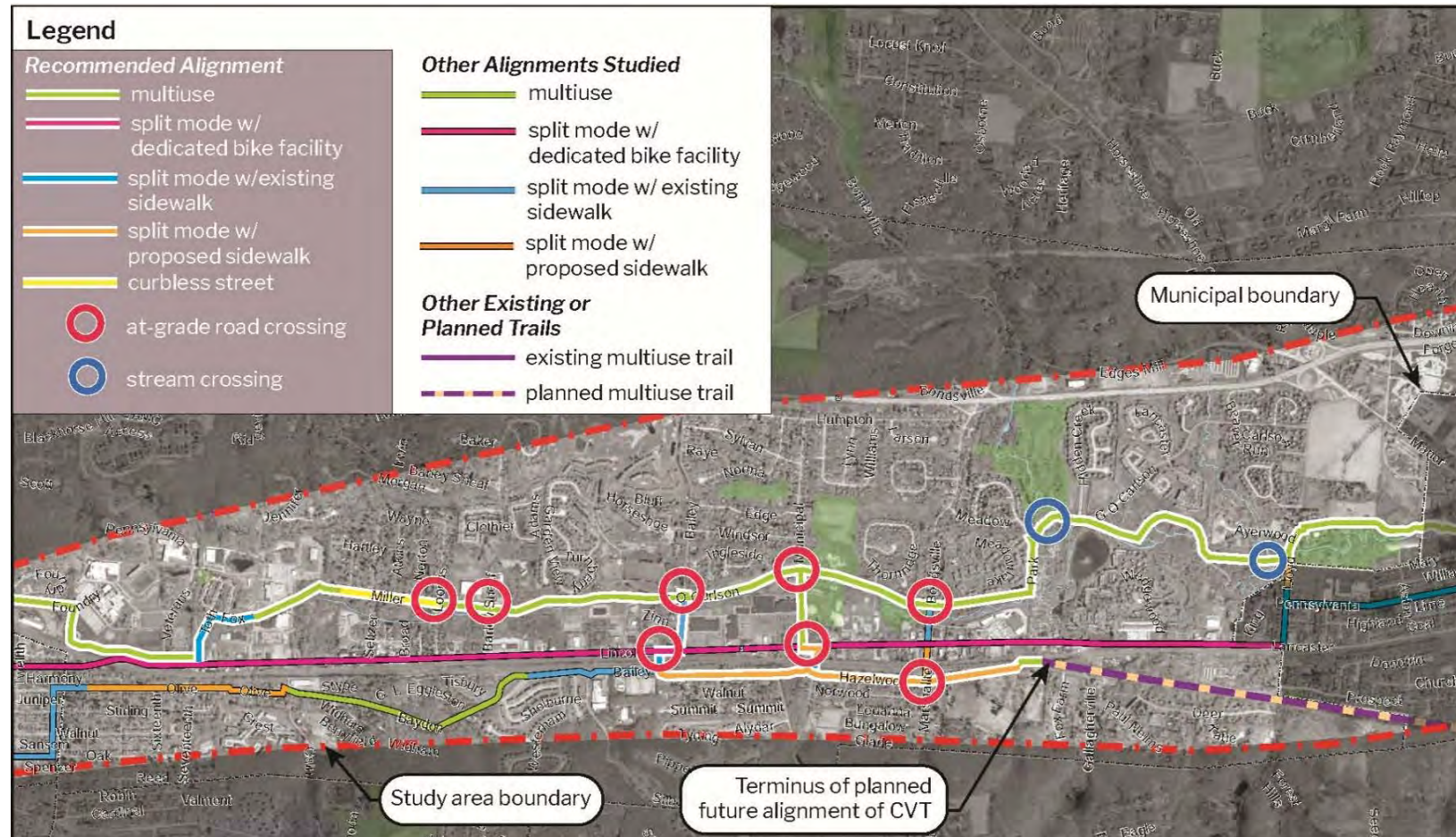
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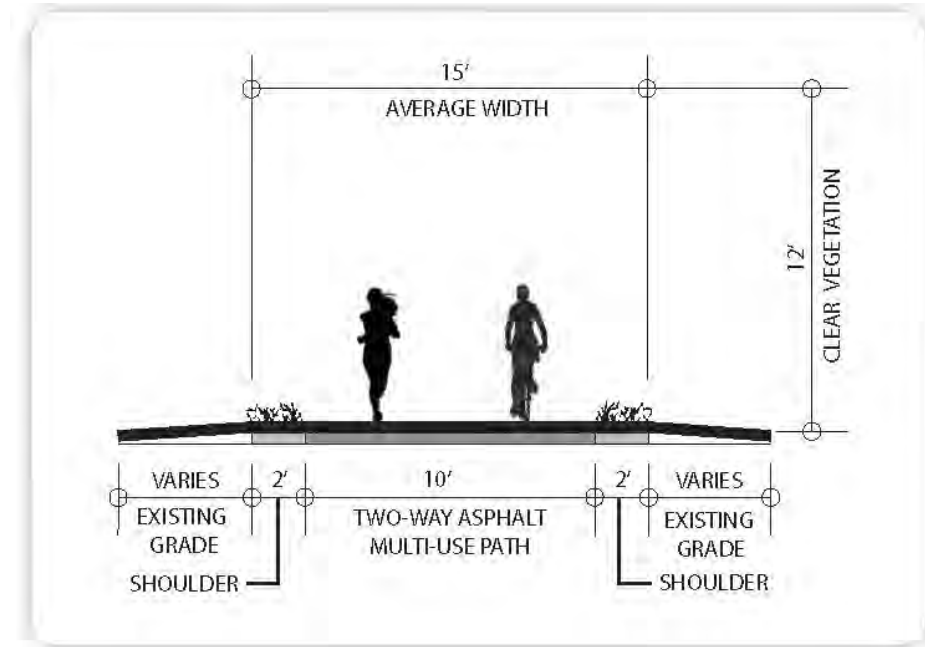
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Implementation
Plan

A person is riding a bicycle on a paved path that curves through a park. The path is surrounded by grass and trees with autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The background shows a line of trees under a cloudy sky.

Thank you!

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**Stephen Buck
Trails Planner**

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Public Transportation Plan Update, Phase II Preview

September 22, 2022

Alex Sankaran,
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2014 Plan



Chester County Public Transportation Plan

Chester County Public Transportation Plan

- Created in 2014
- Element of *Landscapes 2*
- Needs an update to meet *Landscapes 3*



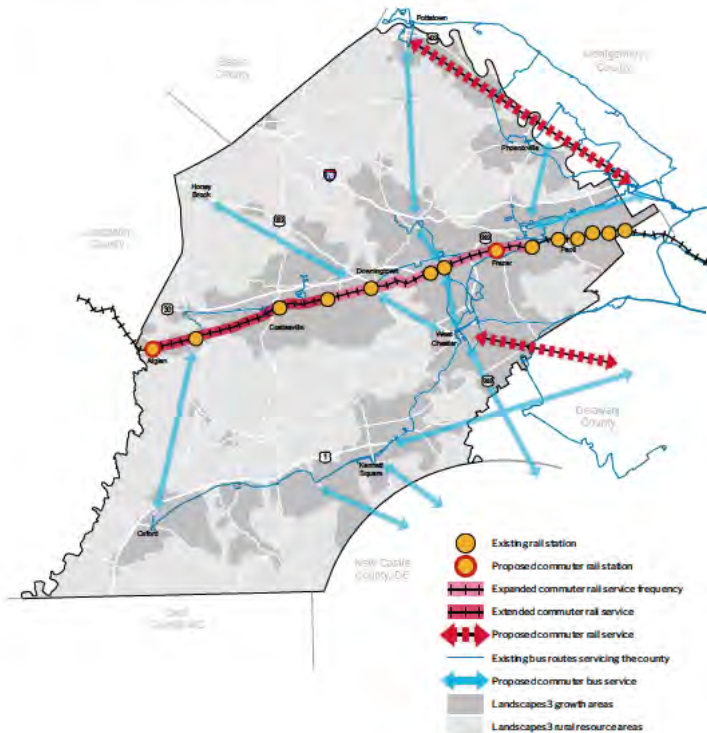
Landscapes3: Connect

Chapter 9
How We CONNECT

Public Transit Enhancements

This map illustrates recommended expanded public transit services in addition to existing facilities and services. The extension of new rail service past Thorndale to Coatesville and to a new Atglen regional rail station is envisioned. A new regional rail station is also being considered between the Exton and Malvern rail stations.

New commuter bus services are envisioned along the Route 100 corridor between Pottstown and Eagle/Exton, and along the US 1 corridor into Delaware County. Also envisioned is the return of commuter rail service to the Schuylkill River Valley communities and the Borough of West Chester.



Landscapes

Chester County Comprehensive Plan (2018)

- Promote bus service within growth areas**
Promote universally accessible bus service to employment centers and growth areas.
- Expand regional rail service**
Support the expansion of local regional rail service to our urban and suburban centers and adequate parking at all regional rail stations.

- **Revise performance measures**
- **Data updates**
- **Ridership counts**

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SEPTA

Bus Revolution

- Existing fixed-route service
- Microtransit zones



Reimagining Regional Rail

- Enhance Paoli/Thorndale Line service
- Service restoration to Coatesville/Parkesburg



Phase Two



Project Details

- Currently assembling steering committee
- 18-month timeline
- Continue to follow the System, Environment, and Experience framework
- New updates to address service gaps and underserved communities

Building Better Bus Stops

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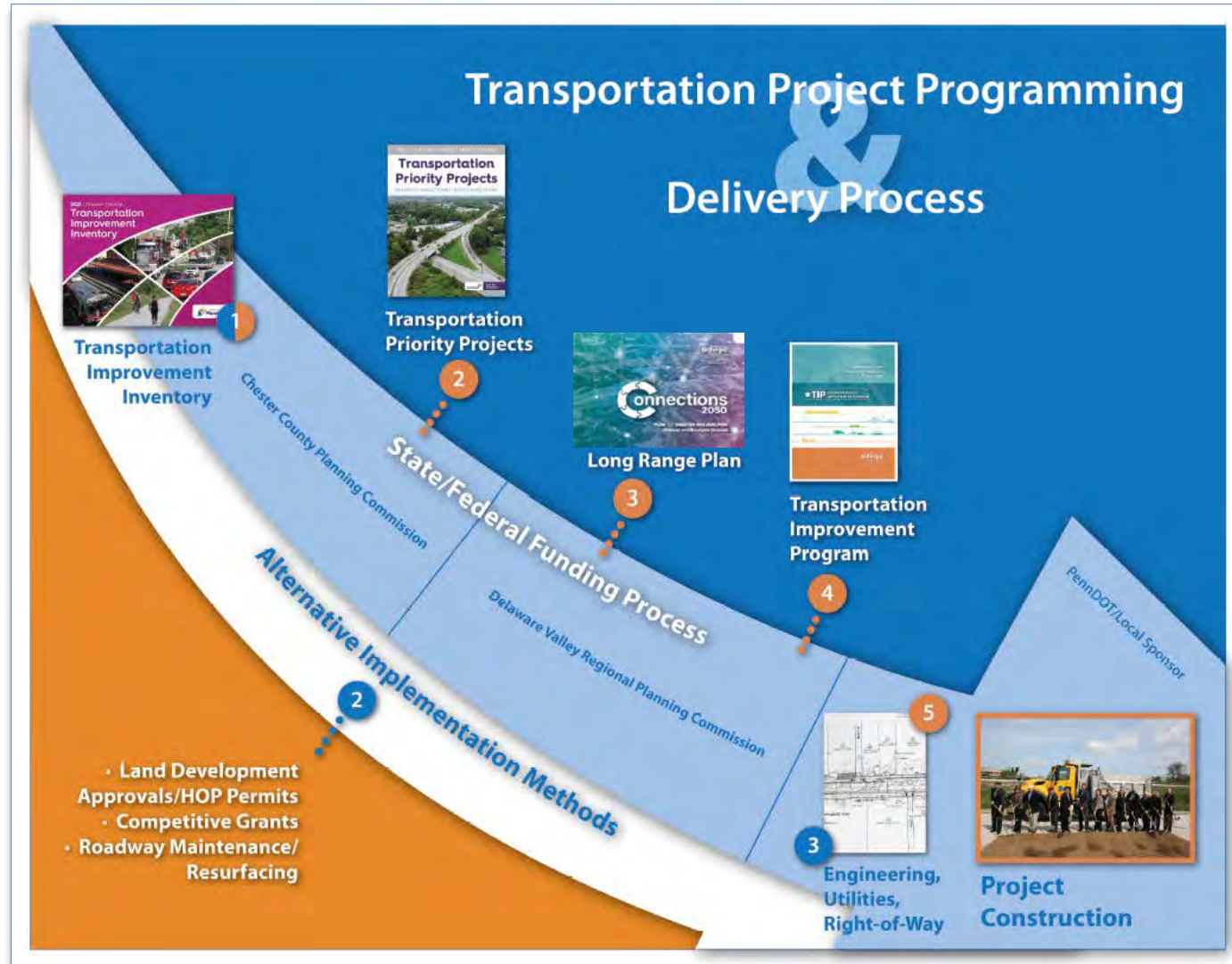
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Transportation Project Programming



Transportation Improvement Inventory



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CONNECT Recommendation 1:

Advance implementation of transportation improvements

Advance the funding and implementation of transportation improvements with a prioritized inventory of projects and coordinated advocacy.

Chester County Freight Plan

September 22, 2022

**Kristin Scudder, Freight
Program Manager**

**Delaware Valley Regional
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Thank you!

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