



## PHOENIXVILLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Phoenixville Borough, Charlestown Township, East Pikeland Township, Schuylkill Township, West Vincent Township

# PHOENIXVILLE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

## PUBLIC WORKSHOP – COMMUNITY VISION AND GOALS

Kimberton Fire Company – June 22, 2017 – 7:00 PM

### WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Open House (15 minutes)

View maps and data, informal Q&A, set up Workshop Committee tables.

2. Introductory Presentation (15 minutes)

- a. What is the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee?
- b. Purpose of the Regional Comprehensive Plan
- c. Natural Resources
- d. Existing Land Uses
- e. Community and Cultural Resources
- f. Demographic and Housing Analysis
- g. Community Values Survey

3. Work Session – (25 minutes)

Workshop Committees formulate Values and Goals pertaining to Comprehensive Plan Policy Elements. Committees will use ledger and/or plan notations to record findings and recommendations.

4. Workshop Committee Presentations – (45 minutes)

Spokesperson from each Workshop Committee presents findings and recommendations to entire Workshop audience (5 minutes each).

5. Discussion, Summary, and Next Steps – (20 minutes)

- a. Floor discussion on the process, Comprehensive Plan Policy Elements, and the findings of each Workshop Committee.
- b. Summary of Workshop discussion by Moderators
- c. Comprehensive Plan work schedule and invitation for further public participation.

6. Adjournment – 9:00 PM



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### WORKSHOP COMMITTEE 1 – LAND USE

Please consider the following questions in formulating your Committee's attitudes and values with respect to land use. At the end of the Committee workshop session, you will be asked to select a Committee Spokesperson to present your findings and recommendations to the entire Workshop audience.

1. Should the Region encourage revitalization of existing commercial areas?
2. Should density be concentrated in or near areas already developed?
3. Should development outside downtown Phoenixville and the villages be mixed use or should different uses be separated?
4. Are there certain types of land uses that are lacking in the Region (ie: industrial, office, retail)? If so, where should these uses be located?
5. Does downtown Phoenixville have a good mix of uses? If not, what type of uses should be encouraged?
6. What types of nonresidential development should be discouraged, if any?
7. Should agricultural preservation be a priority for the Region?
8. Other considerations?



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### WORKSHOP COMMITTEE 2 - ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PROTECTION

Please consider the following questions in formulating your Committee's attitudes and values with respect to environmental resources. At the end of the Committee workshop session, you will be asked to select a Committee Spokesperson to present your findings and recommendations to the entire Workshop audience.

1. How do natural resources define the character of the Region?
2. What are the most important natural features in the area?
3. How should we view the balance between natural resource protection and the interests of property owners? Where there is a conflict, how do we determine which concerns are more important?
4. What roles should renewable energy, public and non-motorized transportation, and green building methods play in Regional Policy?
5. How should the Region act to protect environmental resources?
6. Other natural resource/conservation considerations?



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### WORKSHOP COMMITTEE 3 - HOUSING

Please consider the following questions in formulating your Committee's attitudes and values with respect to housing. At the end of the Committee workshop session, you will be asked to select a Committee Spokesperson to present your findings and recommendations to the entire Workshop audience.

1. Should we have more of certain types of housing to accommodate everyone who would like to live here? (e.g. single family detached, townhouses, apartments)
  
2. Is housing here sufficiently affordable?
  
3. Should new housing be concentrated within or adjacent to previously developed areas?
  
4. Is suburban sprawl a problem in the Region and if so how should we manage it?
  
5. Do we have enough rental housing?
  
6. Other considerations?



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### WORKSHOP COMMITTEE 4 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Please consider the following questions in formulating your Committee's attitudes and values with respect to economic development. At the end of the Committee workshop session, you will be asked to select a Committee Spokesperson to present your findings and recommendations to the entire Workshop audience.

1. Are there adequate work opportunities in the Region? If not, what types of employment should be prioritized?
2. What types of nonresidential development should the Region encourage, if any? (e.g. office, retail, industrial)
3. What types of nonresidential development should be discouraged, if any?
4. Where should we direct new nonresidential development within the Region?
5. What should be done to support existing businesses throughout the Region?
6. What priorities should be established to support a successful downtown Phoenixville?
7. Other considerations?



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### WORKSHOP COMMITTEE 5 – COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Please consider the following questions in formulating your Committee's attitudes and values with respect to community facilities. At the end of the Committee workshop session, you will be asked to select a Committee Spokesperson to present your findings and recommendations to the entire Workshop audience.

1. Are there additional areas in need of sidewalks and pedestrian paths?
2. Does the Region have adequate police protection? If not, how could it be improved? Should a Regional police force be considered?
3. Does the Region have adequate Firefighting and Ambulance services? If not, how could these services be improved?
4. Should public sewer and water service be extended into any un-served areas?
5. Are the public schools meeting the needs of students and the broader community?
6. Are Regional libraries adequate? How could they better serve the community?
7. Other considerations?



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### WORKSHOP COMMITTEE 6 – PARKS AND RECREATION

Please consider the following questions in formulating your Committee's attitudes and values with respect to parks and recreation. At the end of the Committee workshop session, you will be asked to select a Committee Spokesperson to present your findings and recommendations to the entire Workshop audience.

1. Does the Region need more public parks areas? If so, are there specific areas where parks are needed?
2. Are there adequate athletic/sport facilities in the Region? If not, what type of facilities should be prioritized?
3. What other types of park and recreation facilities should be prioritized in the Region, if any? (e.g. playgrounds, trails, natural areas, picnicking, games, pavilions, performance space)
4. Should linear recreational facilities such as hiking and multi-use trails be expanded throughout the region? Are there connections not shown on the Map that should be considered a priority?
5. Other considerations?



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### WORKSHOP COMMITTEE 7 – TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

Please consider the following questions in formulating your Committee's attitudes and values with respect to transportation resources. At the end of the Committee workshop session, you will be asked to select a Committee Spokesperson to present your findings and recommendations to the entire Workshop audience.

1. Is congestion a problem in the Region? If so, are there specific areas identified as particularly problematic and are there suggestions to reduce the problem?
2. Is public transportation adequate within the Region? If not, what type of public transportation and which connections are needed?
3. Should alternative transportation be a priority in the region (e.g. dedicated bike lanes or pedestrian paths/sidewalks connecting key areas of the region)? If so, what type of connections and where?
4. Is parking a problem anywhere in the region? If so, where is it a problem and are there any thoughts regarding how to correct the problem?
5. Other considerations?



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### WORKSHOP COMMITTEE 8 – HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Please consider the following questions in formulating your Committee's attitudes and values with respect to history and culture. At the end of the Committee workshop session, you will be asked to select a Committee Spokesperson to present your findings and recommendations to the entire Workshop audience.

1. Are historical buildings, sites, and structures important to the character of the Region?
2. Are there specific historical buildings, sites, or structures that are most essential to preserve?
3. To what extent is it appropriate to modify a historic resource to meet current needs?
4. Should new development within historic neighborhoods be designed to fit the historical context of those areas? If so, what historical characteristics are most important?
5. Do arts and culture contribute to the Region? Should we do more to promote them?
6. Should Heritage Tourism be promoted through our Region's landscapes, history, and culture? If so, how?
7. Other considerations?



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### WORKSHOP COMMITTEE 9 – QUALITY OF LIFE

Please consider the following questions in formulating your Committee's attitudes and values with respect to quality of life. At the end of the Committee workshop session, you will be asked to select a Committee Spokesperson to present your findings and recommendations to the entire Workshop audience.

1. What makes the Phoenixville Region great?
2. What are the most important contributors to the quality of life in the Region?
3. Are there any factors that negatively impact the Regional quality of life?
4. What should be done to address the factors negatively impacting the quality of life?
5. Other considerations?