



EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP

THE HEART OF GREAT VALLEY

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East Whiteland Township 2022 Initiatives and Accomplishments

Acquisition: Distribution of Funds for Strategic Initiatives and Capital Improvements

- Allocation of federal ARPA Funds to Peoples Pantry for support of residents who may experience hunger or food insecurity
- Identified RT 30 for enhancement road safety and connectivity issues
- Completed application for a highly competitive Federal Raise Grant Identified early January 2022 and reviewed through all appropriate channels (Staff, BOS, Planning Commission, Traffic Committee, Consulting RFP interviews)
 - Application process began in February
 - Presentations to appropriate parties: Harrisburg, PennDOT, local & State officials
 - Gathered 32 letters of support including U.S. Representative Houlahan. Senator's Casey, Toomey, State Senators Muth & Comitta, Representative Howard, all surrounding municipality managers.
 - The 2022 38-page application requesting \$25 million was successfully completed on the due date of April 14th, 2022
 - 2022 Federal Raise Grant Update – Our project was a strong finalist with a high merit rating. Highly encouraged to reapply in 2023. Only 2 PA projects (Pittsburgh, Philadelphia) were awarded a total of \$36 million.
 - 2023 Application process begins December 2022
 - Due Date February 28, 2023
 - Award date June 28, 2023
- Initiated preliminary engineering for RT 30 improvements.
- Applied for a \$940,000 state CFA MTF Grant to assist funding for preliminary engineering on RT 30 (Pending)
- Applied for and received a \$3 million TIIF (PA) grant for RT 30 construction/final design.
- Applied for a \$1.7 million PennDOT multimodal transportation fund (MTF) grant for construction improvements at PA 352/RT 30 intersection. (Pending)

- Completed \$54.9 million sewer sale, net proceeds (debit) to township approximate \$50 million
- Completed Design & Construction plans for a new Police Building/Administration Building Renovation Codes update
- Updated East Whiteland Township Codes-Zoning and Design Guidelines

Historical Committee

- Gunkle Mill – located at 401/Moores Road. Fabrication of working water wheel project and restoration wheel pit and mill race. Project completed 1st quarter of 2022
- Valley Creek Historical Home (Vacant) – exploring opportunities for restoration/reuse project with a restauranter to refurbish and create a upscale French Bistro restaurant.
 - Input from Historical DPW, Parks Rec committee, Historical, BOS, Private citizens

Park & Recreation

- Bacton Hill Park (Phase 1)
 - This location has been open space and designated to be a park for 27 years...
 - In 2 years, we designed, broke ground, and completed 90% of phase one
 - Completed play area, paved parking, walking paths, pavilion, fencing, landscaping
 - 75 additional trees being planted by 2023. (Completed)
- Bacton Hill (Phase 2)
 - Preliminary concept and design completed
 - EWT will monitor park usage for adjustments targeted 2024
- A Bacton Hill Park phase 2 construction grant application for \$198,000 applied / pending (Feb 2023 from the (DCNR) Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Private Entity Recreation & Programming Partnership:

- We do not have a Director of Parks & Recreation, so we are partnering with local private organizations like Great Valley Community Organization (GVCO) to share our township amenities and their private community programs and staff to create partnership activities.
 - GVCO is located across from our Bacton Hill Park so we will be reviewing a multimodal project for safe walkability

- Projected programs include summer adult and youth exercise programs at our Bacton Hill Park. During off season we will utilize their indoor amenities
- We will also partner with another organization in the township, Peoples Light Theater. We both run a summer camp program for youth & EWT will open our BHP to be utilized by their campers while our youth will have a theater day at their location
- Purchase of Springridge and Balderston properties
 - Preservation of 140 acres of wooded open space with walking trails
 - Complicated site due to legal and environmental challenges
- Intent to identify and purchase park land, and develop it, in the southern portion of the Township
- Looking for available land for a cricket pitch
- Improvements/upgrades to most of our parks - Battle of the Clouds (equipment, trees, benches), Down East Park (handicap access, trails, trees, benches, small pavilion), Bryn Erin (equipment, trees), Birch Road (equipment, trees, handicap access, benches, small pavilion), Valley Creek (trees, house)
- Fund Park & Rec concert and movie series. Improve access and safety to our park facilities
- Ongoing identification of trail connections to Chester Valley Trail:
 - Connection to and from Lancaster Avenue (Route 30)
 - Existing Neighborhoods – like Bryn Erin (Completed in 1st quarter of 2022) and Spring Mill Farms (planning and design currently underway, funded in part by the Greenways Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) from the PA Department of Community & Economic Development: DCED
 - Schools and other Community Facilities – Moores Road Sidewalk Extension

Other initiatives

- Implement 2018 Route 30 Corridor Master Plan (development and multimodal transportation and ordinance amendments)
- Transition Township Manager/Assistant Manager
- Work with Consultants to identify and support grant applications
- Study to enhance and regionalize Fire & EMT Services due to diminished volunteerism
- Environmental issues with Bishop Tube (and other sites throughout the Township)
 - This is not really a “project” but certainly a complex and expensive undertaking for the Township

- Involves extensive work and coordination with DEP, Residents, Consultants, and Landowner
- Warren Avenue Culvert Replacement – design in progress, with target for 2023 construction
- Grant application for Conestoga Road traffic signals between Phoenixville Pike and Mill Lane (funded through PennDOT Traffic Signal Technology Grant)
- RT 29 and RT 30 Island Beautification, PennDOT approved (anticipate completion in Q1 2023)
- Transparency - pushing out information on projects and key initiatives to the residents
 - Enhanced township website
 - Hiring a marketing communications firm
 - Consolidating volunteer subcommittee Facebook 14 into one Township account