

Joint Comprehensive Plan for Hanover & Penn soon to be shared for comment

Last spring, Hanover Borough and Penn Township began a joint planning process to update their long range plans for community and economic development. A preliminary plan is under review by the Joint Steering Committee. The plan recognizes several themes

- Downtown revitalization through a zoning update to encourage redevelopment and streetscape and signage projects to make downtown more welcoming and easy to navigate
- Updates and continued consistency in the municipal zoning and signage regulations across common districts to define and enhance community character
- Improved traffic flow and safety for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians in Center Square and along the state highways as well as potential street network extensions
- Continued coordination in the provision of public safety services, parks and recreation services, and public utilities, as well as coordination with other community service providers

Once the preliminary plan is reviewed, it will be posted on www.hanoverpennplan.com for citizens to read sections of interest and view the associated maps. A public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 at 7pm at the Bare Center to present highlights of the plan and ask for comments and questions from citizens. Look for an announcement on the Borough's and Township's websites or in the Evening Sun and Merchandiser.

The Joint Comprehensive Plan project is being coordinated with the Main Street Hanover program, Greater Hanover Regional Economic Development Plan, which includes McSherrystown and Conewago Township, and is funded with Community Development Block Grant funds.