



**AGENDA
WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, 7:00 PM**

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Residents who plan to attend the meeting in person are encouraged to comment on agenda items or bring new business to the attention of the Board of Commissioners at the beginning of the meeting.

Residents who will be attending remotely are encouraged to submit their comments or questions to the Township Manager prior to the close of the business day on the date of the meeting using the link below:

[SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

1. **State of the Court** – receive a presentation from Magisterial District Justice Kate McGill regarding the activities of the Court
2. **Open Space Preservation** – continue to discuss the creation of a funding program for the preservation of remaining open space
3. **Recycling Report** – review the monthly recycling activities
4. **Ordinance Amendment – Single Use Plastic Bags** – consider an amendment to eliminate exemptions related to food delivery and take-out orders
5. **Sale of used Equipment** – consider authorizing the sale of a 2006 refuse vehicle via the Municibid online auction site
6. **Shade Tree Commission** – meet with an individual who is interested in serving as an alternate member of the Shade Tree Commission
7. **Township Manager’s Report** – discuss operational issues as outlined in the Monthly Report
8. **September Bill Listing** – review and approve the monthly bill listing and check reconciliation of the previous month
9. **2024 Budget Meeting Schedule** – announce the tentative meeting schedule through the adoption of the 2024 budget
10. **Municipal Pension Fund MMOs** – review and consider adopting the 2024 pension fund obligations
11. **2 Terminal Avenue** – receive a presentation from the owners of the subject property regarding the placement of a fence along Terminal Avenue
12. **Zoning Hearing Board Agenda** – announce the agenda of any special or regular meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board

13. **Trails and Connectivity Plan** – announce the availability of the draft plan on the Township website, and announce that a presentation will be made by the Montgomery County Planning Commission at the October 11, 2023 meeting of the Board of Commissioners
14. **Community Day** – announce the annual Community Day will take place on Sunday, October 1, at Cisco Park, and announce the activities of the day

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Taylor
Township Manager

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**RECYCLING REPORT
STATISTICAL DATA
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023**

	<u>THIS MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>2023 BUDGET</u>
Materials Collected (tons)			
Single Stream Recyclables	181.2	1,331.2	2,172
Householder Participation			
No. of Curb Stops	24,849	173,789	278,534
Percent of Total (7,200)	69.0	69.0	74.0
Avg. Lbs. per Curb Stop	14.6	15.3	15.6
Sales Value of Recyclables (net)			
Single Stream Recyclables (\$67.02)*	(12,144.02)	(81,922.06)	(77,594.84)
Disposal Savings/Cost Avoidance			
COVANTA Tipping Fee @ \$75.24	13,633.49	100,159.49	163,398.71
State Performance Grant			
Prorated Annual Award	1,905.17	15,241.35	22,862.00
Grand Total Sales/Savings	3,394.64	33,478.78	108,665.87
Cost of Collection (prorated)			
Labor and Overhead	(26,011.42)	(208,091.36)	(312,137.00)
Equipment Cost	(4,216.67)	(33,733.36)	(50,600.00)
General Expense/Recycling Center	(83.33)	(666.64)	(1,000.00)
Total Cost	(30,311.42)	(242,491.36)	(363,737.00)
Net Income and Saving	(26,916.78)	(209,012.58)	(255,071.13)

* ESTIMATED; Sales value adjusts monthly



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2023 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.

Register at www.MontcoPARecycles.org

DATES:

Saturday, April 29

Boyertown Middle School East
2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville

Saturday, May 6

Oak Ridge Elementary School
465 Moyer Rd, Harleysville

Saturday, May 20

Temple University–Ambler Campus
Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

Saturday, June 17

Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

Saturday, June 24

Abington Middle School
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

Saturday, September 23

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

SUNDAY, October 22

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley

Free residential collection events are held outdoors. There are no permanent drop off locations, only these collection events. Montco residents may also attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by [Bucks](#), [Chester](#), [Delaware](#), or [Philadelphia](#) Counties.

Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

Contact us at:

Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov

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ACCEPTABLE HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS

PAINT PRODUCTS	OUTDOOR PRODUCTS	AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD OTHER
Turpentine	Swimming Pool Chemicals	Grease & Rust Solvents	Drain Openers	Acids, Caustics, Solvents
Paint Thinners	Weed Killers	Fuel Additives	Rug Cleaners	Flammables
Strippers & Removers	Septic Tank Degreasers	Carburetor Cleaners	Wood & Metal Cleaners	Oxidizers, Reactives
Oil-Based Paints	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid	Mothballs/Flakes	Lead
Stains, Varnish	Caulking Compounds	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Aerosols
Shellac	Joint Compound	Car(lead-acid), Truck, Motorcycle, Marine, Batteries	Rechargeable Batteries, Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button, Lead Acid	Mercury (Thermostats & Thermometers)
Other Solvent-Based Paint Products	Roof Cements	Gas, Oil, Gas Oil Mixture	Spot Removers, Dry Cleaning Fluid	Fluorescent Tubes and CFLs
Wallpaper Cement	MINI Propane Tanks, No BBQ Tanks	Road Flares, No Marine Flares	Fire Extinguishers	Ballast (must be removed from light fixture)
Spray Paint	Pesticide		Kerosene	Electric Oil-filled Heaters

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

<u>Explosives & Ammunition</u>	<u>Electronics/Televisions</u>	<u>Asbestos</u>	<u>Appliances/White Goods</u>
<u>Infectious or Medical Waste, Prescription Drugs</u>	<u>BBQ-Sized Propane Tanks (leave at local exchange sites)</u>	<u>Radioactive Waste</u>	<u>Freon/Refrigerants</u>
<u>Tires</u>	<u>Helium Tanks</u>	<u>Unidentified Waste</u>	<u>25- or 50-Gallon Drums</u>
<u>Latex Paint* (Water-Based)</u>	<u>Gas Cylinders</u>	<u>Alkaline Batteries (Trash)</u>	<u>Smoke Detectors</u>

* Take off lid, dry out paint, discard can without lid; or pour paint into plastic bag with absorbent material (clay based kitty litter, saw dust, rags) place bag and can without lid, in trash. Paint hardener can also be purchased at hardware stores.

DROP OFF GUIDELINES

- Montgomery County events are following state guidelines and public health restrictions.
- Leave items at home that are not for the event so that they are not removed accidentally.
- If you need your gas can or container returned, please tape a note to it stating that you want to keep it.
- You may arrive any time within your registered appointment window.
- Please print out your ticket or write your name and appointment time on a piece of paper.
- If you cannot attend the event, please cancel your appointment through your Eventbrite ticket or by emailing Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov, as others may be waiting for an opening.
- NO TVs, electronics, or appliances will be accepted.
- Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle.
- **BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY**, no commercial/industrial waste accepted.
- Bring all substances in original containers with labels. Items must be identifiable. Do not mix materials.
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger container with newspaper to soak up leaks.
- **NO 25- OR 50-GALLON DRUMS ALLOWED.** Five-gallon buckets are the largest acceptable container. Maximum amount accepted per vehicle is 25 gallons or 220 pounds.
- There are no permanent drop off locations in the region for household hazardous waste, only the listed collections.

RESOLUTION NO. 1618

WHEREAS, Act No. 205 of 1984 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, known as the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, requires that municipalities adopt at their September meetings a budget estimate for the ensuing year of municipal costs associated with Employee Pension Plans;

WHEREAS, Duda Actuarial Consulting, Pension Plan Consultant, has prepared and submitted actuarial funding projections for the Police, Salaried and Hourly Pension Plans outlining plan costs for each of the three Township pension plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That based upon the attached actuarial funding calculations for the Police, Salaried and Hourly Employees Pension Plans, the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township will make the appropriate provisions in its 2024 proposed budget to cover the costs associated with funding the Police, Salaried and Hourly Employees Pension Plans for the year 2024.

ADOPTED this 13th day of September, 2023.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

By: _____
James M. Lee, President

ATTEST:

A. Michael Taylor, Secretary

Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, will hold a meeting as required by the Zoning Ordinance of Springfield Township. This meeting will be held in the Boardroom of the Springfield Township Administration Building, located at 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038.

On Tuesday, September 26, 2023, with a start time of 7:00 P.M.

Case #23-17: This is the application of **Michael DeLaurentis**, owner of the property located at 2 Terminal Avenue, Erdenheim, PA 19038, known as Parcel #5200-1727-5007. The applicant has requested a variance from Section 114-135. A of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks approval to install a six-foot-high solid fence along the property line adjoining Terminal Avenue. Six-foot-high fencing is required to be setback 15 feet from any property line abutting a public right-of-way. The property is zoned within the B-Residential District of Ward #4 of Springfield Township.

Case #23-18: This is the application of **Santander, N.A.**, applicant for the property located at 1842 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA 19031, known as Parcel #5200-0190-4006 and Parcel #5200-0190-3007. The applicant has requested a variance from Section 114-144.C.1 & 2 of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks approval to install a second wall sign of 39.9 square feet on the southwestern façade of the building. The proposed wall sign is limited to no greater than 20 square feet. The property is zoned within the Shopping Center District of Ward #6 of Springfield Township.

Case #23-19: This is the application of **Donna & Peter Duncan**, applicants for the property located at 201 Yeakel Avenue, Erdenheim, PA 19038, known as Parcel #5200-1936-6004. The applicants have requested variances from Section 114-64. A & 114.64. B of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks approval to construct an addition to the existing single-family dwelling that would encroach 2.25 feet into the required front yard setback and 4 feet, 1 inch into the required side yard setback. The proposed addition maintains the existing building lines and does not further diminish the existing setbacks. The property is zoned within the B-Residential District of Ward #4 of Springfield Township.

Case #23-20: This is the application of **126 Lorraine, LLC**, owner of the property located at 126 Lorraine Avenue, Oreland, PA 19075, known as Parcel #5200-1011-7001 & Parcel #5200-1011-6002. The applicant has requested a variance from Section 114-91 of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks approval to operate an automotive repair and sales facility from the property. The application states that the proposed business deals primarily in classic and vintage automobiles. The property is zoned within the B-1 Business District of Ward #3 of Springfield Township.

Copies of the application packets are available for review in the Community Development Office during normal business hours, located at 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038 or on our website at springfieldmontco.org. Any question you may have can be addressed by contacting the Zoning

By Order of the Springfield Township
Zoning Hearing Board
Mark A. Penecale
Director of Planning & Zoning

Township Trails & Connectivity Plan

Take Part in Developing our first Community-wide Trails & Connectivity Plan for Springfield Township



Draft Trails & Connectivity Plan Available; Public Presentation Scheduled for October 11, 2023

Safety, connectivity and walkability are the basis for a recent decision by the Springfield Township Board of Commissioners to undertake a community-wide trail plan. From enhancing pedestrian safety by providing the public with more off-road opportunities to walk, run, and bike, to making it easier to travel to different parts of the Township without a vehicle, trails are increasingly seen as popular public amenities that the entire community may enjoy. Please explore the documents to learn more about the [DRAFT TRAILS AND CONNECTIVITY PLAN](#) and the plan's proposed trail segments.

The Springfield Township Trails & Connectivity Plan is intended to outline overarching goals of a Community-wide trail network and identify a list of potential trail projects that Springfield Township could pursue that would maximize connectivity between key destinations, including parks, businesses and neighborhoods, in an equitable manner.

Inventory of Existing Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes analysis of usage patterns, based on public input • Trails in Springfield and adjacent municipalities, county trails
Gap Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on location of existing features, key destinations, demographics
List of Recommended Trail Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locations where connections could be made to existing or planned trails
Future Trails Map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depicting the recommended improvements
Implementation Matrix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail recommendations, project phasing, recommended strategies for development, order-of-magnitude cost estimates, potential funding sources

DRAFT Trail & Connectivity Planning Documents

- [Springfield Trails And Connectivity Plan Draft 2023](#)
- [Public Meeting Trails Presentation Mar 2023](#)
- [What Is A Neighborhood Greenway](#)
- [Examples Of Treatment Of Trails Near Residential Properties Revised](#)
- [Springfield Level Of Stress For Bicycling 48X36 Portrait](#)
- [Springfield Sidewalks 48X36 Portrait](#)
- [Springfield Trail Access 48X36 Portrait](#)

Public Input: Creating the Trail Plan

Members of the public who live or work in Springfield Township are encouraged to voice their opinions on the development of trails and connectivity in the community!

Our first open house meeting took place on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at the Free Library of Springfield Township, where received great feedback from residents. A second public meeting took place on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7pm in the Township Administration Building! The turnout was amazing!

The Trails and Connectivity Plan is **expected to be presented to the community at the October 11, 2023 meeting of the Board of Commissioners**. This meeting begins at 7:30PM in the Springfield Administration Building. The DRAFT plan is the first of the documents listed above.

Sept. 29, 2022 Trail Plan Open House



March 13, 2023 Trail Plan Meeting





[Cresheim Trail Feasibility Study - Friends of Cresheim Trail](#)

[Bike Montco: The Bicycle Plan for Montgomery County - Montgomery County Planning Commission](#)

[Bike Montco Plan \(PDF\)](#)

[Bike Montco Interactive Map](#)

[Walk Montco: The Walkability Plan for Montgomery County - Montgomery County Planning Commission](#)

[Walk Montco Plan \(PDF\)](#)

[Walk Montco Interactive Map](#)



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Trails & Connectivity Plan

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA



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July 2023

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Springfield Township

Trails & Connectivity Plan

PREPARED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Introduction

Excerpts from Springfield's 2012 *Comprehensive Plan Update: A Vision for 2025*:

Transportation Objective

6.1: *Increase resident access to all modes of transportation including walking, bicycling, and public transit by **creating safe pedestrian and bicycle connections between existing/proposed parks, trail systems, institutional open space, commercial areas, neighborhoods and public transit stops.***

Transportation Objective

6.3: *Maintain and improve the existing pedestrian network and create new sidewalks or trail networks to enhance community walkability. Fill in gaps in the existing sidewalk network. Explore ways to convert informal pedestrian paths to a public pedestrian network.*

GOAL 8: ENERGY AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION:

Adopt policies and practices that make Springfield more environmentally sustainable. ...

Energy and Resources Conservation Objective

8.2: *Complete the pedestrian network throughout the township that links neighborhoods with commercial districts, schools, parks, and trails.*

Purpose of Plan

Springfield Township is already known for its desirable neighborhoods, beloved businesses, popular parks, and excellent schools and civic institutions. But to best leverage these assets and enable all residents and visitors of the Township to enjoy them to the fullest extent possible, a robust plan to connect them all together is in order. While driving a motor vehicle to one's destination has been the default for the majority of people over the last many generations, more and more people have recognized the significant recreation, transportation, environmental, health and wellness and economic benefits that foregoing the automobile can offer. The onset and residual effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have brought much attention to the importance of having access to the outdoors and to a network of trails, paths, and other routes. Sidewalks and public streets are an important component of this, but a comprehensive network of trails and routes of varying levels of planning and design is fundamental to fulfill the goals of increased connectivity and recreational opportunities across the Township.

Whether it's enjoying the outdoors, exercising, walking the dog, or just getting from Point A to Point B, residents and visitors of Springfield have different needs depending on whether they are on foot or using a bike, scooter, or other personal mobility device, and whether they are out for fun or for getting where they need to go. This plan will enable the Township to prioritize, advocate for and develop a Community-wide Trail Network.

Why Trails? Why Routes?

Trails are simply pathways for nonmotorized users—that is, people *not* using cars or other types of motor vehicles like motorcycles, ATVs or snowmobiles. Trails can take many different forms: they can range from a narrow, foot-beaten dirt path only permitting pedestrians on foot, to a 12-foot-wide asphalt trail able to be used simultaneously by pedestrians, cyclists and others (these are called “multiuse trails” or “shared-used paths”). The thing that they all have in common is that they are *off-road* and *separated from vehicular traffic*.

However, because Springfield has matured in its physical growth and less land is available for new, “greenfield” development, there are also fewer opportunities to build extensive networks of new, separated trails across the Township. To account for this, this plan includes many other types of network improvements that increase the number and reach of routes for pedestrians, cyclists and more.

A Note on Terminology

The reader will oftentimes see the terms “trails,” “routes,” and “trails and routes,” but should understand that they are intended to be used interchangeably and to refer to all possible components of a non-motorized or active transportation network. This plan will also use the terms “walking,” “biking,” “pedestrians” and “cyclists” when referring to the potential users of the network and the modes of transportation permitted within the network; however, it should be understood that included within these terms are those who use assistive mobility devices like wheelchairs or power scooters, as well as other pedestrian conveyances such as skateboards, scooters, roller skates or rollerblades, unless otherwise restricted by law. While it is also common to include horseback riding and cross-country skiing as permitted uses on multiuse trails, these uses are excluded from discussion unless specifically included otherwise.

Plan Organization

The following chapters discuss the issues analyzed and data collected during the planning process. This includes describing previous planning efforts, the types of public involvement performed, the methods used to inventory and analyze the several factors impacting connectivity in the Township and the recommended trail and route improvement projects.

Goals of This Plan

- Identify routes for a trail network that would **maximize connectivity** between **key destinations** in an **equitable manner**.
- Find routes that are **safe, inviting, accessible,** and **easy** for users of all ages and abilities.
- Create a list of **clear, implementable projects** to guide Springfield’s decision making in developing a trail network.

Planning Process

Springfield Township partnered with the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) to create this plan. In order to provide guidance, oversight and direction on the planning process, the township appointed a Task Force composed of local elected officials, township staff, and representatives from local advisory and stakeholder groups. The Task Force reviewed and commented upon the research reports, maps and recommendations of the MCPC project team.

As a part of the efforts to inform and receive input from the public, the project team conducted a public outreach survey from August to November 2022 (in which over 800 Springfield residents participated), an interactive mapping application which gave the public opportunities to visually describe current barriers and future opportunities for pedestrians and cyclists, presentations and discussions with students from both Springfield Middle and High Schools, and two public open houses which introduced

the project to meeting attendees and solicited their feedback on preferred routes, the results of which are discussed further in the next chapter.

The project team additionally performed analyses on the gaps in the existing pedestrian and cycling networks in the Township, including where neighborhoods and populations may be disproportionately impacted by these gaps, and identified key linkages between key destinations identified through public outreach using existing and proposed connections. Lastly, the project team weighted the feasibility of each proposed route and consulted with the Task Force on rating the relative priority of each recommended trail and route segment.

How to Use This Plan

This plan provides guidance to Springfield staff, elected and appointed officials on prioritizing important trail and connectivity projects to implement. While Springfield Township might be the initiating entity in most projects indicated in this plan, it will require ongoing coordination and partnership with a number of agencies and organizations, such as MCPC, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), adjacent municipalities and advocacy organizations such as the Friends of Cresheim Trail and the Circuit Trails Coalition. These entities can also use the plan as a resource and as evidence of Township priorities. The Township may also work with private developers and property owners to ensure trail or route plans impacting properties proceeding through land development can be accommodated in the future or incorporated into construction plans.