

**Braccia Open Space Public Workshop**  
**Thursday, June 25, 2009**  
**7p-9p**  
**Township Building Main Meeting Room**  
**Background and Agenda**

## **BACKGROUND**

In June 2008 the Upper Dublin Township Board of Commissioners voted to protect 27.4 largely undeveloped acres along Butler Pike by purchasing what is currently known as the "Braccia Open Space." The site is comprised of three properties that were among 51 throughout the township identified in the *2005 Open Space Plan's* "Vulnerable Land Analysis" (Table 14) on either the "Action List" or "Interest List" (shown as #43-44-45 on Figure 9). This Braccia Open Space has many natural attributes and several established public access points. Nicely wooded, the site features the North Branch of the Rose Valley Creek and has points of local historic interest.

Each site included on Table 14 was rated according to how it met eight criteria identified by the Montgomery County Planning Commission: (1) located in an underserved area; (2) diversity with the park system/special site conditions; (3) meets identified active open space needs; (4) creation of an overall network (trails park); (5) links within UDT and/or to neighboring communities; (6) UDT's ability to develop and/or manage/maintain; (7) likelihood of UDT's acquisition/protection; (8) overall significance and/or critical link. The Braccia Open Space meets many of the eight.

In fall 2008 LandConcepts Group of Blue Bell, PA was contracted to complete a Land Management Plan (LMP) for the Braccia Open Space. During the past months LandConcepts Group has identified site features and conditions, reviewed community needs, and developed a program of suitable potential uses. A presentation was made to the Commissioners Planning Committee on May 26, 2009 where maps, a list of possible future uses and next steps were outlined. For the next month draft maps and presentation remarks are available for review at [www.upperdublin.net](http://www.upperdublin.net), at the Parks & Recreation Office during business hours, or at the Upper Dublin Public Library during operating hours.

The public is invited to attend a workshop and Braccia Open Space Land Management Plan presentation. There will be adequate time for questions as well as public comment.

## **BRACCIA OPEN SPACE WORKSHOP AGENDA**

- review purpose of the plan
- review site features
- list possible future uses (all passive)
- identify linkages to neighborhoods and other UDT open spaces
- outline final steps to completion