

To: Neighbors of UDT Trail Segment 2 / Temple University Connection
Tannerie Run West Park - Meetinghouse Road to Susquehanna Road

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Subject: Workshop to Present Trail Plans

In 2005, the Upper Dublin Township Board of Commissioners adopted a comprehensive *Open Space and Environmental Resource Project Plan, Pathways to Connect Us Yesterday and Today with Tomorrow*. This plan provides a framework that guides decisions by the elected officials and staff in areas such as land acquisition and preservation; park development; and, trail placement and design. The plan also positions our Township for significant grant funding from various sources including but not limited to the Montgomery County *Green Fields/Green Towns* program and PA DCNR's *Growing Greener* program.

A team of consulting planners, consulting engineers and Township staff worked for more than a year to take the *Open Space* plan a step further by plotting a community-wide system of trails. Through a series of interior trails and pathways, roadside sidewalks, and on-road trails, this inclusive network will better connect Upper Dublin's residential neighborhoods with parks, schools, municipal facilities, and shopping areas. There are 17 planned trail segments throughout the community; the following links take you to an overall maps and Phase 1 documents currently posted on the Township website:

<http://www.upperdublin.net/inc/documents/26/OverallTrailNetwork.pdf>
<http://www.upperdublin.net/inc/documents/26/TrailNetworkPhase1.pdf>

The Township has successfully completed two segments (*Highland Ave. pathway and bridge to CHAC South*); nears completion of a third segment ("*Mondauk Mile*" – paved 8' trail through *Mondauk Manor from Cinnamon Drive to Camphill Road*); and is ready to bid work to continue construction of an 8' wide path connecting existing trail on Camphill Road north to Susquehanna Road (*public easements across privately owned and managed office park property*).

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to a public workshop led by the Trails Planning Team where the next planned trail project will be presented and discussed. Identified as "Trail Segment 2" in the published Township Trail Network Plan, this link will utilize public land known as Tannerie Run West Park. Currently, this linear park provides an informal pedestrian path from Meetinghouse Road at the Temple Campus to Joel Drive and Susquehanna Road. The proposed improvements will make this an 8' wide multi-purpose macadam surface trail.

**Workshop to Discuss the Upper Dublin Township Trail Segment 2 / TU Connection
Thursday, September 24, 2009 7-9pm Township Building Main Meeting Room**

The workshop is structured to provide trail segment neighbors and other interested parties with an opportunity to:

- 1) view maps – planned trail segment plus overall UDT Trail System
- 2) hear how this trail fits into the overall UDT Trail System and how that system is/will benefit the community
- 3) see photos of a local trails built with similar relationships to residential neighborhoods
- 4) talk about neighborhood concerns
- 5) talk about options for making the trail compatible with existing neighborhood
- 6) discuss a schedule for moving ahead and "next steps"
- 7) develop a list of dates and times for trail walks at similar sites and also on finished UDT trails

The Workshop is advertised and open to the public. This invitation has been mailed to residents with frontage or side yards on Joel Drive; residents on Susquehanna Road who back up to the park; emailed to the Tannerie Run Homeowners Association; and emailed to Temple University representatives. Members of the Open Space Advisory Group will be in attendance along with Ward 2 Commissioner Sharon Damsker. We hope to see you there.