

5. PLAN CONSISTENCY

Prior to beginning the comprehensive planning process, Upper Dublin Township had competed a number of topical and neighborhood plans and studies. The Comprehensive Plan incorporates and builds on these prior plan recommendations. Plans and studies that were particularly relevant for the Comprehensive Plan included:

- Upper Dublin Township Open Space and Environmental Resource Protection Plan, Upper Dublin Township, 2005
- *Out of the Water: A Revitalization Plan for the Fort Washington Office Park*, Temple University, 2008
- Dresher Triangle Area Study, Montgomery County Planning Commission, 1999
- Dresher Triangle Area Study, Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Program, 2008
- Maple Glen Action Plan, Carter van Dyke Associates, 2000
- Jarretstown Action Plan, Wells Appel Land Studies, 2004
- Upper Dublin Historic Resources Inventory, 2008
- Upper Dublin Township Trail Network, 2008
- 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan, 2008
- Greenhouse Gas Audit, Temple University, 2008

Where Comprehensive Plan recommendations differ from those of the local plans and studies cited above, it should be assumed that the Comprehensive Plan recommendations represent the interests and policies of the Township at the time of this Plan's adoption in late 2010.

STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION

In addition to an internal review of existing plans and policies the Township consulted with a number of stakeholders and related agencies during the comprehensive planning process, including the Upper Dublin School District, Montgomery County, environmental organizations, local non-profit organizations and adjacent municipalities. The Montgomery County Planning Commission served as an ex-officio member of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. The recommendations of this Plan are generally consistent with those of the County and other public partners and stakeholders. Some of the individual plan elements, particularly transportation, natural resources, recreation and community services and infrastructure identify opportunities to coordinate and work with neighboring municipalities and other governmental agencies and service providers.

COUNTY AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITY PLAN CONSISTENCY

The Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, *Shaping Our Future: A Comprehensive Plan for Montgomery County* was adopted in 2005. It provides a future vision and guides planning and decision making for the County through 2025. The Plan identifies four major issues facing the County:

- Controlling sprawl
- Controlling traffic congestion
- Preserving open space and natural areas
- Revitalizing older boroughs and townships

Each of these issues is important to Upper Dublin Township and this Comprehensive Plan includes locally-appropriate goals and strategies to address each. These include recommendations to encourage infill development in existing low-density residential neighborhoods; reinvestment strategies to encourage mixed-use redevelopment of existing commercial centers and the Fort Washington Office Park; options to expand transportation options and address critical traffic pinch-points; and recommendations to continue Upper Dublin's progressive open space acquisition and preservation programs.

A review of current plans, land use maps and zoning in adjacent municipalities indicates that the land use recommendations of the Upper Dublin Comprehensive Plan are generally consistent with those of its neighbors. Beyond a simple consistency review; however, there are significant opportunities for increased inter-municipal coordination on key issues affecting area municipalities including roadway, trail and transit infrastructure improvements, protection of water resources, economic development and provision of community services.