

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Implementation Framework

In the preceding chapters, planning issues and recommendations are discussed within the context of a specific topic or resource, such as natural resources or land use. Stepping back from that specific focus, this section discusses issues and actions in a broader framework. Most of the individual recommendations noted in the plan chapters should be considered within the context of the overall categories of a comprehensive regulatory update and development of Elverson as a heritage and recreation destination. Such a context will help the Borough understand the interactions of specific recommendations and prioritize implementation.

Regulatory Update

Many recommendations identified throughout this Plan can be accomplished through a comprehensive update of the Borough's regulatory ordinances, particularly the 1998 Land Use Ordinances, which include the Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The Official Map should also be updated. While these ordinances have served the Borough well, the passage of time has changed many items that are addressed by ordinance. An update of the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and Official Map would allow the Borough to address recommendations related to multiple topics, such as natural resources, land use, historic resources, and recreation.

Heritage and Recreation Destination

Building on a concept first advanced in the 2010 Borough Revitalization Plan, the Comprehensive Plan has identified several components necessary for Elverson to develop into a heritage and recreation destination. Formally, one step to implement this would mean participation in the Schuylkill River Heritage Towns and Tours Program, offered by the Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area in collaboration with the William Penn Foundation. Informally, this would require steps to link trail sections, support businesses that provide services to trail users and other heritage and recreation-based visitors, and develop an identity as a



doorway to high quality heritage and recreation experiences. Preservation of historic, scenic, and natural resources would also be essential to becoming a heritage and recreation destination.

Elverson's core is a National Register of Historic Places Historic District with many contributing structures, and the Borough is surrounded by a variety of recreational experiences – Joanna Furnace, State Game Lands No. 43, French Creek State Park and more. Providing trail access and related amenities will allow the Borough to better serve residents, businesses, and visitors. Preserving and promoting the historic and cultural features found within the Borough would add to the quality of life for Borough residents and attract a broader range of visitors.

Topic Based Recommendations

Figures 9-1 through 9-6 present all of the plan's recommendations, along with pertinent information for implementation. The implementation strategies in Figures 9-1 through 9-6 are organized in the same manner that resources were presented in the preceding chapters, with individual recommendations presented as discussed within each plan chapter. Also included are the corresponding chapter recommendation number, priority, responsible entities, and additional discussion on method or partnering organizations as appropriate.

Priority

The priority assigned to the implementation strategies should be interpreted as follows:

Immediate

The recommendation is related to a high priority item for the Borough, and implementation should be commenced within the next one to two years. Typically these types of recommendations can be accomplished relatively quickly, or are the first step in a long-term program.

Short-Term

The recommendation is a medium priority for the Borough, and implementation should be commenced within the next three to five years.

Long-Term

The recommendation is a lower priority for the Borough, and implementation should be commenced within the next five to ten years or as funding becomes available.

Ongoing

The recommendation will require a continued effort. The initial action, if not already begun, should be undertaken in the next one to two years. These actions often involve monitoring or the continuation of existing programs.

Periodic

The recommendation is of a nature that requires effort at intervals, such as every two years.

Who

The group or groups with primary responsibility for implementing a particular recommendation are listed under this heading. Generally, the groups with the most responsibilities assigned are the Planning Commission, Borough Council, or staff.

Groups are identified as follows within Figures 9-1 through 9-6:

- **BC:** Borough Council
- **PC:** Planning Commission
- **HC:** Historical Commission
- **PRC:** Parks and Recreation Committee
- **Staff:** Borough Staff (to include staff such as the Borough Secretary or Zoning Officer)
- **EMC:** Emergency Management Coordinator

The leadership of the elected officials of Elverson in setting priorities and assigning groups to undertake the tasks outlined in this chapter is very important. In the case of ordinances, while it is the Borough Council that must adopt a proposed ordinance, primary responsibility for ordinance development falls to the Planning Commission. If appropriate, a task force can be formed to address specific recommendations.

Suggested Method/Partners

Specific implementation methods are noted here, such as ordinance updates or public outreach tools. Potential partnering organizations are also noted if appropriate, particularly when a recommendation cannot be accomplished without reaching beyond the Borough, or when a partnering organization can bring valuable skills to the task at hand. Organizations are also noted if they can provide information for public education purposes.

Figure 9-1: Implementation Strategies – Land Use and Housing

#	Recommendation	Priority	Who*	Suggested Method/ Partners
<p><i>#: Corresponds to the recommendation number in the Chapter, refer to chapter narratives for additional detail.</i></p> <p><i>*BC: Borough Council; PC: Planning Commission; HC: Historical Commission; PRC: Parks and Recreation Committee; Staff: Borough Staff; EMC: Emergency Management Coordinator</i></p>				
OVERALL				
3-1	Review and amend the Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development ordinances for consistency with the Land Use Plan and map.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC 	Review of permitted uses, densities, resource protection measures, and the provision of recreational facilities to promote consistency with the land use plan.
3-2	Review and amend the Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development ordinances to permit commercial uses and potentially other amenities that would promote and support the heritage and recreation destination concept.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ PRC 	Provision of incentives for compatible development; requirements for the provision of recreation-related amenities.
3-3	Coordinate with adjacent municipalities to ensure that land use and associated development is consistent across shared boundaries.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ PRC 	Municipal coordination on development proposals and trail/pedestrian connections.
3-4	Encourage the establishment and continuation of businesses and employment opportunities.	Immediate/ Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Review zoning and subdivision and land development ordinances; coordination and communication with business community; encourage a business association.
3-5	Ensure that regulations continue to permit appropriate residential densities and diverse housing choices.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC 	Work with developers and local nonprofits.
3-6	Encourage the development and redevelopment of housing that meets Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), Energy Star, or other “Green” building standards.	Immediate/ Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC 	Review of ordinances to address green building practices.
3-7	Review procedures for inspection of rental properties and other properties related to health, safety, and welfare concerns.	Short-Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Consider regulations for rental property inspections with a focus on public health and safety, with consideration of the necessary enforcement capabilities.
3-8	Inform homeowners about available resources to assist with home repair and maintenance needs through local and countywide home repair programs.	Long-Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ Staff 	Make educational materials available at Borough Hall and through the website and newsletter.
3-9	Assist in educational efforts that focus on the need for affordable housing to reduce opposition to moderately priced development.	Long-Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ Staff 	Participate in efforts dealing with affordability; make educational materials available at Borough Hall and through the website and newsletter.
3-10	Review Borough ordinances, and update as needed, to allow for housing opportunities for all members of the classes protected under the federal Fair Housing Act.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Review of ordinances and procedures.
3-11	Review zoning regulations to ensure that they support opportunities for congregate living situations for people with special needs.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Review of ordinances and procedures.

3-12	Continue to grant “reasonable accommodations,” that may include zoning variances and SLDO waivers, to permit development or redevelopment of housing situations for individuals with disabilities.	Immediate/ Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Review of ordinances and procedures.
3-13	Support programs offered through community agencies that provide supportive services to senior citizens desiring to “age-in-place” and remain living in their own homes.	Short-Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ Staff 	Publicize programs through existing outreach methods.

Figure 9-2: Implementation Strategies – Community Facilities and Services

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION				
4-1	Focus on the annual budget and budgeting processing by exploring options for revenue sources and the long-term implications of expenditures.	Short-Term /Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ Staff	Create a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP); consider whether new revenue streams are necessary; consider creative partnerships with the local business community on specific needs to generate revenue.
4-2	Periodically review staffing and use of consultants/contractors to ensure that the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors are being addressed.	Periodic	➤ BC	Review of staffing and needs.
4-3	Establish a volunteer recognition program to acknowledge residents and businesses that significantly contribute to the Borough and to promote volunteerism.	Short-Term /Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ Staff	Annual luncheon, awards program, or recognition on the Borough website and newsletter.
4-4	Ensure that public outreach is timely and comprehensive by regularly updating the Borough website, continuing to publish the Borough newsletter on a regular basis, and using other media outlets as appropriate.	Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ Staff	Regular website updates; continued publication of the newsletter; periodic review how to best connect with residents, businesses, and visitors.
SEWAGE FACILITIES				
4-5	Periodically update the Act 537 Plan to consider population growth and the potential to implement wastewater treatment and disposal systems that reduce impacts on natural resources and watershed water balances, while maintaining consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and municipal ordinances.	Periodic/ Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PC	Act 537 Plan update.
WATER FACILITIES				
4-6	Maintain consistency between the provision of water supply and the Comprehensive Plan while ensuring a safe drinking supply for Borough residents.	Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PC	Plan review and monitoring.
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT				
4-7	Review and amend as necessary to ensure that stormwater management ordinances are in compliance with Act 167 and mandate proper design, construction, and maintenance of stormwater management infrastructure.	Immediate/ Ongoing	➤ BC	Review and update of regulatory controls.
4-8	Fulfill requirements of the NPDES Phase II/MS4 permit.	Immediate/ Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff	Continuous focus on the requirements of the MS4 program.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL				
4-9	Continue to promote appropriate solid waste disposal and promote recycling through contracting and public education.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Encourage recycling with public education; ensure that the contracted hauler provides for a range of materials to be collected.
EMERGENCY SERVICES				
4-10	Update the Basic Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) on an annual basis in coordination with the Chester County Department of Emergency Services and participate in updates to the Chester County Hazard Mitigation Plan.	Periodic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ EMC 	Annual updates to the EOP; sign-on to the 2015 County Hazard Mitigation Plan when completed.
4-11	Disseminate information to area residents and businesses on prevention and preparedness such as use of fire alarms, proper display of house numbers, escape plans, 911 protocols, and the Special Needs Registry.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff ➤ EMC ➤ Neighborhood Watch 	Existing public outreach methods; partnering with Chester County Department of Emergency Services and Twin Valley Fire Department.
4-12	Encourage and support volunteer emergency service providers to seek grant funding from the state and federal levels and alternative sources, and seek funding at the municipal level as appropriate.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ EMC 	Maintain an awareness of grant opportunities.
4-13	Continue coordination between the Borough and local emergency service providers to provide information regarding new development in the Borough and other issues of concern.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ EMC ➤ Neighborhood Watch 	Regular contact with emergency service providers.
4-14	Ensure emergency service providers have the appropriate training.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ EMC 	Awareness of training requirements and support to complete such requirements.
4-15	Adopt an ordinance ensuring minimum acceptable in-building radio coverage for emergency communications.	Long-Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ EMC 	Ordinance adoption.
4-16	Monitor state police staffing levels and response times to ensure that adequate protection is provided, and continue coordination between the Neighborhood Watch and State Police.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ Neighborhood Watch 	Continued monitoring and coordination.
4-17	Monitor fire and ambulance staffing levels, response times, and the number of calls within Elverson Borough to ensure that adequate protection is being provided.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ Neighborhood Watch 	Continued monitoring and coordination.
4-18	Determine equitable funding for fire and ambulance services and budget appropriately on an annual basis.	Short-Term /Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC 	Adherence to the regional funding formula for fire service; consideration of a similar formula for ambulance service.
4-19	Support local fire companies through publicizing the benefits and needs of volunteer fire and ambulance service.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ Staff 	Existing public outreach methods.
4-20	Consider adoption of the local option for residential sprinklers as part of the local building code, and requirement of fire hydrants as part of public water line extensions or higher density development.	Long-Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC 	Ordinance adoption/updates.

LIBRARIES

4-21	Determine equitable funding for the local libraries and budget appropriately on an annual basis, and publicize within the community the need to support local libraries with funding and time.	Short-Term /Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ Staff 	Investigate use of libraries; consideration of funding; public outreach methods.
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EDUCATION

4-22	Communicate on a regular basis with the Twin Valley School District regarding development plans that may impact student enrollment levels and use of school facilities for community and recreational purposes.	Periodic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC 	Coordination through regular meetings.
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Figure 9-3: Implementation Strategies – Transportation and Circulation

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5-1	Continue to coordinate at the regional level on transportation issues, particularly trail networks.	Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PC	Coordination with neighboring municipalities.
5-2	Seek out funding from traditional and non-traditional sources for transportation improvements.	Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff	Proactively seek funding streams.
5-3	Continue to ensure that maintenance of Borough-owned transportation facilities are addressed on an annual basis in the budget and through development of a capital improvements plan.	Short-Term /Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ Staff	Annual budgeting, development of a CIP.
5-4	Advance priority roadway, bicycle and pedestrian, and public transportation projects as identified in Map 5-2.	Immediate/ Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff	
5-5	Work to decrease incidences of speeding on roadways.	Immediate/ Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ Neighborhood Watch	Coordinate with the State Police; consider radar speed signs.
5-6	Amend (or adopt) the Official Map to delineate the location of roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and public transportation amenities.	Immediate	➤ BC ➤ PC	Ordinance update/adoption.
5-7	Review and amend regulatory documents to ensure roadway, sidewalk, and trail standards are current and context sensitive.	Immediate	➤ BC ➤ PC	Ordinance review and update.
5-8	Review regulatory documents for parking standards and amend as necessary to ensure parking requirements remain both appropriate and flexible.	Immediate	➤ BC ➤ PC	Ordinance review and update.
5-9	Review and amend regulatory documents to ensure they address traffic calming measures in association with subdivision and land development.	Immediate	➤ BC ➤ PC	Ordinance review and update.
5-10	Consider updates to access management regulations and coordinate with PennDOT regarding highway occupancy permits (HOPs) to plan for safe access points on area roadways.	Immediate/ Periodic	➤ BC ➤ PC	Ordinance review and update.
5-11	Continue to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and connectivity throughout the Borough.	Immediate/ Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff	Physical improvements as noted in other recommendations; educational efforts.
5-12	Continue to support public transportation.	Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ Staff	Existing public outreach methods.

Additionally, see recommendations within Chapter 8 regarding trails.

Figure 9-4: Implementation Strategies – Natural Resources

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6-1	Revise land use ordinances to define and protect natural resources.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Regulatory update.
6-2	Direct growth to the most appropriate areas, as identified in the Future Land Use Plan (Chapter 3) and supported by the Act 537 Plan and the land use ordinances.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Regulatory updates.
6-3	Encourage natural resource protection at the individual level through public education regarding the value of natural resources and protection strategies.	Short-Term /Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ Staff 	Existing public outreach methods.
6-4	Revise land use ordinances to minimize the percentage of impervious surfaces permitted and encourage the use of porous paving and other pervious surfaces in certain applications.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC 	Regulatory update.
6-5	Pursue an appropriate water balance with withdrawals and discharge within the Borough.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC 	Delaware River Basin Commission
6-6	Revise steep slope protection standards to include specific disturbance limitations for slopes greater than 15 percent.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Regulatory update.
6-7	Encourage a continued partnership with the Chester County Conservation District (CCCD) and bring soil erosion and sedimentation regulations into compliance with CCCD recommendations and/or standards.	Short-Term /Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Chester County Conservation District
6-8	Revise woodland management standards to require a timber harvesting permit, expand plant lists to include recommended native plants and invasive plants to avoid, and include specific disturbance limitations for all woodland classifications.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Regulatory update. Emerald ash borer management plan.
6-9	Revise the land use ordinances to include regulations that require the preservation of riparian buffer areas and the establishment of forested riparian buffers where the stream edge has been degraded.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Regulatory update.
6-10	Revise land use ordinances to reference federal and/or state wetland protection standards and require the establishment of a wetlands margin or buffer to the increase the protection of wetlands.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Regulatory update.
6-11	Maintain an awareness of unique habitats and bio-diversity corridors, and encourage the protection, restoration, or establishment of viable habitat area.	Immediate/ Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Regulatory updates; existing public outreach methods.

Figure 9-5: Implementation Strategies – Historic and Scenic Resources

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HISTORIC RESOURCES				
7-1	Continue identifying historic resources with local markers and investigate installing historic markers through PHMC’s Historical Marker Program.	Ongoing	➤ HC	Local markers and PHMC markers as appropriate.
7-2	Continue to identify and evaluate historic resources through historic resource surveys.	Long-Term	➤ HC	Use of the PA Historic Resource Survey Form; focus on Class I resources as a priority.
7-3	Support nominations of high priority properties for eligibility and/or listing on the National Register of Historic Places.	Periodic	➤ HC	Guidance to property owners; education on the National Register.
7-4	Review existing regulatory provisions to determine additional methods to protect and preserve historic resources.	Immediate	➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ HC	Review and amend zoning ordinance.
7-5	Continue to support the Historical Commission in its role as an advisor to Borough Council, archive for historic artifacts, and the primary public outreach entity for historic resources.	Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Staff	Coordination between the Borough’s elected and appointed officials and the HC; staff support for HC activities; public outreach methods.
7-6	Review the <i>Historic Preservation Plan and Design Guidelines</i> (2000) for additional projects to implement the goals of that plan.	Short-Term	➤ HC	Review of the existing plan and prioritization of potential actions.
SCENIC RESOURCES				
7-7	Update municipal ordinances to guide development to areas less likely to impact scenic resources.	Immediate	➤ BC ➤ PC	Ordinance review and updates as necessary.
7-8	Coordinate with PennDOT (or Chester County as appropriate) on any proposed transportation projects early and throughout the project development process to ensure a context sensitive design.	Periodic	➤ BC ➤ PC	Coordination with PennDOT or Chester County as necessary.
7-9	Continue to support efforts to organize volunteers for PennDOT’s Adopt-a-Highway Program and the Great Pennsylvania Cleanup Program.	Periodic	➤ BC ➤ Staff	Coordination with Boy Scouts or HOAs; use of Borough facilities and staff support.
7-10	Update municipal ordinances to recognize the negative impact of scenic intrusions and require that applicants seeking to construct a new scenic intrusion, or redevelop an existing scenic intrusion, investigate options to avoid, minimize, or mitigate its negative scenic impacts.	Immediate	➤ BC ➤ PC	Ordinance review and updates as necessary.
7-11	Adopt ordinance language to diminish the negative impacts of lighting and promote the continuance of dark skies.	Immediate	➤ BC ➤ PC	Ordinance review and updates as necessary.

7-12	Recognize the importance of dark skies protection and educate residents through the Elverson Borough newsletter, website, and other outreach methods.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PC ➤ Staff 	Existing public outreach methods.
7-13	Adopt ordinance provisions that will diminish the impact of outdoor signage, and investigate the option of developing specific design guidelines.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC 	Ordinance review and updates as necessary.
7-14	Review ordinance provisions to ensure they permit and encourage utility structures and transmission lines (such as cell towers, stormwater management facilities, and overhead utility lines) to respond to scenic qualities as well as functional requirements, and conduct coordination early with outside groups regarding construction of these features.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC 	Ordinance review and updates as necessary.
7-15	Review ordinance provisions to ensure they permit and encourage design of parking facilities to respond to scenic qualities as well as functional requirements.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC 	Ordinance review and updates as necessary.
7-16	Continue the tree planting and maintenance program.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ Tree Commission 	Consistent maintenance and periodic plantings as funding permits. Emerald ash borer management plan.

Figure 9-6: Implementation Strategies – Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

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OVERALL				
8-1	Re-activate the Parks and Recreation Committee.	Immediate	➤ BC	
8-2	Pursue outside funding to support parks, recreation, and open space initiatives and pedestrian and bicycle safety initiatives.	Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PRC	PennDOT, DVRPC, PADCNR
ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS				
8-3	Amend municipal ordinances to include and consistently define common terms as they relate to park, recreation, and open space planning.	Immediate	➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ PRC	Regulatory update.
8-4	Update ordinances to include provisions which address planning for sidewalks, trails and bicycle routes and that require recreation lands, open space, or green areas.	Immediate	➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ PRC	Regulatory update.
8-5	Evaluate the Borough’s requirements for the maintenance and inspection of open space within residential developments.	Short-Term	➤ BC ➤ PRC	Review of policies, procedures, and regulations.
8-6	Amend (or adopt) the Official Map and Ordinance to identify potential parks, trails, bike routes, potential open space, and other facilities.	Immediate	➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ PRC	Regulatory update.
PARKS AND RECREATION				
8-7	Continue to provide a variety of active and passive park and recreation facilities and activities to meet the needs of current and future residents.	Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PRC	
8-8	Address maintenance and improvements to existing park and recreation facilities.	Short-Term /Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PRC	Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).
8-9	Establish additional parks and recreational facilities as opportunities arise.	Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PRC	Endowment fund, gift catalog.
8-10	Explore options for reducing recreation costs through regional cooperation when evaluating or planning recreation initiatives.	Short-Term /Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PRC	Coordination with West Nantmeal Township and the Northern Federation.
TRAILS AND PEDESTRIAN NETWORK				
8-11	Pursue the establishment of a network of trails and sidewalks within the Borough and links to regional trail facilities as part of becoming a heritage and recreation destination.	Immediate /Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ PRC	Participation in the Schuylkill river Heritage Area Towns and Tours Program; improvements noted on Map 8-B.
8-12	Work with local property owners to establish trail easements to enhance the trail and sidewalk network.	Ongoing	➤ BC ➤ PRC	Property owner coordination.

RECREATION ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAMMING				
8-13	Continue to support a balanced diversity of recreational facilities and activities through coordination with adult and youth athletic leagues, public schools, and other recreation stakeholders.	Short-Term /Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PC ➤ PRC 	Stakeholder coordination.
8-14	Continue and expand special events planning.	Short-Term /Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PRC ➤ Events Committee ➤ Staff 	Seek input via the Borough website and/or newsletter.
8-15	Provide current recreation opportunities available to Borough residents on the Borough's website.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PRC ➤ Staff 	Website updates.
8-16	Evaluate the establishment of a fee schedule for use of recreational amenities to generate income for park maintenance and/or upgrades.	Short-Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PRC ➤ Staff 	Development of a fee schedule.
8-17	Create formal recreation policies/guidelines that address property issues and organizational structure.	Long-Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PRC ➤ Staff 	Development of policies and guidelines.
OPEN SPACE PLANNING				
8-18	Establish an open space network in the Borough linking existing and future protected open space, including parks and trails.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BC ➤ PRC ➤ Staff 	Improvements noted on Map 8-B.