

CHAPTER 11
PLAN INTERRELATIONSHIPS

The best part of this Comprehensive Plan initiative is the process of plan preparation. The process involved public outreach, consensus building, and the writing, rewriting, and editing of a comprehensive set of goals, objectives, recommendations and strategies addressing all of the components of the plan. Therefore, the plan is very interrelated and unified from a policy perspective.

The second best part of the Comprehensive Plan initiative is the designation of growth areas as Future Land Use and Natural Resource Protection Areas, as shown in the Future Land Use Plan, Figure 5-2.

The environmental, energy conservation, fiscal, economic development, and social consequences to the Plan will rise or fall based on a simple proposition: Keep the Rural Resources Areas “green” in productive agricultural use; and keep the “Kemblesville Village Areas” and the “Moderate Intensity Use Area” as viable habitats for residences, institutions, businesses and related development.

Franklin Township is notable for its rural character. The greatest legacy we can leave future generations is to retain the heritage landscape qualities of the Rural Resource Area and the Natural Resource Protection Area by limiting the encroachment of sprawl into these areas.

This Plan is clear that the incremental encroachment into the heritage landscape will have an adverse consequence on the rural character of the Township. In contrast, the improvement and enhancement of the Kemblesville Village Area will provide an opportunity for appropriate infill development and redevelopment.

Given the overarching concepts related to Future Land Use, Natural Resource Protection Areas, Cultural Resource Protection, and Open Space, the functional components of the plan are placed in perspective. For example, the Housing Plan, Transportation Plan, Community Facilities Plan, Recreation Plan, and Utilities and Water Supply Plan, are all intended to be moderated by the future land use areas. The Kemblesville Village Area should have sidewalks, the Rural Resource Area should have trails. Kemblesville could have curbs, the Rural Resource Area should not have curbs. Walk to the corner store in Kemblesville, horseback ride to Fair Hill Nature Preserve. Build townhomes in Kemblesville, and protect the cabin in the woods in the Rural Resource Area. You get the picture: transition development from the more civilized core to the more wilderness edge.

This Plan is intended to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Franklin Township. The stated goals and objectives of this Plan and the recommendations are designed to achieve these ideals.