

**KENNETT TOWNSHIP,
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KENNETT, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE 2015 KENNETT TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12, TO REVISE THE INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT, TO REVISE THE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT PARAGRAPH, TO ADD KEY PARTIES IN CHAPTER 2, TO CHANGE KEY PARTIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION ACTION TABLE IN CHAPTER 2, TO ADD AN "ASH TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN" IN CHAPTER 4, TO ADD REFERENCE TO THE "UNDERGROUND RAILROAD" IN SECTION 5-26, TO ADD A REFERENCE TO THE LAND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LCAC) AND TO DESIGNATE THE LCAC AS THE PRIMARY ADVISORY AGENCY TO ADDRESS OPEN SPACE PLANNING FOR THE TOWNSHIP IN CHAPTER 11, AND TO ADD A DEFINITION OF AND REFERENCE TO "SIDEWALKS" IN CHAPTER 12; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2015, the Board of Supervisors of Kennett Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, adopted Resolution No. 2015-12, which adopted the 2015 Kennett Township Comprehensive Plan by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to amend the 2015 Kennett Township Comprehensive Plan to include certain provisions that were not included in the original adopted 2015 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the 2015 Kennett Township Comprehensive Plan serve to strengthen the Comprehensive Plan and better reflect the Township committees that play a role in implementing the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan, as well as the areas of study that the Comprehensive Plan is designed to address; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Kennett Township has determined that the proposed amendments to the 2015 Kennett Township Comprehensive Plan are in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Kennett Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Kennett Township, and it is hereby **ADOPTED** and **RESOLVED** by authority if same as follows:

- I. The 2015 Kennett Township Comprehensive Plan is amended to incorporate the revisions set forth on Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth herein at length. All provisions of the 2015 Kennett Township Comprehensive Plan, and Resolution No. 2015-12 not affected by the provisions of Exhibit "A" shall continue in full force and effect.
- II. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.
- III. The provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination

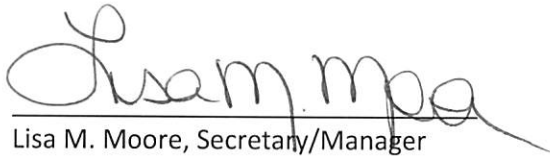
shall have no effect on the provisions of this Resolution, or on the provisions of the 2015 Kennett Township Comprehensive Plan.

IV. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its legal enactment.

ADOPTED and **RESOLVED** this 16th day of December, 2015.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF KENNETT TOWNSHIP


Lisa M. Moore, Secretary/Manager


Scudder G. Stevens, Chairman


Richard L. Leff, Vice-Chairman


Robert A. Hammaker, Member

Comprehensive Plan changes

The Introductory statement was changed to the following:

The Implementation plan is an effort to itemize possible goals to be addressed by the Township. Those goals should be the outgrowth of community input and Board of Supervisor oversight, and as hands-on managed by specific committees of the Township. The specific goals set forth hereafter are a collection of possible goals which need to be considered by, and adopted by, the respective committees. Consequently, those goals are for illustrative purposes only, are not binding, and may be modified, deleted or added to, as circumstances require.

The implementation Progress Report paragraph was changed to the following:

Plan recommendations should be re-evaluated on a regular basis to ensure they are still valid, appropriate, and current. A review and update of the full Plan should occur at least every 10 years per the PA MPC; this 2015 Comprehensive Plan update has addressed this state law requirement. As well, a progress report as to the status of implementing plan recommendations should be completed by the Township yearly. Specifically, as part of their annual work program, KTPC can assess progress made in the Township overall to initiate and undertake Plan recommendations, and can provide an annual report to the Board of Supervisors and other Township groups starting the year after the Plan is adopted. Reports should include an inventory and brief assessment of initiated, completed, and proposed actions and determine what, if any, adjustments or additions might be needed to adopted Plan recommendations. This information should also prove useful when the next full update of the Comprehensive Plan is undertaken. Continual evaluation of Plan recommendations is essential to the successful implementation of Township policy and planning vision.

Chapter 2 Planning & Implementation – Key Parties

The Ways Lane Committee (WLC) and the Bikeway Committee (BC) were added to the list.

Under Natural Resources and objectives the Trails & Sidewalk Committee and Land Conservation Advisory Committee were both added.

Under Open Space, Trails, Parks and Recreation the word sidewalks was added.

Chapter 2 Implementation Action Table:

Several key parties were changed

Chapter 4 – Natural Resources – added Ash Tree Management

Ash Tree Management Plan

4-38 Ash Tree Management Plan

Develop a management plan treat Ash Borer Trees to prevent and treat them due to the Emerald Ash Borer disease.

Chapter 5 – Historic Resources

5-26 Participate in and support education about local history. – added Underground Railroad

To increase expertise about historic preservation planning, Township officials, residents, and volunteers could participate in relevant training sessions, conferences and seminars sponsored by organizations such as the PHMC, Preservation Pennsylvania, Preservation Delaware, and the Chester County Historic Preservation Network. These sessions often address common topics faced by communities throughout the region or State, and provide an opportunity to learn about particular issues and to share experiences and perspectives. KTHC is encouraged to contact organizations that provide training and consider joining those organizations that offer membership opportunities for networking and educational purposes. KTHC could also consider providing Township training/workshops to present to property owners relevant information obtained from educational sessions attended by Township officials. KTHC could also coordinate with KCSD to incorporate local history including the Battle of Brandywine and the **Underground Railroad** into school curriculum. Residents in Tredyffrin Township worked with Tredyffrin-Easttown School District to undertake this concept and, which may be used as a model for how to accomplish this with KCSD.

Chapter 11 – Open Space

Added the LCAC and changed the Township Open Space Planning Entity to the LCAC as the primary.

Township Protection Efforts

Kennett Township has been progressive in the planning and protection of open space, including supportive policy in past comprehensive planning, making incredible strides at the local level. Based on a recommendation of the 1992 Comprehensive Plan, in 1995, the Township established Kennett Township Land Trust (that has since evolved into The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County) to acquire easements and fee-simple ownership of open space. In 2005, the Township adopted an open space protection tax of 0.25% on earned income via voter referendum. In 2010, the Township adopted an ordinance authorizing creation of another land conservation entity, the Kennett Land Conservancy. The Township also has worked with numerous other organizations, e.g. Brandywine Conservancy and Natural Lands Trust, to plan for land protection. The Township, in addition, has in place the **Land Conservation Advisory Committee (LCAC)**, to help address various specialized facets of open space. Further, protection of open space required through ordinance measures has been a successful strategy that has achieved significant protected open space lands in the Township.

Open Space Planning Initiatives

Township Open Space Planning Entities

The, LCAC, is the primary advisory entity to address open space planning for the Township and Board of Supervisors (BoS).

→ **LCAC** was formed in 2009 as an advisory committee to evaluate and provide advice to the BoS on proposed easements and/or land purchases as related to open space planning and protection, using the Township Open Space Resource Plan criteria.

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Chapter 12 – Parks, Recreation a& Trails Plan

The word “sidewalk/s” was added throughout the chapter in various places along with the definition of a sidewalk.