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Public Comments on Plainfield Township Official Map Adoption

Plainfield Township (Northampton County, Pennsylvania) has obtained a 2018 Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape Mini-Grant in order to develop and adopt an Official Map. Funding for this project is provided in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, Environmental Stewardship Fund, administered by Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Inc.

During the Municipal Election of November 6, 2007, the registered electors of Plainfield Township voted to approve a referendum imposing an additional earned income tax at the rate of 0.25% for the preservation of open space. The Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors are currently seeking to develop an Official Map in order to assist the governing body with implementing appropriate planning measures to potentially preserve open space lands for the protection of existing trails, high priority conservation greenways and stream corridors located within the Township. The adoption of an Official Map is anticipated to possibly expand the use of open space earned income tax to include the acquisition of conservation easements and open space lands that will help the Township achieve the goals set forth in the Township’s regional comprehensive plan and open space plan.

Prior to commencing the formal adoption process, the Board of Supervisors welcome comments and input on the current draft publication of the Official Map from the residents of Plainfield Township. The Official Map can be viewed at the following link to the Plainfield Township website:

https://plainfieldtownship.org/plainfield-township-official-map/

For more information on the definition and intention of an Official Map, an “Official Map Fact Sheet” (“The Official Map: A Handbook for Preserving and Providing Public Lands and Facilities,” Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Fact Sheet 1) can also be viewed at the following link to the Plainfield Township website: https://plainfieldtownship.org/plainfield-township-official-map/

Questions and comments concerning the Official Map can be emailed directly to the Township Manager at manager@plainfieldtownship.org, delivered to the Plainfield Township Municipal Office which is located at 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064, or communicated directly via telephone at (610) 759-6944. The Township asks to receive comments no later than Monday, March 11, 2019.