

Executive Summary

In 2007, the Oxford Region embarked together on the development of the Oxford Region Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan. A plan whose primary goal is to manage growth and Protect shared resources on a regional level.

Chapter One

Introduction and Regional Influences

This chapter introduces the reader to the Oxford Region and provides a brief overview of the Region's location, land use characteristics, and shared resources. Chapter 1 also provides an inventory of regional and municipal planning efforts and the relationship to Chester County's Policy Plan, *Landscapes2*. Further, this chapter provides an overview of the Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan process and the activities of the Planning Committee that facilitated the completion of the Plan.

Chapter Two

Demographic Profile

This Chapter presents census data that provides a means of anticipating and planning for future growth and shifts in the Region's population. Chapter 2 provides a population profile of the Region (based on 2010 Census Data), including historic population trends, population projections, and population by race and ethnic origin. ¹

Chapter Three

Regional Policies and Coordination

This Chapter provides guidance for the Oxford Region to begin coordinating regional and municipal planning efforts to facilitate the implementation of plan recommendations and actions in each of the twelve Plan Chapters (Chapters 5 – 16). Chapter 3 includes a full list of the goals and objectives developed by the Planning Committee that were used to guide the development of the plan recommendations.

Chapter Four

Implementation Strategies

This chapter includes tables that will guide the implementation of plan actions discussed in the coinciding plan chapters (Chapters 5 – 16). The implementation tables include information regarding who, what, when, and how the recommended actions should be implemented.

¹ Housing and Economic demographic data is included in Chapters Six and Seven, respectively.

Chapter Five

Land Use Inventory and Plan

This chapter provides the framework for guiding future land use and other regional and municipal planning decisions over the next ten to twenty years. Chapter 5 includes the existing land use inventory, development trends in the Region, and lands still available for development (developable lands) in the Region. The (Future) Land Use Plan recommends how to best achieve the Region's goals and objectives in regard to future development patterns, guiding growth to the most appropriate areas, protecting agricultural lands, and promoting the agricultural industry.

Chapter Six

Housing Inventory and Plan

This Chapter presents an inventory and analysis of the existing housing stock in the Region and projections and recommendations that address future housing in the Oxford Region. Chapter 6 also includes housing demographic data and discussion of housing affordability and accessibility and smart growth techniques that will help reduce the impact of new housing on the Region's resources and infrastructure.

Chapter Seven

Economic Development Profile and Plan

This chapter provides an inventory and profile of the Region's strong agricultural industry base, revitalizing urban center, major industrial employers (Herr's Foods), strategic location along the U.S. Route 1 corridor, and convenient access to freight rail service. Chapter 7 focuses on revitalization, the retention and expansion of existing business and industry, and workforce development.

Chapter Eight

Community Facilities and Services Inventory and Plan

This Chapter provides an inventory, analysis, and recommendations for how to best manage Oxford Region's community facilities and services, and how they can be better coordinated between the Region's municipalities. Chapter 8 provides analysis and recommendations regarding facilities and services including: municipal facilities and services, educational facilities, emergency services, health care and human services, water supply and wastewater facilities, stormwater management, and solid waste management, and energy transmission.

Chapter Nine

Transportation Inventory and Plan

This chapter provides an inventory and analysis of transportation resources at a regional level and recommendations for the consistent maintenance, management, and improvement of the

transportation system. Recommendations address roadway conditions, movement of goods, and alternatives to driving on a municipal and system-wide basis.

Chapter Ten

Open Space Inventory and Plan

This chapter evaluates how open space is now protected, and can be protected in the future. Chapter 10 looks at municipal and regional open space policies and includes recommendations for a network of protected open space for the Region. Further, it provides an overview of municipal (and regional) open space committee activities and recommendations for the possible expansion of their responsibilities.

Chapter Eleven

Agricultural Resources Inventory and Plan

This chapter provides an inventory of agricultural resources and the various agricultural industries, an analysis of their importance to the Region, and recommendations for the protection of the resources, promotion of the industry, and consistent management of both. Chapter 11 provides an overview of preservation and conservation programs, outreach initiatives and advocacy, and agricultural development options such as effective agricultural zoning and transfer of development rights.

Chapter Twelve

Natural Resources Inventory and Plan

This chapter provides an inventory of natural resources, an analysis of their importance to the Region, and recommendations for the consistent management and protection of resources in the communities that make up the Region. Chapter 12 addresses natural resource protection based on the Region's water, land, and biotic resources and provides municipal-specific recommendations to address the protection of natural resources through municipal regulation.

Chapter Thirteen

Historic Resources Inventory and Plan

This chapter provides a brief history of the Oxford Region, an inventory of historic resources, and existing municipal historic resource policy, protection measures, and recommendations. Chapter 13 also includes an overview of local historic resource activities and outreach and education recommendations. Further, this Chapter includes recommendations for Federal, state, and County historic resource programs and to preserve resources that define the area's character and the community's quality of life.

Chapter Fourteen

Scenic Resources Inventory and Plan

This chapter includes an overview of scenic resource categories and characteristics and an inventory of existing municipal scenic resources. Chapter 14 also includes an overview of municipal ordinance regulations and recommendations for coordination with state planning programs. Further, this chapter provides a list of scenic intrusions and recommendations that will address these intrusions and protect the visual image that residents carry with them of the place they call home.

Chapter Fifteen

Recreation Inventory and Plan

This chapter provides an inventory of recreation facilities and programs in the Oxford Region and plan recommendations for their continued use and participation. Chapter 15 also focuses on the establishment of a network of trails and pedestrian facilities to access recreation facilities without the need for a motor vehicle. Further, this chapter categorizes recreation and provides an assessment of current municipal regulations that address recreation.

Chapter Sixteen

Energy Conservation Inventory and Plan

This chapter provides an overview of the new focus on energy conservation through recycling, reuse, and redevelopment. Chapter 16 provides an overview of sustainable fuels and renewable energy sources and includes recommendations for addressing energy conservation as it relates to land use. Further, this chapter provides recommendations for education, information distribution, and demonstration projects that can communicate the importance of energy conservation to residents and municipal officials in the Region and beyond.

Glossary of Terms

The supplement provides definitions for key terms used throughout the Plan and an identification of commonly used planning acronyms.

Appendices (may be included in a separate document)

These sections provide support information for their associated chapters.