

C. PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Historic Resources -- Preserve and enhance the integrity of the Township historic resources.

Goal	Objectives
Preserve and protect existing historic resources and in a manner consistent with the Chester County Comprehensive Plan, <i>Landscapes</i> .	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and map all significant historic resources in the Township. 2. Provide subdivision and land development design techniques and incentives that encourage protection and enhancement of historic resources. 3. Develop a list of planning tools that provide incentives and requirements for the protection and preservation of historic resources. 4. Promote the adaptive reuse of historic buildings and consider zoning incentives for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL, CULTURAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY / ANALYSIS

A. CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

Cultural and Historic Resources are shown on Map 5C, which includes historic resources, cultural landscapes and scenic roads.

Cultural Landscapes Overview

Historic Resources Summary

Legal Foundation for Historic Preservation

- National Register of Historic Places (federal)
- *National Register Eligible Resources*
- Section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code (federal)
- PA Act 167 (Historic Districts Act)
- PA Act 247 (the Municipalities Planning Code)

1979-1980 Chester County Historic Sites Survey in Thornbury Township

2009 Township Historic Resource Survey

- Class I (4 resources):
- Class II (44 resources)
- Class III (21 resources)
- Class IV (111 resources)

Potential Resources -- Considered for nomination to the National Register as Historic Districts:

- Westtown Station Village and
- South Concord Road,
- All buildings and structures constructed of serpentine stone, which was locally quarried. Since these resources are found throughout the area, this nomination could also be pursued as a regional effort.

B. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Historic Preservation Commission programs and projects.
- Township residents are the foundation of historic preservation in the Township.

C. SUMMARY AND PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

1. Consider additional uses as incentives to preserve historic buildings.
2. Include/reference the 2009 Survey resources in the Township Historic Preservation Ordinance.
3. Incorporate the historic resources classification system from the 2009 Survey in the Township Historic Preservation Ordinance.
4. Reference the historic preservation provisions of the Zoning Ordinance in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. There is also a need for the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to require historic resource identification and Township Historic Preservation Commission review/input during the plan review process.

7. PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

D. PLAN FOR THE PROTECTION OF HISTORIC & NATURAL RESOURCES

Map 7C: The Historic, Scenic and Natural Resources

2. Historic and Scenic Resources

- a) National Register Nominations. The Township should consider the Nomination of the following resources:
 - i) National Register Multiple Property Nomination – Serpentine Buildings. This could be pursued as a Township or regional effort.
 - ii) Westtown Station Village as an historic district.
 - iii) South Concord Road as an historic district.National Register Historic District designation would provide protection from adverse impacts associated with federally funded projects, and also provide owners of income producing properties with historic tax credits for renovation expenses.
- b) Historic Resources Map. The 2009 Historic Resources Survey and map should be published and made available to residents of the Township.
- c) Historic Resources Protection. Consider amending the Historic Preservation section of the Zoning Ordinance to:
 - i) Implement the Historic Resource Classification system used in the historic resources inventory and survey, and
 - ii) allow additional alternative uses as an incentive to encourage their preservation.
- d) Historic Preservation Commission Outreach. The Township Historic Preservation Commission should continue community outreach programs and projects, and consider pursuing the following additional outreach initiatives:
 - i) Work with owners of historic properties to share and pursue additional historical research.
 - ii) Publish and distribute to Township residents a brochure about the Thornbury Township Historic Preservation Commission that outlines their duties and responsibilities, and how they can provide assistance for property owners in the research and preservation of their historic properties.
 - iii) Work with residents to record oral histories and collect personal histories.
 - iv) Prepare township histories for publication via various media and on the Township's website.
 - v) Use the Township's website and newsletter to provide helpful information for owners of historic properties and resources, along with general information and stories relating the Township's history.
- e) Squire Cheyney Farm. Consider options for how to best use, protect and preserve the Squire Cheyney Farm.
- f) Additional Research. The 2009 Thornbury Township Historic Resource Inventory and Survey recommended that additional research be pursued for certain properties. The Historic Preservation Commission should oversee this research. This includes approximately 35 properties.

8. SHORT & LONG RANGE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

CHAP-TER.	RECOMMENDATION	PRIOR-ITY	TIME FRAME FOR COMPLETION	RESPONSIBILITY	METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION
D. PLAN FOR THE PROTECTION OF HISTORIC & NATURAL RESOURCES					
<i>Historic Resources</i>					
5	National Register Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Property Nomination – Serpentine Buildings. • Westtown Station Village as an historic district. • South Concord Road as an historic district. 	Medium	Medium-term	Historic Preservation Commission, Consultant	Special Project
5	Historic Resources Map The 2009 Historic Resources Survey and map should be published and made available to residents of the Township.	High	Short-term	Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors	Zoning Ordinance, Official Township Map
5	Historic Resources Protection Consider amending the Historic Preservation section of the Zoning Ordinance to implement the resources classification system and allow additional alternative uses as an incentive to encourage their preservation.	High	Short-term	Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors	Zoning Ordinance
5	Historic Preservation Commission Outreach	Medium	On-going	Historic Preservation Commission	Special projects
5	Squire Cheyney Farm. Consider options for how to best use, protect and preserve the Squire Cheyney Farm.	High	On-going	Historic Preservation Commission, Consultant, Board of Supervisors	Special projects
5	Additional Research. The 2009 Thornbury Township Historic Resource Inventory and Survey recommend that additional research be pursued for certain properties. The Historic Preservation Commission should oversee this research.	Medium	On-going	Historic Preservation Commission, Residents	Special projects

APPENDIX D

Thornbury Township Historic Resources Inventory (2009)

(Complete list of 2009 Historic Resources Inventory)