

<b>Fleetwood-Maidencreek-Richmond Action Plan</b>				
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<b>Transportation Plan</b>				
Prepare a prioritized program for road repaving and reconstruction in the Region instead of responding to these needs on an emergency, as-needed basis only	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Prepare a prioritized program for repair and maintenance for municipality owned bridges	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Establish and implement Capital Improvements Programming for roadway and bridge maintenance and, if necessary, replacement		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Use the highway design guidelines contained in the Transportation and Circulation Section of this plan when planning and reviewing new roads or road improvements	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Identify and set priorities for projects which are appropriate for inclusion in Berks County's Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, RATS, PennDOT
Emphasize the need for PennDOT and transportation planning entities in Berks County, including the Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS), to support the recommendations of this Joint Comprehensive Plan with regard to needed improvements of state transportation facilities	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, RATS, PENNDOT
Facilitate movement through the Region and into and out of the Region's communities	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Define/identify industrial sites within the region and establish one universal truck route to service these sites		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions BCIDA

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Obtain enhanced infrastructure rights-of-way and corridors for future road, trail, and other improvements, particularly during the planning process and highway occupancy permit process for developments	<b>ONGOING</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Establish consistent road signage policies	<b>X</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Establish design standards for roads and driveways and for building setbacks within the Region based on functional classification and need for future road improvements		<b>X</b>		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Preserve the scenic, historic, and cultural road corridors in the Region	<b>ONGOING</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, PennDOT
Enhance streetscapes along road corridors in the boroughs and villages		<b>X</b>		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Identify opportunities to interconnect roads and walkways, provide alternative traffic routes, and facilitate emergency access when new developments are under construction	<b>X</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Consider/investigate the development of an official map where appropriate and coordinate individual official maps with adjacent municipalities		<b>X</b>		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Ensure that roads in agricultural areas may continue to accommodate agriculturally related vehicles and tractors	<b>X</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Engage and work with PennDOT in widening shoulders along routes 222 and 1010		<b>X</b>		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, PennDOT, RATS
Engage PennDOT about changing the designation of SR1010 to a PA Route	<b>X</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, PennDOT, RATS

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Investigate/determine the feasibility of extending Evansville Road so that it is a direct connection between Route 222 and Maidencreek Road		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, PennDOT, RATS
<b>Work with PennDOT to rectify Route 222, 662, 73 and SR 1010 congestion issues by:</b>				
Limiting direct highway access wherever feasible by using common entrances to adjacent business properties rather than multiple driveway cuts	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, PennDOT, RATS
Controlling the size and location of signs to preserve vision triangles	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, PennDOT
Requiring additional setback and appropriate landscaping along the highway to reduce highway noise and distraction to motorists		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, PennDOT
Aligning driveways on opposite sides of the highway wherever possible instead of allowing staggered access points within close proximity of each other			X	Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, PennDOT
Work with PennDOT and developers to ensure local roads and intersections remain safe and able to accommodate current and projected traffic volumes	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, PennDOT
Encourage business developments to share controlled ingress and egress to adjacent major roads such as PA Routes 222, 73, and 662 and SR 1010 as well as local collector roads	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, PennDOT
Review the appropriateness of implementing a joint traffic impact fee program		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Manage access along the Region's roads	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions

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Consider adoption of access management ordinances as a part of municipal Subdivision and Land Development (SALDO) requirements		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Improve the efficiency of traffic flow and the safety of the Region's roads and their intersections		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Establish the responsibilities of developers for transportation improvements	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Establish a mechanism to require traffic impact studies for industrial, commercial, and residential developments	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Address impacts of land uses and new development on major road corridors in the Region	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Mitigate impacts of non-residential traffic on residential neighborhoods		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Encourage use of mass transit through cooperative efforts with BARTA and area businesses	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, BARTA
Promote awareness about BARTA door-to-door van service for people that are physically not able to use regular BARTA service	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, BARTA
Promote/Encourage the use of the Commuter Services of Pennsylvania Program for employer and commuter transportation to and from work	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, BARTA, Commuter Services of PA
Shoulders along roads should be constructed, widened or improved as necessary. Developers should improve shoulders along their properties	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Promote future development of greenways and trails that will further walking, bicycling and other alternative transportation modes	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions

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Plan for safe and accessible routes of travel for pedestrians, bicyclists, individuals with disabilities, the elderly, plain sect populations and those without automobiles	<b>ONGOING</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Improve pedestrian safety in the Region by developing, improving and expanding the sidewalk system in residential areas		<b>X</b>		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Consider a phased sidewalk replacement program in Fleetwood Borough starting with the areas most in need		<b>X</b>		Borough Council and Planning Commission
Continue working with the Fleetwood Area School District to ensure adequate and safe pedestrian and bicycle access to all schools in the area	<b>ONGOING</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, Fleetwood Area School District
Consider/study the feasibility of connecting the Willow Creek Elementary School with the Fleetwood Borough Park using a pedestrian trail	<b>X</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, Fleetwood Area School District
Consider the installation of school zone speed limit signs and increased pedestrian amenities along Crisscross/Walnuttown Road for student bicycle and pedestrian safety as outlined in the Willow Creek Elementary School Safe Routes to School Final Report Dated February 2010		<b>X</b>		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, Fleetwood Area School District
Use the availability of railroad access to promote economic and industrial development within the region	<b>ONGOING</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, Businesses, Rail Road Owners
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<b>Land Use and Housing Plan</b>				
Revise Borough and Townships Zoning Ordinances to reflect Future Land Use Plan	<b>X</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions

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Revise Borough and Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances to reflect Future Land Use Plan		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Review the Joint Comprehensive Plan		X	X	Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Update the Joint Comprehensive Plan			X	Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
<b>Environmental Conservation Plan</b>				
Amend the Townships Zoning Ordinances to strengthen protection of steep slopes, wooded areas, stream corridor protection and other environmental areas.	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
Continue promoting conservation easements	ONGOING			Municipal Planning Commissions, Local Conservation Organizaitons
Encourage a variety of zoning techniques to preserve open space in subdivisions and land devleopments	ONGOING			Municipal Planning Commissions
Encourage developers to use neighborhood design standards	ONGOING			Municipal Planning Commissions
Amend Borough and Townships subdivision and land development ordinances to require developers to use better subdivsion design procedures		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
<b>Agricultural Preservation Plan</b>				
Encourage buisnesses and local residents to use local farm products	ONGOING			All municipal officials, business leaders, residents, Berks Co. Chamber of Commerce
Maintain effective agricultural zoning with the Townships	ONGOING			Township Planning Commissions
Ensure ordinance's protect and do not hinder agricultural uses	ONGOING			Township Planning Commissions

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Encourage the purchase of development rights and donation of conservation easements	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, Berks Co. Ag Land Board, BCPC, Berks County Conservancy
Continue to encourage property owners to voluntarily join the Agricultural Security Areas in Maidencreek and Richmond Townships	ONGOING			Township Planning Commissions
Exclude central sewer and water service from farming and conservation areas	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, Sewer and Water Entities
Permit a reasonable variety of farm-based businesses in farming areas	X			Municipal Planning Commissions
<b>Community Services and Facilities Plan</b>				
Continue to seek additional tenants for the Fleetwood Community Services Center	X			Borough Council
Continue to maintain existing Township Municipal Buildings	ONGOING			Township Supervisors
Evaluate Police Programs in the region and look to improve programs and services where possible as needs and issues arise.		X		Police Chiefs, Township Supervisors, Borough Council
Maintain financial contributions to local volunteer fire companies and rescue services while working with them to coordinate their services on a regional basis	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council
Ensure that the Townships and Borough cooperate concerning future public water and sewer extensions	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, Sewer and Water Entities
Coordinate future Act 537 Sewerage Facilities Plan Updates with adjoining municipalities		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, Sewer Authorities

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Determine the most efficient way to extend public water service to areas of Richmond Township		X		Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, Fleetwood Borough Water Dept.
Participate in ongoing monitoring of water quality and groundwater in the local areas	ONGOING			Municipal Planning Commissions
Continue coordinating with the Fleetwood School District regarding issues and needs	X			Municipal Planning Commissions, Citizens
<b>Historic Preservation Plan</b>				
Maintain and update the inventory of historic resources	ONGOING			Municipal Planning Commissions., BPC
Investigate potential funding for a historic façade improvement program		X		Committee
Investigate a program for conservation easements for historic facades	ONGOING			Committee
Participate in a marker program that identifies historic structures, places and events	ONGOING			Committee
Maintain and sign the key entrances to the individual communities in the region.		X		Committee
Encourage productive use or re-use of historic buildings	ONGOING			Municipal Planning Commissions
Implement the Architectural Overlay District	X			Borough Council , Borough Planning Commission
Encourage historic preservation and provide design guidelines to residents		X		Committee and Municipal Planning Commissions
Avoid demoltion of histoic buildings by amending regulations to include protection	X			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, Zoning Officer
Retain the historic architectural character of existing buildings and encourage the design of compatible additions and new consturction	X			Committee
Ensure future public improvements reflect the historic qualities of the existing area			X	committee
<b>Parks and Recreation Plan</b>				



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Acquire land for a Township Park		X		Richmond Township Supervisors, Planning Commission, Recreation Committee
Require local athletic associations to wholly or jointly fund construction of athletic fields in new park		X		Richmond Township Supervisors, Planning Commission, Recreation Committee
Evaluate the availability of programs and facilities to be used on a regional basis, thereby expanding funding for maintenance of facilities	X			Municipal Planning Commissions, Recreation Boards/Committee
Require athletic associations to help maintain the parks that they use	ONGOING			Recreation Boards/Committee
Continue safety inspections at all parks and keep up to date with new guidelines	ONGOING			Recreation Boards
Be aware of obligations at existing recreation areas under the Americans with Disabilities Act	ONGOING			Recreation Boards
Amend the Richmond Township Subdivision and Land Delopment Ordinance to require developers to donate land or fees for recreation	X			Richmond Township Supervisors, Planning Commission, Recreation Committee
Review and strengthen the Fleetwood Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance with regard to mandaotry dedication regulations for recreation	X			Fleetwood Borough Planning Commission
Apply for grants that become availabe for acquisition of park land, expansion of programs and potential coordination of services	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Recreation Boards/Committee
Support the continuation and expansion of existing recreation programs	ONGOING			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Recreation Boards/Committee
Establish a Richmond Township recreation committee to identify moving forward with recreational opportunities	X			Richmond Township Supervisors, Planning Commission, Recreation Committee

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Work with the Berks County Conservancy, BCPC, local conservation groups and local landowners to help establish greenways along identified corridors	<b>ONGOING</b>			Municipal Planning Commissions, Recreation Boards/Committee
Use a combination of techniques other than fee simple acquisition to establish right-of-way for greenway corridors	<b>ONGOING</b>			Municipal Planning Commissions, Recreation Boards/Committee
<b>Economic Development/Downtown Revitalization Plan</b>				
Ensure the organizational and planning resources are in place to extend public water and sewer service to appropriate business areas	<b>X</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, Sewer and Water Entities
Initiate a marketing effort that will promote resources and availability in the Fleetwood-Maidencreek-Richmond Area	<b>X</b>			Local Business Groups
Establish a Main Street Program in Fleetwood		<b>X</b>		Borough Council , Borough Planning Commission
Work with existing local businesses to ensure that their current and future needs for infrastructure are met.	<b>ONGOING</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions, Sewer and Water Entities
Work with existing local businesses to ensure that their current and future needs for for business retention and expansion are met.	<b>ONGOING</b>			Township Supervisors, Borough Council, Municipal Planning Commissions
<b>Energy Conservation Plan</b>				
Continually review and update municipal ordinances so that they do not impede standard energy conservation initiatives	<b>ONGOING</b>			Municipal Planning Commissions
Encourage developers to use energy conservation construction guidelines in new and renovated buildings	<b>ONGOING</b>			Municipal Planning Commissions