



**Montgomery Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
March 24, 2015
7:00PM**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was held on March 24, 2015 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the EAC in attendance included: Jeff Gibbons, Mahbubur Meenar, Terry Wilson, and Beth Staab. Also in attendance was Joseph Walsh, Board Liaison, and Stacy Crandell, Assistant to the Township Manager.

Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes – February 24, 2015

Jeff Gibbons made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 24, 2015 and Terry Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment

Karen Martinkovic, Ascot Court, came to the meeting to discuss some concerns she had regarding one of the routes on the bike trail project that would connect Windlestrae Park to Spring Valley Park through the Winner's Circle Development due to the wetlands. The Committee stated that this is only a plan and all routes would have to be closely investigated and studied prior to any construction of any trails.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Bike Trail/Walking Routes Project

The Committee reviewed the priority list (see attached) and map from Traffic Planning & Design. The Committee felt the priority listing was accurate and they would like to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve this plan. The Committee also asked that the Township Staff contact Traffic Planning & Design to ask about the estimated cost and how they came up with the different distinctions for each priority.

Next Meeting

The next EAC Meeting will be April 28, 2015 at 7:00PM.

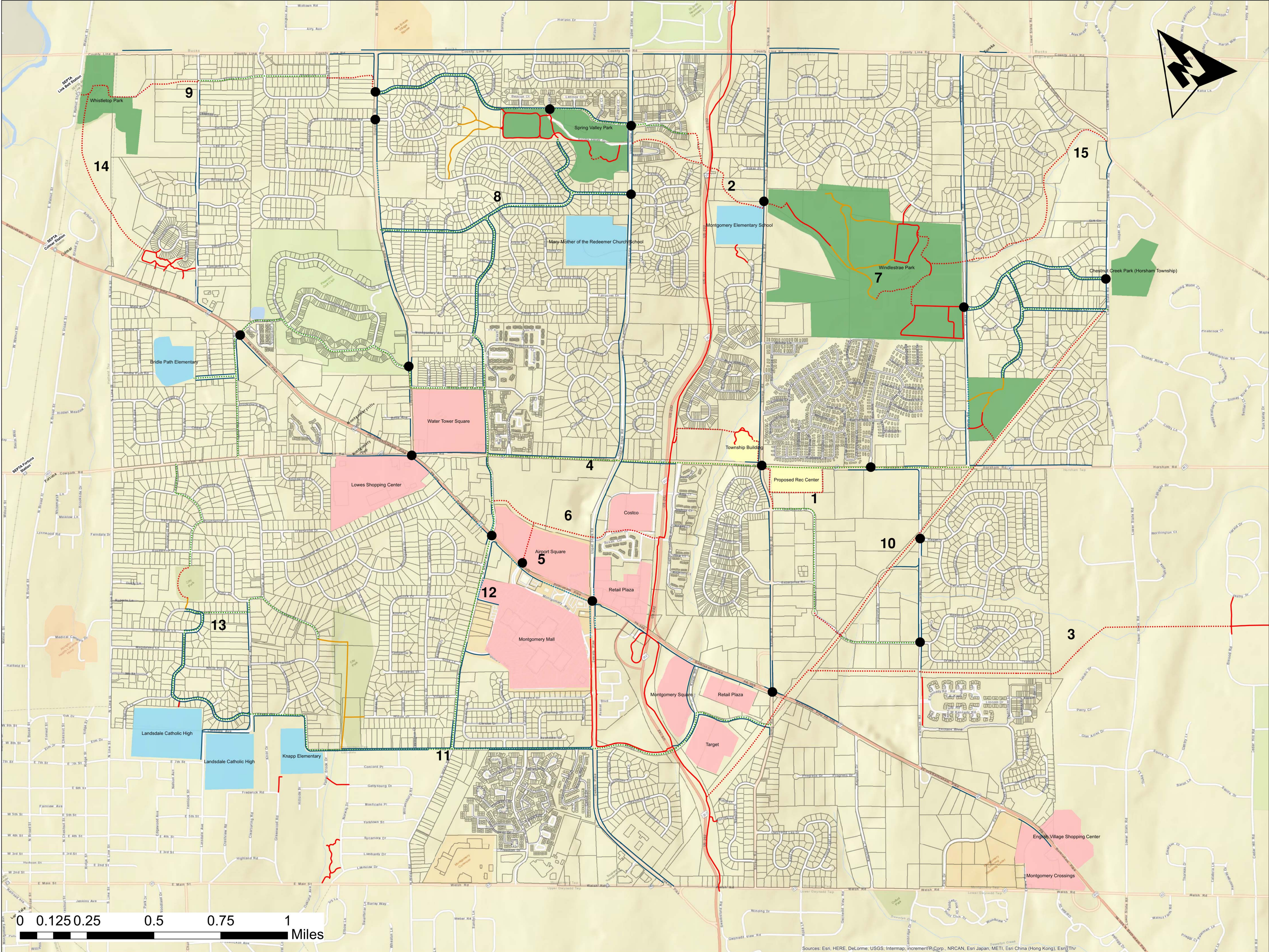
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.

Prioritized Implementation Plan
Summary Table

	Project Name	Project Purpose	Relative Cost*	Project Notes	Importance to Key Short Term Goals	Next Step
1	Power Line Trail Connector	Connect two regional trails: the Route 202 Parkway Trail and the Power Line Trail	\$	A feasibility study for this project was prepared for the Township by Gilmore & Associates in 2013	Connects Route 202 Parkway Trail to new Community Center	Final Design
2	Windlestrae-Spring Valley Connector Trail	Provide connection between Windlestrae Park and Spring Valley Park, including safety treatments where the trail crosses Stump Road and Upper State Road	\$\$\$	This project may require right-of-way acquisition or other agreements. The feasibility study will evaluate whether the trail connection can pass under the Route 202 Bridge.	Connects two major parks to the Route 202 Parkway Trail	Feasibility Study
3	Power Line Trail Extension	Extend the Power Line Trail from Township boundary to Hartman Road	\$\$	Opportunity to coordinate with Horsham Township on a multi-municipal trail project to construct missing sections in both townships		Detailed Planning and Design
4	Horsham Road Corridor	Provide upgraded bicycle/pedestrian accommodations along Horsham Road from North Wales Road to Kenas Road	\$\$	The feasibility study will evaluate the feasibility/ desirability of providing a shared-use path on one or both sides of Horsham Road	Secondary connection between Route 202 Parkway Trail and the new Community Center	Feasibility Study
5	Montgomery Mall/ Airport Square Connectivity Improvements	Improve connection between the Montgomery Mall and Airport Square/General Hancock Boulevard by providing pedestrian crossing facilities at one or both of the signalized Montgomery Mall driveways.	\$\$	This project would also require the installation of sidewalks or shared-use paths on private property (Montgomery Mall/Airport Square)	Improves pedestrian connections between the Montgomery Mall and Airport Square	Planning Study/ Coordination with Property Owners
6	General Hancock Boulevard Corridor	Provide upgraded bicycle/pedestrian accommodations along General Hancock Boulevard from North Wales Road to the Route 202 Parkway Trail	\$\$	It may be desirable to pursue the construction of a shared use path along General Handcock Boulevard in conjunction with future development of the adjacent parcels	Connects the Montgomery Mall/ Airport Square to the Route 202 Parkway Trail	Conceptual Design/ Coordination with Property Owners
7	Windlestrae Park Trail Upgrades	Upgrade and connect existing trails to create a direct shared use path from Stump Road to Kenas Road	\$\$	All improvements are within the existing park. The shared use path should be designed to meet AASHTO standards		Detailed Planning and Design
8	Spring Valley Park Neighborhood Bicycle Network	Develop on-street bicycle network in neighborhoods between Doylestown Road and Upper State Road (north of Horsham Road)	\$	The network may consist of bike lanes and/or shared lane markings on Township-owned roadways		Detailed Planning and Design
9	Whistlestop Park Connector Trail	Establish a bicycle/pedestrian connection between Spring Valley Park and Whistlestop Park	\$\$	There is an existing trail west of Richardson Road. Additional investigation is needed to determine ownership		Feasibility Study
10	Utility Corridor Trail	Construct a shared use path following the PECO line corridor from Goodwin Lane to the Route 202 Parkway Trail	\$\$\$	To cross Route 309 the trail alignment may need to be shifted to the existing traffic signal at Stump Road		Preliminary Design/ Coordination w/ PECO
11	Knapp Road Corridor	Provide upgraded bicycle/pedestrian accommodations along Knapp Road from Lansdale Avenue to Witchwood Drive	\$\$	The Township may wish to consider a shared-use path or a combination of sidewalks and bike lanes		Detailed Planning and Design
12	North Wales Road Corridor	Provide upgraded bicycle/pedestrian accommodations along North Wales Road from Knapp Road to Horsham Road	\$\$	The Township may wish to consider a shared-use path or a combination of sidewalks and bike lanes		Detailed Planning and Design
13	Western On-Street Network	Develop an on-street bicycle network to strengthen connections between neighborhoods and the trail network	\$	The network may consist of bike lanes and/or shared lane markings on Township-owned roadways		Detailed Planning and Design
14	Whistlestop Park Trail	Provide a shared-use path to connect Whistlestop Park to the Autumn Woods Fitness Trail	\$\$	A feasibility study is needed to evaluate potential alignments to connect the existing fitness trail and the SEPTA Link Belt Station and Whistlestop Park		Feasibility Study
15	Little Neshaminy Creek Trail	Construct a shared-use path that extends from Windlestrae Park to Lower State Road.	\$\$	If possible the trail should connect to the adjacent neighborhood streets		Feasibility Study

*The relative cost is a preliminary estimate. Detailed planning and engineering will need to be conducted to determine the implementation costs of each project.
\$ = Lowest Estimated Cost \$\$\$ = Highest Estimated Cost



Legend

High Priority Crossing

- Intersections

Sidewalk Network

- Proposed Sidewalk
- Existing Sidewalk

Bicycle Network

- Potential Bike Path
- Potential On-Road Bike Route
- Existing Stone or Dirt Trail
- Existing Paved Trail

Buildings

- Municipal
- Park
- School
- Shopping
- Montgomery Parcels

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