



**UPPER
MACUNGIE
TOWNSHIP**



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

for the

UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP TRAIL & WALKABILITY PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Upper Macungie Township has partnered with Simone Collins Landscape Architecture to develop a Trail and Walkability Plan for the entire Township. As part of the study, a Steering Committee is being formed which will provide input to Township Staff and Consultants throughout the process. In addition to this Committee, the public will also be engaged in multiple ways, including public meetings.

The following page contains information provided by Simone Collins which explains the involvement of the Committee and a tentative timeline. Please note that the schedule references months as "TBD" and will begin in late January or early February 2022. There are five Committee meetings scheduled over the course of eight months.

If you would like to volunteer to serve on the Steering Committee, please complete the enclosed form and submit to Kal Sostarecz, Township Secretary, by e-mail at ksostarecz@uppermac.org or mail to the address on the form. If you have any questions regarding the study, committee, or process, please contact him at the above e-mail or by phoning 610-395-4892 x116.

TRAIL & WALKABILITY PLAN PURPOSE:

The *Upper Macungie Township 2019 Comprehensive Plan, A Plan for Growth Management and Preservation*, placed an emphasis on walkability and connections within our municipality. The executive summary of this plan states: “A lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities with few transit routes connecting neighborhoods to schools, shopping center, park and recreation facilities, community centers, and employment centers impacts quality of life and limits travel within UMT to use of automobiles.” Map #12 from that plan, provides a vision of what some of those connections may look like in our community. The scope of work for this project includes the professional trail planning for a pedestrian/bicycle inter-municipal trail and connections plan, including the review of our comprehensive plan’s suggestions and the practicality of those connections. This will be all inclusive to show connections between trails, Recreation areas, schools, shopping centers, villages, and neighborhoods. A final plan will include the preferred trail routes with an implementation strategy to develop the internal trail network local and regional connections.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (excerpted from the Simone Collins proposal; timeline is To Be Determined)

Five (5) committee meetings are planned.

- Committee Meeting #1 is planned at the initiation of the work in TBD. We encourage the Township to begin to set the membership for the committee now, so work can begin in a timely manner. This first meeting will, like public meeting #1, feature a “Trails 101” presentation to acquaint committee members with the terms, design standards and other aspects of trails, sidewalks and mobility planning. We will also review the project scope, give the committee an idea of what we will present at the first public meeting and we will brainstorm with the committee ideas about Upper Macungie trails, side-walks and greenways.
- Committee Meeting #2 will be held in TBD to review the public meeting results and to obtain committee feedback on what was learned at the public meeting #1. We encourage committee members to attend all of the public meetings.
- Committee Meeting #3 to be held in TBD will be an in-process review of the work progress. Evolving connectivity concepts will be reviewed.
- Committee Meeting #4 is suggested for TBD and will be a preview of the draft plan to be presented at the end of the month.
- Committee Meeting # 5 is planned for TBD at the end of the 30 day review of the draft plan. We expect that the committee will give us excellent writ-ten feedback on revisions to the draft plan that will improve the plan.

We strongly recommend that the Committee meetings also be open to the general public. Anything that encourages more public participation is helpful and creates a better final plan. These meetings can be done in person or virtually at the preference of the committee and Township.



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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Upper Macungie Township has several Boards, Commissions, and Committees which rely on dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers who are residents of the Township. At various times throughout the year vacancies may occur; if you are interested in serving your community on one or more of these, please complete this form and forward with your résumé to Kal Sostarecz., Township Secretary, Upper Macungie Township, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031 or email to ksostarecz@uppermac.org.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

I would be interested in serving on any of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Hearing Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Code Board of Appeals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Preservation Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacancy Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail & Walkability Study Steering Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
(See website for additional volunteer opportunities) |

Occupation/Job Experience/Special Skills:

Education: (inclusive of school, degree, major, ad-hoc training/certifications)

Municipal Government Experience: (including Board/Committee/Commission positions)

Reason for Interest in Appointment:

Other Community Involvement History:

Aspirations/Visions for Upper Macungie Township: (if selected, what would you like to accomplish?)