

Honey Brook Township and Borough Multi Municipal Comprehensive Plan Update

Task Force Meeting #3 NOTES

October 9th, 2025, at 6:30PM-8PM (Honey Brook Township Office and Zoom)

<https://brandywine-org.zoom.us/j/89151433987?pwd=KB1XpbvSRMQKGHuwRQX5WiMmCWG5x6.1>

AGENDA

6:30-6:35pm Welcome and Call to Order
Gary McEwen, Task Force Chair

Meeting Overview
Beth Burns, Brandywine Conservancy

6:35-6:40pm Public Comment (see Township guidelines for public comment)
** When called, provide your name and address for the record. After this, you have three (3) minutes to share your comments regarding any matter related to the Comprehensive Plan Update. There will be additional opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting.*

6:40-7:00pm Public Participation Results (Community visioning, values survey, key stakeholder interviews, impact on key issues)
Beth Burns, Brandywine Conservancy

B. Burns provided an overview of the community visioning session results, including images of the mapping exercises that the public were asked to respond to. About 20 Township and Borough residents attended the meeting.

It was asked where the comments regarding trails were directed, if at a specific location.

B. Burns – Struble/Icedale and previous rail corridors for rails to trails.

Survey response has been low, can look to postcards as a means to getting the information out.

R. Daniels – Would need to look into the cost for Every Door Direct Mail but have done this in the past with good results. Would be looking to send to the zip code which would leave out a small area of the township. Would cover 4,600 households and 147 businesses.

How do we get the Amish and plain sect community to participate?

Would look to the annually held Farmer's Breakfast or equivalent activity in January to seek input from any plain sect community members in attendance.

7:00-7:20pm Discovering Heritage Preservation Priorities: Inventories, Mapping, Recommendation, Draft Chapter Review
Beth Burns, Brandywine Conservancy

B. Burns – Introduced Heritage Preservation Planning considerations to provide an overall direction for draft goals and recommendations for Heritage Preservation. This included discussion of the existing landscape as a cultural landscape, one that hasn't changed significantly over the previous century. Efforts to preserve farmland is also an effort to preserve heritage and culture of the region. The priorities for this section should be updating the Historic Resource Inventory and starting a Historic Commission. These two actions are the basis from which other actions can spring. Especially important for the Historic Resource Inventory because without an update to the previous one, conducted in 1982, there is no way to quantify if historic resources are being demolished or so altered as to no longer be historic.

TF communicated concerns regarding regulating historic resources. Look to creating a Historic Commission but not a Historic Architecture Review Board.

B. Burns – A historic Commission would be appropriate for completing a survey update and providing educational resources on historic preservation and the region's history.

TF believes there used to be a historical society at one point that may have covered this area. The Tri-County Heritage Society?

TF is not opposed to a survey update or education. Borough is particularly interested in Historic Preservation, mixed use and adaptive reuse would be good for commercial/retail endeavors along the main street.

7:20-7:40pm Key Theme #1 – Introduction to Draft Recommendations
Beth Burns, Brandywine Conservancy

B. Burns did not bring the needed documents to discuss this section so it will be addressed at the next TF Meeting.

7:40-7:50pm Questions/Concerns/ Outstanding Items
Beth Burns, Brandywine Conservancy

7:50-8:00pm Public Comment (see Township guidelines for public comment)
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One person provided public comment in support of historic preservation, especially in the borough.

Next Meeting – No Task Force Meeting in Nov.
December 3rd @ 6:30- Task Force Meeting #4 - Guiding Growth