

London Britain Township OSRER Plan

Plan Advisory Committee Meeting #2

Thursday, April 23, 2026 @ 5:30-7pm

ZOOM Link: <https://brandywine-org.zoom.us/j/84786645859?pwd=wrK9gv3WY3Zrpf5pubVloyRSxhUA91.1>

Agenda

Overview

Sarah Sharp, Brandywine Conservancy

Background Documents

Sarah Sharp, Brandywine Conservancy

Draft Vision and Goals

Sarah Sharp, Brandywine Conservancy

Draft Community Survey

Sarah Sharp, Brandywine Conservancy

Public Meeting #1

Sarah Sharp, Brandywine Conservancy

Map Review

Sarah Sharp, Brandywine Conservancy

Inventory Maps

Prioritization Mapping (Ag and Natural Resources)

Next Steps

Promote Community Survey (Newsletter, website, flyers at election etc.)

Public Meeting – May?

Next PAC meeting – June 16th

VISION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

London Britain Township is a rural community committed to preserving its agricultural heritage, open landscapes, and exceptional natural resources, including the White Clay Creek Preserve, the White Clay Creek Wild & Scenic River, and the headwaters of the Christina River. Through the conservation of open space and support for regional preservation efforts, the Township seeks to protect water quality, wildlife habitat, and scenic rural character for future generations. The Township will maintain a balanced system of parks, preserves, and trails, developed through cooperative efforts, that supports outdoor recreation, promotes healthy and active lifestyles, and provides safe connections between neighborhoods, natural areas, and regional destinations consistent with its rural character.

KEY VALUES (FROM CPU)

Longevity

Preserve the farms, nature, scenery, and historic structures that will forever define London Britain's rural character and secure our residents' chosen ways of life.

Accessibility

Enable public access by residents and visitors to the Preserves, parks, creeks, and other natural areas within and bordering the Township - supporting fun, relaxation, education, and spiritual enrichment.

Governance

Govern a rural, fiscally-conservative Township by providing basic public services to our residents and businesses; carefully managing changes in land use; steward natural resources; communicate successes; and be timely responding to resident concerns and other requests for Township assistance and/or guidance.

Safety

Protect the public health, safety, and general welfare, including but not limited to: efforts to ensure safe roads, bridges, and pedestrian crossings; efforts to increase the frequency of police patrols and response times of emergency responders; and efforts to provide reliable cellular communications throughout the Township.

Collaboration

Coordinate Township-led activities with our residents and neighboring municipalities, as well as county and state governments, regional agencies, the National Park Service (White Clay Wild and Scenic River), the London Britain Township Land Trust, area non-profit organizations, and others. Collaborate to increase efficiency and chances of success.

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Goal 1: Rural Character and Sense of Place

Preserve and reinforce London Britain Township's rural character, scenic landscapes, agricultural heritage, and quality of life through thoughtful land use planning and coordinated open space conservation.

Goal 2: Agriculture and Working Landscapes

Support and preserve working farms and prime agricultural soils to sustain London Britain Township's agrarian heritage and rural economy.

Goal 3: Natural Resource Conservation and Environmental Stewardship

Protect, restore, and steward the Township's critical natural resources to ensure environmental health, resilience, and ecosystem services for future generations.

Goal 4: Parks, Open Space, and Greenway Connectivity

Develop and maintain an interconnected system of parks, preserved lands, greenways, and trails that protects natural resources, supports wildlife movement, and enhances scenic quality.

TRAILS AND RECREATION

Goal 5: Recreation Opportunities

Provide a balanced mix of active and passive recreation opportunities that are appropriate to a rural community and responsive to residents of all ages and abilities.

Goal 6: Trails and Active Transportation

Create a safe, connected network of trails that links neighborhoods, parks, natural areas, and regional destinations.

Goal 7: Health, Wellness, and Community

Support physical, mental, and social well-being by providing access to close-to-home recreational and natural environments.

Goal 8: Accessibility, Equity, and Inclusion

Ensure that parks, open space, and recreation opportunities are accessible and welcoming to residents of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

FUNDING AND OPERATIONS

Goal 9: Operations, Maintenance, and Stewardship

Maintain park, open space, and trail assets in a safe, clean, and sustainable manner.

Goal 10: Partnerships and Financing

Secure sustainable funding and partnerships to support the acquisition, development, maintenance, and programming of parks, trails, and open space.

London Britain Township is planning for the future of our open spaces, parks, recreation, and natural areas—and we want to hear from you.

Your feedback will directly shape priorities and actions over the next 10 years. Survey results will help determine how the Township should preserve open space, improve and expand parks and recreation facilities, strengthen community events and programs, and identify opportunities for trails and parkland.

This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Your responses will help guide real decisions and investments that affect our community's quality of life. Thank you for taking the time to share your voice and help shape the future of London Britain Township.

www.surveymonkey.com/share/f54fa293-8dd5-4894-8860-fea417c4a7af

1. What should be the Township's main priorities for parks, open space, and trails over the next 10 years? (Please select one response for each.)			
	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Acquire land/ develop future parks			
Add recreation facilities to existing parks			
Build athletic fields			
Build indoor recreation facilities			
Conserve open space and natural resources			
Develop walking/biking connections between schools/parks/neighborhoods			
Develop longer distance walking/biking trails			
Expand nature education opportunities			
Expand recreation programs for youth (under 18)			
Expand recreation programs for adults (18-54)			
Expand recreation programs for older adults (55+)			
Expand volunteer involvement with parks, recreation programs, and special events			
Improve promotion of park areas and recreation program opportunities			
Maintain existing park areas and recreation facilities			
Provide access to creeks and streams			
Rehabilitate older parks			
Achieve a balance of the above			
Other (please specify)			

Parks and Recreation

2. How do you and your household use London Britain Township parks and recreational areas?
(Please check all that apply.)

Bike riding	
Walking, running, jogging on trails/fitness and wellness	
Exercising dog	
Experiencing nature/ relaxation	
Horseback riding	
Hunting and fishing	
Organized sports activities (youth and adults)	
Picnicking/ Enjoying time with friends/family	
Self-directed athletic court/field use	
Special events/festivals	
Visiting playground/tot lot	
Volunteering	
Other (please specify)	

3. How important is it to expand or add the following recreation facilities or activity areas in London Britain Township? (Please select one response for each.)

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Needed
Athletic court/ field lights				
Baseball/ Softball field				
Basketball court				
Bicycle pump track				
Bicycle trails				
Community gardens				
Demonstration gardens (rain/butterfly)				
Disc golf course/holes				
Dog park				
Indoor fieldhouse with game fields/courts				
Indoor community center with gymnasium/fitness area				
Informal picnic areas				
In-line hockey rink				
Lawn games (bocce/horseshoes)				
Multi-purpose field				
Nature/environmental education center				
Nature trails				
Open lawn play areas				
Outdoor fitness equipment				
Picnic pavilion				
Pickleball court				
Skatepark				
Special events area				
Spray ground/splash pad				
Swimming pool				

Tennis court				
Volleyball court				
Walking paths/trails				
Youth playground/tot lot				
Other (please specify)				

4. How satisfied are you with the following London Britain Township park features? Select one response for each. (Please select one response for each.)				
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Don't Know
Accessibility of parks and recreation facilities for persons with disabilities				
Availability of parking				
Availability of restrooms				
Availability of shaded areas/sitting areas				
Availability of trails/walkways				
Cleanliness of grounds/environment				
Cleanliness of restrooms				
Condition of recreation facilities				
Feeling of safety and security while spending time in parks				
Overall maintenance of park areas and recreation facilities				
Variety of recreation facilities				
Other (please specify)				

4a. Please expand on any dissatisfied comments from question 4.

5. How often do you or members of your household visit the following parks and recreation areas? (Please select one response for each.)					
	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally	Never	Not aware of this park/facility
Nichol Park (Township Park)					
Mason Dixon Greenway South					
White Clay Creek Preserve (PA State Preserve)					
Surrounding Township Parks					
Chester County parks					
New Castle County DE parks					
State parks					
National park					
Private preserves					

Other (please specify)		
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Open Space and Natural Resources

6. How important is open space protection that would safeguard the following resources? (Please check <u>only</u> one box for each item.)			
	Extremely Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Bird breeding/nesting grounds			
Ground water supply			
Interconnected plant & wildlife habitats			
Surface water quality			
Wetlands and stream corridors			
Woodlands			
Farmland			
Historic structures and sites			
Scenic views			
Other (please specify)			

7. Which of the following environmental practices should London Britain Township promote? (Please select all that apply.)	
Alternative energy sources (solar, wind, etc.)	
Composting	
Green storm water infrastructure (pervious pavement, rain gardens, etc.)	
Habitat management	
Invasive species management	
Managed low or no-mow areas	
Recycling	
Reforestation	
Tree preservation	
Other (please specify)	

8. Would you be willing to support a tax increase to fund any of the following township improvements? (Select all that apply.)

- Preserving or expanding open space
- Enhancing recreational facilities

- Expanding trail networks
- Protecting and restoring natural resources (tree planting, habitat restoration)
- All of the above
- None of the above

9. Additional comments? Please use this space for any additional comments you may have regarding parks, recreation, open space, and environmental resources in London Britain Township.

There are just a few more questions. Please remember that all of your responses are completely anonymous and will be used for statistical purposes only.

9. Are you a resident of London Britain Township?

Yes

No

Don't know

10. Do you work in London Britain Township?

Yes

No

Don't know

11. What is your age group?

18-24 years old

25-34 years old

35-49 years old

50-64 years old

65-74 years old

75 years old and older

12. Are any of the following represented in your household? Select all that apply.

Young child (4 years old and under)

Child (5 to 9 years old)

Older child (10 to 17 years old)

Single head of household

Older adult (65+ years old)

Person with a disability

Dogs

Horse

13. How do you hear about London Britain Township parks and recreation opportunities?
Select all that

apply.

Bulletin board flyers

Do not hear about them

Email/text blast

Municipal newsletter

Municipal website

Newspaper

School sends home information

Social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)

Word of mouth

Other (please specify)

14. Optional: Provide your email address to get updates about future public input opportunities.