

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 30-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
CHELTENHAM, DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2005, TO
INCORPORATE THE SUSTAINABILITY GOALS AND
OBJECTIVES OF THE MARCH 20, 2013 TOWNSHIP
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2005, the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 209.1 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (“MPC”), adopted a Comprehensive Plan (the “Comprehensive Plan”) in the form of Township of Cheltenham Resolution No. 10-05; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2013, the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners subsequently adopted a Sustainability Plan (the “Sustainability Plan”) containing, in part, ten (10) Sustainability Goals and Objectives (the “Sustainability Goals and Objectives”); and

WHEREAS, the Cheltenham Township Environmental Advisory Council has recommended that the Sustainability Goals and Objectives be made an integral part of and be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan in their entirety; and

WHEREAS, these goals are one of many factors to consider when planning for the future of the community and these factors must be carefully balanced; and

WHEREAS, the Cheltenham Township Planning Commission held a duly advertised public meeting to consider amending the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the Sustainability Goals and Objectives in the form of the subject Resolution (the “Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Resolution was subsequently circulated to the contiguous municipalities, the Cheltenham School District and the Montgomery County Planning Commission (the “Statutory Parties”) in accordance with Section 302 of the Pennsylvania MPC for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, at least forty-five (45) days has passed since receipt of the proposed Resolution by the Statutory Parties; and

WHEREAS, all public comments received by the Cheltenham Township Planning Commission, as well as comments received from the Statutory Parties have been compiled and received by the Board of Commissioners (“Correspondence”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has held a public hearing pursuant to public notice on the proposed amendment of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Correspondence and a draft of this Resolution were placed into the record at the public hearing of the Board of Commissioners on May 17, 2017, this Resolution being duly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the MPC, Section 302; and

WHEREAS, at said public hearing, any and all written or oral comments were received and considered prior to the Board of Commissioners' consideration of adopting the Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to the authority of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that it hereby adopts the Resolution by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Commissioners and in doing so resolves further that:

The Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended as follows:

- 1) The language on page 21 of the Cheltenham Township Comprehensive Plan pertaining to Environmental Goals and Objectives is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

Environmental

Preserve, promote, protect, improve, and restore the environmental health and resources of the Township and promote and implement the Sustainability Goals in Part Three of the Cheltenham Sustainability Plan (pages 9-11) as set forth in Figure 32.

- 2) *Figure 32, outlining the Goals and Objectives of the Cheltenham Township Sustainability Plan (pages 9-11), shall be appended to the Comprehensive Plan immediately following Page 143 in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, which Exhibit 1 is incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan as if it was originally a part thereof.*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at its regularly-scheduled meeting held at Curtis Hall, 1250 West Church Road, Wyncote, Pennsylvania 19095 on May 17, 2017.

ATTEST:



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager and Secretary

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: 
Morton J. Simon, Jr., President

Exhibit 1 – To be appended to the Cheltenham Township Comprehensive Plan immediately following page 143 of the Comprehensive Plan as Figure 32

Figure 32
Cheltenham Township Sustainability Plan
Goals and Objectives

Community Engagement

Engage and educate all Cheltenham residents and stakeholders to unite behind a shared set of goals to build a sustainable future.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Engage and educate residents on what they can do to live sustainably.
2. Provide incentives to residents, businesses, and institutions to make sustainable changes and choices.
3. Integrate sustainability into schools' curriculum and practices.
4. More citizen involvement in all Township meetings and planning.
5. Align rules, regulations, policies, and incentive programs to support all of the community sustainability goals outlined herein.
6. Support the creation or continued existence of a Cheltenham Sustainability Implementation Organization that will promote the sustainability goals and holistically work toward their implementation.
7. Leverage the energy and commitment of the faculty, staff and students of the area's colleges, specifically including Arcadia University.

Energy

Maximize energy efficiency, minimize energy demand and emissions, and shift all community electricity consumption to renewably-sourced energy generated within the Township and the region.

OBJECTIVES

1. Maximize energy efficiency and conservation.
2. Become energy producers rather than energy users.
3. Shift all energy use away from non-renewable and unsustainable sources (coal, natural gas, petroleum, nuclear, ethanol, etc.) to renewable sources (solar PV, geothermal, solar thermal, wind, etc.).
4. Promote locally-sourced energy preferably generated on-site / within the Township.
5. Minimize greenhouse gas emissions; offset emissions with sequestration and other scientifically-proven methods.
6. Reduce "heat island" effect by changing roof and paved area composition.
7. Township government can be a leader in the region and provide incentives to residents, businesses and property owners.

Mobility

Minimize vehicular travel and emissions, increase use of alternative modes of transportation, and make it desirable, safe and convenient to walk and bike throughout the Township and connect to the region.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Minimize vehicle miles traveled and associated emissions.
2. Integrate green spaces and bike and pedestrian pathways into fabric of community and as part of transportation system.

3. Increase use of public transportation.
4. Increase variety of modes of transportation used in the Township.
5. Pursue transportation strategies that support the energy objectives outlined in the Energy Goals section above.

Waste Reduction

Minimize solid and hazardous waste disposal, and maximize the re-use of waste products as a resource.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Minimize waste from households, schools, businesses, etc. & maximize recycling and reuse.
2. Safely recycle hazardous waste (batteries, electronics, chemicals, etc.).
3. Promote community-wide resource sharing and re-use (up-cycling, “free-sales,” tool-sharing, co-ops, bartering, etc.).
4. Increase composting at home and throughout the community.
5. Promote “green” purchasing practices, including bulk purchasing of green products and purchasing products/services created within the community.

Sustainable Development

Promote building, land use, site development, and landscaping that respects the natural environment and maximizes clean and efficient use of resources, and ensure that all permitting, codes, and regulations support the community’s sustainability goals.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Promote energy-efficient, renewable, and clean construction (both new construction and remodeling) with financial and policy incentives.
2. Ensure that new development is compatible with and strengthens existing neighborhoods, infrastructure, and tax-base.
3. Align Township land use codes and policies with sustainability goals.
4. Encourage “low-impact-development” practices that are designed to have minimal environmental impacts.
5. Promote walkable and transit-oriented development.

Ecological Stewardship

Protect and improve the overall health and ecological diversity of the Township’s habitats, waterways, and soils, both on public and private lands.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Ensure clean and healthy indoor and outdoor air quality.
2. Plant native species and remove invasive species.
3. Research and reduce use of harmful chemicals, fertilizers, and pesticides indoors and out and implement the use of healthy alternatives.
4. Promote best gardening practices for food, beauty, and ecosystem enhancement.
5. Increase tree cover and improve the care and maintenance of trees.

Water Management

Minimize stormwater hazards, reduce wastewater flows, increase natural absorption of rainwater, and maximize the utility of rainwater as a resource.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Promote the use of rainwater through the use of rain barrels, etc.

2. Reduce impervious areas and increase support for porous pavement and other stormwater best management practices.
3. Conserve water resources (low-flow toilets, washing machines, dish washing, etc.).
4. Re-establish and preserve floodplains, wetlands, riparian plantings and other natural ways to manage stormwater.
5. Ensure clean and healthy streams within the Townships and throughout the region.

Local Economy

Encourage and support local and regional agriculture, artisans, businesses, institutions, and industry by strengthening connections to, and markets for, local goods and services.

OBJECTIVES:

1. “Shop Local” as a way of life.
2. Attract and maintain local businesses, for tax revenue, jobs, and goods close to home.
3. Award achievement for businesses’ sustainability efforts.
4. Walkable grocery stores / food outlets, health services, and other essential goods in every neighborhood.
5. Promote local goods and services, including locally-grown food, local contractors and other service providers, and local artisans.

Healthy Living For All

Promote healthy living in Cheltenham Township through equitable, affordable, and safe access to information, education, recreation, natural areas, car-free transportation, fresh local foods, health care services, clean air, and clean water.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Promote convenient, affordable access to wellness practices and medical care for all.
2. Ensure clean air and water.
3. Facilitate access to fresh and healthy foods through home-growing, farmers’ markets, schools, and community gardens.
4. Enable and encourage residents, especially children, to walk and bike to schools, parks and libraries.
5. Provide safe access to green spaces for everyone – kids, adults, athletes, walkers, dogs and bikers that promote physical activity, connectivity throughout the Township and build a sense of community.

Monitoring

Track and report the progress of measurable implementation strategies; re-evaluate and update goals and targets as needed.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Develop an implementation process.
2. Develop action items that work to achieve each goal and objective.
3. Establish baseline measurements related to the goals and objectives.
4. Track progress towards the achievement of the goals and objectives.
5. Re-evaluate and update goals and objectives in 2020.