

**INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PLAN COMPONENTS AND SHORT/LONG RANGE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES**

Each of the individual planning components of the Comprehensive Plan (Land Use, Transportation, Environmental Resources, Housing, Public Utilities, Community Facilities and Services, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development, and Cultural Resources) have been developed with consideration of the impacts and relationships each area has with one another. Each planning component has developed short range and long range Action Planning Strategies that implement the Goals and Policies in each planning component, but they are also coordinated with the Action Planning Strategies in other interrelated planning components.

Each area is interrelated and recommendations in one area may have consequences for one or more of the planning areas. The Land Use Plan, Transportations Plan, and Public Utilities Plan have enormous interactions since decisions in one clearly affects the other. Land use decisions are made based upon the availability of transportation and sewer and water facilities. Land use decisions are also sensitive to environmental areas that may be adversely impacted by poor land use decisions. Environmentally sensitive areas and agricultural areas were mapped so that land use and other decision in the Comprehensive Plan could be made based upon the locations and sensitivities of these areas.

Parks and recreations facilities and initiatives are also interrelated to both land use and to areas of environmental sensitivity. Greenways along the Conodoguinnet Creek and the preservations of forested areas in the Blue Mountain range are each examples of the relationships between land use planning, recreation planning and the preservation of environmentally sensitive areas. The Comprehensive Plan makes Park and Recreation recommendations based upon these considerations. Land use decisions are also interrelated to the preservation of cultural resources. The identification of cultural resources impacts land use decisions that are made in the Comprehensive Plan.

Coordination of the various Planning elements in the Comprehensive Plan will maximize the impact of the plan by providing services and infrastructure where they are needed and retaining open space, environmentally sensitive areas and agricultural areas that are desired. These need to be coordinated and balanced with the opportunities for additional development where it can be supported and retains the quality of life in Middlesex Township.