

CULTURAL RESOURCES ACTION PLAN

INTENT

The Cultural Resources Action Plan is to facilitate and encourage the identification and protection of the Township's significant cultural resources (i.e., architectural, archaeological, and historical sites and districts). The Action Plan should also enhance awareness of the history of the Township and the importance of preserving properties that are significantly linked with that history.

Goal: Preserve the Township's cultural heritage and historic resources.

CULTURAL RESOURCES POLICIES

1. Preserve cultural and historic resources and their settings.
2. Promote the use of the Township's historic resources and the existing cultural landscape as a basis for creating strong community character.
3. Encourage the preservation, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse of historic structures, as identified in the Cumberland County Historical Society's historic structures inventory.
4. Support the identification and designation of properties of national, state and local historic significance.

ACTION STRATEGIES

Inventory and Surveys

1. Develop an inventory of cultural resources (historic and archaeologic places) within the Township (perhaps in cooperation with the Cumberland County Historical Society).
2. Work with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to cooperatively maintain an inventory of publicly and privately owned historic sites and districts. This should also include the identification of historic features worthy of preserving.

Preservation

3. Consider the creation of historic districts in accordance with the Pennsylvania Historic District Act.
4. Consider developing guidelines for historic districts to encourage the preservation, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of historic structures.
5. Encourage the owners of historic properties to maintain and protect their historic structures.

6. During subdivision and land development reviews, document any proposed actions that may impact National Historic properties or properties deemed eligible for the National Register by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.
7. Encourage the use of conservation easements or restrictive covenants as appropriate, by private landowners in order to protect and preserve historic sites and sensitive environmental areas.

Organization/Funding

8. Consider establishing a “Township Historical/ Cultural Resources Committee” devoted to protecting and promoting the Township’s historical and cultural resources.