



EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

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Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway (GLHP) project

One of the great responsibilities of local government leadership is to ensure the management of the varying land uses that make up our community and the infrastructure needed to support those uses. This is accomplished through planning efforts, looking at the whole picture rather than at each project as a single action. East Lampeter Township's Board of Supervisors are moving forward with exciting planning and infrastructure projects in the New Year and invite you to join them at their meeting on January 20, 2020 at 7:30 pm to learn more!



Photo from www.roadfan.com.

After being discussed for approximately 5 years, the Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway (GLHP) project is coming to East Lampeter Township. This project was first brought to light through the Lancaster Intermunicipal Committee (LIMC) and funding sought for the planning of the pathway with the cooperation of the City of Lancaster and Lancaster County Planning Commission which became a part of the recently adopted Lancaster County Active Transportation Plan. The GLHP is proposed as a commuter and recreational route for bicyclists and pedestrians. When completed in its entirety, the pathway will traverse over 8 miles from east to west through the core of Lancaster County. The portion within East Lampeter will be situated on the public lands owned by PennDOT which many call "the goat path" and will connect with the bicycle trail and lane system currently being developed in the City of Lancaster at the Route 30 and Walnut Street interchange. A trail head with parking facilities is currently planned for the area behind the Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences in East Lampeter Township. The funding for this project is diligently being sought by Township and Lancaster County Planning Commission staff. Mike Domin, Senior Planner with Lancaster County Planning Commission will be present at the January 20, 2020 meeting to provide an overview of the Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway.

In connection with the GLHP, the Walnut Street Extension is also in the planning and design stages. This roadway infrastructure consists of a one-mile extension of an existing roadway which leads directly to an interchange of Route 30 and the City of Lancaster. The Walnut Street Extension was presented as an alternative to significant improvements to Greenfield Road which supports one of East Lampeter's critical business and employment centers and provides a great deal of tax base to the Township. There are a variety of uses within the general area, thus traffic generators where the City of Lancaster and East Lampeter Township share a boundary. To sustain the existing uses and provide opportunity for further economic development in the area it is time to plan alternate access. East Lampeter Township is not alone in this planning process, Lancaster County Planning Commission, PennDOT, and High Associates have all recognized the need to address traffic congestion in this area. High Associates began working with these partners to develop a plan for ensuring this area of our community has adequate transportation infrastructure now and in the future.

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with a map of the
Pathway on page 4.

Winter Maintenance

When snow arrives, our Public Works Department will be busy performing snowplowing of your roadway. You will see a plow pass in front of your home at least twice in both directions. The second pass is what we refer to as widening out. What this means is we will push the snow back from curb to curb or edge of cart way to edge of cart way. This will allow us to push more snow if we would happen to get another storm. So please don't shovel your driveway until you see that your street has been plowed curb to curb. By doing this you will avoid having to clean your driveway more than once. If possible, park your vehicles in your driveway during a snowstorm. This will help us to push the snow back to open the cart way from curb to curb or the edge of the cart way.

East Lampeter Township's ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the end of a snow or ice event. Snow must also be cleared for a radius of 5 feet from around any fire hydrant bordering your property. Remember that no person shall dispose of any snow or ice within the cart way of any public roadway.



When winter season is over, top soil will be placed on any yards that were affected by the plowing operations. Please call the Township office at 393-1567 and give your name, address, and phone number. Your name will be placed on a list which our Public Works Department will take care of in the spring.

Utility Billing

Sewer bills are delivered quarterly the 1st week of January, April, July and October

East Lampeter Township bills in arrears, so your sewer bill service period covers the previous 3 months

Your due date is always the last day of the billing month (1/30, 4/30, 7/31, 10/31). **Postmark dates are accepted.**

Street lights are billed yearly in february. Your payment is due February 28th. **Postmark dates are accepted.**

If you don't receive your postcard or have lost it—call the township office to confirm your balance

If you do not remit a barcode with your payment, please write your account ID(s) or the property address on the "memo" line.

Payments are never accepted over the phone. *E-payments (check & card) are accepted on the township website: www.eastlampetertownship.org. *Fee applies

Did you know we have a drop box? If you are attempting to drop off payments after office hours, there is a drop box located just outside the township doors. Look for the mail slot below the display case.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of each month
except for February, May, July,
September and November when
they only meet on the 2nd Monday
All regular meetings begin at 7:30 pm

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

SEWER AUTHORITY

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month except for
November when they meet on the 1st Wednesday
All regular meetings begin at 4 pm

PARK BOARD

Meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm
(NO MEETINGS in November and December)

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month
at 7 pm
(NO MEETING on 4th Thursday in
November and December)

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township and our residents.

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Winter Driving Tips:

1. Remove Snow and Ice from your vehicle **BEFORE** traveling
2. Keep your gas tank at least half full
3. Carry a winter emergency travel kit
4. Give yourself extra time to get to your destination
5. Avoid sudden braking or acceleration
6. Do not park or abandon your vehicle on snow emergency routes
7. State law requires that your headlights are on when your wipers are on.
8. Listen to weather and travel advisories. If you don't have to travel in bad weather, don't.



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- PROPOSED LANDSCAPED MEDIAN
- EXISTING/PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL

0 200 400 FEET

GENERAL NOTES

1. This is a CONCEPTUAL PLAN for review by the Township, County, PennDOT, and Others.
2. This CONCEPTUAL PLAN is based on aeriels obtained from Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access: The Pennsylvania Geospatial Data Clearinghouse.
3. Property lines obtained from the Lancaster County GIS Department website. Right-of-way lines and property lines are considered preliminary until confirmed by a licensed professional surveyor.

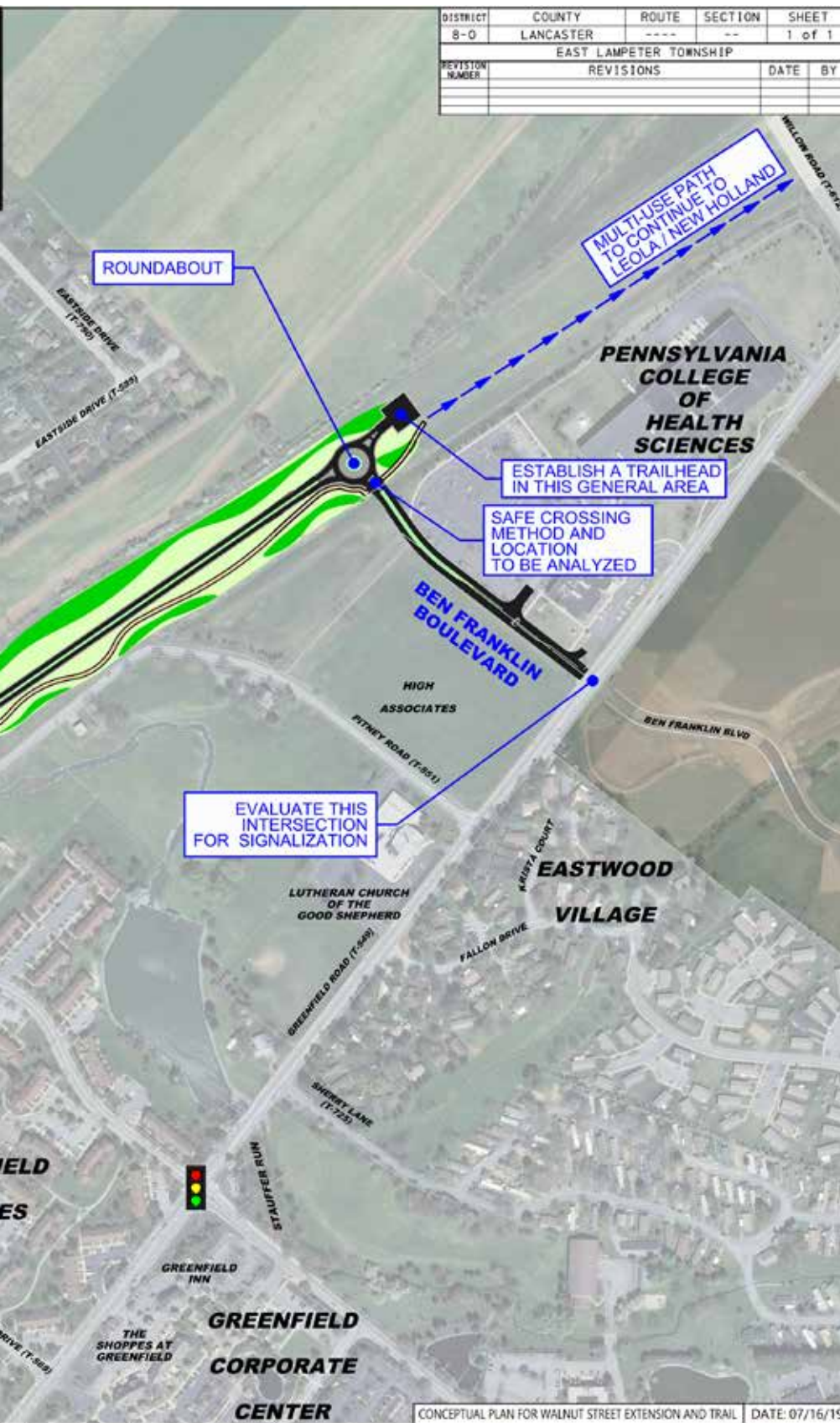




Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway (GLHP) project (continued)

The extension of Walnut Street, as currently planned, would not have any right of way impediments onto landowners of the Township, would not disrupt current traffic or business operations given the location along the existing PennDOT right of way. The construction of this extension is estimated to cost \$12.2 million, of which the State of Pennsylvania has already committed \$6 million. High Associates has committed to complete all required preconstruction work on the project at their expense, including an estimated \$3.1 million in traffic studies, preliminary and final engineering, project coordination, and construction administration. High Associates has also committed to designing a bridge over Millcross Road that includes the GLHP and anticipates that rough grading of the pathway would be completed with the construction of the roadway extension. High Associates staff and Traffic Planning Design staff will be present at the January 20, 2020 meeting to provide an overview of the Walnut Street Extension.

East Lampeter Township's Board of Supervisors supports both the GLHP and the Walnut Street Extension as alternative solutions for commuters as a true multi-modal opportunity. The Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township are excited about the public benefits that these projects will provide our community. We are committed to governing our Township according to the vision put forward in the Regional Comprehensive Plans that the Township has been party to, the County Comprehensive Plan, and our local ordinances. Finally, we are dedicated to leading this community upon those values generations of elected representatives have relied upon to make East Lampeter the great community it is today.



The 2020 Census is accessible for everyone.

We're making sure that **however you choose to respond**—online, by phone, or by mail—that **the census is accessible**. You'll receive an invitation to respond **beginning in mid-March**. You choose how you want to respond.



You can respond **online** in English or in 12 additional languages. The online questionnaire is accessible, following the latest web accessibility guidelines. We'll also have a video in **American Sign Language** available to guide you through responding online.



You can respond by **phone** in English or in 12 additional languages. You can also respond in English by **TDD** at 844-467-2020.



By mid-April, we'll mail a **paper questionnaire** to every household that hasn't already responded. (Some households will receive a paper questionnaire along with the first invitation in March.)

We'll have **braille and large print guides** available online to assist you with completing the paper questionnaire.



If necessary, you can respond **in person** beginning in mid-May. Census takers will visit all households that have not yet responded.

We'll have census takers available who can communicate in **American Sign Language** and additional languages. When the census taker visits to help you respond, you can request that another census taker who communicates in American Sign Language returns, if you prefer.

If you prefer, you may also choose to have another member of your household interact with the census taker.

Responding is important. A complete count helps ensure that services like Medicare, Medicaid, social security, and public transportation can support those who need them.

Responding is safe. All of the information you share with us is protected by law and cannot be used against you.

Responding is accessible. We're doing everything we can to ensure the ways to respond are accessible for everyone.

Any questions? Please visit **2020census.gov**.
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Christmas Tree Recycling

From Michelle Mathason,
Recycling Manager, LCSWMA

The following are some suggested Christmas Tree Drop-Offs. All trees must be contaminant-free. No tree stands or plastic (including bags), wire, ornaments, lights, nails, tinsel, etc. may remain on the trees. No yard waste is accepted.



Lancaster County Central Park — main entrance located along Chesapeake Street, Lancaster. Call the Park Office at 717-299-8215 during regular business hours for additional information and instructions. Trees may be dropped off daily from December 26 through January 31 dawn to dusk. Mulch will be available free to the public beginning January 7 on a first come, first served basis. Persons desiring free mulch should provide their own pitchfork or shovel and a bag or trailer for transporting the mulch. There is a three (3) tree per vehicle limit and a \$1.00/tree donation is requested and appreciated to support the Dr. John Moss Native Tree Nursery in the park. Not for commercial collection.

Martin Mulch Products — located at 55 Woodcrest Drive, Ephrata. Call 717-733-1602 with questions. Trees may be dropped off Monday through Saturday between dawn and dusk. Single trees are \$2.00 each; the price varies for larger deliveries.

Many municipalities offer curbside collection of trees through their contract program; other municipalities offer drop-off locations for residents. Residents are encouraged to contact their municipal office for specific information about programs in their community.

In **East Lampeter Township** Please contact your hauler for Christmas tree pickup service.



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