

# **Marietta Borough Five Year Plan**

Planning, Zoning, & Environmental Committee  
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The Planning, Zoning, & Environmental committee has developed this plan to facilitate better utilization of Marietta's natural and historical resources, better interaction with our community and neighbors, and to create a safe and prosperous community for all residents and visitors. This is not a plan of increased growth, but rather of infill and efficient use and maintenance of what is already here. These goals are in line with the Lancaster County Planning Commission's Places 2040 Program, as well as the Donegal Regional Comprehensive Plan.

## **Parks and Recreation**

- Create a parks commission to focus on the maintenance and development of Marietta's parks and open spaces
- Continue to explore possibilities for regional collaboration in the prospective Captain John Smith Trail
- Improve programming options for Marietta residents centered around both traditional recreational activities (ie, sports, playgrounds, summer rec programs, etc), as well as around the river and trail
- Develop parks & public infrastructure connected to the river (ie, canoe/kayak racks, improved boat launch, etc) and further improving the Northwest River Trail
- Improve park infrastructure for children, teens, and seniors
- Create a senior center in the borough, as well as accompanying programming
- Acquire an easement to continue the trail from Bank St to the Furnace Road access point
- Plan for a large event amphitheater
- Replace tennis courts with multi-use courts/spaces

## **Flood Mitigation**

- Establish maintenance and upkeep plan for flapper valves
- Install flood gates at the Furnace Road and Decatur Street underpasses
- Install a pumping station at Evan's Run

## **Transportation**

- Improve access to public transit and other active transportation options
- Evaluate and improve parking both for residential, commercial, and recreational uses
- Establish a complete streets plan for future road projects, particularly along Market and Front Streets, to ensure our streets are safe and accessible for all

## **Redevelopment & Improvement**

- Eliminate blighted properties in the borough
- Continue to encourage mixed-use redevelopment
- Fill vacant storefronts
- General beautification
- Develop a five-year capital improvement plan
- Restore the exterior and second floor of the Borough Hall
- Improve signage, including historical markers, wayfinding, and entranceways
- Encourage smart development along 441 by lending written support to projects that would benefit Marietta Borough

### **Public Outreach**

- Develop and distribute a welcome packet for new Marietta residents
- Continued commitment to transparency on council by making meeting agenda available prior to meetings, making committee minutes and agenda available, and continuing digital accessibility of meetings beyond the COVID pandemic
- Conduct periodic surveys of Marietta residents to gain insight into community issues and needs
- Find opportunities to improve communication and cooperation with East Donegal Township
- Improve social media outreach between the Borough and residents

### **Cultural & Environmental**

- Offer support to the MRA for the Old Town Hall Museum, including exploring funding options and help with grant writing
- Continue to explore possibilities for the development of a Vaccine Museum
- Develop a robust street tree canopy by providing public with information and opportunities for tree planting
- Have the Shade Tree Committee conduct a census of trees and tree wells, as well as identify locations most in need of trees.
- Develop event venues within the borough, including large or small and indoor and outdoor