

II. COMMUNITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



The goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan serve as guidelines for directing future growth, development and other activities in the community, as well as for the protection of natural and cultural resources. These guidelines are broad enough to include all major planning considerations, yet are specific enough to guide and evaluate the progress of the Plan. Together, the goals and objectives form the community's planning policies upon which planning decisions can be based. Goals and objectives can be defined as follows:

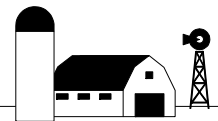
Goals establish the general, long-term desired conditions that will preserve the positive aspects of the community and improve those aspects that are less than desirable.

Objectives are the more specific and measurable targets that will aid in achieving long-term goals.

In developing the goals and objectives for the Region, as well as the implementation tasks, the **Smart Growth** concept promoted by the American Planning Association and the **Keystone Principles for Growth, Investment and Resource Conservation** adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania were given consideration. The Smart Growth concept encourages a more efficient use of land by directing a larger share of development to urbanized areas that are served by public infrastructure in an effort to reduce growth pressures on farmland, open space and environmentally sensitive areas. The Keystone Principles layout general goals and objectives for economic development and resource conservation and include redevelop first, provide efficient infrastructure, concentrate development, increase job opportunities, foster sustainable businesses, restore and enhance the environment, enhance recreational and heritage resources, expand housing opportunities, plan regionally/implement locally, and be fair.

Below are the established goals for the Southern York County Region and the objectives set forth to assist with achieving the goals. The “Region” column refers to the Southern York County Regional Planning Commission (SYCRPC). Thus, when an objective to meet a particular goal can be carried out by the SYCRPC, an asterisk (*) will appear in the “Region” column. The remaining columns relate to the participating municipalities.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES



Goal: To conserve and protect important natural resources from degradation.

Community Planning Objectives	Region	Shrewsbury Township	Shrewsbury Borough	Railroad Borough	Glen Rock Borough
1. Promote the retention of large, contiguous areas of agricultural land for farm use.	*	*		*	
2. Discourage non-agricultural development within agricultural areas in order to preserve farmland, particularly prime agricultural soils, but also including, by association, soils of a lesser quality.	*	*		*	
3. Promote methods of increasing the profitability of farming and providing for supplementary farm income.		*		*	

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4. Enlist the assistance of the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, the York County Farm and Natural Lands Trust and others to join in advocating that County reassessments for farm properties planned for continued farm use and subject to effective agricultural zoning properly reflect reduced development values.		*		*	
5. Protect sensitive, scenic and important natural features (e.g., floodplains, wetlands, steep slopes, woodlands, wildlife habitats, scenic vistas, etc.) from indiscriminate development.	*	*	*	*	*
6. Update storm water management provisions to promote PA DEP Best Management Practices.		*		*	*
7. Promote the protection and adaptive reuse of historic structures as alternatives to major alteration or demolition.	*	*	*	*	*
8. Promote the protection of historic buildings, landmarks, and districts through the creation of Historic District Committees/Commissions or HARBS.	*	*		*	*

HOUSING



Goal: To provide for the diverse housing needs of the Region's residents.

Community Planning Objectives	Region	Shrewsbury Township	Shrewsbury Borough	Railroad Borough	Glen Rock Borough
1. Permit limited infill areas suitable for residential growth to develop at similar densities and designs as adjacent development.		*	*	*	*
2. Continue to provide for a range of housing types and densities to meet the diverse housing needs of the community.	*	*	*	*	*
3. Concentrate residential development adjacent to Boroughs, using compact growth forms that "fit" with nearby residential densities and styles with the idea of protecting town edges where appropriate.		*			
4. Promote mixed residential/commercial development, such as apartments above a commercial establishment or live/work units.	*	*		*	*
5. Encourage maintenance of the housing stock to prevent deterioration of residential neighborhoods	*	*	*	*	*

THE LOCAL ECONOMY



Goal: To enhance the economy of the Region.

Community Planning Objectives	Region	Shrewsbury Township	Shrewsbury Borough	Railroad Borough	Glen Rock Borough
1. Encourage the recent trend toward the rehabilitation and improvement of private properties and the growing sense of community.		*	*	*	*
2. Promote livable community concepts, such as the inclusion of neighborhood-oriented businesses that are within walking distance of residences and the provision of sidewalks or trails in new developments to encourage walkability and connectivity.	*	*	*	*	*
3. Encourage the development of lodging establishments and restaurants.	*	*	*	*	*

Community Planning Objectives	Region	Shrewsbury Township	Shrewsbury Borough	Railroad Borough	Glen Rock Borough
4. Discourage the creation of new areas of strip commercial development and offer viable alternatives.		*	*	*	*
5. Balance the stabilization of existing commercial uses and the infill of vacant storefronts with the provision for new commercial uses.		*	*	*	*
6. Encourage commercial development that provides entertainment opportunities for residents.	*	*	*	*	*
7. Promote economic revitalization through the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of older unutilized industrial structures.				*	*
8. Promote non-industrial development possibilities by addressing access and parking constraints that limit potential.					*
9. Encourage light industrial development as infill where appropriate.	*	*	*	*	*
10. Promote economic development linked with the York County Heritage Rail Trail County Park.				*	*
11. Promote economic development as a means of generating tax base for the School District and jobs.	*	*	*	*	*

ADJACENT AND REGIONAL PLANNING



Goal: To coordinate with others in future planning efforts that could impact the Region.

Community Planning Objective	Region	Shrewsbury Township	Shrewsbury Borough	Railroad Borough	Glen Rock Borough
1. Coordinate with York County and neighboring municipalities on planning issues of mutual interest and concern.	*	*	*	*	*

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES



Goal: To adequately provide for public facilities and services.

Community Planning Objectives	Region	Shrewsbury Township	Shrewsbury Borough	Railroad Borough	Glen Rock Borough
1. Encourage increased cooperation between municipalities and the School District regarding planning activities and use of school facilities.	*	*	*	*	*
2. Continue to support local volunteer fire and ambulance companies.	*	*	*	*	*
3. Support regionalized and contracted police services.			*	*	
4. Municipalities should continue existing and explore additional intermunicipal cooperation efforts in order to plan and provide services in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.	*	*	*	*	*

PARKS AND RECREATION



Goal: To provide for the recreation and open space needs of the community.

Community Planning Objectives	Region	Shrewsbury Township	Shrewsbury Borough	Railroad Borough	Glen Rock Borough
1. Seek improved cooperation with the School District to increase public access to recreational facilities.	*	*	*	*	*
2. Evaluate the need for additional parkland for ball fields at existing or potential new recreation facilities.	*	*	*	*	*
3. Explore the use of shared park and recreation lands with other municipalities.	*	*	*	*	*
4. Explore the potential for linking the Region's Heritage Rail Trail County Park to parks, lodging and dining facilities, bicycle shops, or other possible sites.	*	*		*	*
5. Explore the potential for developing a park as an anchor at some point along the Heritage Rail Trail County Park.	*			*	
6. Promote increased recreational opportunities for elder residents.	*	*	*	*	*
7. Explore methods of preserving some remaining open space within Boroughs for passive and active recreation.				*	*

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND SERVICES



Goal: To adequately provide for sewer, water, solid waste disposal, and related needs.

Community Planning Objectives	Region	Shrewsbury Township	Shrewsbury Borough	Railroad Borough	Glen Rock Borough
1. Discourage the extension of public water and sewer facilities outside the designated growth areas, unless necessary to address a health and safety issue.		*		*	
2. Continue to rely upon on-lot utilities outside the growth areas and implement measures to ensure the proper maintenance of these facilities.		*		*	
3. Continue to provide adequate trash removal and recycling services.	*	*	*	*	*

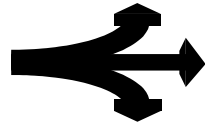
TRANSPORTATION



Goal: To provide for the safe, efficient and convenient movement of people and goods.

Community Planning Objectives	Region	Shrewsbury Township	Shrewsbury Borough	Railroad Borough	Glen Rock Borough
1. Support the creation of a bypass through Shrewsbury Township to alleviate traffic congestion in Shrewsbury Borough.		*			
2. Improve road and/or rail access to Glen Rock Borough.					*
3. Ensure that new development, conversions and the adaptive reuse of existing development minimize impacts on the existing road network and parking availability.		*	*	*	*
4. Continue to work with the York County Planning Commission and PennDOT on needed road improvements.	*	*	*	*	*

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5. Promote bicycling by providing and requiring bicycle paths and lanes, where suitable, that link recreational, commercial and other facilities.		*		*	
6. Continue to work with appropriate entities to clean-up unsightly materials along the Heritage Rail Trail County Park.		*		*	
7. Promote restoration and reuse of the Northern Central Railroad for commerce and tourism.				*	
8. Iterate and support the enhancement and improvement of Interstate 83 Exit 4.		*	*		



FUTURE LAND USE

Goal: To plan for appropriate new land uses and the continuation or modification of existing land uses.

Community Planning Objectives	Region	Shrewsbury Township	Shrewsbury Borough	Railroad Borough	Glen Rock Borough
1. Plan for future land uses to the year 2020 based on factual base information and analyses of future needs, goals, objectives, and recommendations found in the Plan.	*	*	*	*	*
2. Allocate future land use designations to specifically guide and be implemented by corresponding zoning.	*	*	*	*	*
3. Address future land use with due regard for water and air quality and climate change mitigation.	*	*	*	*	*
4. Take measures to reduce littering, property defamation, and other activities that degrade the community in an effort to maintain a high quality of life throughout the Region.	*	*	*	*	*

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