O'HARA TOWNSHIP

Comprehensive Development Plan

Chapter 9 - Current and Future Land Use

OVERVIEW

O'Hara Township adopted its original zoning regulations in 1931. The post-World War II boom which precipitated the flight to the suburbs and later to more rural areas further from the inter-urban core places necessitated the drafting of land use regulations which were designed to produce orderly, manageable growth. Zoning, as a method to manage land use, began to proliferate from urban areas into evolving suburban communities where rapid growth was becoming an issue. In Southwestern Pennsylvania, zoning was not widely accepted until the early 1970's, as the need to implement the objectives of local comprehensive planning was recognized.

The Township's zoning regulations have been revised and updated, as needed, for compliance with amendments to the Commonwealth's Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), which enables local jurisdictions to adopt zoning as well as subdivision and land development ordinances. Consistency with the state code is mandated although variations in each community's approach to how and where uses are segregated are a result of the local planning process. In O'Hara Township, a predominantly residential land use plan emerged with opportunities for both commercial development and light industrial development in appropriate areas with access to high volume transportation facilities.

Currently, the Township is divided into seven (7) zoning districts, two (2) of which are areas where environmental constraints limit the viable options for development. The CD-1 Zoning District includes land exhibiting steep slopes and the CD-2 Zoning District includes land within FEMA established floodplains. Because of the natural features present in these areas, uses with less impact development characteristics or uses related to land forms in occurrence within the designated boundaries are provided for. Parks, agricultural operations and single-family dwellings are preferred uses, while certain low-impact uses such as day-care homes, cemeteries and marinas (abutting the north shore of the Allegheny River are provided as conditional use options.

PLANNED FLEXIBILITY

O'Hara Township's three (3) residential districts are fairly traditional in their dimensional standards and move from a restrictive R-1 Low Density District to a higher density R-3 District with a variety of discretionary residential configurations. In all three (3) districts, either "lot averaging" (LA-1, LA-2) or "planned residential development" (PRD-2, PRD-3) options are available. These alternatives to traditional subdivision lot layouts provide more flexibility and promote less impact site preparation activities. Lot averaging is concerned with natural features and the insertion of dwelling units into land forms with environmental constraints, while the planned residential development options encourage the preservation of open space and a mix of dwelling types.

Another type of planned development provided for in O'Hara Township (in the C-2 and SM Zoning Districts) is the Riverfront Planned Unit Development (RPUD). Considered an asset, the Allegheny River's North Shore view shed was targeted for a mixed-use development option. With public access to the riverfront as a key design feature, and the provision of open space mandatory, a mix of neighborhood scale commercial facilities, single and multi-family residential configurations, personal services, recreation and entertainment uses, and restaurants are development options. Proposals to introduce this mixed-use alternative must include a traffic impact analysis, landscaping plan, pedestrian circulation plan and an open space plan. This option has been selected on several tracts with positive results.

These alternative zoning provisions provide the Township with the creative options it needs to support continued growth due to the presence of environmental constraints, while assuring that a standard of development is achieved which results in sustainable property values. The Township realized early in its planning process that providing options for commercial and mixed-use development, given the limited areas zoned for such uses, was an important part of establishing a broader tax base.

Another component of O'Hara Township's land use plan, centered on the expansion of a planned regional commerce and light industrial area, and is generally designated as the SM Suburban Manufacturing Zoning District. While both the Commercial District and Suburban Manufacturing District evolved as a result of local access to regional transportation facilities in the southeastern quadrant of the Township, opportunities for housing on both sides of O'Hara Township increased as utilities were extended from transportation corridors within the Allegheny River Valley.

DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Uses in the Township's seven (7) zoning district designations are classified as principal permitted (uses by right), conditional uses, and planned development uses. There is also an accessory use category which support each

district's principal permitted uses. Purpose statements for the establishment of each zoning district are included in the text and offer a rationale for the creation of such designations. Appeals courts in Pennsylvania have increasingly relied on purpose statements to interpret consistency issues in local regulatory programs. Each geographic area or zone provides a reasonable menu of land uses based on the Township's planning objectives which are as follows:

To promote and to protect the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the residents of the Township of O'Hara and of the public generally.

To encourage and facilitate the orderly growth and expansion of the municipality, and to lessen congestion and prevent undue concentration of population.

To protect the character and maintain the stability of residential, commercial and manufacturing areas within the Township.

To provide adequate light, air, privacy and convenience of access to property.

To divide the Township into zones and districts restricting and regulating herein the location, construction, reconstruction, alteration and use of buildings, structures and land for residential, commercial, manufacturing and other uses, with a view to conserving the value of building and encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout the municipality, and to provide for utilities, schools, parks and recreation areas.

To establish building lines and the location of buildings designed for uses within such lines.

To provide uses, buildings or structures which are compatible with the character of development or the permitted uses within specified zoning districts.

To regulate such additions to and alterations or remodeling of existing buildings or structures as would not comply with the restrictions and limitations imposed hereinafter.

To encourage efficient circulation and lessen congestion in the public streets, and to provide for off-street parking of motor vehicles and for the loading and unloading of commercial vehicles.

To provide protection against fire, explosion, noxious fumes and other hazards in the interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare.

To provide for the gradual elimination of those uses of land, buildings, and structures which do not conform with the standards of the district in which they are located and are adversely affecting the development of other property in each district.

To conserve natural resources and protect environmentally sensitive areas.

To define and limit the powers and duties of the administrative officers and bodies as provided herein.

Purpose statements and the hierarchy of uses provided for in each zoning district represent a community's efforts to plan for the best use of land within its jurisdiction. While the balance between private and public interests must be carefully considered, reasonably crafted regulations supported by planning and research, are generally well received. Such is the case in O'Hara Township. Choices for appropriate uses of land were made based on parameters such as topography, access to transportation facilities, the absence or presence of public utilities, existing development, and the general characteristics of the area or neighborhood being zoned. Following is an inventory of uses by zoning district, including purpose statements:

R-1 Special Residential District: The R-1 Special Residential District is hereby established in order to provide for low density residential and appropriate accessory uses. In addition, this classification of land provides for agricultural and public recreation opportunities and other compatible nonresidential uses, where conditions are met.

Principal Permitted Uses	Conditional Uses	Planned Development Uses
Agricultural Operations	Fire and emergency medical	Lot averaging "LA" Developments
	equipment facilities	
Single-family dwellings	Churches	
Municipal parks	Schools	
Group home	Hospitals	
Forestry	Public utility facilities	
	Parks (public recreation)	

R-2 Suburban Residential District: The R-2 Suburban Residential District is hereby established in order to provide for moderate density residential and appropriate accessory uses. In addition, this classification of land provides for compatible nonresidential uses which supplement or support those permitted uses, where conditions are met.

Principal Permitted Uses	Conditional Uses	Planned Development Uses
Single-family dwellings	Churches	Lot Averaging "LA" developments
Municipal parks	Schools	Planned Residential "PRD"
		Developments
Agricultural operations	Fire and emergency medical	
	equipment facilities	
Planned Residential Development	Hospitals	
Group home	Public utility facilities	
Forestry	Parks (public recreation)	

R-3 Urban Residential District – The R-3 Urban Residential District is hereby established in order to provide for a variety of moderate and high density residential and appropriate accessory uses. In addition, this classification of land provides for compatible nonresidential uses which supplement or support those permitted uses, where conditions are met.

Principal Permitted Uses	Conditional Uses	Planned Development Uses
Single-family dwellings	Churches	Planned Residential "PRD"
		Developments
Municipal parks	Schools	
Planned Residential Development	Fire and emergency medical	
	equipment facilities	
Group home	Clubs	
Forestry	Duplex. triplex or quadruplex	
	Public utility facilities	
	Group care facilities	
	Parks	

The CD-1 Conservation District and CD-2 Conservation District are hereby established in order to protect environmentally sensitive areas of land while providing for certain uses which, due to their nature, can be introduced without significant intrusion on the environment. The CD-2 Zoning District shall include land in close proximity to natural watercourses.

CD-1 Principal Permitted Uses	CD-1 Conditional Uses	CD-1 Planned Development Uses			
Municipal parks	Crematories				
Public buildings	Day care home				
Single-family dwellings	Schools				
Agriculture operation	Parks (public or noncommercial				
	recreation)				
Forestry	Public utility facilities				
	Cemeteries and mausoleums				
CD-2 Principal Permitted Uses	CD-2 Conditional Uses	CD-2 Planned Development Uses			
Municipal parks	Commercial marina	Riverfront Planned Unit Development			
Public buildings	Marina complex				
Marina, Noncommercial	Parks (public or noncommercial				
	recreation)				
Single-family dwellings					
Agricultural operations					

C Commercial District – The C Commercial District is hereby established in order to provide for a variety of community scaled nonresidential and compatible residential uses, where conditions are met, with both retail and service characters in areas with adequate infrastructure.

Principal Permitted Uses	Conditional Uses	Planned Development Uses
Retail businesses	Automobile dealership	
Offices	Automobile service stations	
Personal services	Warehousing and distribution	
Business services	Light industry	
Public buildings	Hospitals	
Public utility facilities	Wholesale business	
Medical center excluding methadone	Motels	
treatment facilities		
Research laboratories	Mobile home parks	
Fire and emergency medical	Other retail businesses with similar	
equipment facilities	characteristics	
Restaurants	Clubs	
Day care center	Public parking area	
Nursery school	Adult businesses	
Group care facility	Intermediate care facility	
Forestry	Commercial kennel	
	Self-service storage facilities	
	Major auto repair	
	Methadone treatment facilities	
	Tavern	

SM Suburban Manufacturing District – The SM Suburban Manufacturing District is hereby established in order to provide for a variety of manufacturing and commercial uses in areas with adequate infrastructure to support said uses.

Principal Permitted Uses	Conditional Uses	Planned Development Uses		
	Manufacturing	Riverfront Planned Unit Development		
Research laboratories	Bank			
Warehousing and distribution center	Restaurant			
Light industry	Medical center			
Public utility facilities	Motels			
Business services	Public parking area			
Day care center	Communications towers			
Warehousing	Satellite dishes			
	Self-service storage facility			

There is also a Use by Special Exception provided for, which is a discretionary use granted or denied by the Township's Zoning Hearing Board, as opposed to Township Council. In the residential districts, R-1, R-2 and R-3, amateur radio communications towers are listed as an accessory use by special exception with criteria which must be met in order to mitigate perceived impacts in a given neighborhood.

DISTRIBUTION OF LAND

On the western side of O'Hara Township, the predominant zoning designation is R-2 Suburban Residential with about 1,626 acres. The CD-1 Conservation Slopes and Forest designation includes approximately 463 acres while the R-3 Urban Residential zoning district totals about 180 acres. A small area of approximately 33 acres in the area adjacent to the Highland Park Bridge is zoned for SM Suburban Manufacturing. Most of the undeveloped land, in excess of 600 acres, is situated in the northwestern quadrant of O'Hara Township.

To the east, the predominant zoning designation is SM Suburban Manufacturing, which includes the RIDC planned industrial park, and totals slightly more than 692 acres. Land zoned R-2 Suburban Residential totals close to 588 acres, while the R-3 Urban Residential District includes about 115 acres. On the eastern side of the Township, there are also 317 acres in the R-1 Special Residential District designation in the north, and approximately 47 acres designated for the C Commercial District zone in the south abutting Freeport and Old Freeport Roads. There are also slightly more than 62 acres in the CD-2 Conservation Water zoning designation along the north shore of the Allegheny River, as well as almost 182 acres of CD-1 Conservation Slopes and Forest designated land.

This distribution of land lends itself to a discussion of crafting planning objectives at the neighborhood or planning unit level. Generally, Western O'Hara Township is residential, whereas Eastern O'Hara has developed as a more typical suburban community with both light industrial and commercial opportunities, and residential

neighborhoods closer to the perimeter of the municipal boundaries. The State Route 28 corridor, oriented generally southwest to northeast, influenced the development pattern on the eastern side of the Township, whereas Saxonburg Boulevard and Dorseyville Road to the west function as residential collector roadways.

EXISTING BUSINESS SURVEY

Organization Name	Address	Address	City	State	Postal Code	Туре	Area
Camp Guyasuta Boy Scout Camp	23rd Street		Pittsburgh	PA	15215	Camp	Main & 23 rd Street
Community Swim Club	100 Aqua Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Swim Club	Powers Run
Squaw Run LP	811 Boyd Avenue		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		Freeport & Central
Dylan Logistics	811 Boyd Avenue	Suite 107	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		Freeport & Central
O'Hara Elementary School	115 Cabin Lane		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	School	Powers Run & Field Club
Forum, Inc.	100 Chapel Harbor Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Light Industry	Freeport & Old Freeport
Conroy Foods	100 Chapel Harbor Drive	Suite 2	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Freeport & Old Freeport
Forms and Surfaces, Inc.	100 Chapel Harbor Drive	Suite 3	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		Freeport & Old Freeport
L.B. Foster	100 Chapel Harbor Drive	Suite 4	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		Freeport & Old Freeport
Crown Battery	100 Chapel Harbor Drive	Suite 5	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		Freeport & Old Freeport
Lighthouse Pointe	500 Chapel Harbor Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		Freeport & Old Freeport
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System	H John Heinz III	1010 Delafield	Pittsburgh	PA	15215	Medical	Freeport & Fox Chapel
St. Losoph School	Progressive Care Center 342 Dorseyville Road	Road	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	School	Kittanning Pike
St. Joseph School			C				
Matthews International Corp.	101 Fairview Avenue		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Light Industry	Freeport & Old Freeport
Fox Chapel Area School District	611 Field Club Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	School	Powers Run
Donato's	46 Fox Chapel Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Fox Chapel Plaza
The Coffee Tree Roasters	48 Fox Chapel Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Fox Chapel Plaza
Tom Ward's Sunoco	50 Fox Chapel Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Gas Station	Freeport & Old Freeport
PA Dept. of Transportation	51 Fox Chapel Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		Freeport & Old Freeport
7-Eleven, Inc.	100 Fox Chapel Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Gas Station	Freeport & Old Freeport
Quest Diagnostic	50 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15215	Medical	Freeport & Highland Park Bridge
Medexpress Urgent Care	50 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15215	Medical	Freeport & Highland Park Bridge
Sherwin - Williams	50 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15215	Paints	Freeport & Highland Park Bridge
Newman Chiropractic	50 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15215	Medical	Freeport & Highland Park Bridge
Ametek	150 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Light Industry	Freeport & Old Freeport
Sunoco Logistics Partners LP	701 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Light Industry	Blawnox

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Croskey's Sunoco	806 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Gas Station	Blawnox
ESB Bank	1060 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Bank	Freeport & Old Freeport
S&T Bank	1077 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Bank	Freeport & Old Freeport
Get Go	1081 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Gas Station	Freeport & Fox Chapel
Howard Hanna Real Estate	1090 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Real Estate	Freeport & Old Freeport
Good Looks Eyewear	1101 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Eyewear	Fox Chapel Plaza
PNC Bank	1105 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Bank	Fox Chapel Plaza
Beauty First	1109 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Beauty	Fox Chapel Plaza
Baskin Robbins 31 Flavors Stores	1110 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Freeport & Old Freeport
Community Supermarket	1111 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Grocery	Fox Chapel Plaza
Splurge	1112 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Clothing	Freeport & Old Freeport
Frame Designs	1116 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Framing	Freeport & Old Freeport
Primo Custom Tailoring	1118 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Clothing	Freeport & Old Freeport
Dr. Timothy Sluser	1120 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Medical	Freeport & Old Freeport
Imperial Cleaners	1122 Freeport Road	#B	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Cleaners	Freeport & Old Freeport
Eastern H20	1123 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Sports	Fox Chapel Plaza
Tai Pei Chinese Restaurant	1124 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Freeport & Old Freeport
Rite Aid	1125 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Drug Store	Fox Chapel Plaza
Laser Wash Group LLC	1130 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Car Wash	Freeport & Old Freeport
Victoria	1137 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Clothing	Fox Chapel Plaza
Petron Mexican Grill	1141 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Fox Chapel Plaza
Merry B. Interior Designs	1144 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Interior Design	Freeport & Old Freeport
Don Royal Cleaners	1145 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Cleaners	Fox Chapel Plaza
Center Freeport Associates	1146 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Real Estate	Freeport & Old Freeport
Scott Brothers Realty Corp.	1146 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Real Estate	Freeport & Old Freeport
Milton G. Hulme Charitable Foundation	1146 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Foundation	Freeport & Old Freeport
Olsen O'Leary Travel	1147 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Travel	Fox Chapel Plaza
Angel Nails	1148 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Religious	Freeport & Old Freeport
Fox Chapel Shoe Service	1149 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Clothing	Fox Chapel Plaza
Aspect Association Management	1150 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Association	Freeport & Old Freeport
Normandy Products Co., Inc.	1150 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Light Industry	Freeport & Old Freeport
UPS Store	1151 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Shipping	Fox Chapel Plaza
VCA Fox Chapel Animal Hospital	1152 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Veterinary	Freeport & Old Freeport

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Loafer's Bread Co.	1153 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Fox Chapel Plaza
Super Cuts	1154 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Beauty	Freeport & Old Freeport
Allstate Insurance Co./Thomas Bianco	1154 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Insurance	Freeport & Old Freeport
Gentilcore Jewelers	1155 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Jewelers	Fox Chapel Plaza
Rita's Italian Ice	1175 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Fox Chapel Plaza
First National Bank	1195 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Bank	Fox Chapel Plaza
Elwood & Company	1246 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Light Industry	Freeport & Old Freeport
Apollo Trust Company	1250 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Health Club	Freeport & Old Freeport
Beautiful Beads	1298 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Jewelry	Freeport & Old Freeport
TN Walker, Inc.	1300 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Insurance	Freeport & Old Freeport
Monogram It	1310 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Clothing	Freeport & Old Freeport
Allegheny Valley Agency	1310 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Association	Freeport & Old Freeport
Sparkle Cleaners & Tailoring	1320 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		Freeport & Old Freeport
1326 Freeport Road LLC	1326 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Financial Services	Freeport & Old Freeport
McNeil Dental	1330 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Medical	Freeport & Old Freeport
A Place to Grow	1331 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	School	Freeport & Old Freeport
Beer Nutz of O'Hara	1335 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Freeport & Old Freeport
Fox Chapel Physical Therapy	1339 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Medical	Freeport & Old Freeport
Huntington Bank	1340 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Bank	Freeport & Old Freeport
Vacant	1341 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		Freeport & Old Freeport
John Hobart Miller Inc	1344 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Financial Services	Freeport & Old Freeport
J W Liken Holdings	1351 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Financial Services	Freeport & Old Freeport
Perfect 10 Nail Salon	1355 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Beauty	Freeport & Old Freeport
Unknown	1358 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		Freeport & Old Freeport
Bob's Garage	1372 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Freeport & Old Freeport
Atrias Restaurant	1374 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Freeport & Old Freeport
Prudential Preferred Realty	1376 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Real Estate	Freeport & Old Freeport
Unknown	1378 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Medical	Freeport & Old Freeport
Chapel Gate Swim Club	Glen David Drive (P.O. Box 7735)		Pittsburgh	PA	15215	Swim Club	Brownshill & Dorseyville
M & M Auto Repair	44 Kittanning Pike		Pittsburgh	PA	15215	Automotive	Sharpsburg
Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Co	152 Kittanning Pike		Pittsburgh	PA	15215	Fire Dept	Sharpsburg
Greenwood Cemetery	321 Kittanning Pike		Pittsburgh	PA	15215	Cemetery	Dorseyville
Kerr Elementary School	341 Kittanning Pike		Pittsburgh	PA	15215	School	Dorseyville

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Parkview Volunteer Fire Dept.	726 Midway Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15215	Fire Dept	Kirkwood
Fox Chapel Center for Advanced Dental Care	1144 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Medical	Freeport & Old Freeport
Tang Soo DO Karate	1153 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Karate	Freeport & Old Freeport
Westmoreland Supply	1153 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Construction	Freeport & Old Freeport
Fox Chapel Dry Cleaners	1200 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Cleaners	Freeport & Old Freeport
Nancettas	1200 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Freeport & Old Freeport
Sullivan Family Dentistry	1200 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Medical	Freeport & Old Freeport
Unknown	1246 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Beauty	Freeport & Old Freeport
Clothes Corner	1250 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Clothing	Freeport & Old Freeport
4 Seasons Hair Fashions	1311 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Beauty	Freeport & Old Freeport
Vibratechniques Inc	1311 Old Freeport Rd	Suite 4	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Light Industry	Freeport & Old Freeport
Fox Chapel Stone & Supply	1311 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Construction	Freeport & Old Freeport
Raymond James Financial	1330 Old Freeport Road	Suite 2B	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Financial Services	Freeport & Old Freeport
Ruskin Group	1330 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		Freeport & Old Freeport
Jimmy Ruggeri Beauty Salon	1335 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Hair Salon	Freeport & Old Freeport
Jimmy Wan's Chinese Restaurant & Lounge	1337 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Freeport & Old Freeport
Claitman Engineering Assoc.	1340 Old Freeport Road	Suite 2b	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Engineering	Freeport & Old Freeport
Guyasuta Volunteer Fire Dept.	1341 Old Freeport Road	-	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Fire Dept	Freeport & Old Freeport
Chabad Jewish Center of Fox Chapel	1343 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Religious	Freeport & Old Freeport
Palmer Agency / Nationwide Insurance	1350 Old Freeport Road	Suite 3BR	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Insurance	Freeport & Old Freeport
Eva Szabo European Skin Care	1366 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Beauty	Freeport & Old Freeport
Fox Chapel Marine Sales & Service	1366 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Boating	Freeport & Old Freeport
Fox Chapel Yacht Club	1366 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Club	Freeport & Old Freeport
Baja Bar & Restaurant	1366 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	Freeport & Old Freeport
Team Nutz	1366 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Club	Freeport & Old Freeport
Fox Chapel Sea Ray, Inc.	1366 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Boating	Freeport & Old Freeport
Allegheny River Health Club	1366 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Health Club	Freeport & Old Freeport
Chase Industries Inc	1370 Old Freeport Road	Suite 3b	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Light Industry	Freeport & Old Freeport
Fox Chapel Office Center	1384 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Real Estate	Freeport & Old Freeport
Seebacher Family Chiropractic	1385 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Medical	Freeport & Old Freeport
Alliance Family Chiropractic	1386 Old Freeport Road	Suite 1A	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Medical	Freeport & Old Freeport
Franklin Agnew	1386 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		Freeport & Old Freeport
Unknown	1388 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Financial Services	Freeport & Old Freeport

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Guardian Self Storage	1390 Old Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Storage	Freeport & Old Freeport
GENCO Supply Chain Solutions	100 Papercraft Park		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Light Industry	Freeport & Old Freeport
In & Out Mart	1101 Powers Run Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Grocery	Freeport
Boyd Community Center	1220 Powers Run Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Community Center	Freeport
The Docks	501 Riverfront Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Residential	Papercraft & Old Freeport
Abarta, Inc.	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 400	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Light Industry	RIDC Park
Abarta Inc	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 500	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Light Industry	RIDC Park
Summit Solutions	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 103	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Light Industry	RIDC Park
HSBC	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 311	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
A.D. Marble & Co.	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 203	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Oakmont Investments	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 101B	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
AIG Financial	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 200	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Financial Services	RIDC Park
The Versaw Group	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 218	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Shared Financial Services	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 504	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Cohen Law Group	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 305	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
PCI Human Resource Consulting	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 204	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
BOYDEN	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 600	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Thomas Lang	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 604	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Navint Consulting	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 102	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
David Short	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 212	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Sunkist Growers	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 605	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Dr. Shawn Essey	1000 RIDC Plaza	Suite 620	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Cook Myosite, Inc.	100 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Giant Eagle, Inc.	101 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Aerotech, Inc.	101 Zeta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Conestoga Rovers Associates	103 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Chromalox	103 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Spotlight	103 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Great American Insurance	103 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Renaissance Family Practice	103 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Family Services of Western PA	104 Beta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
GE Energy Power Conversion	104 Beta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Cook Myosite Inc.	105 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park

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Pitney Bowes	105 Gamma Drive	Suite 100	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Children's Community Pediatrics	105 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Siemens Medical Systems Inc	105 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Grane Home Health Care	105 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
American Thermoplastic Company	106 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Gamma Medical Center	107 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
P.W. Campbell Contracting Company	109 Zeta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Magnetics Technology Center	110 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
IUOE Local Union No. 66	111 Zeta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Howard Hanna	119 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Relocation Horizons, Inc.	119 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Gamma Appraisal Service	119 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Barristers Land Abstract	119 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
W.W. Grainger, Inc.	120 Beta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Massaro Restoration Services	120 Delta Drive	#2	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Medmen, LLC	121 Freeport Road		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Zoll Medical Corp.	121 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Magnetek, Inc.	122 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	123 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	126 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Neuro Kinetics, Inc.	128 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Liberty Lighting	130 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	134 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Aptech Computer Systems	135 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	136 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
QinetiQ	137 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
QinetiQ N.A.	139 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Orion International	139 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Airline Hydraulics	145 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
M & J Management Corporation	147 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Expert Financial Services	147 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Altamira Instruments	149 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Exonics Systems	149 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park

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Allegheny Homes, LLC	149 Delta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Emerson Process Management	150 Beta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Ambar Falcon Property LP	150 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Blue Elephant Café	150 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
P.S.M.O.	150 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Valet Media Solutions	150 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Emerson Process Management	160 Beta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Sauereisen, Inc.	160 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Comfort Inn & Suites	180 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Emerson Process Management Power & Water Solutions	200 Beta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Chase Specialty Coatings	201 Zeta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Center for Organ Recovery & Education (C.O.R.E.)	204 Sigma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Air Pro Heating & Cooling	207 Sigma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Grane Healthcare	209 Sigma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Graciano Corporation	209 Sigma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Practical Administrative Solutions LP	209 Sigma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Senior Life	209 Sigma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Sourcepro Inc.	230 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Ideal Aerosmith	232 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Food Services Mgmt. Assoc.	235 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
FRG Group	235 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Bronder and Company	235 Alpha Drive	Suite 200	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Pugh Ettinger McCarthy Associates	235 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Star Realty	235 Alpha Drive	Suite 203	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Phfr, Inc.	235 Alpha Drive	Suite 206	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	235 Alpha Drive	Suite 300	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	235 Alpha Drive	Suite 301	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
DA & T Investments	235 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Cardiac Assist	240 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Print Tech	242 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Cadence Design Systems	246 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park

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Print Tech	250 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Fox Chapel Authority	255 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
JM Jennmar	256 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Jennmar Corporation	258 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Giant Eagle	259 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Vacant	260 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Dept. of Environmental & Occupational Health – University of Pittsburgh	260 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Giant Eagle	261 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Giant Eagle	263 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Giant Eagle	267 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Mandi Foods, Inc.	270 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	271 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Provident Agency, Inc.	272 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Casey Equipment Corporation	275 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	275 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
C.O.R.E.	280 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Auto Desk	285 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Russell Standard	285 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
O'Hara Capital Partners	285 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
MCPC	285 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Plant Healthcare	285 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Guyasuta Investment	285 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Catalyst Rx	285 Kappa Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Pestco, Inc.	290 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
De La Torre Orthotics & Prosthetics Inc.	300 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Test America Laboratories Inc.	301 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
The A. G. Mauro Company	310 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Tessa One, Inc.	400 Beta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	522 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Heritage Metal Industries	530 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
World Source	530 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Lanza Respiratory	532 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
American Stress Technologies, Inc.	540 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park

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Vamco Machine & Tool, Inc.	555 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Texas Keystone, Inc.	560 Epsilon Drive	#1	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	562 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	563 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
James A. DiPerna, DMD	563 Epsilon Drive	Suite 300	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Nuance	564 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Ambioc Investments	565 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
VASCOR, Inc.	566 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	568 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	568 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	570 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Waters Corporation	575 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Thar Technologies	575 Epsilon Drive	Suite 1	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Extrel CMS LLP	575 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Giant Eagle	575 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	583 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Peak Technical Services Inc	583 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
5D Services	585 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Davison	595 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
University of Pitt Computer Center	600 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Massaro Company	604 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Elias Industries, Inc.	605 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
The Schreiber Company	609 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
CMS MidAtlantic	609 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	610 Alpha Drive	Suite 100	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Tsudis Chocolate Company	610 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
GE Energy	610 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Benshaw – Curtiss Wright	615 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
LKQ	615 Alpha Drive (rear)		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
L3 Brashear	615 Epsilon Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Capintec, Inc.	620 Alpha Drive	#1	Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Command Electronics	620 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
CVS Caremark	620 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park

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Evolutionary Fitness	620 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Bayer Healthcare	625 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Bearing Service Company of PA	630 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
MJB Holdings / Consult USA, Inc.	634 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	634 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Industrial Testing Laboratory Services, LLC	635 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Buckley Associates, Inc.	636 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Rite Aid	639 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Schaedler Yesco Distribution Inc.	640 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	641 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Armada Supply Chain Solutions	641 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Kiddie Koncepts	643 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
CTM Group Inc	643 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
SH Bell Company	644 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
BF Group	644 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Miller Auto Parts	647 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Giant Eagle	649 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
CAM RPC Electronics	650 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Command Electronics	650 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Graziano Construction	654 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Unknown	654 Alpha Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Echo Real Estate Services	701 Alpha Drive	#100	Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Real Estate	RIDC Park
Voyager Group	90 Beta Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238		RIDC Park
Max and Erma's	900 Gamma Drive		Pittsburgh	PA	15238	Restaurant/Food	RIDC Park

FUTURE LAND USE

The previous section examined the existing zoning classifications and the distribution of each district along with uses authorized in each. Zoning and subdivision and land development regulations are the central tools used to implement land use policies. Section 604 of the Municipalities Planning Code, Zoning Purposes, states in part that the purpose of zoning is, "To accommodate reasonable overall community growth, including population and employment growth, and opportunities for development of a variety of residential dwelling types and nonresidential uses. "The preceding purpose statement provides a succinct summary of zoning purposes and future land use planning and challenges the Township to assess the "reasonable" growth that it must accommodate.

Trends in case law help to define the term, "reasonable." At the local level, municipalities must accommodate all uses unless some extraordinary harm can be justified by authorization of a particular use. This general rule does not require that land zoned for a particular use has to be available for that use as zoning does not regulate land ownership. Also, as a general rule, municipalities that are more highly developed with denser populations are better able to demonstrate the basis for excluding noxious uses that impact such populations. Along the same lines, courts have imposed a stricter requirement of "fair share." The "fair share" doctrine imposes an additional burden on municipalities as it requires that a municipality in the "path of growth" not only provide for a use, but provide a sufficient amount of that use. The landmark Pennsylvania Supreme Court Surrick Case of 1977, that defined this doctrine in Pennsylvania, includes a three prong test to determine applicability of the fair share doctrine. It summarized as follows:

First, the inquiry must focus on whether the community in question is a logical area for population growth and development. Next, if the community is in the path of growth, the present level of development must be examined. Lastly, if the community which is located in the path of growth is not already highly developed, then the reviewing body must determine if the zoning ordinance has the practical effect of unlawfully excluding the legitimate use in question. (Commonwealth Court, Heritage Building vs. Bedminster Township 974CD99)

The last criteria effectively exempts the Township from the burden of fair share provisions, at least in regards to certain types of commercial growth. Using tax assessment data, only approximately 3.75 acres of land was classified as "commercial vacant" when tax exempt properties and those approved within Chapel Harbor were excluded. Also, slightly under 14 acres were classified as "vacant industrial land" mostly within RIDC Park, and most of which provide connections or common areas within the Park. However, in regards to residential development, the Long Range Planning Committee and Township Engineer have identified 282 acres of vacant land zoned as residential that may yield residential dwelling units under current zoning district classification. Therefore, the primary focus of future land use planning with regards to commercial uses shifts from the provision of a fair

share to general consistency with the MPC purpose statement cited above and the demands and preference of O'Hara's residents. However, the Township must examine the future construction of residential units in light of "fair share" as well as the overall land use plan for the community.

With regard to commercial and residential uses, this section will examine:

- Recent trends and existing land uses.
- Redevelopment opportunities.
- The character and limitations of vacant land.
- The character and limitations of existing development.
- Define future land use goals and objectives.
- Recommendations for future ordinance amendments and policy implementations regarding to implement future land use goals.

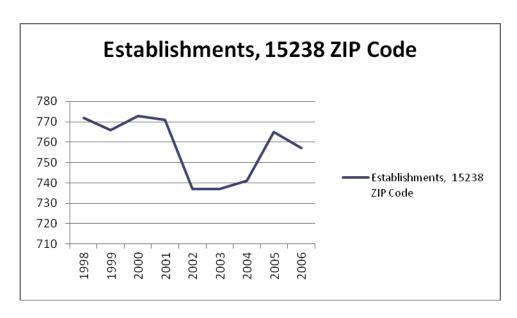
Notwithstanding the above categories, this section will also examine mixed use development concepts currently used by the Township and an overall concept of mixed use or transitional development.

COMMERCIAL USES

RIDC Park is a regional office park covering over 600 acres with 3.75 million square feet of building space. The park comprises the vast majority of land zoned as SM, Suburban Manufacturing, which itself comprises over fifteen percent of the land in the Township. While the Park has been traditionally comprised of corporate or large scale office centers, the Township has noted the increasing demand for comparatively smaller establishments which typically generate more trips per employee or per area occupied. Examples include medical offices and fitness centers. The SM District authorizes "business services" and daycare centers as permitted uses. Restaurants, motels, medical centers, and banks are examples of uses authorized as conditional uses in the district. All of the preceding generate more trips per area occupied when compared to traditional corporate offices. Therefore, the transition to smaller establishments may also imply greater expected traffic impacts.

The emerging trend of comparatively smaller establishments to locate in RIDC Park is evident in ZIP Code Business Patterns. The ZIP Code Business Patterns are published yearly by the US Census Bureau and provide the most current and thorough available census of economic activity at the local level. The 15238 Zip Code covers RIDC Park, O'Hara's Freeport and Old Freeport Road business district, Blawnox, and the commercial area in Harmar Township south of State Route 28 which spans from the western boundary of Harmar to the Turnpike interchange. (See following map) The overall numbers are therefore reflective of trends throughout the preceding commercial centers. The following graph indicates the overall number of establishments in the ZIP Code area each year between 1998 and 2006. Years 2002, 2003, and 2004 show a marked decrease with the remaining years at a fairly linear statistical trend. Similar data is available at the County level through the County Business Patterns,

published by the US Census Bureau. The data in Tables 9-1 and 9-2 respectively represent business establishment information from 1998 and 2006 at the ZIP Code and County levels. The heading of each column represents size by range or number of employees. The rows labeled "1998-2006 Difference" represent the difference between the proportion or percent of all establishment that each category comprised. The rows labeled "Percent Change" represent the percent difference between the number of establishments in each separate category from 1998 to 2006. The local ZIP Code data represent a shift to small to mid-range establishment sizes, especially when compared to the business activity. Particularly, the percent or proportion of those establishments with a range of ten to nineteen employees increased by seventeen percent as compared to an approximately four percent increase in that category at the County level. The sheer percent change in the preceding category increased at the local or ZIP Code level while it decreased slightly at the County level. Generally, larger employers decreased in both the County and local data with the exception of the category ranging from 250 to 499 employees. The change may represent growth of existing firms or the introduction of new firms. An examination of the detailed industries in those categories that experienced marked increases indicates that the largest increases occurred in categories such as Health Care and Social Assistance as opposed to solely retail establishments and restaurants. In conclusion, while further analysis is necessary, a comparison of County level and local level data supports the observation that a general trend of smaller establishments locating within the area, namely in RIDC Park, is occurring.



Additionally, a renewed interest in business or development is taking place in RIDC Park generally. The RIDC Holiday Inn was recently approved for redevelopment and remodeling. The existing structure will be renovated into two buildings with a total of 202 rooms and parking. Banquet and conference facilities are being eliminated.

	Table 9- 1											
Number of Establishments by Number of Employees, 15238 ZIP Code												
Year	Total Estabs	1-4	5-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	100-249	250-499	500-999	1000 or more		
1998	772	374	120	105	90	48	25	5	5			
2006	757	326	129	123	90	51	23	10	4	1		
1998	100%	48.4%	15.5%	13.6%	11.7%	6.2%	3.2%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%		
2006	100%	43.1%	17.0%	16.2%	11.9%	6.7%	3.0%	1.3%	0.5%	0.1%		
1998-2006 Difference		(5.4%)	1.5%	2.6%	0.2%	0.5%	(0.2%)	0.7%	(0.1%)	0.1%		
Percent Change		(13%)	8%	17%	0%	6%	(8%)	100%	(20%)			

	Table 9- 2											
Number of Establishments by Number of Employees, Allegheny County												
Year	Total	1-4	5-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	100-249	250-499	500-999	1000		
	Estabs									or more		
1998	34987	17324	7377	4789	3300	1212	695	166	73	51		
2006	34800	17098	6986	4974	3444	1325	672	181	76	44		
1998		49.5%	21.1%	13.7%	9.4%	3.5%	2.0%	0.5%	0.2%	0.1%		
2006		49.1%	20.1%	14.3%	9.9%	3.8%	1.9%	0.5%	0.2%	0.1%		
1998-2006		0.4%	1.0%	(0.6%)	(0.5%)	(0.3%)	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Difference												
Percent Change		(1.3%)	(5.3%)	3.9%	4.4%	9.3%	(3.3%)	9.0%	4.1%	(13.7%)		
Source: ZIP Code 1	Business 1	Patterns										

Trends in RIDC Park are important in regards to future land use planning and the accommodation of "employment growth" as set forth in the Municipalities Planning Code. However, issues of community character, consumer demand, as well as employment growth pose issues in O'Hara's general business district, located on the Freeport and Old Freeport Road corridors between Blawnox Borough and the City of Pittsburgh boundaries. The District's current character coupled with the consumer demands of residents, are key considerations that shape the future vision of this corridor.

Question 7 of the O'Hara Township Community Survey asks, "What personal services or businesses are most needed for the Township's residents and consumers?" The Township received 442 responses to the preceding openended question. (597 respondents did not respond to Question 7.) The responses have been reviewed, coded and categorized by the frequency of certain suggestions. Several patterns have emerged:

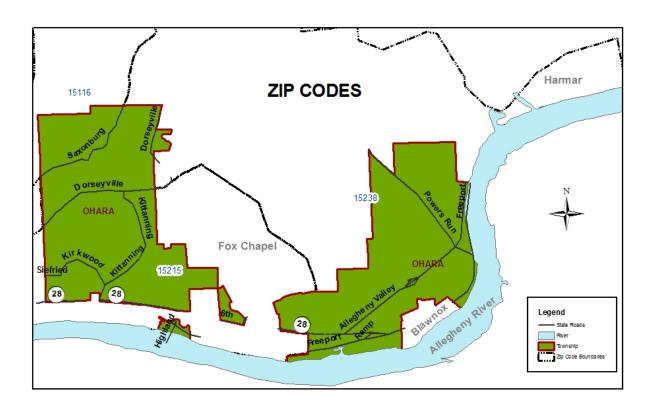
- Retail Uses were noted as follows: Electronics/computer (5), department (3), grocery/Whole Food (38), clothing (15), shoe (5), drug store/pharmacy (5), bakery (7), convenience stores (3)
- Hardware or similar stores were noted and included national stores: Hardware (72 total replies), Busy Beaver (25), Lowes (9). Home Depot (10)
- Restaurants: Restaurant (60), Dining (1), Fast food (2), takeout (1), diner (1)

With regard to restaurants, department stores, and retail, 32 responses contained words such as "upscale" and "high-end" when listing the types of businesses needed. Respondents indicated a desire for specialized and comparatively high end shops, department stores, and restaurants juxtaposing them to the current array of businesses located in the business district corridor.

Given the preceding, an examination of the current corridor is key to future recommendations and an evaluation of current zoning provisions. The Long Range Planning Committee provided a comprehensive list of businesses along with descriptions of business activity. The consultant assigned establishments located within the business district corridor to land use categories. The categories are based, in part, in the North American Industrial Classification System, which bases use classification on the character and impact of a particular establishment. Beauty shops and private clubs, including charities, are typically classified as services. In Table 9-3, salons and beauty shops were classified as "personal services." Med-express Urgent Care was classified as "Medical." General Office, with the exception of an engineering firm, consisted of real estate offices, offices of insurance agents, and financial advisors. Uses of interest or unique character or impact were more specifically identified. Such include banks, car wash, gas stations, and the self storage units.

	Table 9- 3									
Freeport Road Bus	iness District Establishments									
Use	Number of Establishments									
Bank	6									
Car Wash	1									
Gas Station	3									
General Office	18									
Grocery	1									
Light Industry	9									
Medical Center	1									
Medical Office	10									
Personal Service	7									
Restaurant/Food	14									
Retail	15									
Self Storage	1									
Service	17									
Source: Olsen & Associates, LLC										

The following map posts generalized land use categories according to the predominant use of the parcel. Several of the categories listed in Table 9-2 have been combined. Based on the thematic map, the character of the corridor bears a series of contiguous, small-scale office centers, strip style office centers with personal services, and banks. These areas are punctuated by restaurants with most retail located in Fox Chapel Plaza. The concentration of financial advisors, real estate offices, and medical offices represents a particular concentrated niche within the adjoining districts in Blawnox and Aspinwall.



The overall character of the corridor is defined by comparatively newer and older commercial developments. Much of the traditional "strip-center" development is partly a result of shallow parcels with insufficient room for limited access parking. Such centers present both threats to public safety and challenges to the overall aesthetic value of the corridor, as demonstrated in the selected photographs.





More recent developments have incorporated limited access principles and landscaping, as illustrated below.



Source: Allegheny County Assessment Website

The mix of uses, along with the arrangement and general layout of structures, predominant building materials, parking, landscaping and access, help to determine the future character of the corridor and the business district.

CONSUMER SUPPORT OF BUSINESS USES

The following exercise aims to evaluate the spending of consumers residing in O'Hara Township and Fox Chapel (given that Fox Chapel has no business district) in light of those particular businesses or types of commercial uses for which survey respondents indicated a need. The purpose of the exercise is to provide a cursory evaluation of consumer spending power, and its ability to support businesses within O'Hara Township's business district. While further analysis is necessary, the data help to demonstrate sizable consumer spending power that is now

primarily erected outside of the Township and may prove useful to attracting the types of businesses cited in the survey.

Table 9-4 provides an exercise that aims to demonstrate substantial unmet or pent-up consumer demands that may be served through redevelopment within O'Hara's core commercial area, namely the area of Freeport Road.

The availability of data and the specific level of detail available vary by geography. Therefore, certain assumptions and calculations are necessary to interpret the data at the local level. The analysis primarily uses consumer expenditure data available at the County level from the Consumer Expenditure Survey of 2007 as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Three expenditure categories were analyzed:

- Apparel and Services (definition includes mainly stores devoted primarily or entirely to the sale of clothing)
- Food at Home (defined as a grocery store)
- Food Away from Home (restaurant)

Specialty clothing, restaurants, and "upscale" grocers were prominently cited within the resident survey. The Consumer Expenditure Survey lists the median amount of certain goods and services that households with a median income of \$63,091 expend.

Median household income from the 2000 US Census for Fox Chapel and O'Hara Township which comprise the market area are utilized within the exercise. Given Fox Chapel's comparatively high household incomes and the lack of present and foreseeable retail shopping opportunities within Fox Chapel, its inclusion is key to a consumer expenditure analysis of the area.

Lastly, 2006 County and ZIP Code Business Pattern data (the most recent available) were utilized to relate expenditure data to employment and to the number of establishments that may be accommodated. It is notable that ZIP Code level data do not furnish precise numbers of employees at that level, but rather ranges of employment numbers.

Section A

Section A of Table 9-4 lists the number of employees, gross receipts, and number of establishments as per the County Level Data Business Patterns. The average number of employees and average amount of sales receipts per employee were calculated and are used in Sections B, C and D to estimate local demands.

Section B

Section B simply lists the number of establishments within each ZIP Code Pattern Survey for the Pittsburgh/Blawnox ZIP Code and the Fox Chapel Area Zip Code. It is noteworthy that these areas include the

concentration of restaurants and grocery stores in the Harmarville Area of Harmar Township. The number of employees and sales were estimated using the averages of County employment and sales in Section A.

Section C

Section C lists the number of households in O'Hara and Fox Chapel with respective median household incomes. A "multiplier" is calculated, which represents ratio of local median incomes to the \$63,091 median income used in the Expenditure Survey meaning that the exercise assumes that households will expend the same proportion of their respective incomes which will be proportionally more given the higher median incomes in the area.

Section D

The multiplier calculated in Section C is applied to the "per unit" expenditure from the Expenditure Survey and multiplied by the number of households in O'Hara and Fox Chapel, listing total possible annual expenditures for each category. The total sales were then divided by the average sales per employee calculated in Section A to estimate number of employees. The number of employees was, in turn, divided by the average employees per establishment in Section A to estimate number of establishments.

Section E

Understanding that the assumption that households with substantially higher incomes would spend proportionally more on basic goods such as food may be unrealistic. Section E simply assumes the same dollar expenditure per household as did the Expenditure Survey, knowing the median households incomes exceed the median of households surveyed and multiplies that amount times the number of households in each community. Pent-up demand for establishments remains substantial.

In conclusion, while the sheer number of establishments possible is certainly an overestimate, given that consumers will not spend all discretionary dollars within the Township, the exercise indicates that unmet demand does exist for high quality restaurants, department stores, and grocery stores.

Development potential therefore must occur through redevelopment of existing properties and underdeveloped sites. In particular, the row of residential properties facing the north side of Freeport Road presents an opportunity for additional commercial development. The commercially zoned 4.6 acre property currently used by PennDot also presents an opportunity for redevelopment if the property is ever transferred to private ownership. As cited in Chapter 4, Housing, the owners of single family units on Margery Drive now zoned as residential, have experienced some difficulties in marketing their homes for sale as residences. The preceding challenges and opportunities are important considerations in conjunction with the opportunity for redevelopment of the commercial strips along Freeport and Old Freeport Roads.

In summary, the potential for redevelopment and new business with RIDC Park and the business district corridor, present opportunities and challenges in terms of infrastructure planning and aesthetics. Smaller

establishments with greater trip generated rates per square foot are locating within RIDC Park which continues to experience a minor transition in this regard. The consumer spending power of O'Hara Township and Fox Chapel Borough may be used as a marketing tool in attracting those types of establishments noted as desirable within the household survey. Potential transitional areas that are now zoned as residential and existing single family homes within the commercial district must be considered and may require zoning amendments to effectively manage market and land use changes in those areas.

New businesses and the redevelopment of existing, underutilized within O'Hara's Freeport Road/Old Freeport Road corridors will, by necessity, compete for market share with the Waterworks Mall, a region shopping center located on Freeport Road within the City limits of Pittsburgh. This retail center opened in 1982 and features a gross leasable area 914,638 square feet, and includes nine (9) anchor tenants and thirty-four (34) retail stores, in addition to eleven (11) facilities on out-parcels predominantly restaurants and financial services. This has been a well managed regional facility with few vacant storefronts and the mix of uses within O'Hara Township's commercial corridor should be carefully selected so as to position themselves as niche uses not directly competing with the national franchises located in the Waterworks Mall.

There are a variety of flexible zoning and growth management techniques including overlay zoning, performance zoning, the drafting of preferred development models, and the introduction of mixed-use traditional neighborhood development options (Article VIIA of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code), which should be considered and evaluated for eventual inclusion in the implementation plan.

Table 9- 4
Local Consumer Spending Analysis

	A. County Data											
Establishment (Consumer Exp. Survey)	Employees	Sales	Number of Establishments	Sales per Employee	Employees per Establishment							
Apparel and Services	9,116	\$ 163,355,000	58	\$ 17,919.59	157							
Grocery (Food at Home)	11,993	224,136,000	332	18,688.90	36							
Food Away from Home (Restaurant)	362,073	4,454,238,000	24,321	12,302.04	15							

	B. Local Data								
Establishment (NAICS)	ZIP C	ZIP CODE		Employees	Colos				
Establishment (NAICS)	15238	15215	Total	Employees	Sales				
Apparel and Services	data not available								
Grocery (Food at Home)	3	2	5	181	\$ 3,375,542				
Food Away from Home (Restaurant)	60	26	86	1,280	\$ 15,750,358				

C. Household Data									
	O'Hara	Fox Chapel	TOTALS						
Households	3,248	1,887	5,135						
Median Household Income	\$67,725	\$47,298	\$115,023						
Median Income CES	\$63,091	\$63,091	\$126,182						
Multiplier	1.073	2.335	3.408						

	Table 9-4 Continued										
Local Consumer Spending Analysis											
D. Consumer Spending Power											
Establishment (Consumer Exp. Survey)	Per Unit	O'Hara Multiplier	Fox Chapel Multiplier	O'Hara Total	Fox Chapel Total	TOTAL	Employees	Establish- ments			
Apparel and Services	1,881	2,019.16	4,391.55	\$ 6,558,227	\$ 8,286,863	\$ 14,845,089	794	5			
Grocery (Food at Home)	3,465	3,719.50	8,089.70	12,080,944	15,265,273	27,346,217	1,526	42			
Food Away from Home (Restaurant)	2,668	2,863.96	6,228.96	9,302,152	11,754,040	21,056,192	1,712	115			

		E. Cons	umer Spending Power			
Establishment (Consumer Exp. Survey)	Per Unit	O'Hara Total Per Unit	Fox Chapel Total per Unit	TOTAL	Employees	Establishments
Apparel and Services	1,881	\$ 6,109,488.00	\$ 3,549,447.00	\$ 9,658,935	517	3
Grocery (Food at Home)	3,465	11,254,320.00	6,538,455.00	17,792,775	993	27
Food Away from Home (Restaurant)	2,668	8,665,664.00	5,034,516.00	13,700,180	1,114	75

Sources: Olsen, Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census: Census 2000 and County Business Patterns

2006 Business Patterns*

Major Industry

Total for ZIP Code 15238 Number of establishments: 757

First quarter payroll in \$1000: 229397

Number of employees: 19747 Annual payroll in \$1000: 885416

			Number of Establishments by Employment-size class								
Industry Code	Industry Code Description	Total Estabs	'1-4'	'5-9'	'10-19'	'20-49'	'50-99'	'100-249'	'250-499'	'500-999'	'1000 >'
	Total	757	326	129	123	90	51	23	10	4	1
21	Mining	2		1		1					
22	Utilities	1	1								
23	Construction	44	20	11	7	4	1		1		
31	Manufacturing	49	12	2	10	12	7	5		1	
42	Wholesale trade	58	28	9	7	8	6				
44	Retail trade	81	27	18	18	8	4	3	3		
48	Transportation & warehousing	7	4	1			2				
51	Information	18	8	2	1	2	2	2		1	
52	Finance & insurance	48	21	16	8	2	1			-	
53	Real estate & rental & leasing	30	20	3	4	1	1		1	-	
54	Professional, scientific & technical servi	125	63	20	19	13	5	4	1		
55	Management of companies & enterprises	20	2	4	3	4	3	2		1	1
56	Admin, support, waste mgt, remediation ser	40	22	4	5	3	2	2	2		
61	Educational services	7	2	1	1	2		1			
62	Health care and social assistance	80	38	14	10	10	4	1	2	1	
71	Arts, entertainment & recreation	19	7	3	5	1	3				
72	Accommodation & food services	66	18	8	13	15	9	3			
81	Other services (except public administration	61	32	12	12	4	1				
99	Unclassified establishments 1		1								
Source: U.S. Census	Bureau * Major Industry Statistical Data					_					

1998 Business Patterns

Major Industry

Total for ZIP Code 15238 Number of establishments: 772

First quarter payroll in \$1000: 148104

Number of employees: 17725 Annual payroll in \$1000: 605670

				Number of Establishments by Employment-size class							
Industry Code	Industry Code Description	Total Estabs	'1-4'	'5-9'	'10-19'	'10-19'	'50-99'	'100-249'	'250-499'	'500-999'	'1000 >'
	Total	772	374	120	105	123	48	25	5	5	
11	Forestry, fishing, hunting, and agriculture	1	1								
21	Mining	4	2	1	1						
23	Construction	49	34	5	5	7	2	2			
31	Manufacturing	59	22	8	5	10	3	9	1	1	
42	Wholesale trade	78	37	12	11	7	9	-	-		
44	Retail trade	85	32	15	22	18	6	2	1		
48	Transportation & warehousing	7	2	3	1		1	-	-		
51	Information	20	8	2	3	1	3	1	-		
52	Finance & insurance	45	24	14	5	8		1	1		
53	Real estate & rental & leasing	29	25		2	4					
54	Professional, scientific & technical servi	116	68	16	10	19	3	2	1	1	
55	Management of companies & enterprises	20	2	5	2	3	3		1	1	
56	Admin, support, waste mgt, remediation ser	39	17	5	7	5	3	1		1	
61	Educational services	6	1		2	1		1	1		
62	Health care and social assistance	68	42	6	5	10	3	5	=	1	
71	Arts, entertainment & recreation	14	5	3	2	5	1	1			
72	Accommodation & food services	52	14	6	14	13	9				
81	Other services (except public administration	65	33	19	5	12	1	1			
95	Auxiliaries (exc corporate, subsidiary & r	12	2		3		1		2		
99	Unclassified establishments	3	3								
Source: U.S. Census Bureau * Major Industry Statistical Data											

FEE-IN-LIEU-OF-DEDICATION OF OPEN SPACE

As subdivision activity continues in the northwestern area of the Township where the undeveloped areas are zoned predominantly for residential use, the provision of open space and recreational opportunities is considered a supportable objective. With the completion and adoption of the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan in 2002 and the Trail Feasibility Study adopted in 2005, O'Hara Township has established goals and objectives for the provision of recreational opportunities to Township residents as the community moves closer to buildout.

One of the methods available to communities to provide for the recreational needs of new Township residents is the ability to establish a mandatory dedication of open space program or the payment of a pro-rata fee in lieu of the dedication of open space. The authority for this type of development exaction derives from the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Article V, Subdivision and Land Development, Section 503. The primary prerequisite to establishing an open space dedication program is the adoption of a Township recreation plan which includes standards applicable to all residential lots created through the subdivision process. In 2002, O'Hara Township formalized a recreation plan and has the ability to implement the recommendations, including an open space dedication or fee-in-lieu-of-dedication component. The net result of this initiative will be to provide recreational opportunities to current and future residents as residential infill development occurs in the northwest quadrant.

Specific components of the formal open space dedication program include the determination of reasonable fees, and a consideration of the required recreational components of the Planned Residential Development option (Article VII of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code), Article X of Chapter 72, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances, and to a lesser degree, the lot-averaging option, Article XI of Chapter 72, Zoning. The Township has utilized several resources in order to determine fees that "bear a reasonable relationship to the use of the park and recreational facilities by future inhabitants of the development or subdivision" as required by 503(11) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. First, estimated land costs assume the following:

- 1. The Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (Recreation Plan) notes a deficiency of eighteen (18) acres of Community Park, and a surplus of one acre of Neighborhood Park. This deficiency has been reduced with the acquisition of approximately five (5) acres of undeveloped land in the northwest quadrant in 2009. One hundred and eighteen point six (118.6) acres of "Natural Resource Areas/Open Space" are currently available and no additional acreage is noted as needed or deficient. The total acreage per person for Community and Neighborhood Parks equals .008 acres per resident.
- 2. The majority of needs and expected construction will occur in the northwestern quadrant of O'Hara Township where sewer extensions are planned.
- 3. In determining the value of land per acre in lieu of land dedicated, we presume that the character of land necessary to support such parks requires grading, access, and utilities similar to that of a residential building lot or lots. Therefore, the cost of residential lots, generally ranging from one half to one acre, provides a reliable fair market value.
- 4. The proposed "fee-in-lieu" should be reflective of the expected needs of the housing unit and based on the per acre cost of the land otherwise required.

- 5. In order to determine the fee, the following exercises were conducted.
- 6. The Township received an appraisal of property located at 1138 Saxonburg Boulevard, a 3.614 acre vacant parcel with sloping land, floodplain, and no public sewage, for \$57,500. The appraisal was dated April 6, 2009. The appraisal deducted \$10,000 on certain comparables for each instance of the following: public sewage, flat land, no floodplain. The addition of \$30,000 to the \$57,500 results in a per acre value of approximately \$25,000 per acre for raw land in the R-2 District, where all future park development will likely occur. Given the adage that raw land costs should not exceed 20% of the sales price of a residential lot, a value of \$125,000 is assumed per acre or \$62,500 for each half acre lot permitted in the R-2 District.
- 7. Given that the lot prices are tied to the costs of taps and additional infrastructure, the Township can assume a conservative value of lots. A review of sales of vacant lots over the past two years in O'Hara is instructive. The sales were sold through the West Penn Multi-List as "residential building lots" which are typically improved lots less than five acres. The "low-end" of nine such lot sales within the past two years is approximately \$65,000 per acre. This conservative estimate is employed as a fair assessment of land costs or the costs of land and necessary grading and accessibility per acre to the Township in the purchase of necessary land.
- 8. The tables included in this work element demonstrate the calculation of suggested fee-in-lieu based on the per person standards outlined in the Recreation Plan and the assumption of \$65,000 per acre purchase price. Suggested fees are based on the assumed number of expected occupants as an average of those living in such units as documented in the 2000 Census, and discussed in Chapter 4, Housing and Households. For purposes of the ordinance, "attached units" are assumed to be townhouses or patio homes with one or more party walls that are side-by-side rather than one above the other. Such units would have separate and independent exterior entrances.

Secondly, all fees must be utilized for parks accessible to the development. Standards and radii of use are defined within the Recreation Plan and should be used as the basis for the use of fee-in-lieu allocation. The Township may wish to formalize a capital improvements plan so that specific projects are compiled prior to consideration of plan approvals within the district.

Lastly, the Township should consider both of the following issues in the preparation of a mandatory dedication or fees-in-lieu-of-dedication program:

- Standards required for the dedication of land. Strict standards requiring usable and improved land will
 encourage utilization of fees-in-lieu, as this option must be mutually agreed upon by the developer and
 Township Council.
- The relationship of PRD open space requirements to land dedication requirements and the lot averaging
 option, to land dedication requirements. Again, strict standards for public land dedication coupled with
 the encouragement to utilize steep slopes as open space will encourage the payment of fees-in-lieu of
 dedication as a viable or attractive option.

Table 9- 5
Persons Per Housing Type

Α	В	С	D	E	F	
Housing Unit Type	Number of Housing Units	Vacant Units	Occupied Homes (B-C)	Population in Units	Persons Per Unit	
1, detached	3,030	93	2,937	8,129	2.8	
1, attached	53	11	42	78	1.9	
2	20	7	13	20	1.5	
3 or 4	25	12	13	25	1.9	
5 to 9	12	-	12	11	0.9	
10 to 19	34	-	34	40	1.2	
20 to 49	80	10	70	97	1.4	
50 or more	127	-	127	184	1.4	
Mobile home	-	-	-	-	-	
Boat, RV, van, etc.		-	-	-	-	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000.						

	Table 9- 6 Fee Determination						
Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	
Class of Housing Unit	Persons per Unit	Acres recommended per Person (Township Recreation Plan)	Per Acre Value	Per Person Value (C*D)	Per Housing Unit Value (B*E)	Suggested Fee (~F)	
Single Family Detached	2.8	0.0065	\$ 65,000	\$ 423	\$ 1,183	\$ 1,200	
Attached Units	1.9	0.0065	65,000	423	803	800	
All other Units	1.4	0.0065	65,000	423	592	600	
Source: Olsen & Associates, LLC							

Table 9- 7 Level of Service						
A B C D						
Dwelling Unit	Persons per Unit	Acres recommended per Person (Township Recreation Plan)	Land per Unit (Acres) (B*C)			
Single Family Detached	2.8	0.0065	0.0182			
Single Family Attached	1.9	0.0065	0.0124			
Multi-Family 1.4 0.0065 0.0091 Source: Olsen & Associates, LLC						

FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND VISION

The Future Land Use Map highlights areas of greatest potential development and redevelopment throughout the Township. The Route 28 interchange and proximate Freeport and Old Freeport Road corridors will be the focus of vehicular and pedestrian improvements with redevelopment that includes anticipated small scale retail and service uses compatible with a variety of residential uses in mixed use developments.

The traditional commercial strip corridors on Freeport and Old Freeport Roads will eventually redevelop with fewer curb cuts as controlled access developments. Such developments will act as independent destinations while promoting pedestrian circulation through sidewalk connections and shared parking. The corridors will be enhanced with complementary landscaping as properties redevelop. Capital improvements associated with the Specific Plan may promote uniform lighting, signage, and sidewalk installations, offering a sense of place. Most importantly, the proposed shift of Old Freeport Road 750 feet to the east of the current configuration will further promote limited access and reuse of commercial properties adjacent to the right of way consequently abandoned.

The Route 28 interchange area and portions of Fox Chapel Road are envisioned as the location of mixed use development, providing alternative housing for the Township's senior residents as well as younger families, a demographic that current trends demonstrate is not retained by the Township. Mixed use development in this area will include comparatively small business establishments with low traffic impacts.

RIDC Park will retain its current landscape and will bear expectedly smaller office and ancillary retail or service establishments. Greater pedestrian connectivity and onsite (adjoining intersection) improvements should be encouraged where necessitated by net trip increases associated with new personal service uses.

Existing single family residential neighborhoods preceded by traditional subdivisions, will be maintained as such with shared open space, pedestrian connections, and recreational areas revitalized and maintained, where undeveloped lots provide such options.

Traditional neighborhoods extending from adjoining boroughs such as Blawnox will be maintained and revitalized through the promotion of infill housing and compatible alternatives to single family detached housing at an appropriate scale and based on local demographic characteristics.

Undeveloped residential parcels, as indicated on the Future Land Use Map, will be developed in a manner that leverages preservation of riparian buffers, wooded steep slopes which are identified on the Natural Features Map, and proposed greenways indicated on Map 4A.1 of Allegheny County's Comprehensive Plan, Allegheny Places. Preservation of these natural features will be achieved through streamlined lot averaging subdivisions and Planned Residential Development options and will essentially act as infill within developed pockets of land bounded by existing neighborhoods and environmentally constrained areas.

Natural features, namely wooded slopes and riparian buffers, will be preserved in areas of limited development through enhanced earth disturbance and zoning performance standards. Fee in lieu payments may help to finance the purchase of easements for trail construction and interconnection of greenways.

Mixed use development integrated with pedestrian and trail connections and required open space will be maintained and promoted along the Township's riverfront with pedestrian connections from these natural assets and neighborhoods to the Township's Freeport and Old Freeport Road business districts.

The Township will coordinate development proposals which work to affect a vision of future land use that:

- preserves and maintains the Township's assets, namely natural features and stable neighborhoods,
- promotes redevelopment that facilitates a sense of destination and provides local retail and service use support as well as alternatives to traditional dwelling types,
- and promotes infill and redevelopment of existing commercial corridors, traditional neighborhoods, and developable parcels near existing development and natural areas.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

In order to take advantage of the open space dedication and fee component authorized by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, both the zoning and subdivision and land development chapters of the Township's codified ordinances need to be revised to provide the standards for the amount of open space land required per dwelling unit and for the unit cost of the fee-in-lieu-of-dedication, based on a single dwelling unit. A preliminary draft of each amendment has been prepared and is attached as an appendix to this plan document in order to expedite the implementation of the planning objective regarding the provision of recreational opportunities.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ORDINANCE

On December 18, 2007 Allegheny County adopted a Stormwater Management Plan pursuant to Act 167 to establish new permit requirements for discharges to surface waters in Pine Creek, Girty's Run, Deer Creek and Squaw Run. On October 18, 2008, Township Council adopted an amended storm water management ordinance to comply with the County's Act 167 Plan and DEP regulations. Amendments to the subdivision ordinance and open space requirements, including those within clustering options and Planned Residential Development should be compatible with and encourage the best management practices set forth in the Act 167 Plan and Storm Water Management Plan.

SPECIFIC PLAN

With the completion of the traffic and circulation analysis, prepared by the Township's traffic engineering firm, that area of land provided for commerce, retail, service and related nonresidential uses abutting the Freeport and Old Freeport Road corridor rights-of-way, certain mitigations to improve circulation have been identified. Issues regarding transportation and circulation in the Township are more fully discussed in Chapter 7 of this document. This area of O'Hara Township zoned C Commercial is also contiguous to an area adjacent to the Allegheny River which is zoned for light industrial uses (SM Suburban Manufacturing) and an area to the north zoned for moderate density residential uses (R-2 Suburban Residential). The confluence of these use categories within three (3) arterial transportation corridors including State Route 28, has presented a variety of challenges to the Township as transit-oriented development has continued in this region of the County.

Interchanges between SR 28 and Freeport Road occur within the municipal boundaries of O'Hara Township and these links both attract and disperse regional pass-through traffic as well as local traffic. In addition, the development pattern that emerged in the three (3) Boroughs with direct or indirect access to the S.R. 28 and Freeport Road rights-of-way was repeated through land use and site design trends along segments of both arterials in O'Hara Township. As a result construction of access ramps and uncontrolled frontages associated with commercial development in this area have marginalized the characteristics of residential neighborhoods in close proximity to these rights-of-way.

In 2000, with the passage of Act 67, the Commonwealth authorized the preparation of a specific plan (Section 1106 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code) which provides communities with implementation options in conjunction with other planning partners to achieve long range community goals and objectives. With the completion of a transportation mitigation plan which focused on the area discussed in this work element, the preparation of a specific plan for the study area is recommended. There are five (5) components of a specific plan as outlined in the Municipalities Planning Code as follows:

- (1) The distribution, location, extent of area and standards for land uses and facilities, including design of sewage, water, drainage and other essential facilities needed to support the land uses.
- (2) The location, classification and design of all transportation facilities, including, but not limited to, streets and roads needed to serve the land uses described in the specific plan.
- (3) Standards for population density, land coverage, building intensity and supporting services, including utilities.
- (4) Standards for the preservation, conservation, development and use of natural resources, including the protection of significant open spaces, resource lands and agricultural lands within or adjacent to the area covered by the specific plan.
- (5) A program of implementation including regulations, financing of the capital improvements and provisions for repealing or amending the specific plan. Regulations may include zoning, storm water, subdivision and land development, highway access and any other provisions for which municipalities are authorized by law to enact. The regulations may be amended into the county or municipal ordinances or adopted as separate ordinances. If enacted as separate ordinances for the area covered by the specific plan, the ordinances shall repeal and replace any county or municipal ordinances in effect within the area covered by the specific plan and ordinances shall conform to the provisions of the specific plan.

Much of the background research and discussion has been done in conjunction with the preparation of this planning document so the logical next step is to identify public and private property owners with a stake in the

outcome of this planning initiative and implement a strategic plan to address the future development and redevelopment of this locally and regionally important commercial corridor.

TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

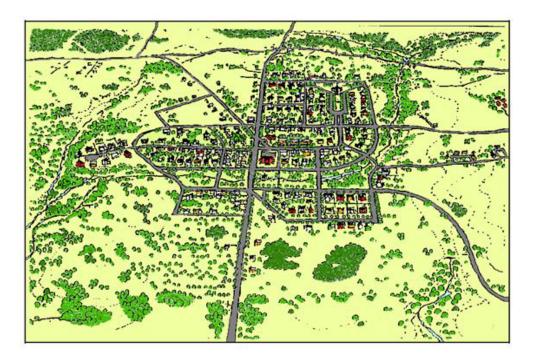
In the year 2000, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (PaMPC) was amended to include a new development option called a Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND). The origins of Article VIIA go to the mixed-use characteristics of small villages that emerged at crossroads and secondary road intersections throughout Pennsylvania in the 19th and 20th centuries. Section 701-A, Purpose and Objectives includes the following:

- ... to encourage innovations in residential and nonresidential development and renewal which makes use of
 a mixed-use form of development ...
- ... to encourage a more efficient use of land and of public services to reflect changes in the technology of land development ...
- ... to minimize traffic congestion, infrastructure costs and environmental degradation ...
- ...to promote the implementation of the objectives of the municipal or multi-municipal comprehensive plan...

In addition, standards for development are provided in Section 706-A of the PaMPC including dwelling units of any dwelling type or configuration, and nonresidential uses deemed appropriate by the local municipality. Standards for density, intensity of land use, the amount and location of common open space, a centrally located public commons, retention of natural features, minimizing the amount of grading, interconnecting streets and pedestrian ways, and a generally compact design and lot layout utilizing existing public utilities, are some of the core characteristics of a TND. Further, in terms of scale, it is recommended that the distance from the center of the development to the edge or perimeter should be a quarter mile (1,320 linear feet) or less, but not more than .5 miles (2,640 linear feet). This development form could be a good fit for O'Hara Township where infill development meets land use objectives as the community moves toward buildout.

By utilizing both the Specific Plan option, and Traditional Neighborhood Development option, the Township can provide property owners with the flexibility to capture market interest, while exercising the tenets of smart growth and sustainability. The "village model" reviewed during the plan preparation process is a close fit to the TND objectives outlined in the PaMPC and could be used as a template when O'Hara Township begins work on ordinance revisions crafted to implement the recommendations which evolved from preparation and adoption of the comprehensive plan document. Graphics and text are included in this work element, which are designed to convey the attributes of this innovative development approach.

Village Model



The purpose of the Village Model is to encourage compact, mixed use development with a definite boundary separating the built-up area from defined open space within the model. The model helps to achieve the community development objective of preserving rural character by concentrating development and surrounding it with defined open space in the same plan.

TILAGE MODE

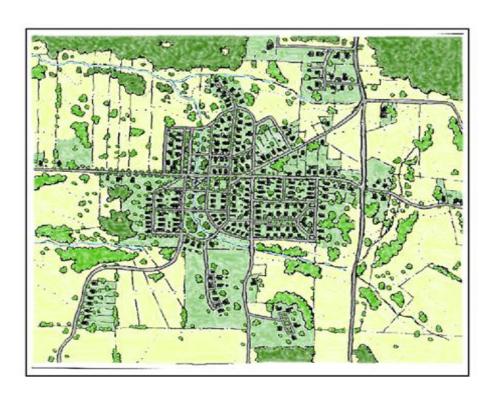
GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS AND DESIGN STANDARDS

Village Model Developments shall incorporate the following land use characteristics and design guidelines as a condition of approval:

- Form: The heart of the Village is the village center a central green, main street or similar community
 gathering place and focus surrounded by residential neighborhoods with open space beyond. The majority of
 streets should interconnect to create blocks. Buildings should be located close to the street right-of-way to
 create a residential scale environment.
- Utilities: All buildings with plumbing shall be connected to public water and public sanitary sewer systems.
- Streets: Streets should include sidewalks, planting strips, street trees, benches and pedestrian scale lighting.
- Open Space: A minimum of ten percent (10%) of the total area shall be identified as common open space, commonly owned and maintained by property owners in this village. The central green should include a planted and maintained pedestrian area. The permanent open space within the plan surrounding the developed village may be undeveloped meadow, open field, natural woods, steep slopes, wetlands, etc., or leased for the raising of farm crops. Open space areas should be connected to the village by pedestrian walkways.
- Bufferyards: A planted buffer should be provided where the developed part of a village abuts a heavily traveled road.

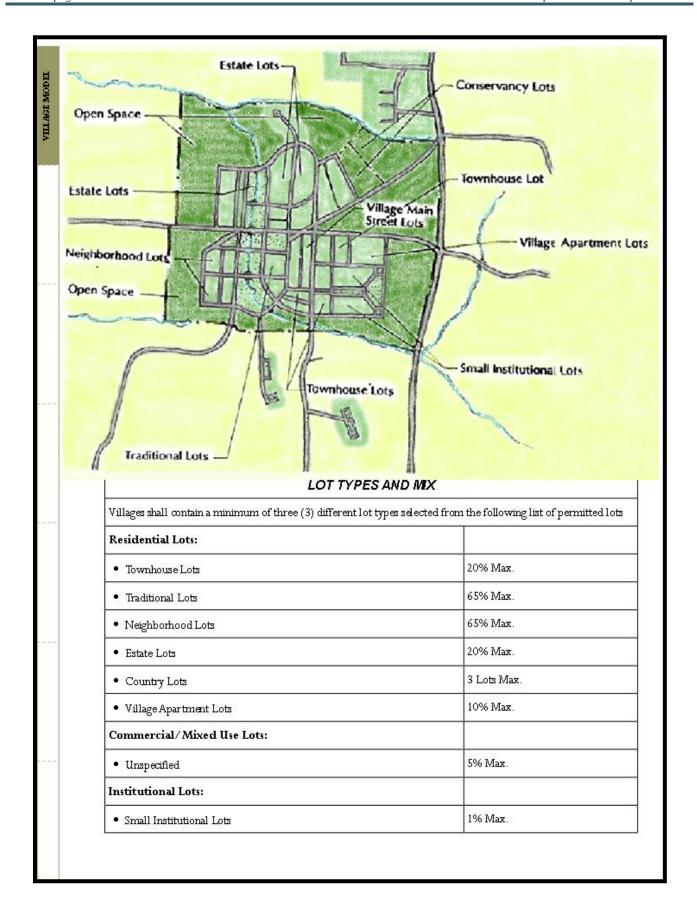


VILLAGE MODEL



SITE REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Site Size:	60 acres					
Maximum Site Size:	200 acres					
Minimum Open Space:	30% of gross acreage (common and private open space combined)					
Maximum Commercial Component:	5% of gross acreage					
Maximum Institutional Component:	See Small Institutional Model					
Minimum Distance between Villages:	2 miles					



SUMMARY

Chapter 9, Current and Future Land Use, examines:

- Summary of Current Zoning Scheme
- Commercial Uses of Land and Trends
- Consumer Expenditure Analysis
- Open Space and Recreation Needs

Chapter 9 reviews existing land uses and recommends future land uses implemented through several flexible zoning techniques and performance standards. Chapter 9 also examines conceivable future land uses through market analysis to project redevelopment scenarios. References to other applicable chapters such as Housing are cited. Implementation strategies include adoption of a Specific Plan to manage and encourage innovative development near the Route 28 Interchange and Freeport and Old Freeport Road corridors.

Summary of Current Zoning Scheme

- 1. Currently, the Township is divided into seven (7) zoning districts, two (2) of which (Conservation District 1 and Conservation District 2) are areas where environmental constraints limit the viable options for development. R-1, R-2, and R-3 represent residential designations with multifamily housing permitted in R-3 and R-1 and R-2 primarily devoted to single family detached housing.
- 2. Most of the undeveloped residentially zoned land, in excess of 600 acres, is situated in the northwestern quadrant of O'Hara Township and is zoned R-2.
- 3. Nearly 700 acres of land is zoned as Suburban Manufacturing (SM) most of which are located in RIDC Industrial Park with the remainder bordering the Allegheny River where the Riverfront Planned Unit Development (RPUD) has been utilized to promote mixed use development through the planned residential development approval process. Some retail uses are permitted typically when considered ancillary to office park or manufacturing uses.
- 4. Approximately 47 acres of land is zoned as the Commercial District (C) and located mainly along Freeport Road and bordering parts of Fox Chapel Road south of the Route 28 Expressway. This comprises approximately one percent of land within the Township.

Commercial Uses of Land and Trends

- 1. The local ZIP Code data, available through the US Census, indicate a shift from small to mid-range establishment sizes, especially when compared to the business services offered. Particularly, the percent or proportion of those establishments with a range of ten to nineteen employees increased by seventeen percent (17%) as compared to an approximately four percent (4%) increase in that category at the County level between the years 1998 and 2006. The change may represent growth of existing firms or the introduction of new firms. An examination of the detailed industries in those categories that experienced marked increases indicates that the largest increases occurred in categories such as Health Care and Social Assistance as opposed to solely retail establishments and restaurants. Therefore, while further analysis is necessary, a comparison of County level and local level data supports the observation that a general trend toward smaller establishments locating within the area, namely in RIDC Park, is occurring.
- 2. A questionnaire distributed by the Township to each household, yielded the following results regarding services or businesses most needed for the Township's residents and local consumers according to the percentage of respondents identifying the specific use categories:

- Retail Uses were noted as follows: Electronics/computer (5), department (3), grocery/Whole Food (38), clothing (15), shoe (5), drug store/pharmacy (5), bakery (7), convenience stores (3).
- Hardware or similar stores were noted and included national stores: Hardware (72 total replies), Busy Beaver (25), Lowes (9). Home Depot (10)
- Restaurants: Restaurant (60), Dining (1), Fast food (2), takeout (1), diner (1)
- 3. With regard to restaurants, department stores, and retail, 32 responses contained words such as "upscale" and "high-end" when listing the types of businesses needed. Respondents indicated a desire for specialized and comparatively high end shops, department stores, and restaurants juxtaposing them to the current array of businesses located in the business district corridor.
- 4. In summary, the following trends are apparent:
 - Portions of RIDC Park are transitioning to smaller and more traffic intensive establishments including personal services and medical facilities.
 - The Freeport Road Corridor, while experiencing a healthy maintenance of retail based businesses and small offices, trending is also to smaller establishments, which presents opportunities and challenges regarding utilization of older strip centers, parking, and interior circulation due to excessive curb cuts on Freeport Road.
 - The area near the SR28 interchange, now zoned residential, may require utilization of mixed use zoning
 or some performance based zoning that offers options other than single family residential detached
 homes, the demand for which has decreased.
 - Relative to the current economy and surrounding municipalities, demand for new housing in O'Hara persists. The remainder of contiguous and comparatively large scale vacant tracts lies within the Northwest part of O'Hara.

Consumer Expenditure Analysis

- 1. Given resident input gained from the questionnaire, the following uses, as defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistic Consumer Expenditure Survey were examined:
 - Apparel and Services (definition includes mainly stores devoted primarily or entirely to the sale of clothing)
 - Food at Home (defined as a grocery store)
 - Food Away from Home (restaurant)
- 2. By comparing the median household incomes in O'Hara and neighboring Fox Chapel against the expected annual household expenditures on the above items it was determined that three (3) average sized apparel stores and dozens of restaurants and grocery stores would be supported. While spending habits and nearby competing uses are assumed to temper the numbers, the exercise demonstrated that considerable unmet demand for desired services or establishments does exist. Incentives for consolidation and redevelopment of existing commercial strips may aid in meeting these demands.

Open Space and Recreation Needs

The Township's Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, adopted in 2003, outlines
deficiencies in open space and recreational facilities as per National Recreation and Park Association
standards.

- 2. The Plan noted a deficiency in Community Parks and a slight deficiency in Neighborhood Parks. In short, new housing will create further deficiencies and require additional facilities.
- 3. The Township may wish to consider adoption of mandatory land dedication or fee in lieu of land dedication which is authorized by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.
- 4. An examination of the values of vacant land, the amount of land required per household based on the household size by the type (single family, townhouse, and apartments), and the associated amount or fee in lieu of required to purchase such land. The fee in lieu of dedication option is a resource payable collectible prior to subdivision recordation and would apply only to those plans submitted after adoption of the required ordinance.
- 5. The preliminary calculation suggests a fee of \$1,200 for each single family detached house, \$800 for townhouses and carriage houses, and \$600 for apartment style dwelling units.

Conclusions and Implementation Strategies

- The preservation of wooded hill sides and steep slopes should be encouraged as the remaining residential vacant land in the Township develops. This may be encouraged by streamlining the approval process and promoting planned residential development and clustering options utilizing development models.
- 2. Drafts of ordinances implementing the fee-in-lieu and land dedication provisions will aid in preservation of open space and provision of adequate land for recreation.
- 3. Excessive curb cuts and underutilized traditional strip centers in the area of Freeport Road along with aging and underutilized single family residences in the vicinity of the Route 28 Interchange demonstrate the need for zoning alternatives in these areas. Secondly, the plan research demonstrates pent up demand for additional establishments. Lastly, as discussed in Chapter 7 there is a need to cooperate with the County in the possible relocation of Old Freeport Road 750 feet east of the current intersection with Fox Chapel Road, providing additional opportunity for redevelopment and improvement of the level of service of the adjoining intersections. The Township should use a Specific Plan, as authorized in Article XI of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, to synchronize the timing of capital improvements, pedestrian connections, landscaping, and future public road construction to both streamline the process for property owners and better ensure coordinated and compatible redevelopment within the area.
- 4. RIDC Park has experienced recent development or transition to smaller establishments that are often more traffic intensive. The Township may wish to strengthen on-site traffic improvements in its subdivision ordinance and through conditional use requirements for particular uses, to help minimize the effects.