

Relationship to Other Plans



Relationship to Montco2040: A Shared Vision

The most recent Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, *Montco2040: A Shared Vision*, was adopted in 2015. Similar to Jenkintown2035, Montco2040 is structured around the implementation of three interrelated themes: connected communities, sustainable places, and vibrant economy. Ways in which the themes and recommendations of the Jenkintown2035 plan relate to each of the Montco2040 themes are summarized below.

Connected Communities

People want to be connected and part of a broader community. A key role for the county is to help these connections occur beyond local municipal boundaries.

Montco2040 Goal: Trails and greenways connecting multiple places

Jenkintown2035 recommends partnering with neighboring townships to explore the creation of a greenway and trail along the Tookany Creek corridor to connect the Jenkintown-Wyncote Train Station and surrounding dense residential areas to public parks along the creek corridor in Cheltenham and Abington townships.

Related Jenkintown2035 Theme Elements:



Montco2040 Goal: Vibrant downtowns and destinations accessible by everyone

Jenkintown2035 recommends building upon the established historic character and pedestrian-scale of the Borough’s Uptown commercial district, as well as building upon the Borough’s reputation as a growing arts and entertainment destination. Jenkintown2035 recognizes that maintaining the Borough’s distinctive identity and sense of place are important to the future enhancement of the Borough’s economy and property tax base.

Related Jenkintown2035 Theme Elements:



Sustainable Places

The county is full of wonderful neighborhoods and communities. These places need to be sustained and enhanced in a long-lasting and effective way.

Montco2040 Goal: Opportunities for healthy lifestyles

Jenkintown2035 recommends supporting healthy behaviors through the physical design of the neighborhoods, access to healthy food and public transit, and green spaces that are accessible and provide activities and relaxation for multiple generations of the community.

Related Jenkintown2035 Theme Elements:



Montco2040 Goal: Diverse housing choices

One of the guiding principles of the Neighborhood Preservation theme is to “encourage the provision of a wide-range of housing types that are healthy and affordable homes for all people regardless of age, household type, income level, or physical ability.” The housing recommendations focus on preserving the established diversity of housing types within the Borough which contribute to the affordability and livability of Jenkintown.

Related Jenkintown2035 Theme Elements:



Vibrant Economy

A strong economy is critical for all places. With a vibrant economy, residents can earn and spend more, governments can make needed infrastructure improvements, and businesses can grow.

Montco2040 Goal: Improved transportation access

Jenkintown2035 recommends enhancing all of the primary modes by which people travel through the community, recognizing that each transportation mode has an effect on the safety, community character, and economic development of the Borough. Jenkintown2035 recognizes the value of the Borough's inherent walkability and pedestrian-scaled traditional commercial areas and includes recommendations to enhance these valuable characteristics.

Related Jenkintown2035 Theme Elements:



Montco2040 Goal: Focused development where infrastructure already exists

As a small, densely-developed, walkable, and transit-oriented community Jenkintown has the infrastructure in place to serve additional development. Although new development is not desired in the established residential areas, continued investment in property upgrades and maintenance will ensure the Borough's residential neighborhoods maintain their value for generations to come. Conversion and upgrades of historic commercial buildings and pedestrian-scaled, mixed use redevelopment of existing commercial and office properties within the Borough are also recommended.

Related Jenkintown2035 Theme Elements:



Relationship to Adjacent Municipal Plans

Relationship to Abington Township Plans

Abington Township Comprehensive Plan, 2007

Abington Township's most recent comprehensive plan was adopted in 2007. This plan includes a transportation objective to "provide for pedestrian and bicycle paths and walkways to encourage non-vehicular movement systems throughout the Township." Due to the fact that Jenkintown Borough borders Abington Township on three sides, the integration of the pedestrian and bicycle networks between these two municipalities would result in a more efficient system. Jenkintown2035 recommends partnering with Abington Township to implement pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

The Abington 2007 comprehensive plan also includes the objective to "encourage Transit Oriented Development and the development of medium- to high-density residential uses at transportation nodes and in commercial districts. Work with neighboring municipalities to enhance connections for non-vehicular movement." The walkable area around the Noble Train Station is primarily in Abington Township and partially in Jenkintown Borough. Jenkintown2035 recommends partnering with Abington Township to develop complementary land use and development design standards along both sides of Old York Road. In particular, developing a consistent streetscape design with a focus on pedestrian safety, and coordination regarding appropriate commercial land uses, would be beneficial to both municipalities.

Abington Noble Transit-Oriented Development Plan, 2012

Abington Township completed a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan in 2012 to advance the Township’s vision for a TOD center near the Noble Train Station area. By leveraging the existing transportation infrastructure, the plan will improve the safety, connectivity, quality of life, and economic viability of this area of the Township, which partially borders Jenkintown Borough. The “Preferred Vision Plan” includes a 5-story mixed use residential over retail building wrapping a 6-level parking structure, a new tree-lined pedestrian-oriented street connecting Old York Road to the Fairway, a new community park on the Jenkintown side of the railroad tracks along Rodman Avenue (see Figure 12 below), and additional intersection improvements. Jenkintown2035 recommends creating a transit-oriented development that takes advantage of the large Strawbridge & Clothier site's close proximity to the Noble Train Station to provide an increased density of residential development within walking distance of the station with complementary commercial storefronts and structured parking.

Figure 12. Open Space - South Station Park, from Abington Noble Transit-Oriented Development Plan, 2012



Fig. 2.4.39 - South Station Park Plan



Fig. 2.4.40 - Perspective of South Station Park

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- ① Informal Recreation Space
 - ② Playground
 - ③ Benches/Lighting
 - ④ Train Station Drop-off
 - ⑤ Pedestrian Bridge

Township of Abington Master Bicycle Plan, 2015

Abington Township’s recent bicycle master plan proposes bicycle facilities that connect Abington Township neighborhoods with the Jenkintown Borough historic retail core, and other destinations within the Borough such as the Jenkintown-Wyncote Train Station. Jenkintown2035 recommends partnering with Abington Township to implement the bicycle facilities recommended within the Borough as well as evaluating strategies to connect Jenkintown residents with destinations in Abington Township such as the Fairway shopping center, the Acme grocery store, Alverthorpe Park, and the ball fields along Highland Avenue.

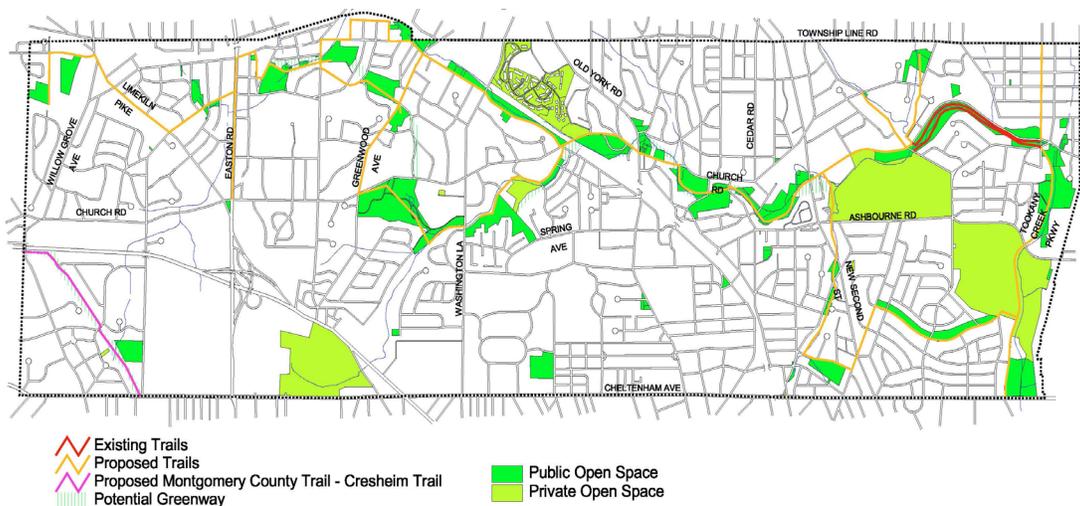
Relationship to Cheltenham Township Plans

Cheltenham Township Comprehensive Plan, 2005

Cheltenham Township’s most recent comprehensive plan was adopted in 2005. This plan includes a recommendation to coordinate with SEPTA to maintain and improve transit service. Jenkintown2035 recognizes the exceptional level of rail service provided at the Jenkintown-Wyncote Train Station (located on the border between Jenkintown Borough and Cheltenham Township) and the positive impacts this has on the Borough’s property values and economy. Jenkintown2035 recommends coordinating with SEPTA staff on regional rail station projects to actively advocate for the continued growth in ridership volumes, service frequency, and amenities at the Borough's train stations, especially the Jenkintown-Wyncote Train Station.

The Cheltenham 2005 comprehensive plan states that “where feasible, the Township could create connections with Philadelphia, Abington, and Jenkintown with trail connections and greenways.” The 2005 comprehensive plan shows a conceptual trail network map for future connections (see Figure 13 below). Specifically, the possibility of expanding the Tookany Creek Parkway westward towards the Wyncote neighborhood of Cheltenham and Jenkintown Borough via community parks and railroad rights-of-way is highlighted. Jenkintown2035 recommends building partnerships with adjacent municipalities to pursue collaborative opportunities to create trail and greenway connections that will improve pedestrian and bicycle access to open space and recreation assets for all area residents.

Figure 13: Cheltenham Township Conceptual Trail Map, from Cheltenham Township Comprehensive Plan, 2005



Relationship to Connections2040

Connections2040 Plan for Greater Philadelphia is the long-range plan for the future growth and development of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) region. This plan includes strategies related to land use, the environment, the economy, and transportation. In this plan, Jenkintown Borough is identified as a town center because it has an integrated mix of high-density residential and commercial land use, a unique history and sense of place, a relatively higher population density, a distinct downtown, and a pedestrian-friendly and transit-oriented character.

The recommendations and strategies including in Jenkintown2035 support many of the principles of DVRPC's long-range plan.

Connections2040 Principle: Create Livable Communities

As a historic town center, Jenkintown prides itself on being a compact, walkable, mixed-use borough where people can live, work, and play. Jenkintown2035 encourages the preservation and continued enhancement of these aspects of the community through historic preservation, traffic calming, and economic revitalization strategies.

Related Jenkintown2035 Theme Elements: 

Connections2040 Principle: Establish a Modern, Multi-Modal Transportation System

The Transportation theme of the Jenkintown2035 plan includes the guiding principle to enhance all of the primary modes by which people travel through the community through the strategic implementation of improvements to encourage the use of alternative transportation modes, such as biking, walking, and using public transportation. Jenkintown2035 supports the enhancement of public transit services through the Borough, transit-oriented development, and the preservation of the Borough's pedestrian-scale and walkability.

Related Jenkintown2035 Theme Elements: 