



## **Community Sustainability Policy**

Warwick Township will strive to be a more sustainable community by committing to preservation of community character, balanced planning, and increased community involvement. The Township will balance its development/housing and economic development goals with the continued preservation of agriculture, as a local industry and way of life, and the protection of water and other natural resources. Within the realm of its policies, plans, and ordinances, Warwick Township will continue to direct land development and re-development to areas that are planned for growth and where such growth can be accommodated by public sewer, water, and roads. This will help to insure that key natural resources such as prime agricultural soils, floodplains, woodlands, and riparian buffers within the township will be better protected.

Within the Township's identified growth areas, Township ordinances will employ innovative provisions, such as the Transferable Development Rights option, and incentives, such as shared parking allowances, to attract mixed use, relatively dense, and walkable development and redevelopment. Trails and sidewalks established with new development will allow Warwick's residents and visitors to be mobile without depending on a car. Steps to retain and enhance the Red Rose Transit Authority's bus service will also help in this regard. The use of solar and wind technologies to warm/cool homes and businesses will continue to be supported through minimal regulatory requirements. Existing partnerships with County government, adjoining municipalities, Warwick School District, non-profits, and others will continue to be utilized, and new ones established, to increase local support, encourage the exchange of ideas and local successes, and improve chances for achieving sustainable practices. Warwick's citizens, whether residents or business owners/operators, will also be actively encouraged and effectively engaged, in the township's process of governing and planning for its future. Their input will also help to shape a collective vision for the future, and help to implement township and regional action items.

Warwick Township will work individually and as part of an established regional effort along its path to greater community sustainability.