
2012-2016

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Elizabeth Township, Lititz Borough, & Warwick Township



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The original Lititz-Warwick Joint Strategic Plan was adopted in December of 1999. The plan update in 2012, also included Elizabeth Township, and now includes all three municipalities in the Warwick School District plus the school district. This report tells you what we have completed as a result of the third phase, between 2012-2016. Going into the fourth phase of the plan, we will look to expand on our overall initiatives and strategies to meet the needs of the community. Our progress is shown throughout this report as well as what objectives may want to be considered for the next five years.

Working cooperatively always allows Elizabeth Township, Lititz Borough, and Warwick Township to better serve their residents. By working together, we can better serve you. The past five years have showcased several joint initiatives by reducing duplication of services, which in turn saves you money while getting more accomplished. Here are several initiatives accomplished during these last five years:

⇒ Elizabeth, Lititz, and Warwick continue to update their websites to be more convenient and allow for easier access to information and forms. Elizabeth Township and Warwick Township have created Facebook pages to assist with the distribution of information and public involvement.

⇒ The Warwick Emergency Services Commission (WESC) hired a full-time Administrator in 2014. The all-volunteer emergency services model is by far the most cost-effective way of providing emergency services to our area. Please support all the hard work your local fire and ambulance providers perform to keep you safe!

⇒ Warwick Township was the first municipality in Pennsylvania to earn Platinum Certification (highest performance level) through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program. The municipality completed the program's rigorous assessment which tracks 131 policies and practices that define a sustainable community.



⇒ The Lititz RecCenter took over operation of the Lititz Springs Pool. The pool feasibility study was started in 2016 and will be completed in 2017.

⇒ Lititz Borough implemented the Junior Council Person program.

⇒ Lititz Borough implemented a rental inspection program.

⇒ Warwick Township has created a Township logo featuring a historic mill. The Township is 287 years old and has a rich history of mills along the Lititz Run. The logo helps to preserve the history and tell a story of the Township.



⇒ Warwick Township is exploring the creation of an Overlay Cluster Development District in the R-1 and R-2 Residential Districts, which will help to conserve wooded land, wetlands, steep slopes, and other natural habitat areas.

LITITZ BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Lititz Borough Police Department, Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department, and State Police Department continue to cooperate with each other in order to operate more efficiently and provide safety to the Lititz region.



- ⇒ Lititz Borough Police Department (LBPD) continues to be accredited through the PA Chiefs of Police. They have passed through two approval cycles since 2011.
- ⇒ LBPD is active with social media and have a very successful Facebook following. They also release all news media info from the “Crimewatch” website profile and have updated their website.
- ⇒ There have been several promotions within the department including a Chief of Police that retired and replaced with another member of the department. Also, two Sergeants were promoted along with an additional Detective position created.
- ⇒ LBPD continues with a community based policing being active in foot patrols and having a very strong police presence during all of our community events. LBPD currently has 14 officers, which includes the Chief, two Patrol Sergeants, one Detective Sergeant, one Detective, and nine patrol officers.
- ⇒ The LBPD hired their first School Resource Officer (SRO), who began working at the Warwick School District in September 2016. The role of the SRO is to provide safety related training, develop school safety plans and procedures, be a police presence in the schools, provide a positive role model, and serve as a catalyst to bring the school and community together.
- ⇒ The LBPD continues to strive to have a well-trained Police Department and we have created several training programs within the department that benefit the officers and the Lititz Community.
- ⇒ The LBPD has great community support from its residents, business owners and Borough Council members. LBPD also has great working relationships with our local Fire Co and EMS provider.



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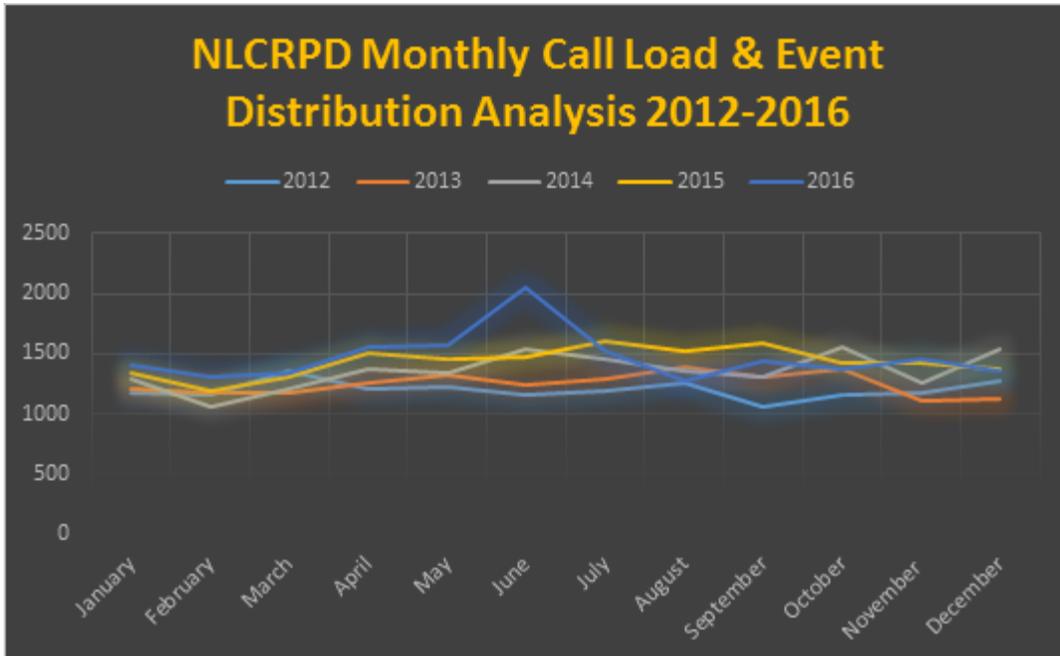
NORTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT



- ⇒ Since January 1, 2012 the Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department (NLCRPD) has served the citizens of Clay, Penn, and Warwick Townships. The agency is housed in a modern facility located at 860 Durlach Road in Clay Township. The department is structured to provide efficient, effective, and sustainable police services delivery to the residents of the NLCRPD jurisdiction.
- ⇒ The NLCRPD is a full service law enforcement agency with a total of 27 full time sworn officers, including two full time criminal investigators and a civilian staff of two Support Services Associates, and one Administrative Assistant. NLCRPD officers are part of several county wide teams including the Auto Theft Task Force, Forensics Team, Crash Team, SERT team and other advisory panels.



NORTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT



- ⇒ The NLCRPD is committed to the community based policing concept, and emphasizes community service and transparency as a foundation of the organization. NLCRPD officers have participated in community outreach programs with schools, scout groups, youth organizations, service organizations and annual National Night Out celebrations.
- ⇒ The NLCRPD utilizes technology to complete its mission with real time remote reporting, in car camera systems, radar sign boards, data collectors, animation of crash scenes, GPS tracking of fleet vehicles, Live Scan and CPIN imagery as a part of the digital arrest booking process. Using this technology, the agency is data driven in assignment of resources to solve problems related to both crime and traffic study and management.
- ⇒ The NLCRPD works closely with the townships' administration and public works to increase effectiveness and decrease duplication of efforts in providing high level public service.



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WARWICK EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION

Established in 2001



The Warwick Emergency Services Commission (WESC) is a formally established regional program by Warwick Township, Lititz Borough and Elizabeth Township to assist and coordinate the efforts of the four local volunteer fire companies (Brickerville, Brunnerville, Lititz and Rothsville) and the three ambulance agencies (Warwick, Rothsville and Northwest EMS in Brickerville). Additional information about WESC can be found at www.warwicktownship.org/wesc.

Led by Administrator Duane Ober, the partners of WESC are focused on sustaining the volunteer fire service in the region, as well as providing around-the-clock emergency medical care. The two biggest concerns in the volunteer fire service relate to funding and staffing. Funding comes from local fund drives and fund raisers, municipal support and grant programs. Financial support from the community has remained fairly consistent throughout the years, however, only 33% of the community donates to support the fire protection that 100% of the community receives.



Rothsville Volunteer Fire Company Engine 24-2

Regionally, only 1 out of 3 homeowners donates to the fund drives of the local fire companies and less than 25% of all businesses contribute financially.

Adequate funding is necessary to pay for daily operating costs for each fire company, pay for capital improvements to the fire stations and to purchase fire apparatus when needed. Fire apparatus is normally replaced after 20-25 years and the current cost for a new fire engine (pumper) is nearly \$500,000. It would cost nearly \$1.3 million to replace the current ladder truck owned by Lititz Fire Company.

Lititz Fire Co. No. 1 Squad 25-1



WARWICK EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION

Equally important to funding, staffing is critical to monitoring a volunteer fire service. Recruitment and retention of the volunteers is a high priority of WESC. It is very important to keep our trained personnel for as long as possible and to continually recruit the next generation of firefighters. Advertising campaigns in the community, as well as personal recruitment of friends and family have proven to be successful, however, there is a need to constantly find ways to encourage residents to serve their community.



The number of volunteer firefighters continue to decline nationwide and locally. On the average, between 8-10 volunteers respond to every fire call with each WESC fire company. In the 1990's, there were over 20 volunteers, and in the 1980's, there were closer to 30.

The four fire companies protect nearly 50 square miles of land and approximately 32,000 residents. Combined, the four fire companies respond to an average of 750 total incidents per year.

Brunnerville Fire Company Engine 22-1



Brickerville Fire Company Engine 21-1



- Warwick, Rothsville, and Northwest EMS ambulance agencies cover 70 square miles and serve approx. 38,000 residents.
- The three ambulance agencies respond to an average of 5,000 total medical calls in the region per year.

Brickerville Fire Company Ambulance terminated its operations in May 2016 and through a cooperative agreement, Northwest EMS is now the primary ambulance service in Elizabeth Township and other nearby areas.



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Elizabeth Township, Lititz Borough, and Warwick Township have all partnered with PennDOT to implement improvements and alternative routes, which in turn enhance drivability and reduce congestion. Following is a list of some of the roadway improvements that have been completed throughout our region since the last Joint Strategic Plan update, and more improvements are on their way.

- ⇒ Various roadways throughout the region had widening, resurfacing, improved sight distance at intersections, new drainage culverts, and significant stormwater drainage improvements completed.
- ⇒ Bridge replacements on Rothsville Road (Warwick Township) and Speedwell Forge Road (Elizabeth Township) have served to prolong the lifespan of the bridges.
- ⇒ Buckwalter Road, Tollgate Road, & W. Millport Road had stormwater improvements, widening, and resurfacing completed.
- ⇒ Lititz Borough continues to improve walkability through upgrades to crosswalks and pedestrian signals, including in-road and over-head lighting. The Borough has deployed 11 “Yield to Pedestrian” signs at select crosswalks.
- ⇒ Lititz Borough installed stop signs at 20 intersections. Predominately, the signs were installed where alleys intersect secondary roads. A 4-way stop sign has also been established on Kissel Hill Road and Second Avenue/S. Oak Street.
- ⇒ Lititz Borough received a Green Light-Go grant to upgrade two traffic signals: N. Broad Street & W. Lincoln Avenue and E. Main Street & Locust Street.
- ⇒ A committee has been created and a consultant has been hired to assist with grant applications for the 6th Street extension concept (west to W. Orange Street and east to Route 772). The 6th Street extension would be used as a connector street, in order to alleviate traffic and improve flow along major road corridors.
- ⇒ The Route 501 paving project, which also includes stormwater improvements, began in 2016, covering the southern end of Warwick Township and the entirety of Lititz Borough. In 2017, the project will continue on the northern end of Warwick Township and conclude at Brubaker Valley Road in Elizabeth Township. A center turn lane will be added on the north end of Warwick Township.
- ⇒ Warwick Township has implemented the re-timing of traffic signals along the Route 501 corridor at the Millport Road, Peters Road, and Owl Hill Road intersections. The re-timing improvement was made possible with the assistance of PennDOT, who installed an In Sync System to enhance the traffic flow and efficiency at each of the traffic signals. The re-timing improvements were also made to signals in Manheim Township and to the municipal line of Lancaster City.

LITITZ PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library e-books became available for people to borrow and download to readers and smartphones in 2011. That year, 703 eBooks were borrowed. 12,475 were borrowed in 2015.

In 2013 the Lititz Public Library inaugurated *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*, an initiative that encourages families to read aloud with their very young children. 213 preschoolers started the challenge during the first year. 92 children have completed the program so far.

Cultural and educational program offerings included everything from concerts to hands-on-learning. In 2014, Makers Faires held in April and November hosted 36 low and high-tech makers. Nearly 400 people of all ages attended.



The Lititz Public Library was recognized for excellence by PA Citizens for Better Libraries with the Best Newsletter of the Year in 2015.

The Lititz Public Library's Homebound Delivery Program offered free delivery and pickup of library books and audio books to residents who are physically unable to visit the library. On average, library staff make 176 visits each year.

Children's story time programs, outreach, special events and the annual Summer Reading Program brought literacy-related

activities and resources to thousands of children every year. In 2015, 10,229 children took part in library programs.

The Friends of the Library's book sales are a major fundraising effort on behalf of the library. In 2015, book sales raised over \$26,000 to support library services.

2016 marks eighty years of library service in Lititz. Three civic organizations joined to start a public library on the second floor of the Amer Hardware building in April 1936. 541 books were placed on shelves crafted by high school boys and 849 books were borrowed the first month the library was open. In 2016, an average of 1,500 items are borrowed every day.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Visit the new website, www.lititzpa.com, to find out about events and updated community information!

Promoting economic development is a key factor in enhancing and diversifying our tax base as well as creating job opportunities. Our plan focuses on maintaining a vibrant downtown, creating community service opportunities, expanding the development of industrial areas and preserving the agricultural economy.

- ⇒ Lititz Borough has partnered with the Lancaster County Housing & Redevelopment Authority and is a member of EDC of Lancaster County. The three organizations are working together to redevelop the Borough's Industrial Corridor.
- ⇒ Lititz Borough & Venture Lititz (Main Street Program) continually updates downtown market studies and business surveys to better focus on ways the borough can retain business, market to new business, and determine the appropriate business mix. By coordinating group advertising, retention outreach, and business planning, Lititz works to keep local businesses thriving.
- ⇒ Warwick Township's Campus Industrial Zone will assist businesses, such as Listrak and Rock Lititz, to bring new jobs into the region. After full build out, Listrak is projecting the creation of 100-300 new jobs and Rock Lititz is projecting the creation of 400-600 new jobs.
- ⇒ Properties located in the Campus Industrial Zone & R-3 Residential Zone are required to purchase Transferable Development Rights (TDR), which will assist with preserving farms in the Township.
- ⇒ The Lititz Regional Community Development Corporation (LRCDC) continues to grow and expand its brand and goals to ensure continued viability. The organization works to recruit and retain businesses, and encourages major industry to our region, which means more jobs and more investment in the local economy.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

VENTURE LITITZ & DOWNTOWN:

- ⇒ Lititz Farmers Market, a seasonal open-air market featuring 22 vendors annually. The market also acts as a business incubator. Several of the market vendors are now distributing their food products in our local grocers, have featured catering businesses and three have brick and mortar locations in our downtown.
- ⇒ Venture Lititz has approved 39 grants equaling \$100,000 to property and business owners for their façades improvements including two major projects, Bull's Head Public House and the Parkview Inn. A “downlight ambient lighting” program fulfilled one of the initiatives of the Responsible Hospitality Program was also included in the façade program.
- ⇒ Venture Lititz has acquired over \$497,000 in grants for the community.
- ⇒ Venture Lititz assisted to develop the Lititz Area Business Alliance (LABA), a group of businesses, which meet to promote and improve the business environment, stimulate a vibrant local economy and produce a cooperative effort to enhance the overall quality of life and create the best community in which to live, work and do business.
- ⇒ Venture Lititz assisted to develop the regional service organization, Lititz Cares, an organization that is concerned with volunteerism, assisting and connecting organizations to help better our community by addressing social issues.
- ⇒ Venture Lititz created and developed community events: the monthly event, Second Fridays & “A Taste of Lititz”, an annual community festival showcasing the region’s arts, food and entertainment and the Lititz Farmers Market.
- ⇒ Venture Lititz, has been accredited by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for nine years in a row.
- ⇒ Unfortunately, early in 2017, Venture Lititz suffered the loss of its Executive Director, Kelly Withum, due to a lack of sustainable funding for her position.

The Downtown Lititz Farmers Market began its 10th year in 2017 of bringing fresh, locally grown food to the community!

Second Friday is the highlight of each month, where the downtown comes alive with food, music, culture and shopping!

TOURISM:

- ⇒ Continue to seek unique ways of marketing Lititz and the region, which is also known as: “America’s Coolest Small Town” (Budget Travel 2013), “The Best Place to take Out-of-Towners” (Lancaster County Magazine 2013), named one of “America’s Favorite Towns” (Travel and Leisure magazine 2014) and “Small Towns You Must Visit in USA” (MSN in 2015 & 2017). Such designations create marketing and advertising opportunities.
- ⇒ Venture Lititz won the Pennsylvania Downtown Center’s Townie Award for Promotion Marketing (2014) and Image and Identity (2016).



WATER RESOURCE AND WATERSHED PROTECTION

Watersheds are a vital resource and need to be protected. In this region, it is a top priority and we work hard to see progress being made on the protection of our water resources. Elizabeth Township, Lititz Borough, Warwick Township, and the Lititz Run Watershed Alliance (LRWA) continue to work closely together in order to make significant strides in improving the Lititz Run watershed in all areas including the agricultural, industrial and residential sections. Some of the projects completed include:

- ⇒ The three municipalities have held various tree planting events within riparian buffer areas.
- ⇒ Elizabeth Township, Lititz Borough, and Warwick Township adopted new Stormwater (2014) and Floodplain (2015) Ordinances.
- ⇒ Lititz Borough and Warwick Township were part of the Lancaster County Municipal Stormwater Financing Initiative study, which included six municipalities.
- ⇒ The Warwick Township Municipal Authority (WTMA) created a second well for the Rothsville water system.
- ⇒ Lititz Borough completed streambank restorations at the New Street Park and also on the east side of Oak Street.
- ⇒ Warwick Township received a grant to re-establish the Santo Domingo Water Quality Facility in the Linear Park. The project included sediment removal, grading, seeding, and new pipes. The project will be completed, after plugs and trees are planted in the spring of 2017.
- ⇒ Lititz Borough received a grant for streambank restoration work on the west side of Oak Street, which is scheduled to start in 2017.

In 2015, Rock Lititz in Warwick Township developed a 22 acre floodplain area to be used for their on-site stormwater runoff requirements. The project has provided the following benefits: groundwater recharge area, soil enhancement, improved nutrient infiltration, groundwater filtration, improved water quality, reduction of stormwater runoff, and prevention of downstream flooding. All of the benefits will in turn allow native plants to thrive and reduce short and long term maintenance because the area is naturally able to revitalize itself.



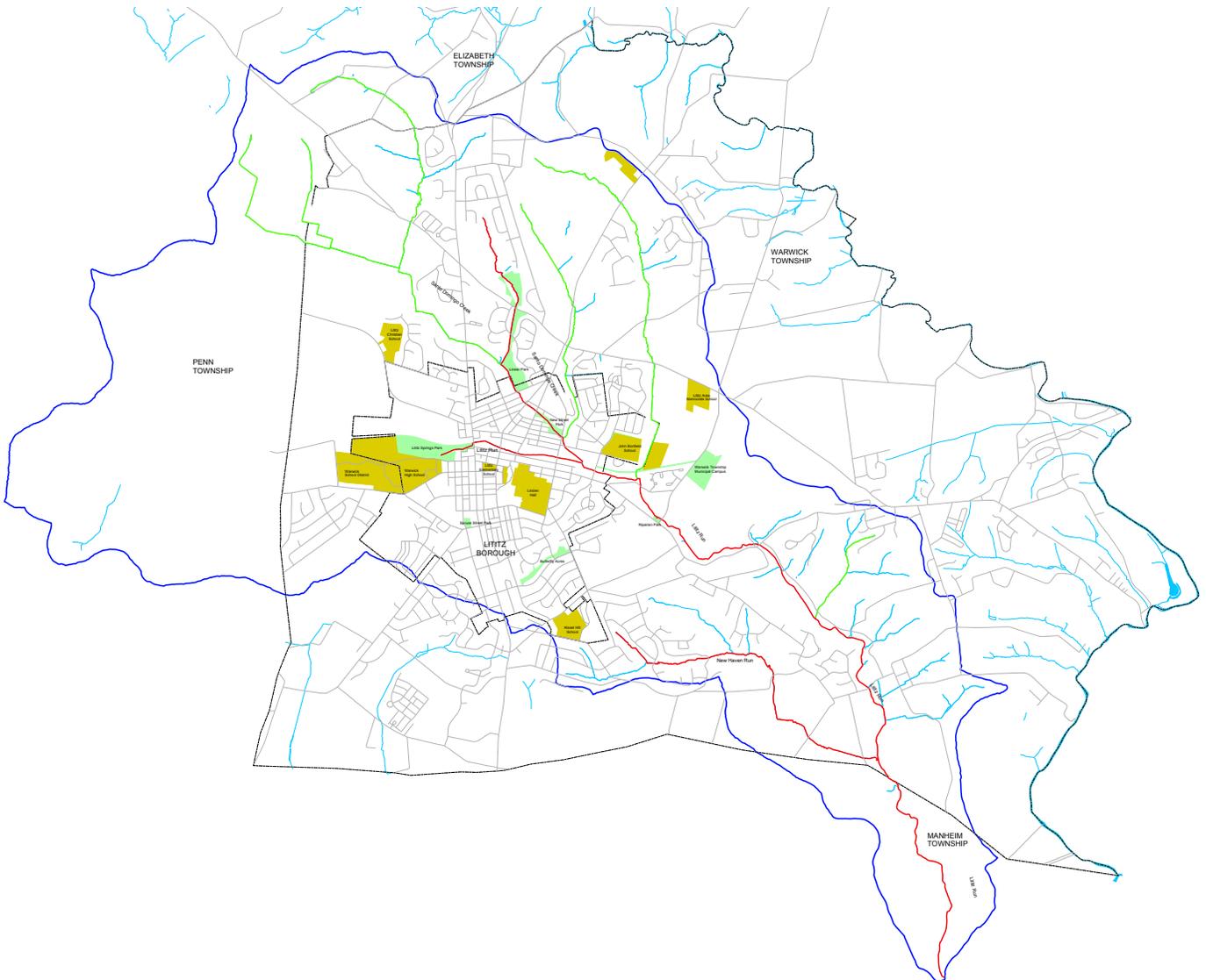
Since 1998, over 6,500 students from schools in the Warwick region have participated in LRWA Watershed Day, giving students a chance for hands-on education about their water and environmental resources.

Pictured on the left are volunteers (Boy Scouts) for the annual Stream Clean-up Day, hosted by the LRWA, to help clean-up our waterways!

LITITZ RUN WATERSHED

Legend

- Impaired Streams
- Streams that Meet Attainment
- Municipal Boundaries
- Streams
- Roads
- Lititz Run Watershed
- Schools
- Parks



RECREATION AND QUALITY OF LIFE

For more information go to:
warwickrecreation.org and lititzrec.com



A well-rounded public recreation system can provide for the region in countless ways. Government entities working together with the private recreation sector, civic organizations, and non-profits provides the best level of service and facilities desired by the citizens of the region. The quality of life benefits that are provided by these services and facilities is hard to quantify. The trails, greenways, ball fields, open space, parks, facilities, and community events have made the Lititz region a great place to live in Lancaster County.

The Warwick Regional Recreation Commission (WRRC) was formed in 2006 and is comprised of Warwick Township, Lititz Borough, Elizabeth Township, the Warwick School District and the Lititz RecCenter. The mission is to provide information, knowledge, and enhancement of park and recreation opportunities for residents of the Warwick School District.

A few of the projects made possible through the WRRC include:

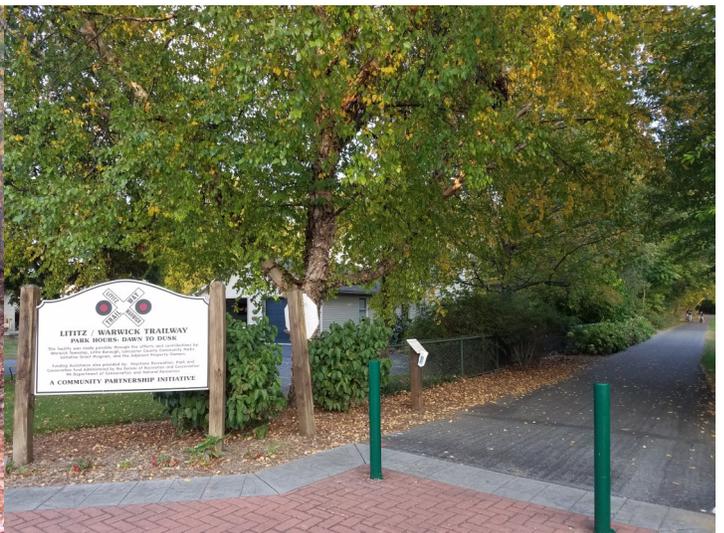
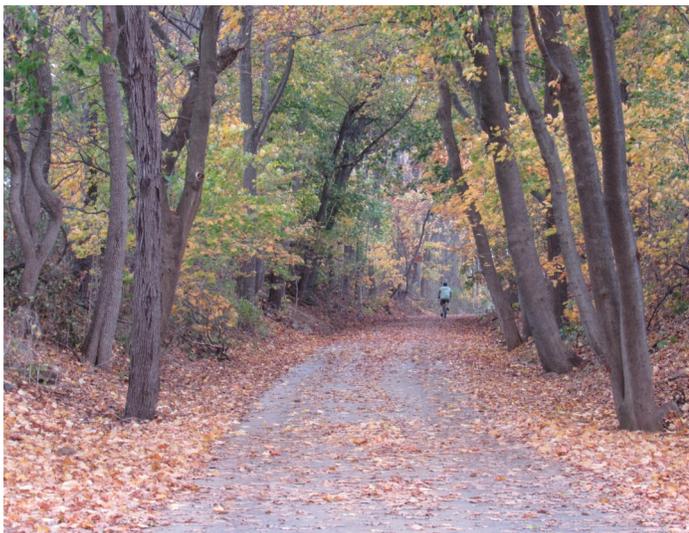
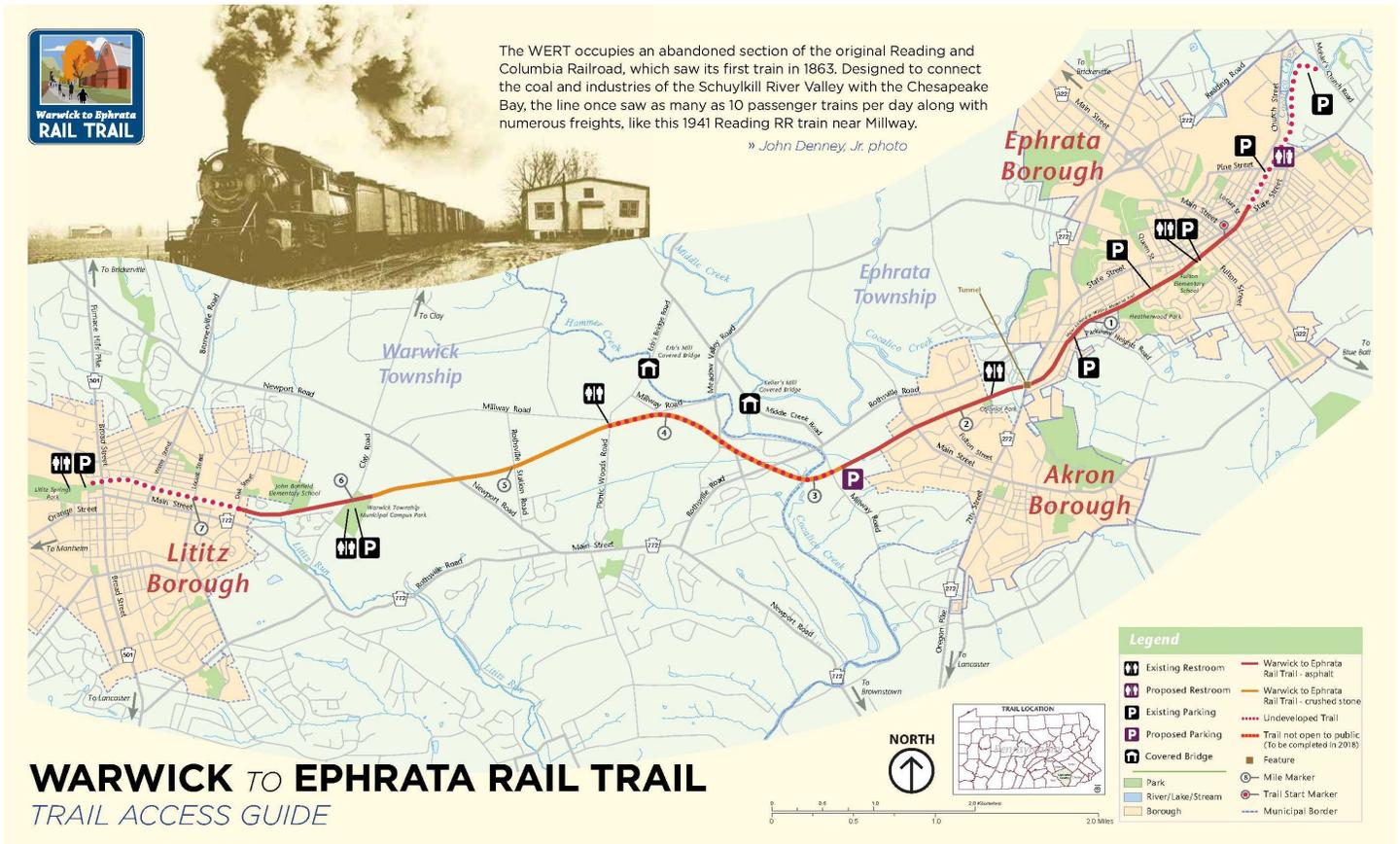
- ⇒ Lititz Borough: New Street Park added new playground equipment, signage, and a trail.
- ⇒ Lititz Borough: Spruce Street Park added new playground equipment, signage, and a pavilion.
- ⇒ Warwick Township: Municipal Campus Park added new playground equipment and signage.
- ⇒ Warwick Township: Lions Park added a new basketball court, two pickleball courts, and signage.
- ⇒ The Lititz Springs Pool feasibility study was started in 2016 and will be completed in 2017.
- ⇒ Elizabeth Township: The Community Park was built on a 21 acre tract of land and includes: two baseball fields, two soccer fields, one open space field, Gaga pit, playground equipment, and a pavilion which can be rented.
- ⇒ The WRRC conducts annual inspections on all municipal playground equipment.



The Lititz RecCenter has expanded its recreational opportunities. In 2014, they also expanded their facility to 100,000 square feet. A new gymnasium was added that offers one basketball court, one volleyball court and four pickleball courts. The fitness center was expanded with about 70 new pieces of cardio equipment as well as space for functional training. Three larger fitness studios, an added funZone for kids ages 5-12 and an expanded babysitting area were also added. The Lititz RecCenter continues to add more programs and events for the whole community. Programs are offered year-round for youth, adult, family and active older adults.

WARWICK TO EPHRATA RAIL TRAIL

Warwick Township has completed three sections of the Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail. The trail will span over 7 miles, from Oak Street (Lititz) to Main Street (Ephrata). The trail is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2018.



LAND PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

From 2012-2016, the Lititz region experienced higher growth than in the 2006-2011 period. The commercial and industrial development has been very successful within the Campus Industrial Zoning District, which requires the purchase of transferable development rights (TDRs) within Warwick Township. To preserve farmland, the TDR program permanently transfers densities and development from prime agricultural land to the Campus Industrial Zone and R-3 Residential Zone. Through revenues generated from TDRs, Warwick Township partners with the Lancaster County Agriculture Preserve Board and Lancaster Farmland Trust to assist with the preservation of farms. Our agricultural preservation efforts yielded outstanding results once again. There are 2,913 total acres of preserved farms in Warwick Township and approximately 50% of the preserved farm acreage is directly from Warwick Township's TDR program. The TDR program has assisted with the preservation of 25 farms, totaling 1,469 acres. Warwick Township has the one of the most successful TDR program in Pennsylvania, in terms of having bought and sold the most TDRs. In 2012, Warwick Township established a third area of the Campus Industrial Zoning District, which is located in the northern section of the Township. The TDR program is an example of how it is possible to have balanced growth between the creation of community services, job opportunities, environmental enhancements, and the preservation of farmland.



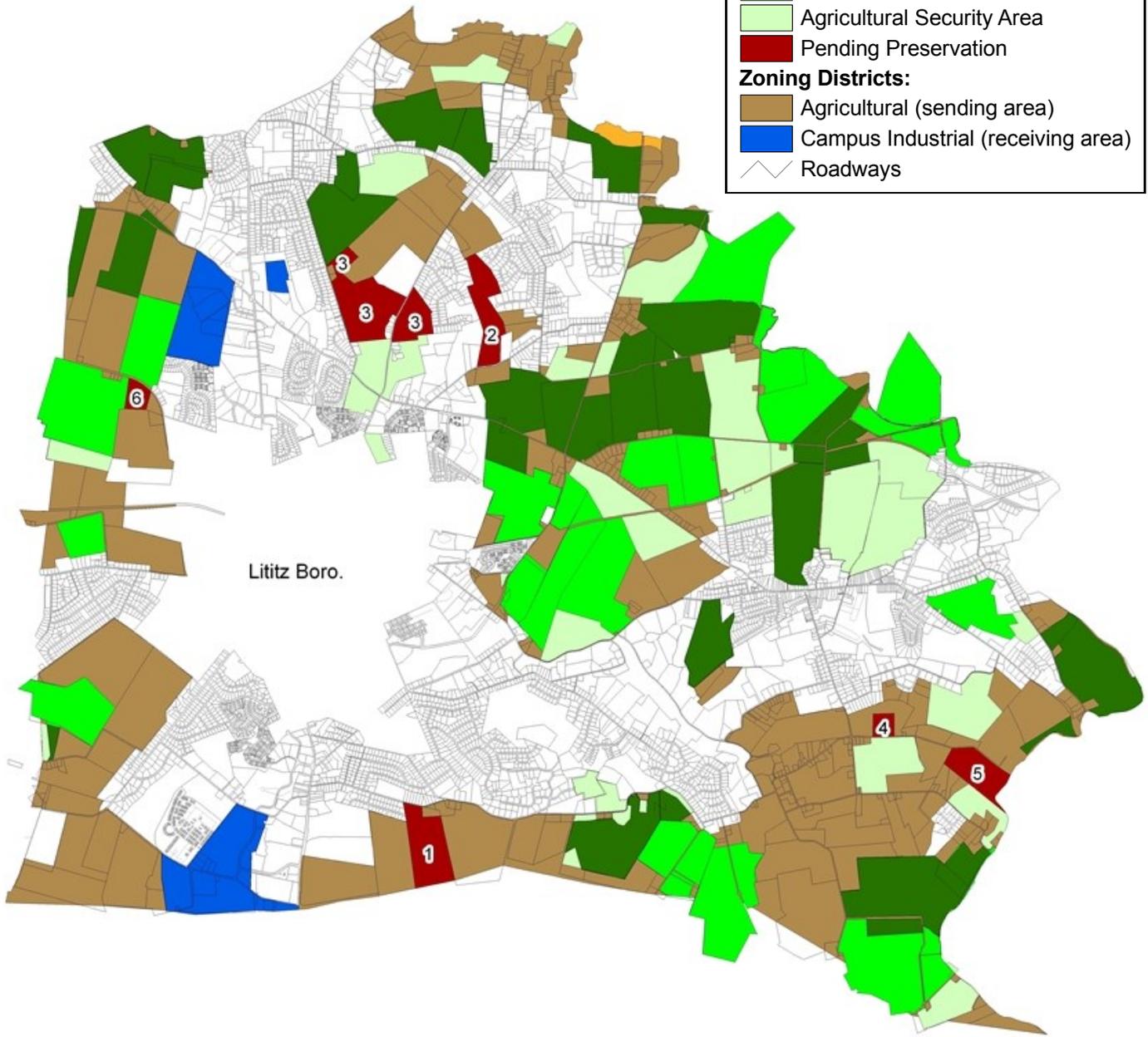
AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AND FARM PRESERVATION

Legend

- Municipal Bounds
- Warwick Twp.
- TDR Preserved Farms
- TDR Conservation Easement
- Preserved Farms
- Agricultural Security Area
- Pending Preservation

Zoning Districts:

- Agricultural (sending area)
- Campus Industrial (receiving area)
- Roadways



*** 2,913 TOTAL ACRES PRESERVED
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THROUGH THE TDR PROGRAM**

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