



Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Summary

October 1, 2009

Columbia Township Maintenance and Administration Building 6:00 pm

Jurisdiction: Columbia Township

Attendance:

Columbia Twp. Committee

Michael Lemon, Township Administrator (Not Present)

Susan Olson

Les Hemingway

Barbara Talbot

Facilitators:

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

John Cox, *ENTRAN*

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

Meeting Summary

Intent of the Meeting:

To review and update the committee on work completed on the Eastern Corridor Land Use Visioning Plan 2002 and Green Infrastructure Plan 2005. To identify Columbia Township action items completed since then, and to update/revise action items for continuing next phases of the project.

Gary Meisner presented a PowerPoint reviewing the Green Infrastructure and Land Use Visioning Plans for the Eastern Corridor Projects. Group discussion reviewed action items, completed tasks, and current issues needing attention in regard to future land use planning and development. Due to time constraints, the committee preferred to continue detailed discussion concerning Action Items at the next meeting. Below are a few general comments captured during the meeting.

Context Issues / General Comments:

Need to identify funding sources and ways to coordinate implementation with neighboring jurisdictions, Metro Parks and individual property owners to be effective in achieving goals and action agenda items.

Issues:

- More focus on potential office and hotel development
- Ridge/Highland District reserve for office, hotel, and retail development.
- Local access and implementation of alternative transportation, service roads, loop roads.
- Importance of safe pedestrian walks and bike routes in neighborhood business districts.