



## Chester County Comprehensive Plan Update Preservation Issues Facing Chester County

### **Top 5 Issues**

- Limited/lack of funds for preservation and stewardship.
- Need for education on preservation benefits and tools.
- Need to balance preservation and growth.
- Need to plan and preserve based on a landscape ecology approach.
- Continued impairment of water quality.

### **All Identified Issues**

- Limited funds for open space and natural resource protection.
- Need for education on historic preservation as a municipal planning tool.
- Need to appropriately balance long-term preservation goals and population growth.
- Inefficiency of planning and preserving within political boundaries rather than based on natural systems in a landscape ecology approach.
- Need to educate municipal officials, volunteers, and staff on the benefits of preservation.
- Need to balance preservation and grey infrastructure (roadways, water, sewer) expansion and/or maintenance.
- Continued impairment of water quality.
- Lack of funds for land management, monitoring, and legal defense after land and/or resources are preserved or protected.
- Need to clarify and delineate the relationship between preservation and economic impact in Chester County/southeast Pennsylvania.
- Need to retain and maintain Chester County's position as one of the founding counties in the country to preserve American history through the natural and built environments.
- Need to effectively delineate the interrelationships of open space, natural resources, and historic resources.
- Lack of funds for historic preservation.
- Need to enable land stewardship that maintains or restores the natural functions of protected open space.
- Need to identify the character defining features of Chester County that should be preserved.
- Need for education on the diversity of open space benefits.
- Need for education on the holistic benefits of green infrastructure.
- Funding impediments to holistic preservation projects (such as programs with narrow funding parameters or limited flexibility).
- Limited technical assistance on preservation issues.