



## IMAGINE

*\*Imagine a community with individuals walking on their daily errands, children walking to school, and families biking to parks and other recreational areas.*

*\*Imagine a community where walkers, joggers, and bikers have easy access to safe routes, paths and trails - where recreation "starts" at your front door.*

*\*Imagine a day when our townships and borough serve as a model of a healthy place to live and work and go to school. The Montgomery Peters Mercersburg Connectivity (MPMC) project is working to make that day a reality.*

### Steering Committee Members

- Chris Ardinger - Tuscarora School District
- Rodney Benedick - JBHS Principal
- Rick Burkett - JBHS Assistant Principal
- John Burnette - Mercersburg Academy
- Judy Chambers - Penn State Extension
- Patsy Cordell - DL Martin
- Rebecca Erb - Tuscarora School District Supt
- Danielle Fox - Melaleuca: The Wellness Company
- Chris Frisby - St James Academy
- Elizabeth George M.D. - MACWell president
- Carrie Jenkins - Fkn. Cty Dir. of Grants Mgmt
- Cheri Pedersen - Freelance Journalist
- Laura Puckett - Exchange Student Coordinator
- Becky Wolf - Montgomery Twp representative
- Tom Wolf - Montgomery Twp representative
- Kathy Wood - Peters Twp representative
- Jim Zeger - Mayor of Mercersburg

# MPMC

## Montgomery Peters Mercersburg Connectivity Project Update

In January 2010 community leaders representing local governments, schools, banks, businesses, and churches met with MACWell (Mercersburg Area Council for Wellness) to create a vision - a vision centering on walkways and trails that could stitch the community together, and provide opportunities for fitness and recreation. Ideas led to action, beginning with the creation of the MPMC Steering Committee, whose accomplishments over the past year include:

- ◆Gathering community input via maps and questionnaires on desirable walking and biking routes throughout Mercersburg, and Peters and Montgomery townships.

- ◆Creating a map of favorite bike loops to identify areas in need of signage, bike lanes, and road maintenance for safe pedestrian travel.

- ◆Creating an MPMC website [mpmcproject.weebly.com](http://mpmcproject.weebly.com) and Facebook page: MPMC Montgomery Peters Mercersburg

- ◆Investigating grants and other sources of funding to turn the vision into a reality.

- ◆Becoming familiar with local comprehensive planning, as well as federal and state walking and biking legislation.

- ◆Meeting with state, county, and local officials, including representatives from PennDOT and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, to discuss safe walking, cycling and jogging routes between local towns and points of interest such as parks, recreational and scenic areas, and schools.

- ◆Bringing together landscape and greenway architects with community leaders and citizens to envision connectivity in our area and study similar projects in other communities.

**"One of the goals of Franklin County's Greenways & Open Spaces plan is to better connect our citizens to recreational assets in our respective communities. MPMC's connectivity project is exactly the type of initiative that will make the Greenways Plan a reality." Dave Keller Franklin County Commissioner**

What's next? MPMC is currently seeking proposals from architectural and engineering firms for a detailed feasibility study of how to make our area a safe and appealing option for non-motorized traffic. The study will, among other objectives, inventory existing environmental conditions and historic and scenic resources, map alternative trail alignments and configurations, and estimate initial costs of the project.

~With your help, we can create an environment that not only enhances our ability to enjoy the scenic and historic beauty that surrounds us, but also contributes to the health and well being of our children and ourselves. Get involved. Give us your ideas. Volunteer your talents. Let's get the word out that we are a community committed to living well.

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