



Walkability/Bikeability Community Workshop

January 24th 6PM

JBHS Library

For Public Comment on Trail and Route Options

Working with Campbell Thomas & Company, MPMC is conducting a year-long feasibility study to efficiently work toward our goal of providing safer biking and walking routes and trails in our communities.

Why is This Study So Important?

Walkable, bikeable communities experience health, economic and environmental benefits. Mercersburg's historic alleyways already comprise part of a visually rich walking system. Our country roads offer scenic routes for biking and walking to most destinations in our area. How do we connect these routes and make them safe and inviting for non-motorized travel? Our feasibility study by qualified experts with input from involved citizens will create a plan for achieving this that will have an impact on our community for generations.

What Happened at the October Community Workshop?

Using maps and aerial views community members answered these questions:

- What are your destinations? What commercial and retail businesses, restaurants, churches, schools, parks, etc. do you want to get to?
- How do you want to go -- on foot, bicycle, or horse?
- What obstacles do you face? Are there difficult crossings, sidewalks which end suddenly, or unsafe roads that make non-motorized travel challenging?

What has the Feasibility Study Group Accomplished To Date?

- Used input from the October workshop to guide data collection.
- Explored our countryside to find existing trails and potential routes.
- Looked at old maps from the days when trains crossed our valley.
- Examined aerial views that show possible trail locations.
- Biked and hiked along trails and waterways.
- Reviewed old road rights-of ways, stream corridors, utility corridors, and so-called "quiet country roads".
- Developed options showing how our "destinations" could be linked with attractive, safe routes for walking and bicycling.