



Montgomery Peters Mercersburg Connectivity



MPMC, working with Campbell Thomas & Company, will conduct a year long feasibility study in order to efficiently work toward our goal of providing safer biking and walking trails in our communities.

### What is a Feasibility Study?

- **Affordable planning** supported by a group of individuals, businesses, and communities
- **Planning with input from the local community** via open community workshops, and educational programs for all ages.
- **Knowledgeable planning** by a highly qualified team with experience in a variety of settings from rural to towns to cities
- **Planning focused on local community and government concerns and ideas**

### What are the Community, Health, and Economic Benefits?

- Planning can **improve the safety** of our roads where people already are biking, running, and walking; and **preserve our rural roads** from becoming thoroughfares.
- Walkability/bikeability **attracts responsible homeowners** who want to protect the safety and vitality of their community.
- The study will **safely connect** communities, schools, sports facilities, parks, and historic sites with safe pedestrian walks, routes, paths, and trails.
- Walkable/bikeable communities **attract visitors who benefit the community** by shopping at local stores, eating at local restaurants, and staying local bed and breakfasts - all businesses that **value and preserve a rural community**.
- Walking and biking to local destinations helps keep **people connected and communities healthy and vibrant**.
- Even low to moderate exercise - walking/biking - can **reduce risk of coronary disease, diabetes, stroke and other chronic diseases**.
- Healthy, active families in a community keep children involved and helps **reduce boredom and criminal mischief**.

#### Since our update in January, the MPMC steering committee has:

- Met with community members, and local, county, and state officials gaining support for the MPMC project
- Attended county and state trail summits to learn about comprehensive planning as well as federal, state, and county walking and biking legislation
- Evaluated landscape architectural firms whose vision mirrors the MPMC goals and mission "to build community vibrancy and enhance public spaces by connecting people and places with safe routes for pedestrians and bikers".
- Raised the funds necessary to hire Campbell, Thomas & Company to conduct the year long feasibility study
- Held the Inaugural MPMC Strawberry Fest 5 mile event

#### Our goals for this year:

- Conduct the year long feasibility study - including community workshops
- Continue to participate in county and state summits
- Participate in community events to share our progress

#### GET INVOLVED!

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 Visit our website: [www.mpmcproject.org](http://www.mpmcproject.org)  
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#### Upcoming Events

**August 17** - Tuscarora Chamber Lunch  
 12 - 1 @ Cove Valley Camp  
 RSVP - 328-5827/[mgordon@tachamber.org](mailto:mgordon@tachamber.org)  
**September 2** - First Friday

**October 4 - Community Workshop JBHS Library 6 pm**