



Borough of Perkasie



October 24, 2012

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Perkasie Comprehensive Plan



What is the purpose of the meeting?

Examine key issues affecting Perkasie that may help solidify a shared vision for its future. This vision will be the foundation for strategies and action in the borough's comprehensive plan update.

- ❑ Overview of planning process
- ❑ Public opinion session
- ❑ What's next?

Overview of Planning Process



What is a comprehensive plan?

A policy document that outlines a shared vision for a community's future and provides strategies and action steps for achieving that vision.

Overview of Planning Process



Overview of Planning Process



- Where is the borough today?
- What are the trends for the future?
- Where does the borough want to be?
- How do we achieve our goals?

What Makes Perkasie Special?



- ❑ Existing Varied Housing
- ❑ Life-Long Community
- ❑ Extensive Community Parks
- ❑ Established Downtown
- ❑ Business-Friendly
- ❑ Proximity to Community College and High School
- ❑ Potential Return of Rail Service



Your Success Stories



- Drive and Spirit to Revitalize After the Fire
- Commitment of Economic Groups
- Regional and Community Recreation System
- Forward Thinking



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Status of Visioning Process

- Initial Kickoff Meeting (August) - Brainstorm session conducted asking participants:
 - *Strengths/Opportunities*
 - *Weakness/Challenges*
 - *Perkasie 2032*

- Workshop (September) - Review of previous responses resulted in 3 primary key issues:
 - *Community Collaboration & Character*
 - *Economic Development & Revitalization*
 - *Recreation & Connections*

Public Opinion Session

What do you think?

- ❑ Provide your opinions and input by:
 - *Place stickers in appropriate boxes*
 - *Filling out the worksheets*
 - *Insert push pins in Borough maps*
- ❑ 3 Key Issues are highlighted in separate stations
- ❑ 4th Station includes Borough Map: Favorite and Least Favorite Places
- ❑ Complete display boards & handouts at each station. Ask questions of facilitators if necessary



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Meeting Packet Contents

- ❑ Handouts
 - Complete all four sheets. No need to identify yourself or business
 - Keep sheets stapled together so we can tabulate results by categories
- ❑ Push Pins (black/red)
 - Use for Borough Maps only
- ❑ Stickers
 - Use for Key Issue Display Boards only

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Display Board Example

RECREATION AND CONNECTIONS IN PERKASIE

What are your favorite recreational activities and facilities in Perkasio?

(Use a maximum of 5 dots per person)



Aquatic Center



Carousel



**Bike/
Pedestrian Path**



Skate Park



Dog Park



Playgrounds



**Community
Garden**



**Picnic
Facilities**



Ballfields
(baseball, softball)



Court Games
(basketball, tennis,
volleyball)



Community Events
(community day, car show,
tree lighting, etc.)



Fishing



Library



Other

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Worksheets - Highlighted Examples

1. Which **BEST** describes your vision for Perkasio's future community character?
(Select only one):

(Lower)
Level of New Development
(Higher)

- Status Quo**—maintain current character
- Small Town Character**—limit the amount of additional retail and residential uses to appropriate locations to serve primarily Perkasio and Pennridge area residents
- Mixed-Use Walkable Community**—promote an increase in the mix of residential and retail uses in appropriate areas within walking distance of the downtown to primarily serve Perkasio and Pennridge area residents
- 'Play and Shop' Destination**—capitalize on the Borough's present regional park and recreational resources while expanding retail/entertainment establishments in appropriate locations to better serve these patrons (primarily Perkasio and Pennridge area residents)
- Retail Destination**—expand retail uses and establishments (e.g., entertainment uses including galleries, theaters, art/dance studios, museums) in appropriate locations order to attract patrons living in Perkasio, the Pennridge area, and beyond
- Other** (Please specify) _____

What's Next?



Upcoming Activities & Events

- ❑ Mail out resident & business surveys (November)
- ❑ Reconnaissance survey- van or walking tour (November)
- ❑ Interview community leaders (November - December)
- ❑ Comprehensive plan meetings (monthly, public is welcomed)
- ❑ Plan completion in about 12 months

Questions & Answers



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