

places2040 Implementation Workshops

Fall 2021 Series: Creating Great Places

Placemaking Focus Areas (South Planning Area)

- **Enola Low Grade Trail Connection, Quarryville Borough**
 - Why – Leadership in Quarryville Borough recognizes the potential benefits of creating new trail access points along the Enola Low Grade Trail and improving connections to the Borough. Benefits include improved quality of life and recreational opportunities for borough residents and visitors, and economic stimulus to its businesses.
 - Solution – This project is already identified on the Borough’s Official Map and includes a proposed access point and connector path to Church Street. The Official Map also shows sidewalk improvements along Church Street which extend to State Street and local businesses. Streetscape improvements such as street trees, ornamental lighting, and other site amenities would further enhance this corridor for pedestrian and bicycle use. Long term opportunities could possibly include the adaptive reuse of buildings in the area for businesses that could serve trail users.
 - Best Practices – Northeast River Trail (Columbia, Marietta, and Bainbridge).

- **Village of Georgetown, Bart Township**
 - Why – While the crossroads community of Georgetown doesn’t have a clear community center or public space, it does have several nodes of activity that could be enhanced to create a greater sense of place and community character.
 - Solution – The Bart Township Fire Company (Station #51) is already a natural gathering place in the community, and in combination with the Hometown Kitchen Restaurant, Fisher’s Houseware & Fabrics, and other businesses in the vicinity, this makes an ideal place to implement placemaking. Furnace Road currently has no sidewalks, street trees, or landscaping which could help to define the road edge, making it safer and more attractive. Once implemented here, this could eventually be extended throughout the community and provide improved connections to the bank, Bull Frog Inn, and the Village of Georgetown development.
 - Best Practices – Neffsville Streetscape Improvements

- **Historic District Connections, Christiana Borough**
 - Why – Christiana Borough is rich in history and has several significant historical sites that attract visitors, but the attractions are poorly linked together.
 - Solution – Link the Christiana Underground Railroad Center at historic Zercher’s Hotel, with the proposed Christiana Hotel (guest rooms and a restaurant), the Moores Memorial Library, the former railroad passenger station, and the Railroad Freight

Analysis: Topic 2 – Placemaking

Station (home to the Lancaster Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society). Sidewalks and crosswalks with historic pavers, ornamental lighting, and a wayfinding system could be installed to help guide visitors to the various sites in the borough, making this a more cohesive visitor experience. This could help attract more visitors and encourage them to stay in the borough longer.

- Best Practices – Boston’s Freedom Trail, and the Delaware & Lehigh Heritage Corridor Wayfinding system.