

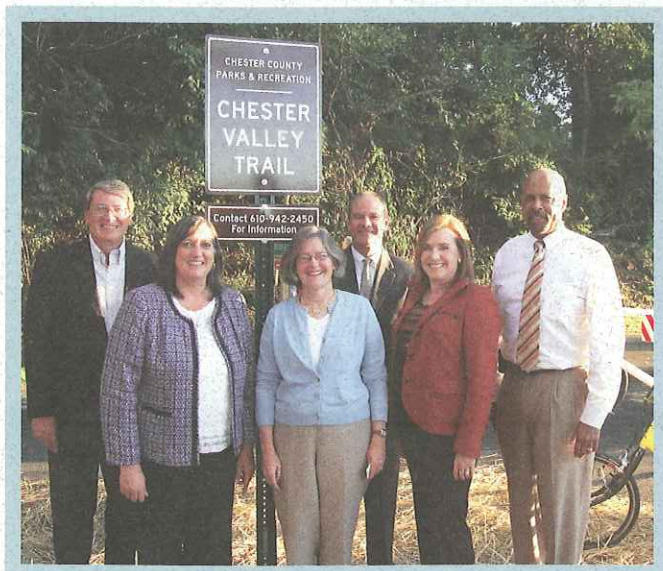
In Step With EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP

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FALL 2010



Chester Valley Trail Opens



Pictured left to right: Supervisor John Mott, Commissioner Kathi Cozzone, Commissioner Carol Aichele, Supervisor Bill Holmes, Supervisor Ginny McMichael, and Commissioner Terence Ferrell.

Phase I of the long anticipated Chester Valley Trail was officially opened by the Chester County Commissioners on September 21st.

With a crowd of over 100 in attendance, the ribbon cutting took place at the East Whiteland Township Building. Phase I of the trail is just over four miles long and runs from Church Farm School in Exton to Route 29 at the new Wegmans and Target retail sites in the Uptown Worthington development. When completed, the trail will connect to dozens of corporate park buildings in the Great Valley corridor, from Downingtown to King of Prussia. It will also be a way to reach schools, libraries and shops, along with three East Whiteland Parks and the playing field across from the K.D. Markley Elementary School.

Also, the trail crosses Rt.29, Rt. 401, Mill Lane, Phoenixville Pike, and Bacton Hill Rd. There are stop signs at each crossing and a flashing light at the Rt.401 crossing. Please familiarize yourself with these crossings. Parents please acclimate your children to these traffic patterns – especially when riding bicycles.

The Trail is open year-round but it closes at dusk as with all parks in the Township.

Residents can access the trail from the Township Building parking lot. There is an emergency "911" phone in the Township Building vestibule if needed. If you leave valuables in your car, make sure they are not visible, but are out of sight. Two

neighborhoods, Malin Station and Downeast, which are adjacent to the trail have direct access from those communities. The Downeast access was built by Chris Gorman as his Eagle Scout project. The Township Supervisors are planning to develop additional access locations such as Battle of the Clouds Park, Bryn Erin and Chester Valley Knoll during 2011.

The cost to the county was \$4.5 million for 2.03 miles, which included two replacement culverts and a new bridge at Church Road. As part of their Land development commitment to the community, two miles of the trail were built and paid for by Whiteland Village Associates, who are building a Continuing Care Retirement Community in the western end of East Whiteland.

Please see the map of the Chester Valley Trail on the back cover.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS:
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

www.eastwhiteland.org
Email: info@eastwhiteland.org

PHONE NUMBERS:

Administration - (610) 648-0600
Police (non-emergency) - (610) 647-2100

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Bill Holmes, *Chairman* - 315 Sidley Road
(610) 640-1533
Virginia McMichael - 200 Lapp Road
(610) 993-8725
John Mott - 276 Swedesford Road
(610) 644-8961

TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are held at the Township Building, 209 Conestoga Road, unless otherwise indicated.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2nd Tuesday of the month - 7:30 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

1st Thursday of the month - 7 p.m.

SUPERVISORS MEETING

2nd Wednesday of the month
Public Work Session - 6 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

3rd Wednesday of the month - 7 p.m.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

4th Monday of the month - 7:15 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

4th Wednesday of the month
Public Work Session - 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

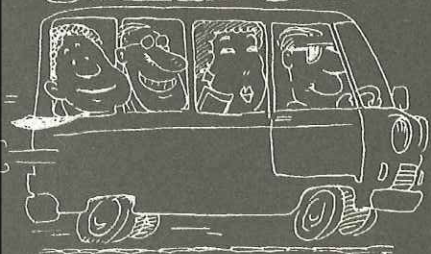
Chester County Ride Share Program

East Whiteland Township residents age 65 or older are eligible to participate in the Aging Shared Ride program operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Chester County Department of Aging Services. For a cost of \$0.75 each way, seniors can use the service for essential rides including:

- Visits to the doctor or other medical appointments
- Visits to family members who are residents in nursing facilities
- Visits to the Social Security office
- Visits to the Chester County Department of Aging, located in the Government Services Center on Westtown Road
- Attendance at adult day centers
- Attendance at area senior centers
- Visits to the grocery store

All rides must be scheduled in advance and you must be registered with the Aging Shared Ride Program to participate. Call the Rover program at 877-873-8415 to register. You never know when you may need to use the service to get somewhere and you'll save time by being registered in advance.

CARPPOOL!



AME Ebenezer Church Clean-Up

As part of his Eagle Scout service project, Matthew Nehring of Malvern Troop 7 organized in May a significant clean-up of the overgrown Bacton Hill AME cemetery grounds on Bacton Hill Road. Fellow troop members, parents and neighbors also helped with the project.

It was another Eagle Scout Daniel Baker who, in 1989, inventoried 80 headstones in the cemetery and documented the legible names, dates, and epitaphs. There are roughly 23 visible graves in the cemetery currently.

The cemetery is one of East Whiteland's most valuable historic resources as it contains the graves of two Civil War Veterans and former slaves, Joshua Johnson and Hiram Woodyard. The Ebenezer AME church was built in 1832 and provided a place to worship for lumbermen and their families, men who timbered Bacton Hill and carted lumber down to the lime kilns in DeVault. Regular services ended there in 1910.

As part of his project, Nehring placed US flags on the two Veterans' gravesites and intends to follow up with bronze plaques. Recently East Whiteland Township installed a split-rail fence to protect the property.

Local resident Ann Christie is interested in starting a Friends of The Bacton Hill Church group. She, working with others, would like to establish a long-term plan to keep the cemetery maintained and to explore options for the refurbishing of the church structure and of gravesites.

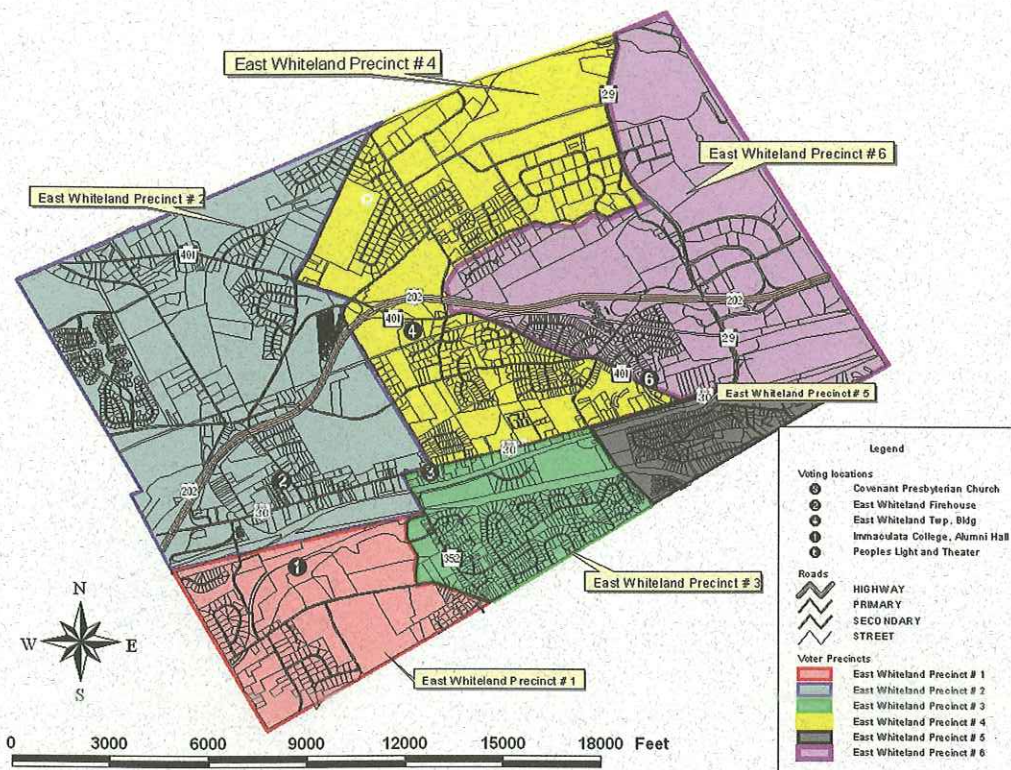
If you are a business who might donate your services to help restore the property; if you are a resident who would like to get involved; or if you are someone who would like to make a donation of time or funds toward the grounds' upkeep, please e-mail Ms. Christie at nineskies2002@yahoo.com.

Winter Weather Reminders:

Although we're all just recovering from those long hot days of summer, let's not forget what last winter brought us. It'll be here again before you know it. Driving in snow and ice can be challenging so it is important to let those who salt and plow your streets get out there first to do their jobs effectively. By following the guidelines below it will ensure that your streets will be cleared at a reasonable rate of time so you can proceed with your day.

- Township Law states that "there shall be no parking of any motor vehicle, trailer, boat or camper on any public roadway within East Whiteland Township at any time from the beginning of the accumulation of any frozen precipitation (snow or ice) until the precipitation stops and the roadway is cleared by the East Whiteland Township Public Works Department." Violators may have their vehicles ticketed. This is critical on narrow streets and cul-de-sacs where the maneuverability of the large plow trucks or an emergency vehicle is essential.
- Do not clear the end of your driveway until the road is plowed from curb to curb. This will save you time and frustration. First the driver will open up a lane of traffic in each direction, then he will go back and plow the snow to the curb or the edge of the road exposing storm water inlets and to permit mail delivery. Please give us time to do our job.
- Do not shovel or plow snow into the street as you clear your driveway. Not only is this prohibited, but the snow you put in the street will just end up back on yours, or your neighbor's property.
- Please remove all portable basketball backboards and similar devices from curb lines. On cul-de-sac streets our crews will need additional room behind the curbs to place the snow.

Our primary responsibility during the inclement weather is the safety of our residents and commuters. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to help us accomplish this in a way that is quick and efficient.



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Clean Water – Be a Part of the Solution!

When stormwater runs across paved surfaces such as streets, driveways and parking lots it picks up chemicals, debris, and other contaminants and carries them into the storm sewers. Once pollutants enter the storm sewer system, they are discharged into local streams and waterways, the same bodies of water that we use for drinking, fishing and recreation.

Increases in paved surfaces can also lead to higher volumes of stormwater entering streams during storm events. This can lead to erosion of stream banks which in turn results in large amounts of sediments entering our waterways destroying the habitat for fish and the creatures they eat.

To help keep our creeks and rivers healthy please implement the following suggestions....

STORM DRAINS: Never dump anything down a storm drain, especially used motor oil or antifreeze. Dispose of these properly at a local service station or approved recycling center.

PET WASTE: Pet waste can be a major source of excess nutrients and bacteria to local water bodies. It is important to always pick up after your pet and dispose of the waste properly.

AUTO CARE: Washing your car at home on the driveway or street can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm system. It is best to wash your car at a commercial car wash where they treat and recycle the wastewater. If you do wash your car at home, do so in your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.

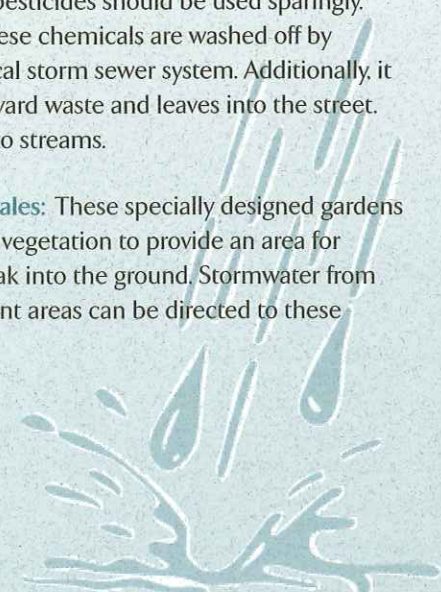
STREAMBANK LANDSCAPING: Erosion of streambanks can be prevented through the use of vegetated strips along the banks. Also known as riparian buffers, these strips of tall grasses, trees, and flowers act to stabilize banks, which prevents erosion and additional sediment load in the stream.

RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPING:

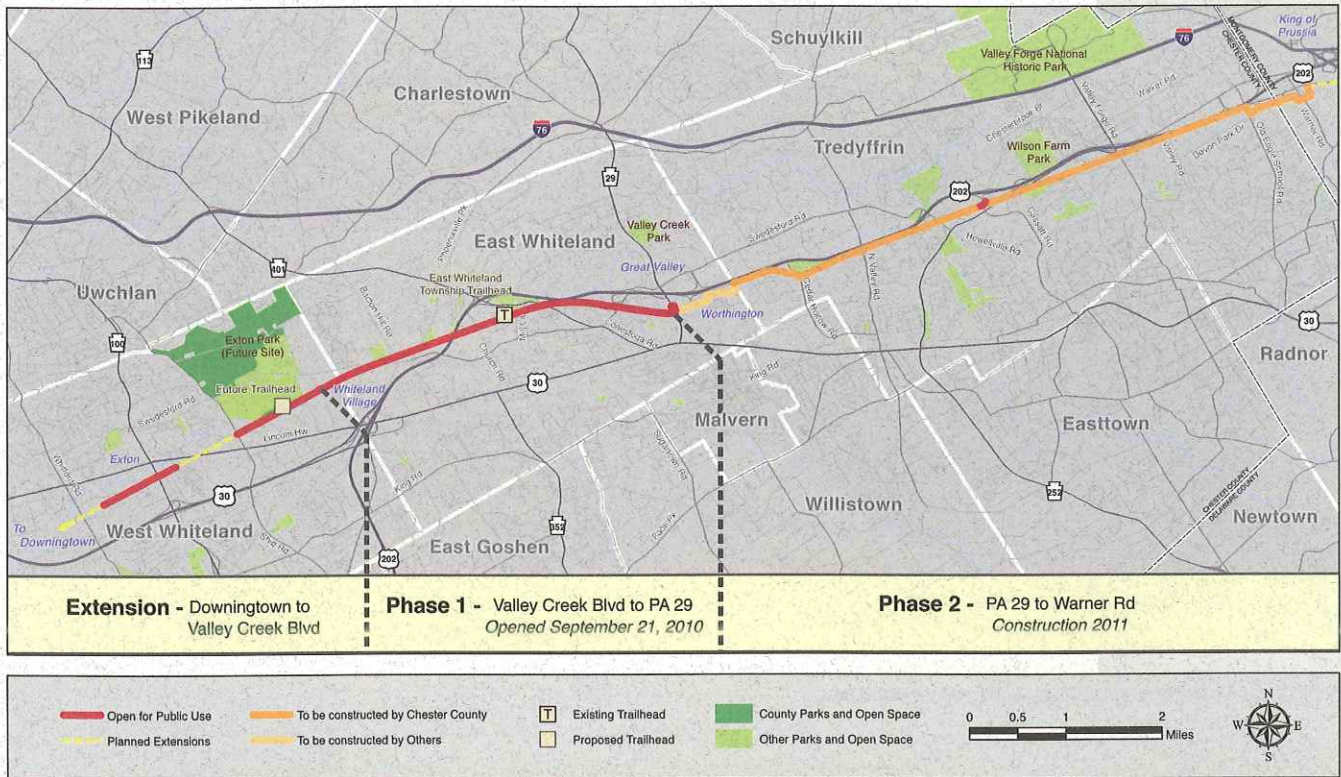
Downspouts: Direct all downspouts away from impervious surfaces and onto lawns. Rain barrels can be used to collect the rainwater from downspouts. This water can be used later on for the lawn and garden.

Lawn care: Fertilizers and pesticides should be used sparingly. When applied in excess, these chemicals are washed off by rainwater and enter the local storm sewer system. Additionally, it is important not to sweep yard waste and leaves into the street. These add extra nutrients to streams.

Rain Gardens or Grassy Swales: These specially designed gardens can be planted with native vegetation to provide an area for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Stormwater from rooftop drains and pavement areas can be directed to these vegetated areas.



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For more information on the trail, checkout the County's website at www.chesco.org/ccparks

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