



## Greenway Goals and Objectives

The following goals of the Brandywine Creek Greenway were assembled based upon discussions and feedback received during a series of workshops and public forums:

### Goal 1 Transportation

***To provide safe transportation alternatives for walking, bicycling, and equestrian users.***

- Objective 1 Preserve and maintain existing multi-use trails and develop connecting links between greenway hubs and major destinations.
- Objective 2 Enhance the safety along existing bike routes.
- Objective 3 Provide safe transportation for existing horse-drawn carriage routes, especially in agricultural areas.

### Goal 2 Conservation

***To protect and improve vital natural resources within the Brandywine watershed.***

- Objective 1 Maintain, enhance, and restore habitat corridors.
- Objective 2 Protect existing riparian corridors.
- Objective 3 Restore forest cover along riparian buffers.
- Objective 4 Preserve existing woodlands.
- Objective 5 Preserve agricultural lands and soils.
- Objective 6 Preserve and enhance water quality.
- Objective 7 Protect sensitive plant and animal habitats and important bird areas from recreational overuse.

### Goal 3 Recreation

***To promote and enhance the recreational use of municipal, county, and state-owned open space.***

- Objective 1 Create an interconnected network of pedestrian and bicycle paths that connect neighborhoods to public recreational lands and schools.

- Objective 2 Protect and expand the equestrian trail network to connect with Marsh Creek State Park, Honey Brook Borough, Elverson Borough, Welsh Mountain Trail, Struble Trail, and the Horseshoe Trail.
- Objective 3 Ensure that residents of all ages and abilities have access, where feasible, to recreational facilities such as parks and trails.
- Objective 4 Improve public access to the Brandywine Creek.

#### **Goal 4 Flood Control**

***To mitigate flooding in flood-prone areas.***

- Objective 1 Reduce impervious surfaces and increase infiltration in developed headwater areas.
- Objective 2 Increase percentage of tree cover to reduce runoff and maximize evapotranspiration.
- Objective 3 Observe recommendations in the Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Chester County, as appropriate.

#### **Goal 5 Culture**

***To preserve nationally and municipally-designated historic resources and their surrounding landscapes.***

- Objective 1 Protect and promote the historic structures, districts, trails, and cultural features of the Brandywine Valley.
- Objective 2 Link historic features.

#### **Goal 6 Aesthetics**

***To protect state- and municipally-designated scenic resources and buffer scenic resources from new development.***

- Objective 1 Preserve the scenic integrity of the Lower Brandywine [PA Scenic River Corridor](#).
- Objective 2 Protect and preserve the scenic resources along the [Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway](#).
- Objective 3 Designate new scenic roads where deemed appropriate.

#### **Goal 7 Education**

***To foster education of the Brandywine Creek and its watershed.***

- Objective 1 Raise awareness of the importance of conservation and best land management practices.

- Objective 2 Educate residents regarding the natural, recreational, and cultural features within the greenway corridor.
- Objective 3 Raise awareness of the regional context and local identity of the greenway with area stakeholders and groups such as the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC), and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

### **Goal 8: Economic Prosperity**

#### ***To foster economic activity in urbanized areas***

- Objective 1 Increase the number of visitors to existing recreational facilities within the greenway.
- Objective 2 Implement regional open space and transportation initiatives such as the Central Chester County Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan, the Struble Trail, and the Chester Valley Trail.
- Objective 3 Promote the city and boroughs as trail towns that offer a range of goods and services for greenway visitors.