



# ORPC *Oxford Region Planning Committee*

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Chair: Al Jezyk, Jr. Vice-Chair: Charles Fleischmann Treasurer: Ron Hershey

## **2016 Annual Report**

March 2017

**To:** ORPC Members

**From:** Mark Gallant, Chester County Planning Commission

The Oxford Region Planning Committee (ORPC) is an advisory group consisting of representatives from Oxford Borough and East Nottingham, Elk, Lower Oxford, Upper Oxford, and West Nottingham Townships. They meet at 7:00 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month, when warranted. Meetings are held in the Lower Oxford Township Building at 220 Township Road, in Oxford, Pennsylvania, and are open to the public. The Committee met eight times in 2016: no meetings were held in May, October, November, and December.

Al Jezyck, Jr. of Elk Township served as Chair. Eric Todd of West Nottingham served as Vice-Chair. Ron Hershey of Oxford Borough served as treasurer. Stacey Fuller of Gawthrop Greenwood, PC was reauthorized as regional solicitor. Mark Gallant continued to serve as acting secretary.

### **Part 1: Accomplishments and Activities**

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In August of 2016, East Nottingham joined the other municipal members of the Oxford Region in amending the Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement to welcome the Township as an active member of the Oxford Region Planning Committee (ORPC). The six municipalities had previously worked together on the development of the Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan which was adopted in 2012. Shelley Meadowcroft (Township Supervisor) led the charge to bring East Nottingham back to the [planning] table. It was a great day for planning in southern Chester County.

In the Fall of 2016, the Oxford Region (with help from Naomi Soon Young of the University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center) applied for another National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant under their Chesapeake Bay Technical Capacity Grants Program. While the details are forthcoming, the Region was awarded the \$50,000 grant to develop a Financing Strategy for their Regional Stormwater Management Program.

In addition, the ORPC focused on providing information on meaningful and timely topics and inviting guest speakers to share their expertise and experience, including:

<b>Speaker/Organization</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Chris Strohmaier and Dan Miloser/CCCD	January	Chesapeake Bay
Carol Stauffer and Carolyn Conwell/CCPC	February	Pipeline Information Center
John Theilacker/Brandywine Conservancy	March	Native Plant Lists
Dani-Ella Betz/CCWRA	April	FEMA Mapping
Randy Waltermeyer/CCPC	May	Multi-Modal Handbook
SeungAh Byun/Brandywine Conservancy	Various	Stormwater Program
Naomi Soon Young/University of Maryland	Various	NFWF Grants

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## **Part 2: Summary of Proposals and Proposed Zoning Amendments**

There were no significant (regional impact) proposals or ordinance amendments in 2016.

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## **Part 3: Issues and Concerns**

Municipal stormwater management responsibilities continue to be an ongoing concern for the Region’s municipalities.

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## **Part 4: Upcoming Activities**

In addition to the work program that will continue based on the NFWF Grant, the ORPC will continue their speaker series. Topics may include:

- Oxford Area School District activities
- Cohen Law Group – tower ordinances
- Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce and OMI activities
- Chester County Health Department – various topics
- Chester County Conservation District - Chesapeake Bay strategies

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## **2016 ORPC Membership**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Supervisors/Council Members</b>	<b>Planning Commissioners</b>
Oxford Borough	Ron Hershey	Vacant
East Nottingham	Shelley Meadowcroft	John Wallace
Elk Township	Al Jezyck, Jr.	Melanie Ryan
Lower Oxford	Joel Brown	John Williams
Upper Oxford	Charles Fleischmann	Karl Herr
West Nottingham	Eric Todd	David Ross