



# ORPC *Oxford Region Planning Committee*

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

## 2017 Annual Report

February 2018

**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 nine times in 2017: no meetings were held in February, August, or November (We met on December 7<sup>th</sup> in lieu of the regular November and December meetings).

Al Jezyck, Jr. of Elk Township served as Chair. Charles Fleischmann of Upper Oxford 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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The Oxford Region municipalities, with technical assistance provided by Brandywine Conservancy and the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland, has started to develop a regional stormwater management program in an effort to help restore and protect local streams and the Chesapeake Bay. The Oxford Region municipalities have worked to identify opportunities for collaboration with stormwater management among Oxford Borough and the five Townships (Upper Oxford, Lower Oxford, East Nottingham, West Nottingham, and Elk). The municipalities agree that there are opportunities to work with each other on public education and outreach, administration activities, operation and maintenance, and implementation of best management practices (BMPs) in the long-term. These opportunities have the potential to provide cost-savings to the municipalities as well as benefits to water quality and other ecosystem functions. To date, this project has resulted in: completion of data collection and mapping of the municipal storm sewer systems for all municipalities and draft pollution reduction plans (PRPs) for two of the six municipalities. Work continues for collaboration with stormwater management among the Oxford Region.

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>
Donna Hosler and Mary Lou Bailey/OMI	April	OMI Activities
Vince Brown/CCDAS	September	Opioid Epidemic
Vince Brown/CCDAS	December	Opioid (What's Next?)
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 2017.

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**Part 3: Issues and Concerns**

Opioid Epidemic: How it impacts the Region and individual municipalities.  
 Medicinal Marijuana: How it will it impact municipal regulations

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**Part 4: Upcoming Activities**

The ORPC will continue their speaker series. Topics may include:

- Opioid Roundtable Meeting: A discussion of stakeholders
- Oxford Area School District activities
- Chester County Health Department – various topics
- New OMI Director – Brian Wenska (former mayor of Atglen Borough)

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**2017 ORPC Membership**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Supervisors/Council Members</b>	<b>Planning Commissioners</b>
Oxford	Ron Hershey	Mary Lou Bailey
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