

Delaware River Valley Scenic Byway

Byway Planning Workshop (Transcript of Cards)

Monday, June 14, 2010 from 7:00-9:00 PM

Centerfield School Building, 6984 S. Delaware Drive, Martins Creek, PA

Vision and Goals

To help us develop goals for the byway please fill out the four cards as follows

- Green Card- Top 3 Assets for the Byway
- Yellow Card- Top 3 Challenges facing the Byway
- Blue Card- In ten or twenty years, list out the top three accomplishments of the byway planning effort.
- Pink Card- list one priority project that should be implemented along the byway...right away.

The following is a direct transcript of the cards (names withheld).

Green Card- Top 3 Assets for the Byway

Responses:

- Top 3 Assets
 1. farmland, rolling hills, scenic views
 2. Delaware River (1. and 2. are equal assets)
 3. Rural small town atmosphere
- 1. Rural Nature/Farming Base
 2. Rivers, streams
 3. Vistas, agricultural scenery, river views
- Open spaces
Rivers
Great blue herons
- 1. Delaware River
 2. Preserved Farms
 3. Historical attractions
- 1. Preserved Farm Land
 2. River
 3. Agriculture
- Assets
 1. Martin's Creek Environmental Preserve and Tekening Hiking Trails
 2. Diversity of habitat and wildlife, including grassland habitat
 3. Delaware River and Martin's Jacoby Watershed

- The Area is Beautiful
Low population- ruralness- Ag-
The river & the watershed
- 1. Delaware River + other waterways resources
2. Preserved Open Space- thanks to our past and current farmers
3. Local food + other produce
- Three Assets-
1. Rural Surroundings
2. Delaware River and water related activities
3. Historic sites
- River
Scenic Beauty & preserved farms
Vineyards
Increased benefit to roadside stands, organic farmers, etc.
- Beautiful scenery including distant views
Delaware River
Stream Valleys
- Delaware River
Open Space
Trail System- PPL & LMBT
- Assets
1. Good neighbors
2. Roots- Born in house I live in
3. Sense of security
- #1
1. Lower taxes by additional revenue generated
2. National recognition
3. scenic view
- Top Assets:
1. Agritourism, Promotion
2. Benefits Local Business ie
A) Vineyards/Winery
B) Local B&B Inn
3. Saves Countryside

- 1. Beautiful River
- 2. Large Prosperous Farms
- 3. Close to NY & NJ. + Lehigh Valley, Delaware Water Gap & to National Park
- Farmers
- Rivers
- Fishing

Yellow Card- Top 3 Challenges facing the Byway

Responses:

- 3 Challenges
 1. Road related noises
 2. Litter and unattractive clutter in yards
 3. The “Free” bridge truck traffic (Riverton Bridge)
- 1. Keeping our water clean and its recreational opportunities open for use by people in the township
- 2. Making roadways safe should they become more used
- 3.
- 1. Local people with limited vision & happy with what they have.
- 2. How to balance desire to do something positive new relative to staying the course
- 3. Fear
- Challenges:
 1. More control by gov’t & local & Federal
 2. Possible more restrictions
 - 3.
- Safety & Security Regulations
- 1. Property Rights
- 2. Encourage Agri Business
- 3. Pro Ag Zoning
- Challenges
 1. Getting farmers and other property owners to do riparian buffers to enhance the watershed preservation
 2. Completing the pedestrian trail from Keifer Park to Martins Creek for more recreation opportunities
 3. Getting farmers & community to support farm market and other tourism economy

- 1. Mistrust of governments & others
- 2. The desire to not change the current status
- 3. We don't like outsiders

- 1. ~~People don't get it~~ – (See other side)
 1. People in our township don't get it- they accept the thousands of cars that zoom thru our town on their way to work & never stop! But think a few slow travelers thru our township who may stop & spend \$ is going to make a difference.
 2. Traffic thru the village of Martins Creek does need to be calmed- Please help!!
 - 3.

- 1. People's negative attitudes who think the byway traffic is going to push us over the threshold when in fact its already over the threshold with thru traffic!

- 1. Enforcing speed limits on Little Creek Rd, Belv-MC Highway, 611, elsewhere
- 2. Balancing preservation of rural life with potential visitor increase/ traffic increase
- 3. Communicating true purpose of CMP, getting citizens to understand purpose before voicing opposition.

- Top 3 Challenges
 1. LMBT citizens who don't understand the Byways concept
 2. Belligerent attitudes to change
 3. increased traffic

- Way too much traffic & trucks
 - No sidewalks or way to get around without a car
 - Not enough places to stay over

- Keeping things the same
 - The Farmer's- Landowners (large) - very narrow minded
 - Dealing with the [NAME WITHELD] & like personalities
 - Lack of trust- in leadership

- Roads are not wide enough

- Road safety
 - Will there be additional regulations along the byway
 - Traffic control

- #2
 1. maintain enviroment
 2. maintain wildlife
 3. traffic

- Protection from? Restrictions
Resolving the question of whether the township would benefit from additional tourism
- Supervisors
Treat farmers fairly
Have plan for everybody
- Challenges
 1. Keep it basically as it is
 2. Do not increase traffic
 - 3.

Blue Card- In ten or twenty years, list out the top three accomplishments of the byway planning effort.

- I would hope that the Byway includes a village with a vibrant life of shops, cafes, and sustainable businesses- like a village from the past.
- 10 or 20 years
 1. Develop B&B tourism
 2. Enhance the beauty along the byway with planned tree and other landscape plantings.
 3. Increase highway safety
- Top Three Accomplishments
 1. Create an agro-historical, cultural destination
 2. Preserve existing pristine areas
 3. Encourage unity among the residents
- Growth of agri business along the byway
Preservation of the farmers by promoting
Buy fresh buy local
- A byway that extends north to Portland Borough, Delaware Water Gap through the National Park
A quality, safer place
- I would hope that the Byway include a village of life long ago with cafes and antique stores
- Vision:
Increase general values of Real Estate by helping keep Real Estate taxes

- Better traffic
A continuous sidewalk system
- #3
 1. Keep things the same environment
 2. regulate traffic flow
 3. Generate jobs
- 1. Help farmers exist
 2. Truly preserve more land
 - 3.
- Thank you for your past efforts in keeping our township beautiful.
- Post card
A lovely rural spot to visit. Beautiful productive farms. This place is a treasure!
And only 1 ½ hours from NYC
- Wish it was as nice as it was 20 yrs. Ago
- A quaint country road that looks like something from the good old days of 2010
- My perfect vision would appear just as it does today but with enough business from tourism to help sustain the farming community.

Pink Card- list one priority project that should be implemented along the byway...right away.

- Update 40 yr. old Ag Zoning – in passing CAPZO
Slow down the Big Trucks on 611
- We need local Law Enforcement
- Traffic calming strategies
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- 1. No new restrictive ordinances
- Priority:
Secure township endorsement
Explain how a increase in revenue will help the local residents
- A new bridge over Martins Creek on Rt 611

- If roadways could be widened and still keep everyone happy- bike paths pedestrian traffic etc
- Eliminate increase in tourism
- Priority project
Develop signage for Welcome Center assets
- Linking through maps
Farm stands, B& B's, farms
Open for educational tours, vineyards
- Connecting tourists to businesses
- Create an information system that shows by maps & pictures, & people who can advance the goals of the Byway
Provide a self guided tour
Connect with Indian history
- Encourage riparian buffers
- One priority
Clean up the roadway litter
- #4
 1. clean litter
 2. maintain enviroment as is:
 1. wild life
 2. roads in good shape
- Preserve as much as possible farm land by purchase of development rights.
- Pay farmers for taking their land