



SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

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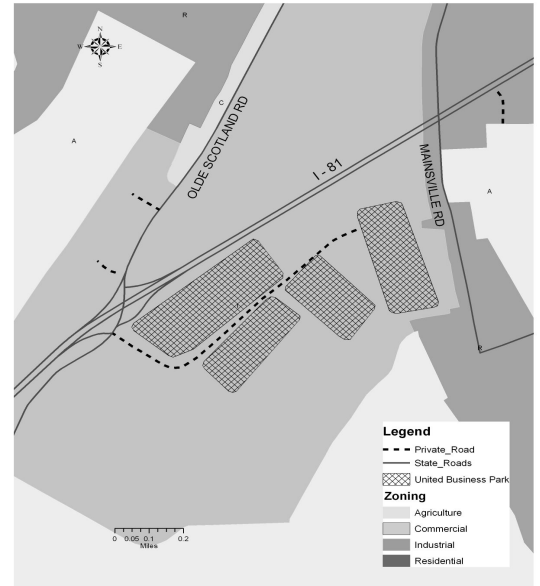
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FRANKLIN COUNTY

ZONING WORKS

The introduction of zoning to our township has had a huge impact on our community and quality of life. Your supervisors studied, talked with people and planned for this milestone over a three year period before enacting the ordinance in 2004.

Many of you are thinking, “ I don’t feel zoning has caused me any problems or concerns” and that’s right, the impact is softened for most people because it was well thought out and planned over a period of time. Everyone’s input was welcomed and your supervisors weighted all the *cont pg 2*



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The Township will once again be collecting leaves for residents. The pick-up schedule will be:

Mon. & Tues.
North of Route 11

Wed. & Thurs.
South of Route 11

Leaves scattered across the road will not be picked up, make sure to have your leaves raked into piles along the side of the road.

Southampton Township Begins Agriculture Security Area Review

Farming has always been very important to Southampton Township, both as an industry and as a way of preserving our rural character. In an attempt to protect agriculture in the township, an Agricultural Security Area (ASA) was established in 1988 pursuant to Act 43 of 1981. Over the past 18 years there have been many changes in ownership and changes in land use, so beginning December 18th, the township will begin a review of the ASA. During this time any land owner who wishes to propose a modification, either to enroll or withdraw from the ASA will have 30 days to submit a modification.

Benefits of being in an ASA:

- Provide certain protection to farmers from nuisance complaints from any agricultural activity or normal farming operation.
- Protection from local governments that would enact local laws or ordinances which would unreasonably restrict farm structures or farm practices within the area.
- Qualify for the Farmland Preservation Program
- May receive a 1% reduction in interest rate if property is located in an ASA through Small Busi-

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comments before creating the rules.

Now that we have a large warehousing operation interested in becoming part of our community we have the tools to direct them to the best spot for that use. Our zone for this kind of use is right off the interstate at Exit 24. Due to our long range planning the truck and car traffic to this large facility, approximately 100 trucks a day, will have minimal impact for all of us. The rear of the property is near Mainsville. Our ordinance calls for at least a 200 ft buffer and deals with excess noise and light concerns for those folks. We also have worked with the developer and have no traffic impacts on that part of the township.

The criteria for our zoning has always been the vision of what the people want, where the utilities are, road access, and location of favorable agriculture lands. A few of us will say that zoning didn't help me and they may be right. Overall our zoning has been beneficial but some individual cases aren't perfect.

One good example of the quality of this ordinance is the inactivity of our Zoning Hearing Board. The zoning hearing board is a semi-judicial board that

hears any zoning disputes. They basically have been unused because, to date, we have no large conflicts to resolve.

The supervisors and engineer are just completing a two year review of our zoning. Some house keeping and the addition of some residential zoning appear to be the only changes we feel needed at this time. Soon we will be advertising for comment on the changes to our zoning ordinance. Your comments are always welcome.

With proper planning the growth that we are experiencing can occur with minimal impact on our quality of life.

Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Benjamin Franklin, *Historical Review of Pennsylvania, 1759*

Septic System Pumping Reminder

If you have an on-lot septic system and live south of Route 11, you probably have received a letter reminding you to have your system pumped. Please be sure to have this done by December 31, 2006 to avoid legal action!

A WORD FROM THE ROADMASTER

Mailboxes need to be kept at least two (2) feet off of the township roadway. If your township road is widened, you may be required to move your mailbox back accordingly.

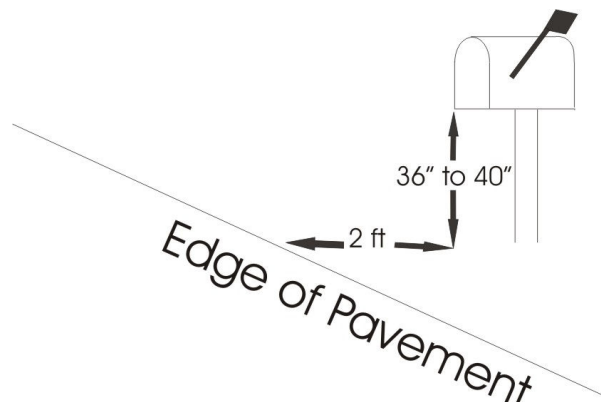
Basketball Hoops, Trailers, Campers, Vehicle etc. must be kept out of the cartway at all times. Snowplows and leaf gathering are impeded by these obstacles and it is a safety issue.

Snow must never be blown or shoveled into the road.

PAVING 2007

Possum Hollow Road will be resurfaced from the fairgrounds to the railroad tracks in 2007. From now until paving time, there will be shoulder work and other prep work completed.

Homeowners, if your mailboxes are not two (2) feet off of the existing pavement, they must be moved back (See Illustration).



NEW FIREFIGHTER TRAINING FACILITY

Franklin County now has a new firefighter training facility for our volunteers. The county and local municipalities, including Southampton Township, worked together over the last two years to design, fund and construct a new training facility. In addition to classrooms this new facility has a “burn building”. Nothing better prepares us than live training. The burn building allows safe and realistic training of our new volunteers as well as additional training for our existing first responders.

This new center is an example of your local governments and the county teaming up to provide the best emergency services possible. The training center is located next to the Vo-tech center on Route 11 south of Chambersburg.

Due to its broad support throughout the county we only had to commit \$650.00 in our 2007 budget to support the operation of this center.

Your supervisors believe in community involvement. Anyone that would like to become a volunteer in fire or ambulance may call the office for information or contact numbers. Get involved and stay involved!

ASA—REVIEW BEGINS DECEMBER 18

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ness First Program and Machinery and Equipment Loan Fund.

- Protection from eminent domain from agencies of the Commonwealth, political subdivision, authority, or public utility unless prior approval has been obtained from Agricultural Lands condemnation Approval Board and the Local Government, and the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee.

Who can participate?

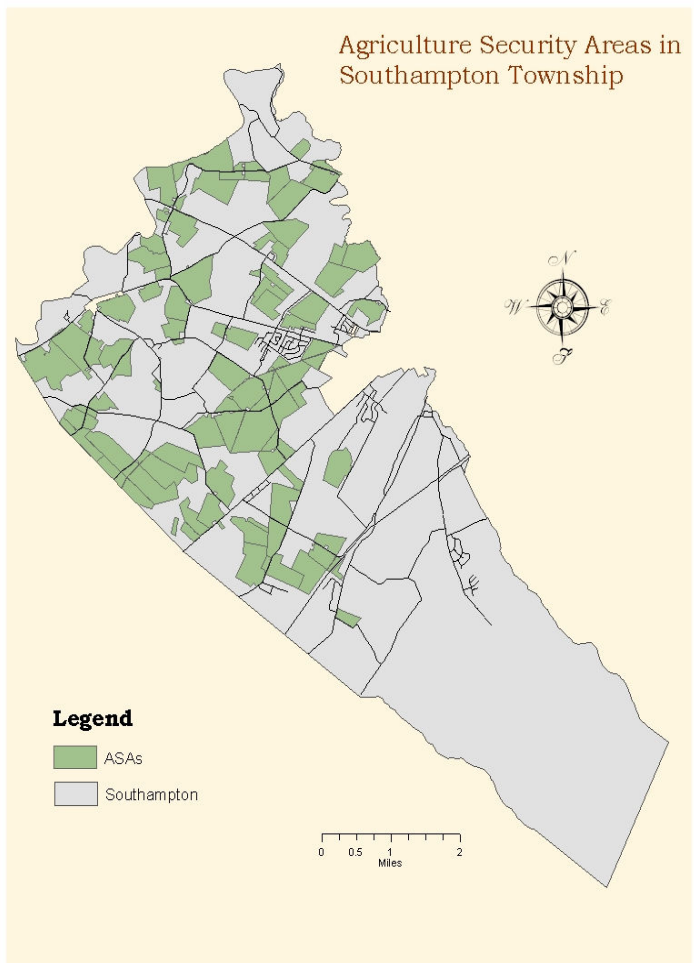
Land proposed for inclusion in the ASA, must meet the following criteria:

- Noncontiguous farm parcels must be at least 10 acres in size.

- The property should be viable agricultural land. Cropland, pasture, and woodland can all be included in an ASA.
- At least 50% of the land should be in Soil Capability Classes I-IV, as defined by the county soil survey.
- The property must be zoned to permit agriculture.

The ASA does not restrict the use of the property by the farmer. It may still be sold, subdivided and developed in any manor authorized by local zoning, subdivision and land development regulations. The farmer is obligated to maintain the ASA status for 7 years after the initial application. It may then be removed at any time by submitting a written request to Southampton Township.

Participation in the Agricultural Security Area is completely voluntary and free of charge. If you would like more information, or an application/modification form, please don't hesitate to contact Maria at the Southampton Township building at 532-9041. Deadline to submit modification/application is January 19, 2007.



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Composting Facility to Open Soon

Many residents will be happy to know that the Borough of Shippensburg's composting facility, should be open for business sometime in the first half of November. The Borough received a state recycling grant in the amount of \$360,000 to pave and fence the site.

Southampton Township has an agreement with the Borough to allow our residents to use the facility for an annual fee of \$20.00. This will help cover the cost to the Borough of maintaining the site. You will have to register at the Borough Office and provide current driver's license and proof of residency. You will then receive a Compost Facility Pass valid from January 1 to December 1 of the current year.

There are plans for a guard booth, and gate along with set hours. Watch the newspapers for details coming soon. **NO GRASS WILL BE PERMITTED.** Questions can be directed to the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 532-5414.

NEED TO CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP?

Southampton Township Office hours are from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday. The office is closed on Holidays and the Friday after Thanksgiving. The facility is also used for primary and regular elections. Our office must be closed those days as well.

You may contact us by phone at **717-532-9041**. Our office is open to the public and you may stop in during regular business hours for questions or concerns.

All are welcome to attend Board of Supervisors (BOS) meetings and Planning Commission (PC) meetings the dates are as follows:

Township Meeting Dates

2nd Tuesday of the Month—8:00am—BOS meeting
3rd Tuesday of the Month—7:30pm—PC meeting
4th Tuesday of the Month—7:00pm—BOS meeting