

Agenda

- ▶ Welcome & Introduction
- ▶ Recap Discussion Session
- ▶ Vision Statement
- ▶ Proposed workshop agenda
- ▶ Volunteering and Topics assignment
- ▶ Public Comment

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Lower Providence 2040

A Comprehensive Plan for Lower Providence Township

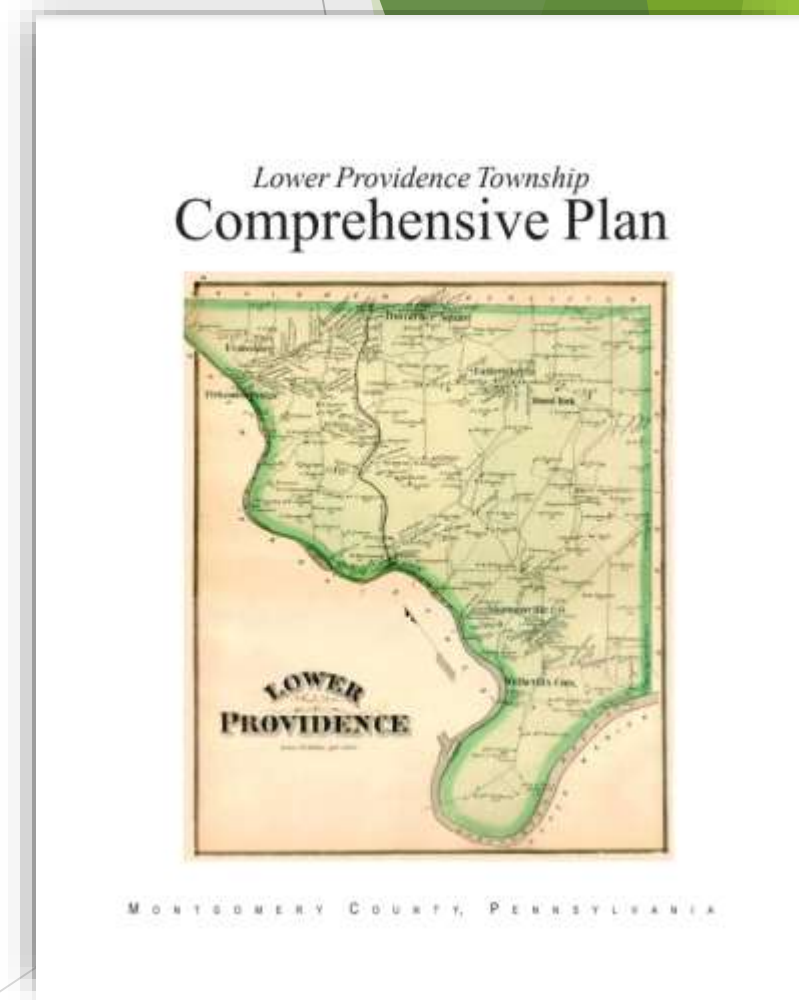
The Workshop Agenda:

- ▶ March 29th, 7 PM
 - ▶ Volunteers join 15-20 minutes early!
- ▶ Introduce comprehensive planning
- ▶ Give an overview of the eight breakout room topics
- ▶ Breakout rooms open, attendees choose their rooms
 - ▶ Session 1
 - ▶ Session 2
 - ▶ Session 3
- ▶ Regroup for breakout summary and closing

Introduction to Comprehensive Planning

A comprehensive plan:

- ▶ Describes a long-range vision for the community
- ▶ Recommends policies and set priorities to achieve the community's goals
- ▶ Is comprehensive in geography, subject matter, and timeframe
- ▶ Has certain required elements in Pennsylvania



Lower Providence Township Comprehensive Plan (2002)

Benefits of a Comprehensive Plan

- ▶ Community-based visioning process
 - ▶ Supports community-identified goals
 - ▶ Provides direction for implementation
- ▶ Provides guidance for policy-making and decisions regarding infrastructure, zoning amendments, public investments, etc.
- ▶ Can be used to support funding and grant requests

Requirements of a Comprehensive Plan

Pennsylvania's *Municipalities Planning Code* (MPC) requires certain elements:

- ▶ Statement of ***Objectives***
- ▶ Discussion of ***Short- and Long-Range Implementation Strategies***
- ▶ Statement of ***Interrelationships*** between plan components
- ▶ Statement of ***Consistency*** with comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities and the county

Requirements of a Comprehensive Plan

Pennsylvania's *Municipalities Planning Code* (MPC) requires plans covering certain topics:

- ▶ **Land Use**
- ▶ How to meet **Housing** needs
- ▶ **Movement** of people and goods
- ▶ **Community Facilities and Utilities**
- ▶ Protection of **Natural and Historic Resources**
- ▶ Reliable supply of **Water**

Planning Topic Breakout Rooms

1. Employment & Business Development
2. Commercial Character
3. Natural Environment
4. Road Safety, Traffic, & Transit
5. Walking and Biking
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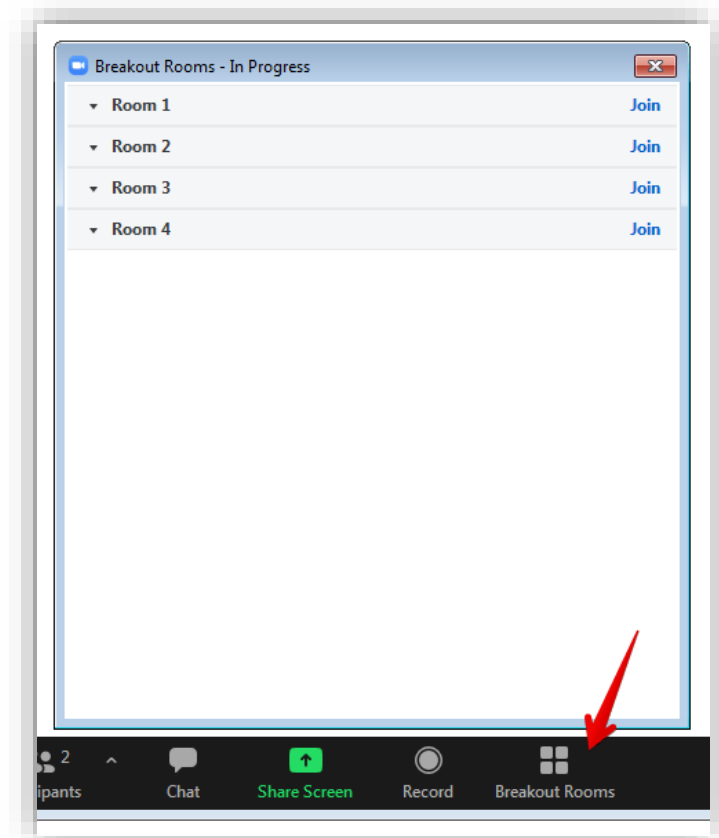
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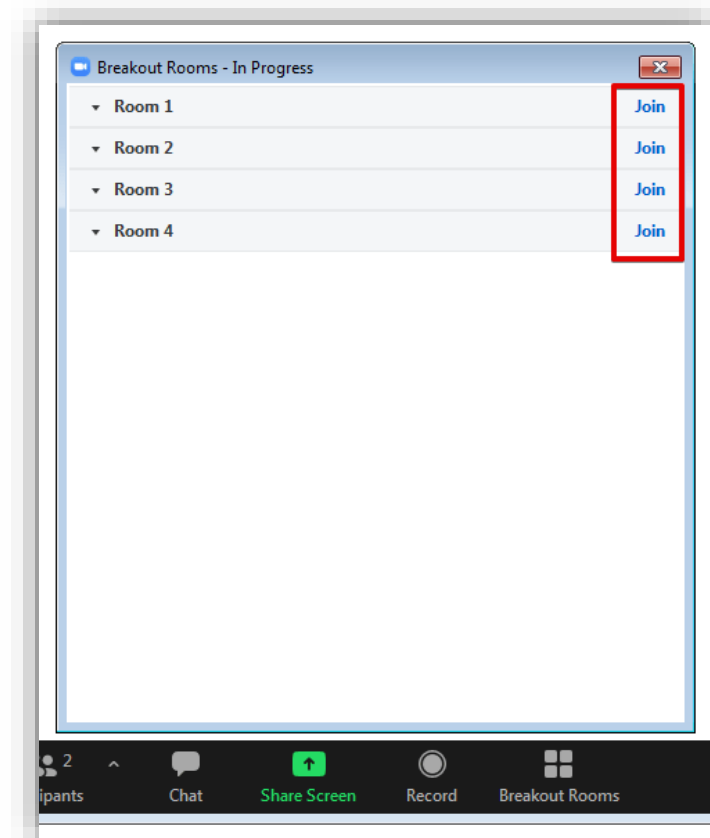
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Zoom Breakout Room Instructions

Open the Breakout Rooms menu from the bottom bar

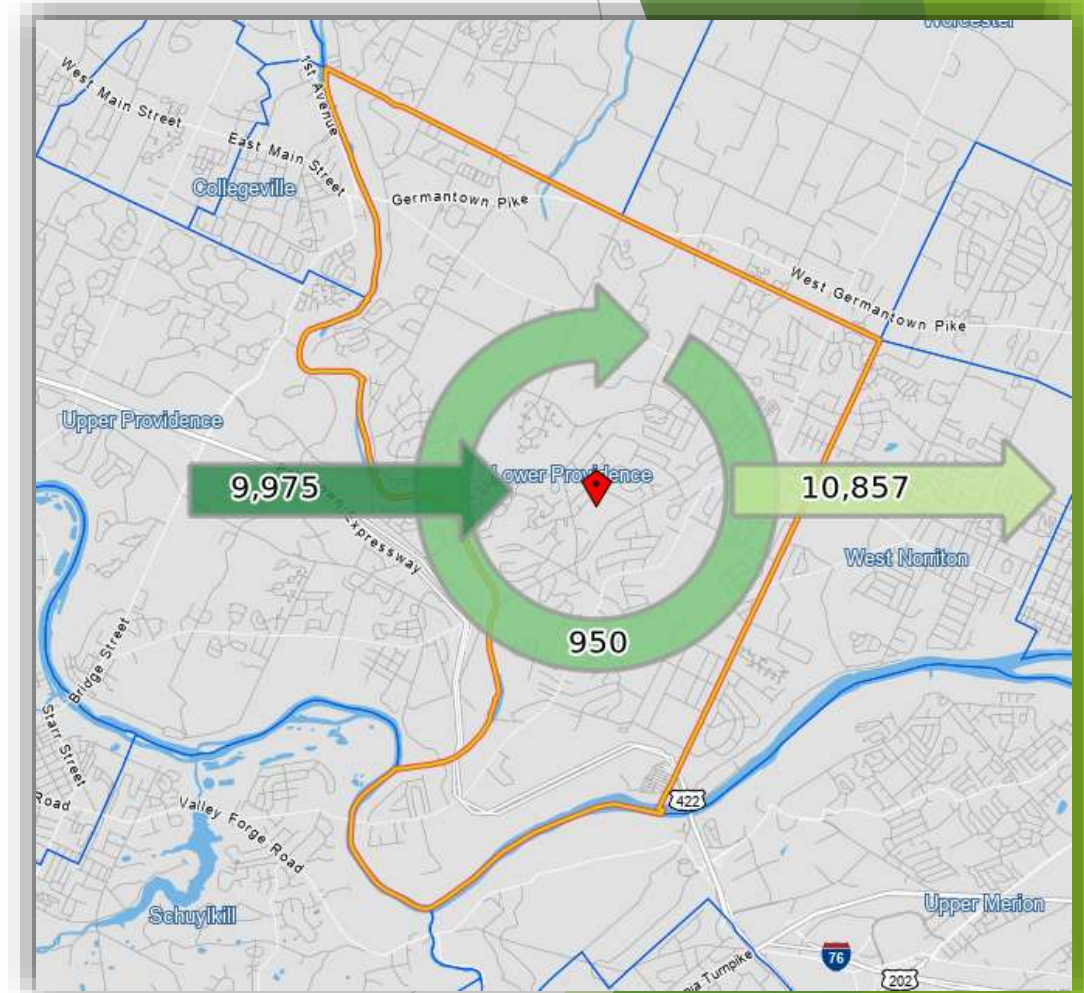


Select the Breakout Room you would like to join



1) Employment & Business Development

- ▶ Should Lower Providence make it a goal to bring more jobs to the township?
- ▶ What can Lower Providence do to support local businesses and create opportunity?



Inflow and outflow of primary jobs (2018 ACS 5-Year Estimates)

2) Commercial Character

- ▶ Where do you want to go (post-COVID) for dining or entertainment?
 - ▶ What do you like about that place?
- ▶ What businesses/kinds of businesses would you like to see in the township?



Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore

3) Natural Environment

- ▶ Have you experienced stormwater runoff or flooding issues?
- ▶ What other environmental hazards have you encountered in the township?
- ▶ What can the township do to be more sustainable, or support environmental sustainability?



Flooding on Perkiomen Creek (2014)

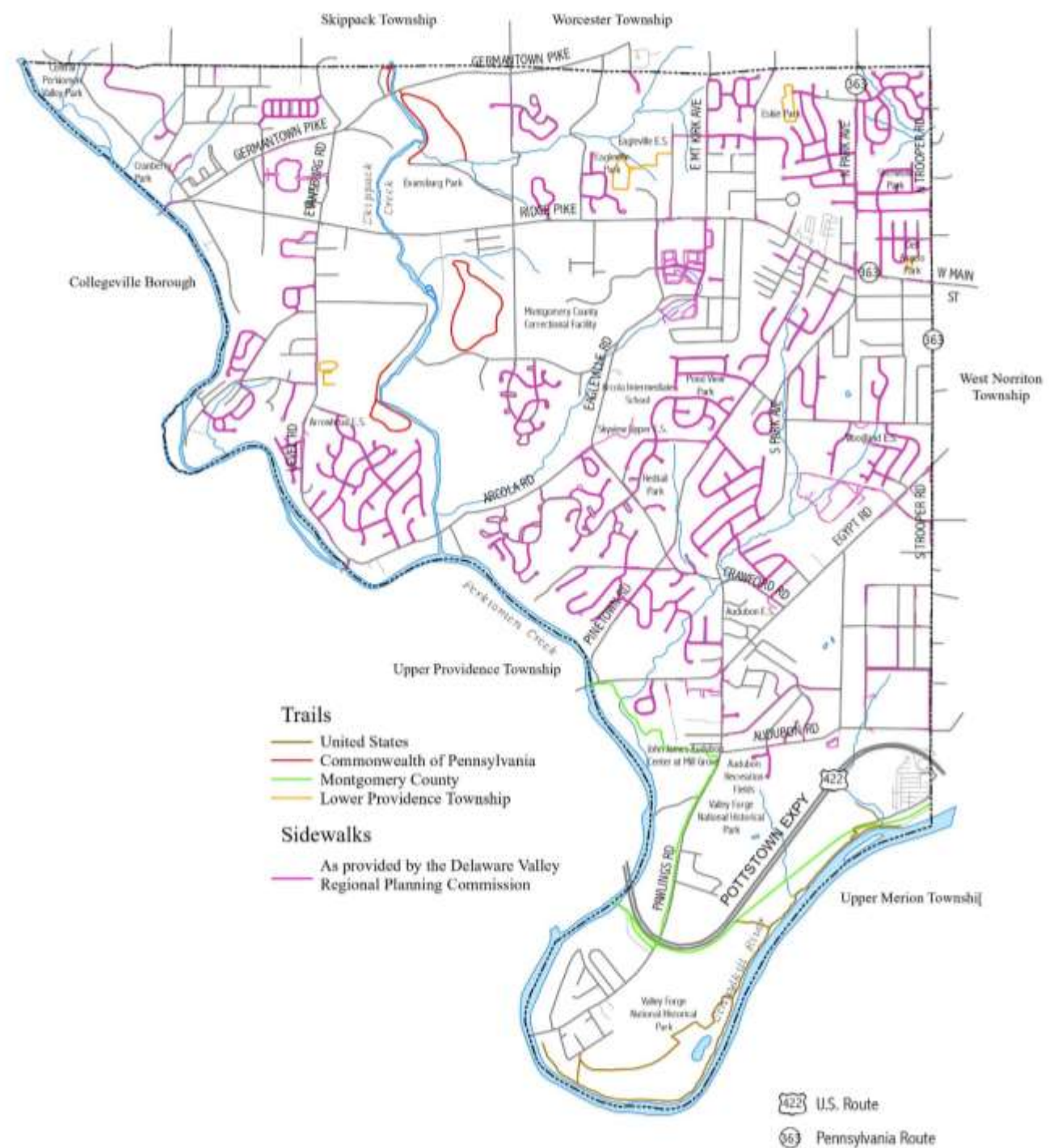
4) Road Safety, Traffic & Transit

- Where are there road safety issues in Lower Providence?
- What kind of improvements would you like on the streets and roads of the township?
- What has been your experience taking trans



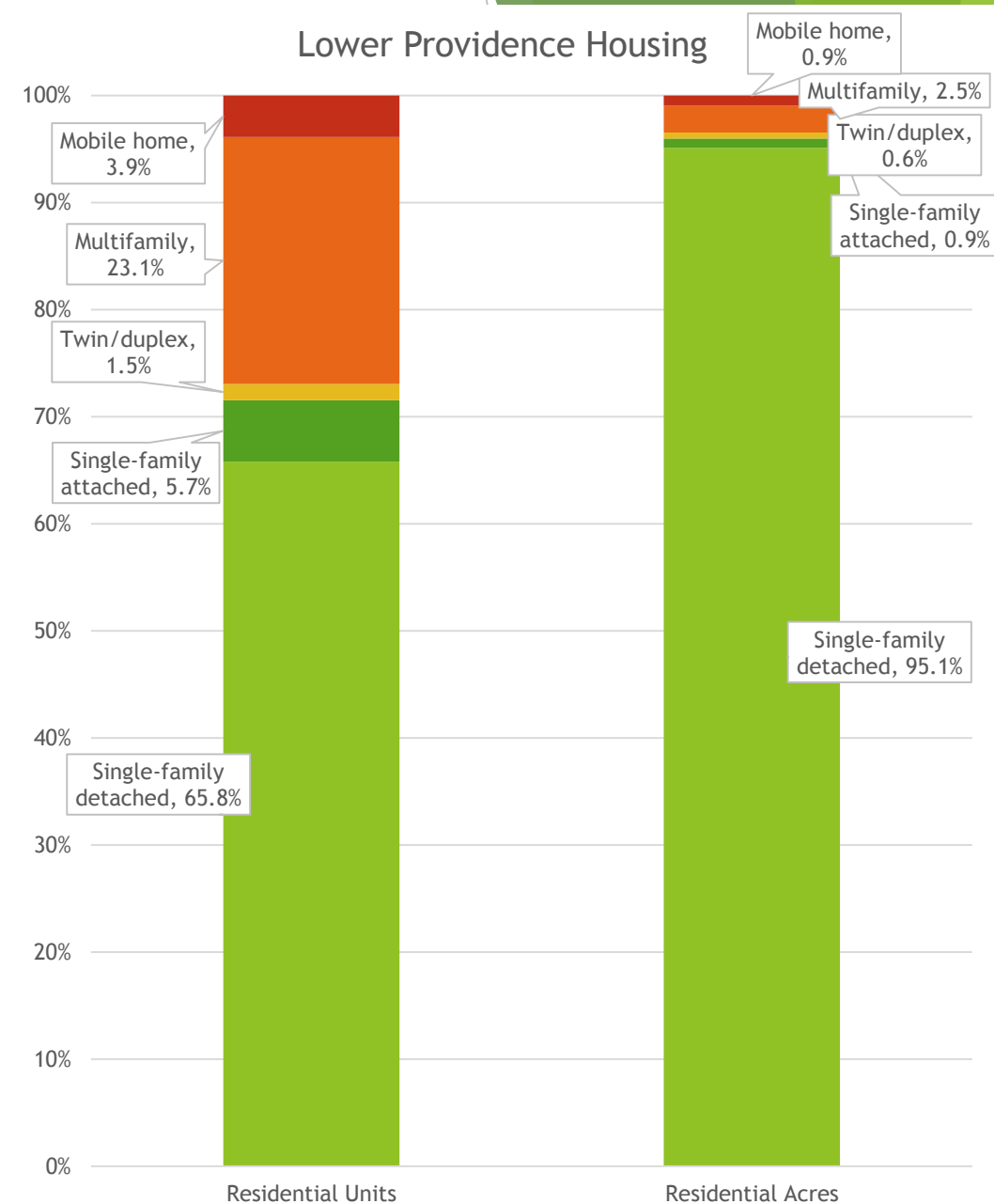
5) Walking and Biking

- ▶ What places in the township would you like to walk or bike, but are currently unsafe or inconvenient?
- ▶ What would help you to feel safe...
 - ▶ ...walking in Lower Providence?
 - ▶ ...bicycling in Lower Providence?



6) Housing and Neighborhoods

- What are the housing needs of current and future Lower Providence residents?
- What housing options are needed to meet the changing needs of the township?



7) Community Identity

- ▶ What makes Lower Providence a unique community?
 - ▶ What makes you feel welcome, included, or involved in your community?
- ▶ Should the township make a goal of improving its name recognition, or emphasize the different places that make up Lower Providence?



8) Vision Statement

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Closing

- ▶ What were the key issues identified in your breakout room?
- ▶ How can I stay involved in the comprehensive plan?
 - ▶ Visit <https://www.lowerprovidence.org/comprehensive-plan-update> for updates and future meetings
 - ▶ Take the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/LowerProvidence2040
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Steering Committee Roles

In the main room: assist attendees who have questions and technical problems

In the breakout rooms:

- ▶ Watch the clock and amplify the organizers' announcements
- ▶ Take note of attendee's comments and questions, including the chat
- ▶ Relate your experience as a steering committee member and help facilitate the issue-identification discussion

Next Steps...

- ▶ MCPC:
 - ▶ Send workshop volunteer packets
 - ▶ March 29: Public Workshop
 - ▶ April 21: Workshop Debrief, and Nature and Open Space
- ▶ Steering Committee
 - ▶ Public outreach for workshop and survey
 - ▶ Review materials for workshop topic