

# Oxford Region Planning Committee

Welcome to the Public Kick-off Meeting  
for the

# Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan update





# Introduction

**The Oxford Region Planning Committee Public Kick-off Meeting was held on February 28, 2024, from 6-8pm at the Herr's Visitor's Center.**

**It included an Open House with multiple information stations and an introduction by ORPC Chair Al Jezyck, Jr. and a presentation by CCPC Senior Planner Mark Gallant followed by a Q&A session.**



# **What is a Comprehensive Plan?**

**The comprehensive plan guides the future actions of a community or region.**

**It provides the participating municipalities with valuable data and direction when making decisions regarding community growth, preservation, etc.**

A photograph of a farm scene. In the foreground, there is a field of young, green corn plants growing in rows. In the background, there is a large white house with a chimney, several tall, cylindrical metal silos, and a large white barn. The sky is bright and slightly hazy. The text "Oxford Region's 2012 Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan Timeline" is overlaid in the center of the image in a large, bold, black font.

**Oxford Region's 2012  
Multimunicipal  
Comprehensive Plan Timeline**



**2007**

**Several of the area's municipal leaders contacted the Chester County Planning Commission's Executive Director to discuss updating their Comprehensive Plans.**

**Elk, Upper Oxford, and West Nottingham Townships had completed individual comprehensive plans in 1987, 1982, and 2006, respectively. The other three municipalities relied on the Oxford Region Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 1969.**

# 2008

**Following a meeting with staff from the CCPC in the Winter of 2008, municipal officials from the six municipalities signed a VPP contract with Chester County to partially fund the development of a multimunicipal comprehensive plan. Staff from the Chester County Planning Commission were assigned to work with the group.**

The Vision Partnership Program (VPP) is available to Chester County municipalities and multi-municipal groups seeking to improve their planning programs while achieving consistency with and implementation of the goals, objectives, recommendations, and map of *Landscapes3*, the County Comprehensive Plan.



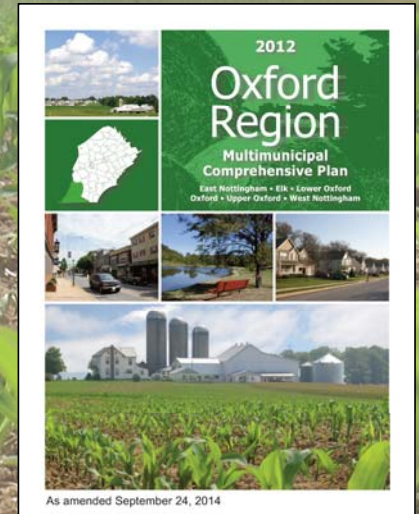


# **2008 – 2012**

**Representatives from the six municipalities pulled up to the table at countless meetings to review existing conditions, and develop goals, objectives, and actions. There were heated discussions, opinions shared, and compromises made. In the end, a Regional Comprehensive Plan was developed.**

# 2012

**The six participating municipalities adopted the Regional Comprehensive Plan at a single hearing held at the Herr's Complex in West Nottingham Township. It was a show of solidarity, cooperation, and teamwork.**





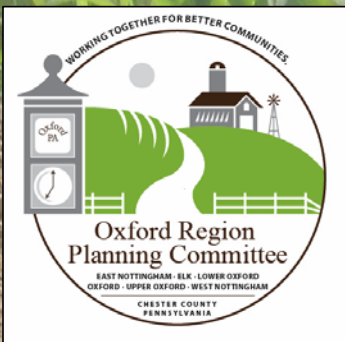
A photograph of a farm scene. In the foreground, there is a field of young, vibrant green corn plants growing in rows. The soil is a light brown color. In the background, there is a large white barn with a gabled roof and several windows. To the left of the barn, there are three tall, cylindrical metal silos with conical tops. Further left, there is a two-story white house with a chimney. The sky is a pale, overcast blue. The overall scene is a typical rural farm landscape.

**2012 – 2013**

**The representatives worked together to develop by-laws and an Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement that would guide the activities of the group into the future.**

# 2013 – 2014

The municipalities adopted the Implementation Agreement  
and By-Laws officially forming the **Oxford Region  
Planning Committee**





# **Major Takeaways from the Implementation Agreement**

## **Responsibilities of the ORPC:**

- Review of and updates to the multimunicipal plan.**
- Advisory reviews of developments of regional significance and impact.**
- Consistency reviews of proposed municipal zoning and subdivision and land development ordinance amendments when such amendments affect use or density.**



# Since 2014

**Representatives from the six municipalities have been meeting on just about every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday to discuss topics and address issues that impact the region and the region's communities.**

**The topics have included:  
Resource Protection, Stormwater Management, agricultural preservation, the Opioid epidemic, roadway improvements, etc.**

**This work has included multiple organizations and guest speakers**



# ORPC Subcommittees

## Regional Volunteer Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

### Historic Preservation Sub-Committee

#### **Mission statement**

*Advance the work of the region's historical commissions, past and present, with the goal of preserving the region's historical resources as outlined in the Oxford Region Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan to provide continuity with the region's heritage and compatibility with the region's land use.*

# First Friday Tabling

Oxford Region's First Friday event is an opportunity to demonstrate to Oxford Region residents the work of the ORPC Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) and its partners through interactive demonstrations and information tables.



The EAC's partner organization, the Brandywine Conservancy presents an interactive water cycle demonstration.



The Chester County Conservation District presenting information at a First Friday Tabling event.

# The Latest Work...

Five of the six communities in the Region relied on the Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan for policies that guide decisions in their communities

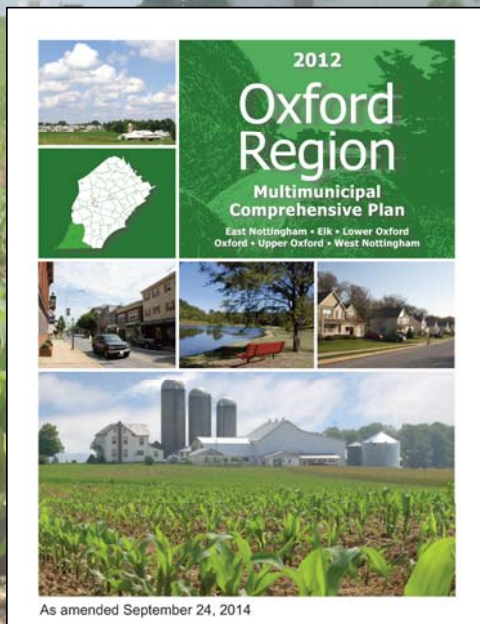
On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Oxford Borough adopted an individual Comprehensive Plan



And then there were four (4)



# Time to Update the Plan



The 2012 Plan included over 300 plan recommendations

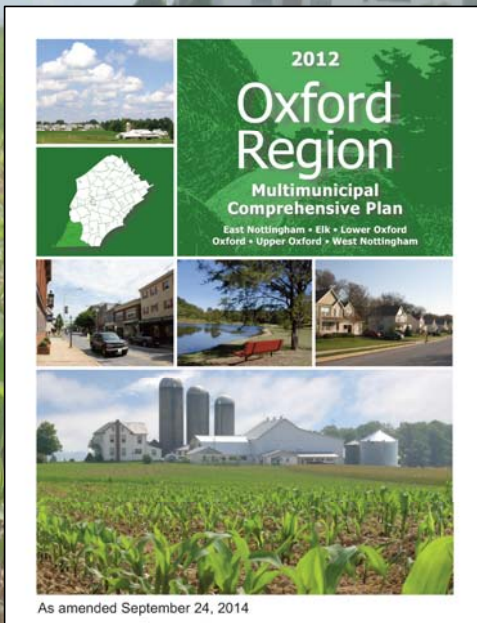
**“Is there anything we should do differently...?”**

The Plan update will include only those plan recommendations that can be implemented during the 10-year horizon of the Plan, eliminating the need for a long wish list.



# Public Outreach Efforts

1. The Mini Survey (Available on the ORPC website)
2. The Public Kick-off Meeting (Feb. 2024)
3. A Public Survey
4. Several Public Information meetings
5. Monthly meetings are open to the public
6. ORPC website updates and email updates

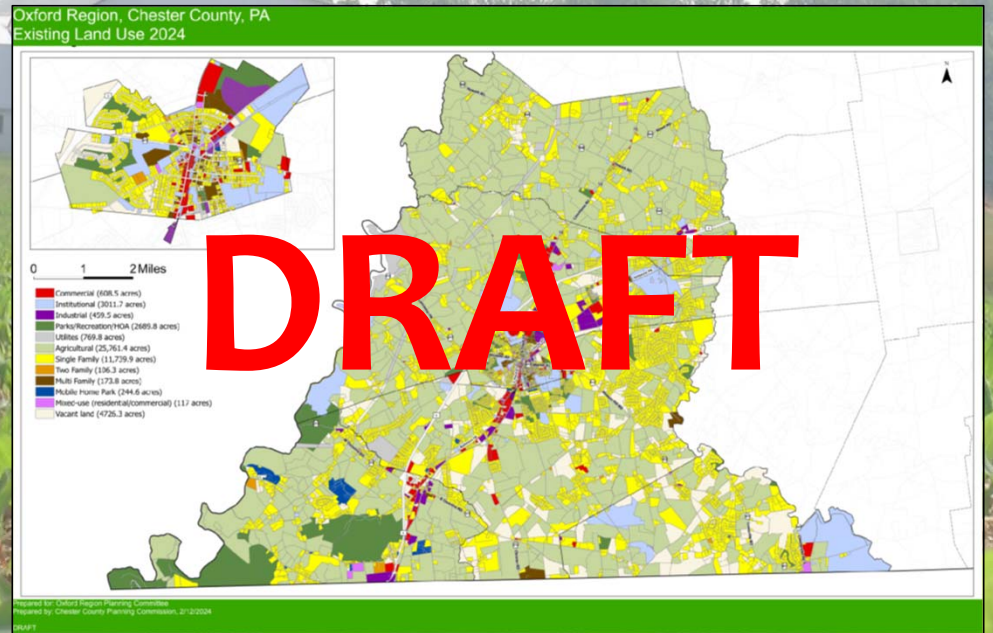
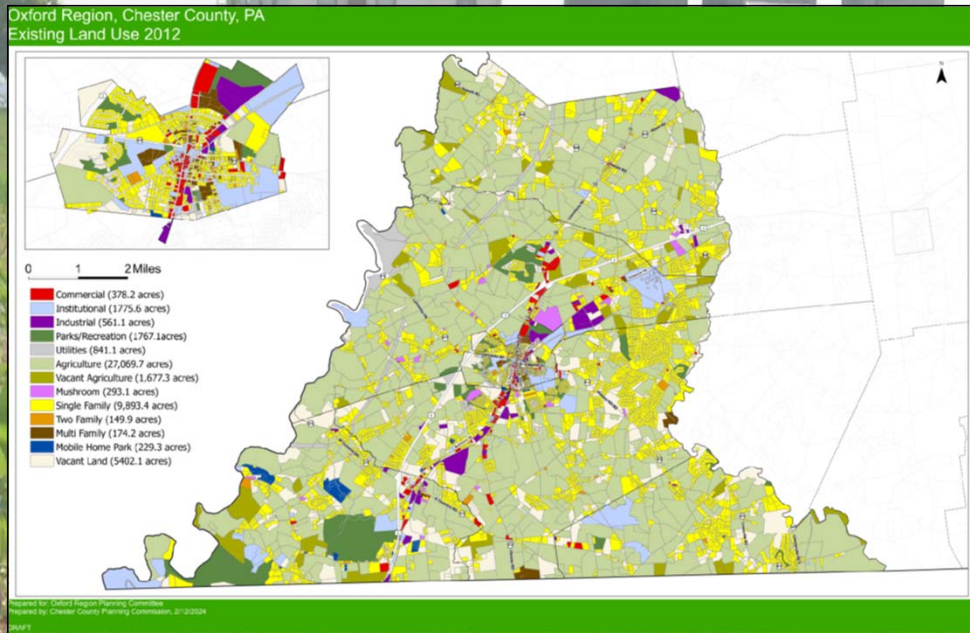




# Information Stations

**The next five slides represent the five stations that were provided for review by the meeting participants at the Public Kick-off Meeting in February...**

# Existing Land Use Comparison



2012 VS 2024

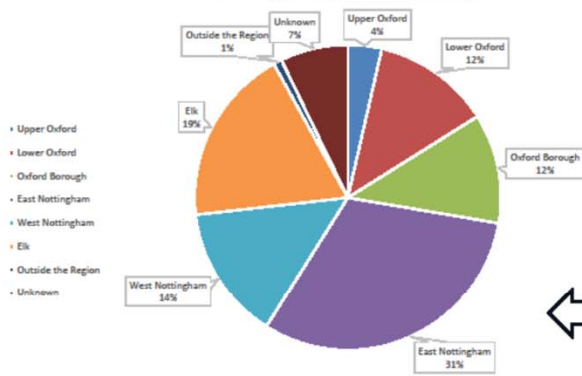


# Results of the Mini-Survey

The Mini-Survey asked the respondent to indicate the top three topics/issues that you think will impact the Oxford Region in the next ten (10) years. The top three (3) answers based on number of responses are:

1. Natural Resource Protection
2. Preservation of Rural Character
3. Traffic Congestion

Percentage of Responses by Township



- Natural Resource Protection
- Affordable Housing
- Traffic Congestion
- Crime/Public Safety
- Climate Change Impacts
- Aging Population
- Access to Broadband
- Addictive Services
- At-Risk Child Care
- Public Transportation
- Aging Infrastructure
- Preservation of Rural Character
- Recreational Amenities

Number of Responses by Topic



← East Nottingham Township had the highest percentage (31%) of responses followed by Elk (19%), West Nottingham (14%), Oxford Borough and Lower Oxford at (12%), and Upper Oxford (4%).

**ORPC Oxford Region Planning Committee**  
 Chair: Albert Jeyk, Jr. Vice-Chair: Charles Patschmann Treasurer: Robert Kerkham

**Regional Topic Prioritization Form**

Do you live in the Region?  If yes, please place a checkmark on the Map in the area you call home (optional).

Instructions: Please indicate the top three topics/issues that you think will impact the Oxford Region in the next ten (10) years. Your answers will help to inform the development of a public survey that will be distributed to the residents of the Region and an update to the Region's Comprehensive Plan.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural Resource Protection (including Agriculture)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Affordable Housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic Congestion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crime/Public Safety
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Please provide your contact information if you would like to receive follow up information regarding the public survey and update to the Region's Comprehensive Plan.

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for Participating!**

# The Oxford Region needs to hear from you!

YOU ARE INVITED

## The Public Kick-Off Meeting

for the Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan update

Wednesday · February 28, 2024 · 6:00–8:00 PM

(Snow date: Thursday · March 7, 2024 · 6:00–8:00 PM)

Herr's Visitor Center | 271 Old Baltimore Pike | Nottingham, PA

Stop by and tell us what is important to you!

- ▶ Resource Protection
- ▶ Preserving Farms
- ▶ Affordable Housing
- ▶ Safe Roadways
- ▶ Access to Broadband
- ▶ Preserving Rural Character
- ▶ More Trails and Sidewalks
- ▶ Business Retention and Expansion

COFFEE & SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE



GAMES AND PRIZES

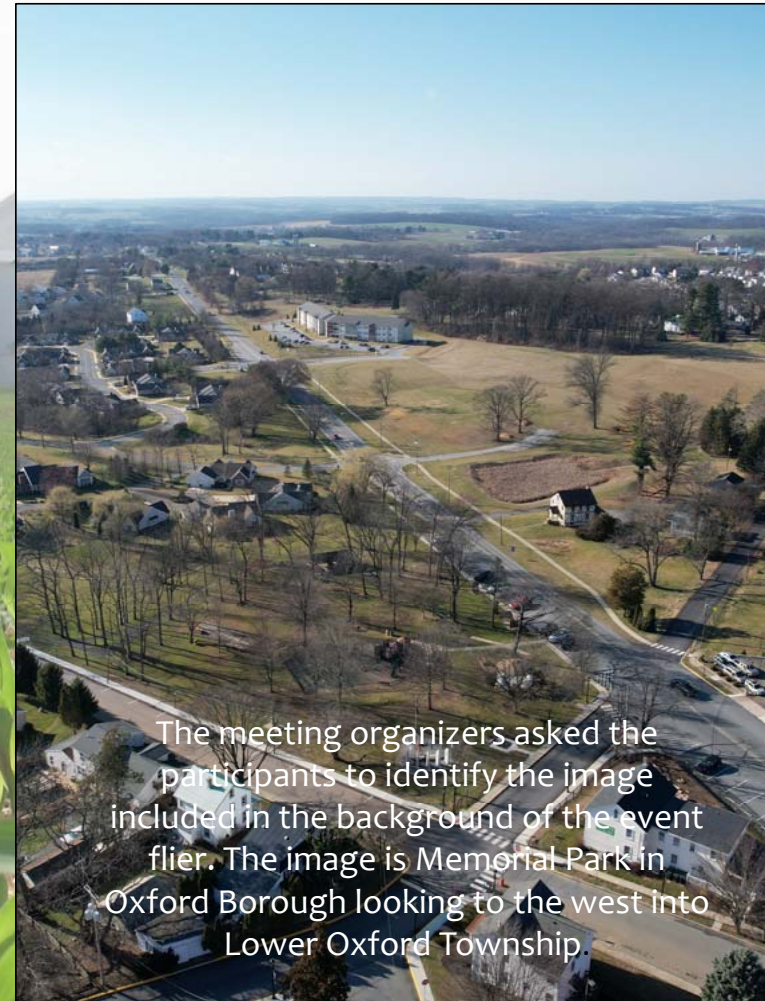
Scan here or follow link to register for the Public Kick-Off Meeting.

[www.eventcreate.com/el-orpc-public-meeting](http://www.eventcreate.com/el-orpc-public-meeting)

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Please register early!  
Attendance is limited to 100 guests.



The meeting organizers asked the participants to identify the image included in the background of the event flier. The image is Memorial Park in Oxford Borough looking to the west into Lower Oxford Township.



## The Oxford Region is to me...

*Write down a word or phrase that describes the Oxford Region (your community) to you...*

The participants shared the following:  
**Agriculture, Home, Rural(2),  
Giving, Awesome, Family, and  
Hope.**

*If you would like to provide a word or phrase that describes the Oxford Region, please forward it to Mark Gallant [mgallant@chesco.org](mailto:mgallant@chesco.org)*



# Project Schedule and Contact

<b>Plan Phase</b>	<b>When (Tentative)</b>	<b>Done</b>
Distribution of Mini-Survey	Fall 2023	✓
Review of Current Policy	January 2024	✓
Public Kick-off meeting	February 2024	✓
Existing Conditions	March thru May 2024	
Public Survey	Summer 2024	
Community Visioning and Issue Prioritization	June thru September 2024	
Development of Plan Chapters	October 2024 thru January 2026	
Natural Resources 12/24    Parks/Open Space 1/25    Cultural Resources 3/25    Transportation 4/25    Community Services 6/25 Economic Development 7/25    Energy Conservation 8/25    Land Use and Housing 9/25    Implementation Plan 12/25		
Municipal Outreach	February thru June 2026	
Comprehensive Plan	July thru August 2026	
Act 247 Review and Adoption	September or October 2026	

Check the ORPC Website regularly for updated project schedules, public meetings, meeting agendas and reports, and general information about the ORPC and its active subcommittees:

[www.chescoplanning.org/municorner/projects/oxfordregion/home.html](http://www.chescoplanning.org/municorner/projects/oxfordregion/home.html)

Mark Gallant – Lead Planner [mgallant@chesco.org](mailto:mgallant@chesco.org)





# Q and A

**The Question and Answer time followed the presentation of this PowerPoint and was held in the Herr's Auditorium.**

*If you have any questions about the Plan update or anything related to the Oxford Region, please forward them to Mark Gallant [mgallant@chesco.org](mailto:mgallant@chesco.org)*



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or you can follow this link:

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