

Community Meeting 4/10/24 Q&A

To accompany the Community Meeting Presentation

1. What do the green areas on the map in the presentation represent?
 - The green areas represent landowners that the Township should engage with to understand their plans for the future. This information will help steer the Comprehensive Plan. The Township should discuss and educate landowners on topics such as annexation and preservation.
2. What do the red areas of the map in the presentation represent?
 - These properties border the areas being annexed to Sunbury and represent the areas that could be annexed next, depending upon landowners' desires.
3. What is being done about the identified large and medium threats for annexation as shown on the map in the presentation?
 - The Township needs to engage with these property owners. The Township is also working on implementing a TIF district to disincentivize annexation. The Township will also be working in the near future to identify partners and potentially implement additional tools to protect the Township.
4. Why would a municipality with a growth mindset want to work with the Township to create a TIF, JEDD, or CEDA? What is the benefit to them?
 - The Township does not need a municipality's cooperation to create a TIF district.
 - A municipality would share income tax revenue generated by the JEDD. A township does not have to partner with an immediately adjacent municipality. There can be one intervening community broadening the perspective communities with which the township could partner. If land is annexed after a JEDD is formed, it would be subject to both the income tax of the annexing municipality and the JEDD income tax. This disincentivizes annexation.
5. Why haven't any economic development tools been implemented in Trenton Township already?
 - Previously, Trenton Township was not experiencing significant growth. Developments such as Intel have led the Township to investigate different economic development tools. Now, with the increased growth pressure, the Township is working to create a TIF district as soon as possible.
6. Does the TIF impact schools?
 - TIF's can impact the school district. However, TIF's primarily target commercial development which typically does not affect the school population numbers.

7. How does a CEDA stop annexation?
 - A CEDA agreement can clearly define annexation boundaries. It serves as an annexation agreement that identifies areas that can and cannot be annexed. It allows municipalities and townships to work cooperatively for future growth.

8. Can municipalities use utility easements to connect to other properties to annex them?
 - There is a type of annexation that allows a municipality to annex land that it owns outside of its municipal boundaries. The land must be immediately adjacent to it's border. We are unaware of the ability to annex land utilizing an easement.

9. Is Type 2 Expediated Annexation only for large property owners?
 - Any size property can be subject to a Type 2 Expedited Annexation. Annexation is typically associated with future development, which sometimes requires larger tracts of land. However, small parcels can be assembled and annexed under a Type 2 annexation, provided 100 percent of the landowners sign the annexation petition. A Type 2 Annexation also requires at least 5 percent of the annexed area to be contiguous to the municipality. Small properties can also be annexed to create a link to the municipality and serve as a bridge to future annexations.

10. Is there somewhere to see the proposed uses for the areas of the Township that have been annexed by Sunbury?
 - The City of Sunbury should be contacted regarding future uses in annexed areas.

11. What plans do Preservation Parks have for the Township?
 - They have purchased 450 acres to develop into a park. Specific plans have not yet been discussed with the township.

12. What preservation easements exist in the Township?
 - Preservation Parks owns land in the Township. There was a belief that certain property owners had easements on their properties, but this has not been confirmed at this time.

13. County Line Road on the south side of the Township is seeing development. What can we do to protect the Township in this area?
 - Partnerships and economic development tools may also be used to protect the Township's borders in this southeast area. The Township will be assessing the need to protect this area as well.

14. What is the timeframe for development/expansion of the Route 37 corridor?

- ODOT is conducting a State Route 37 Corridor Study to identify and evaluate options along State Route (SR) 37 between the City of Delaware and State Route 161. This study will focus on improvements that are feasible within a ten-year timeframe. The recommendations of this plan are expected in early 2025. ODOT has a website with information about this study along with an interactive map and questionnaire that can be completed if you want to receive updates on this study. Please click on this link to go to this website:

<https://www.publicinput.com/p4775#tab-50063>

15. Is there a roundabout planned for Route 37 and County Line Road?

- Yes, there is a roundabout planned for SR 37 and Countyline Road. More information can be found in the Delaware County Engineer's 2024 – 2025 Construction Guide, which can be found at this link:

https://engineer.co.delaware.oh.us/news_module/https-engineer-co-delaware-oh-us-wp-content-uploads-sites-12-2024-02-2024_rcg_2024-02-13_final-pdf/

16. What is the Township doing to improve communication with residents?

- The Township has created a new website: Trentontwp.com
- All updates regarding the planning process and future meetings will be posted on the website. The Township has also started an email list from the sign-in sheet at the community meeting and the emails residents provided on the survey. The Township has also received a suggestion to start a Facebook page.

17. Will there be more community meetings?

- Yes, we will come back to the residents to present our findings and to receive feedback.

18. What can residents do right now?

- Provide feedback to the Township through the survey, stay up to date with the website, and share this information with your neighbors.