

# Newtown Township Trails and Greenways

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# Birth of the Trails and Greenways Committee

- ◆ Early 2020 Newtown Township Board of Supervisors Approve the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan
  - ◆ 7,100 Questionnaires mailed to residents and businesses
    - ◆ 22% response (1,500)
    - ◆ 90% of responses identified “Encourage Smart Growth & Redevelopment” (3<sup>rd</sup> highest response)
    - ◆ Overwhelming desire to make Newtown Township more walkable, as well as a surprising number of responses for bike lanes

# Trails and Greenways Committee

- ◆ In 2020 the Board of Supervisors created the Trails and Greenways Committee
  - ◆ Sole purpose, to implement the Trails and Greenways Master Plan
- ◆ Why a separate independent committee?
  - ◆ Turf Wars!....and wanting to ensure that we had ONE group focused on trails.
- ◆ Confusion among our EAC/Parks and Rec/Shade Tree Commission, who has jurisdiction over trails.
- ◆ Also, which group had the time?

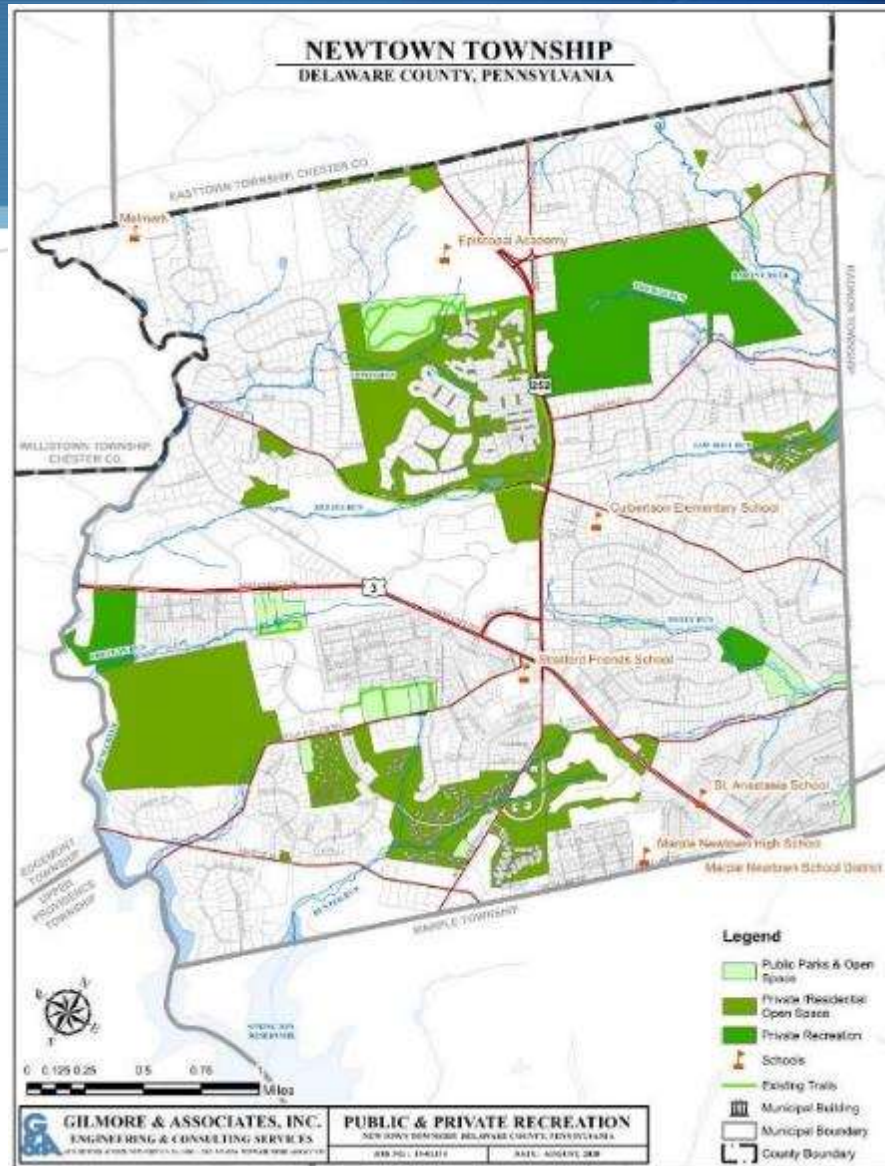
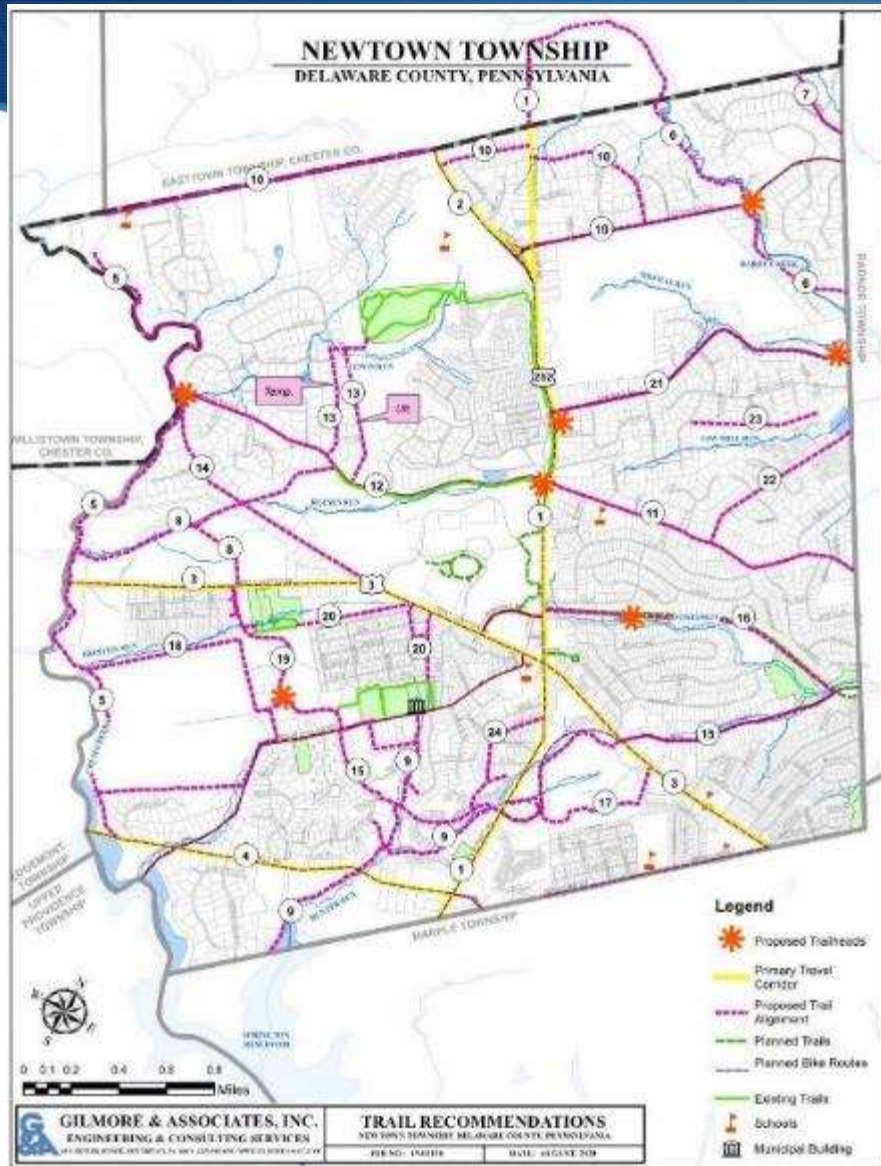


# Trails & Greenways Network Plan

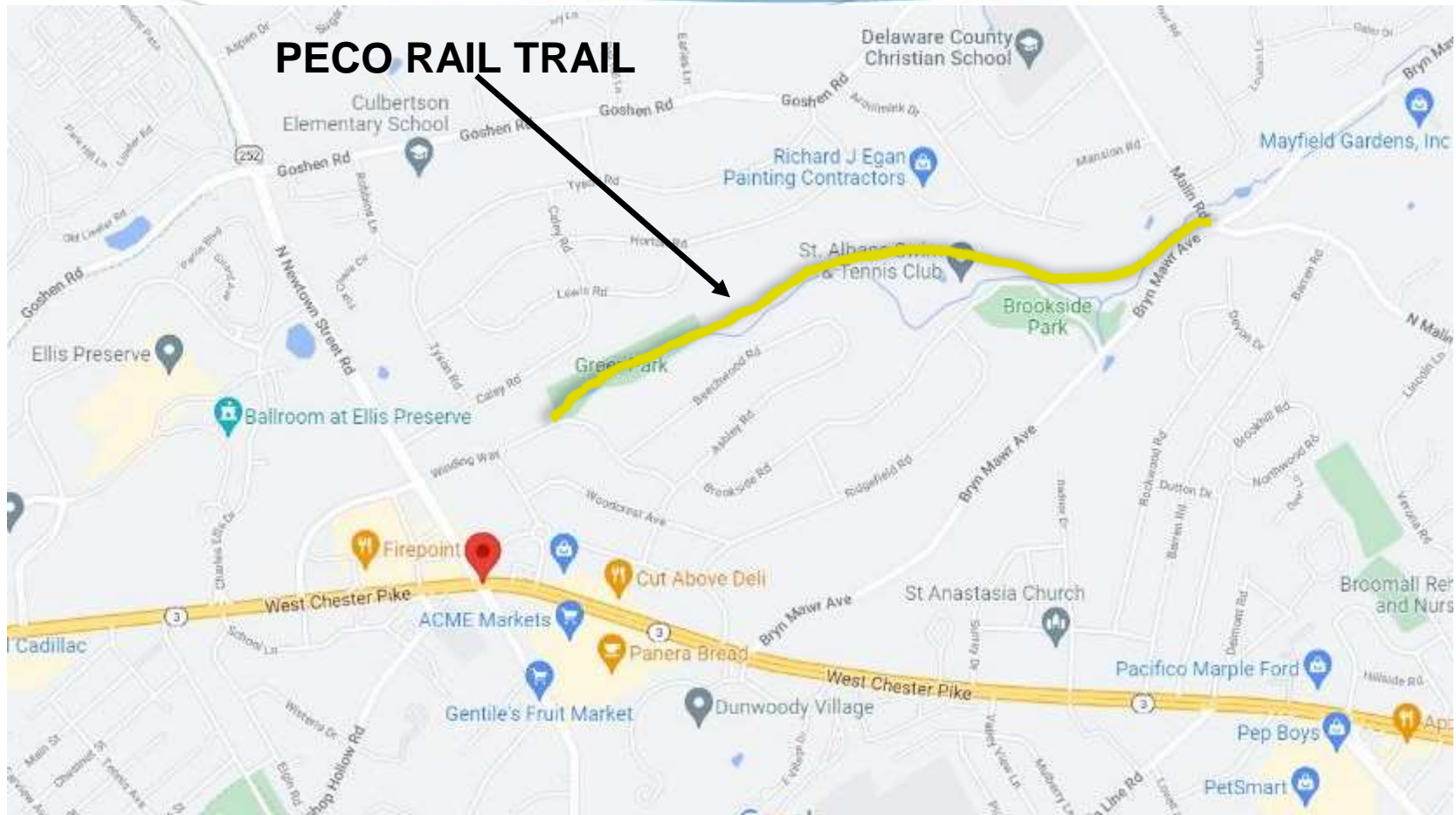
- ◆ Primary Objectives:
  - ◆ Enhance existing open spaces
  - ◆ Create connections between separate neighborhoods, downtown, and existing parks/open spaces
  - ◆ Clarify open space needs
  - ◆ Identify new green/open space opportunities



# Who, What, When, Where, Why and How



# Newtown Rail Trail Feasibility Study



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- ◆ Also known as the PECO Rail Trail, or Newtown Square Branch Rail Trail
- ◆ Stretches from Route 252 south to Bryn Mawr Ave
  - ◆ Continues though Newtown into Radnor, Marple, Haverford, and Upper Darby
- ◆ Received \$85,000 from the Delco Greenways Grant to conduct a Feasibility Study

# Newtown Township Thanks You

