

# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANS

## INTRODUCTION

Active Transportation is human-powered transportation—walking and biking. Active Transportation Plans serve as a guide for the development of existing and potential networks for a range of users—of all ages and abilities—including, but not limited to walkers, joggers, cyclists and those with disabilities. Alternative modes of transportation provide several ecological, recreational, and public health related benefits, including:

- Reducing congestion
- Increasing safety
- Improving air quality
- Enhancing public health
- Supporting the local economy
- Providing access and mobility for those unable to drive



## APPLICABILITY

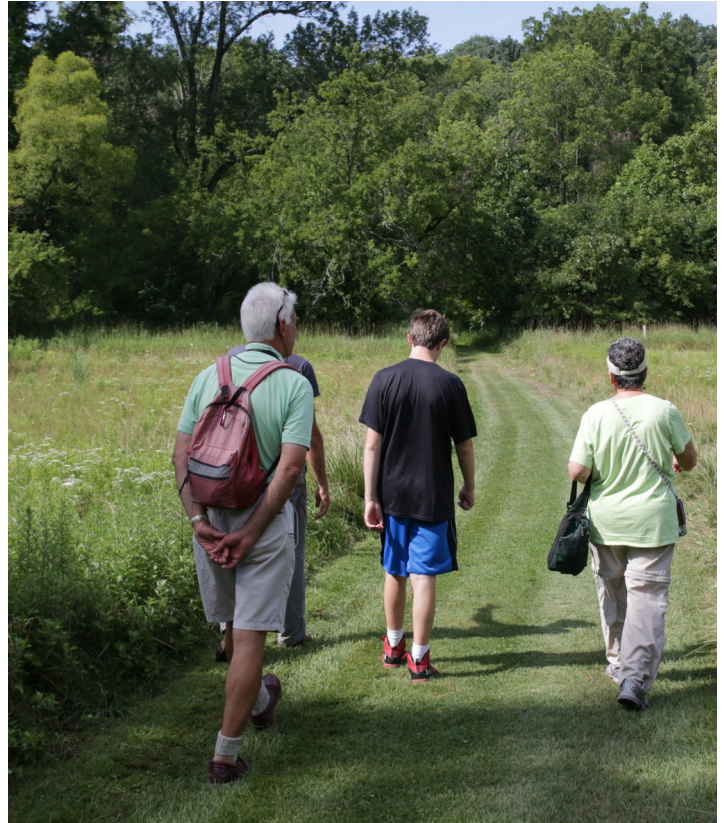
An Active Transportation Plan can be used to support the following goals:

- 1. Transportation:** Active Transportation networks provide safe transportation alternatives for walking, bicycling, and equestrian users.
- 2. Connecting Links:** An Active Transportation Plan highlights existing networks and potential capital improvement projects to close gaps in the network and provide greater access and increase safety for users.
- 3. Recreation:** Creating an interconnected network for pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians and more encourages residents to connect to public lands and schools for recreational or work purposes.
- 4. History and Culture:** Active Transportation Plans can help connect residents and neighborhoods to cherished historic, cultural and scenic resources within their communities.



## IMPLEMENTATION

- Through a review of the municipality's Comprehensive Plan and other plans/ studies, such as traffic studies, open space & recreation plans, and municipal zoning ordinances.
- Through a review of demographics and health data (i.e., commute modes and access to transportation)
- Individual stakeholder outreach
- Draft Plan developed
- Public Meeting and Input
- 30-Day review by Municipal and County Planning Commission, neighboring municipalities, School District, and public
- Public Hearing & Acceptance



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## SUCCESSFUL CASE STUDIES

### *Chester County:*

- Chester County Planning Commission (2020)
- Oxford Borough (2023)
- Upper Uwchlan Township (2024)

### *Lancaster County:*

- City of Lancaster (2019)

### *Montgomery County:*

- Montgomery County Planning Commission (2024)
- Lower Merion Township (2024)

*For more information on the Active Transportation Planning process see the expanded technical bulletin included in this toolkit.*