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## Introduction

Before realistic plans can be made for future development, it is essential to first understand the East Pennsboro Township community as it is today, what trends defined its existing condition, and what forces are likely to shape its future. This chapter takes a comprehensive look at the trends and issues surrounding the Township's natural, social, and functional characteristics, and examines their potential impact on its future sustainability.

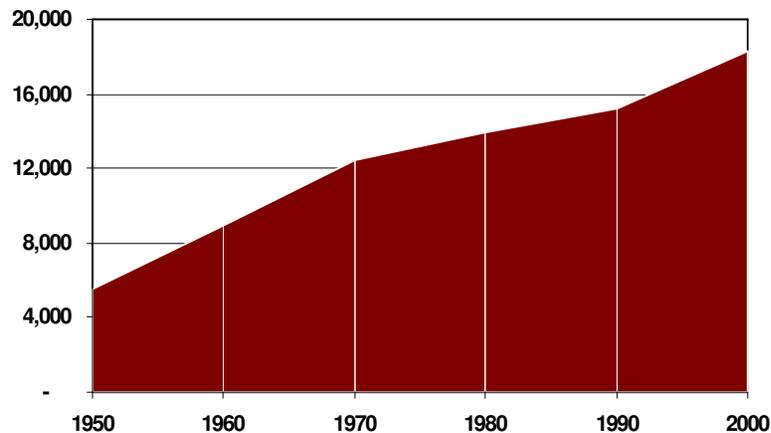
## Social Environment

The social environment serves to capture the human characteristics of the East Pennsboro Community. Such characteristics are evaluated by focusing on the Township's population and housing trends, as well as its economic conditions and the cultural amenities affecting the daily lives of the population.

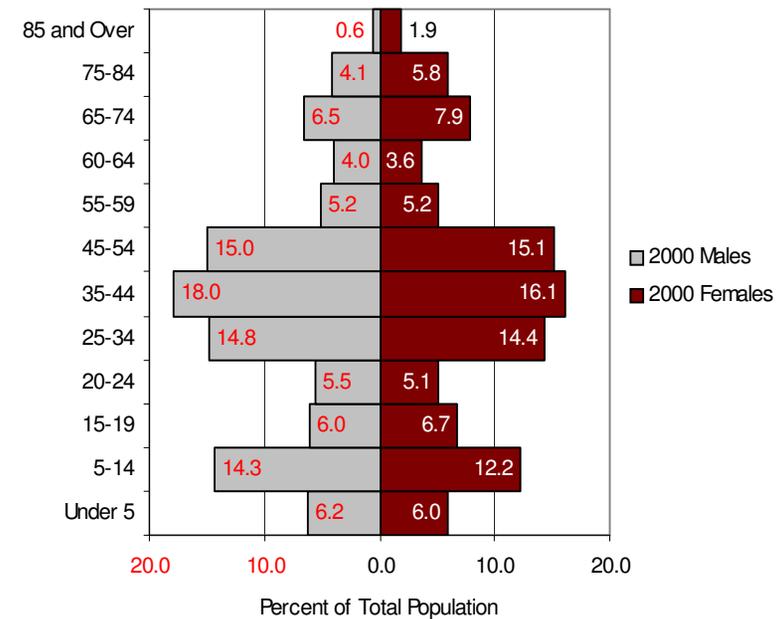
### Population Trends and Issues

Comprehensive Plans are developed to plan for the future well being of a community. Therefore, we must develop a fundamental understanding of East Pennsboro Township's population trends and issues in order to make this Comprehensive Plan relevant. This section provides an overview of the trends and issues regarding East Pennsboro's population.

- East Pennsboro's population is growing.** East Pennsboro's highest growth rate (60.8 percent) occurred between 1950 and 1960, and its largest numeric increase (3,463) occurred between 1960 and 1970. According to the 2000 Census of Population and Housing, East Pennsboro Township is Cumberland County's second most populated municipality with 18,254 persons.

**East Pennsboro's Population Trends: 1950-2000**


- The 1998 voter-approved merger with neighboring West Fairview Borough augmented East Pennsboro Township's population growth** over the 1990 to 2000 period. Based on West Fairview's 1990 population total (1,403), this merger caused the Township's population level to increase by at least 1,300 persons.

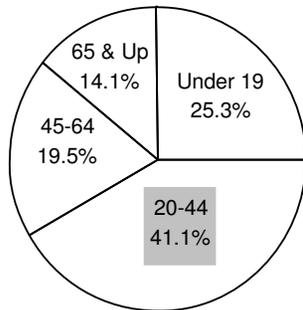
**East Pennsboro's Sex & Age Distribution: 2000**


- East Pennsboro's population is on the move!** Of its total 1995 population age five years and over (17,075), approximately 41 percent lived in a different house in 1995, and of this total approximately 22 percent (3,708 persons) lived outside of Cumberland County.
- East Pennsboro Township's mature age group (persons aged 45-64) experienced the largest growth rate (48.6 percent)** during the 1990 to 2000 Census periods. The school age group (ages 0-19) experienced the second largest growth rate (21.6 percent) during this period. In response to these population growth patterns, the Township and School District have been active in increasing the service and facility needs of these growing age

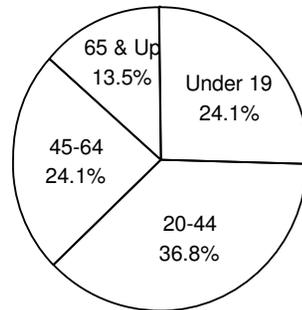
groups. However, as these population segments continue to mature, the Township and School District will need to further respond to their respective service and facility provisions.

- **East Pennsboro’s population is aging**, but is still relatively young. In 2000, the Township’s median age was 37.6 (up from 34.6 in 1990 versus 38.1 for Cumberland County and 38.0 for Pennsylvania).

**East Pennsboro’s Age Comparisons: 1990 & 2000**



1990: 15,185 Persons  
Median Age: 34.6



2000: 18,254 Persons  
Median Age: 37.6

- **East Pennsboro’s household size (persons per household) has decreased** from 2.44 in 1990 to 2.38 in 2000. This trend is consistent with state and national trends, which is indicative of the Township’s aging population coupled with other trends associated with the increase in non-family household formations.
- **The number of household formations in East Pennsboro increased** by 28 percent (1,630 households) over the 1990 to 2000 period. However, the composition of these households

experienced a slight percentage shift (31.6 percent to 33.5 percent) towards the nontraditional family household, versus a noticeable decline in the percentage of traditional family households (68.4 percent to 66.5 percent).

- **East Pennsboro Township’s educational attainment levels have increased**, which is similar to those trends experienced at the County, State and National levels. In fact, the percentage (30.3 percent) of Township residents who have obtained advanced education degrees (i.e., Associates, Bachelors, and Graduate or Professional) exceeded the percentage (28.3 percent) of persons at the state level, but is just below the percentage (33.9 percent) level recorded by the County. The Township’s relatively high educational attainment levels may be attributed to the number of Township residents who are employed in professional (i.e., white collar) and state jobs, as well as the presence of Central Pennsylvania College.
- **By 2010, the Township’s population may exceed 20,000 and by 2020, it may approach 25,000.** Independent projections were prepared for the Township by Bondata of Hummelstown. These projections are based on 1990-2000 trends and do not reference further historical population trends. They suggest that the Township will continue to grow at a double digit rate over the next 15 years.

**Table 2-3. Population Projections, 2005-2020**

	Census Counts		Projections		Growth Rate	
	1990	2000	2010	2020	2000-2010	2010-2020
Cumberland County	194,461	213,674	232,521	252,564	8.8%	8.6%
East Pennsboro township	15,233	18,254	21,374	24,724	17.1%	15.7%
Hampden township	20,452	24,135	27,900	31,916	15.6%	14.4%
Lower Allen township	15,299	17,437	19,563	21,791	12.2%	11.4%
Upper Allen township	13,384	15,338	17,290	19,343	12.7%	11.9%

Source: Bondata

## Housing Trends and Issues

Attractive housing and well maintained residential neighborhoods are one of the most important assets of any community. Good housing creates a sound tax base that will continue to appreciate in value and will assure that residents are living in an environment conducive to healthful and safe living.

The existing and future quality of housing is extremely important to the prosperity of East Pennsboro Township. An analysis of existing housing conditions and projected population levels and characteristics is necessary when identifying housing needs for the future. Another important feature of the local housing market is the variety of housing types and prices. A variety of styles and prices provide housing opportunities for people interested in entering the housing market.

- **East Pennsboro’s housing stock is plentiful and diverse.** From 1980 to 2000, the Township’s total housing units increased by 44.1 percent or by 2,410 units. Of the 2000 total housing units (7,784), 76 percent are classified as single family units and 23 percent are classified as multi-family units.
- **East Pennsboro experienced the third largest housing unit growth rate (44.7 percent) in Cumberland County**, over the 1980 to 2000 Census periods. Comparatively, Hampden Township experienced the largest housing unit growth rate (69.4 percent), followed by Upper Allen (55.8 percent). These growth rates, including Lower Allen Township’s growth rate of 33.9 percent) surpassed the rates generated by Cumberland County (32.3 percent), the MSA (23.1 percent), and Pennsylvania (14.2 percent); thereby, establishing the West Shore area as one of the fastest growing areas in the commonwealth.



A single family home in the Victoria Glen neighborhood of East Pennsboro Township.

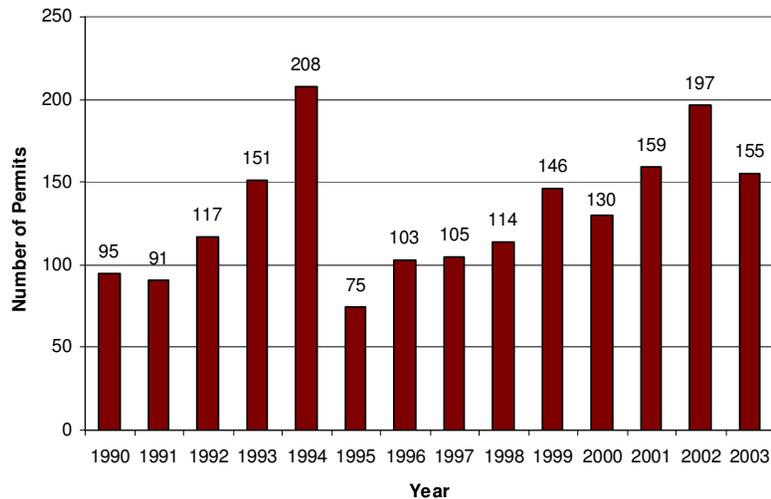
**Table 2-1. Comparative Housing Unit Growth Trends**

Municipality	1980	1990	2000
East Pennsboro Township	5,394	6,118	7,784
Hampden Township	5,897	7,885	9,990
Lower Allen Township	4,870	6,117	6,520
Upper Allen Township	3,337	4,539	5,198

- **East Pennsboro’s residential construction trends during the 1990s** caused it to have one of the highest housing unit densities of all of Cumberland County’s townships.

- During the 1990 to 2000 Census period, the number of occupied housing units increased by 27.2 percent (1,600 units), which is two times greater than the growth rate enumerated for the previous decade. This trend is attributable to the influx of new housing starts in the western portion of the Township.

**East Pennsboro's New Residential Units Built: 1990-2003**



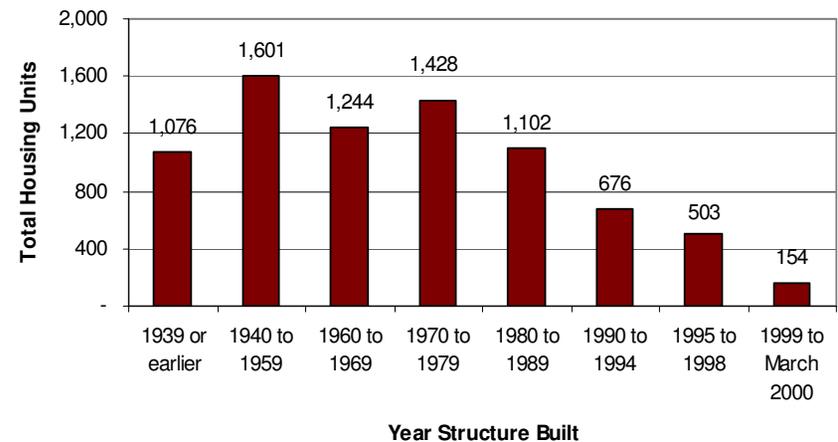
- The majority of East Pennsboro's housing units were constructed before 1980; therefore, many of these structures may require electrical, heating, and plumbing system upgrades, and maybe even contain lead-based paints.
- East Pennsboro's housing stock is affordable relative to neighboring townships according to the 2000 Census. However, compared to the 1990 housing affordability index value (1.82), Township residents now spend over 2.5 times their annual household income on housing.

Housing affordability is based on two factors—housing values and household incomes. A comparison of these two factors can derive a proportional index of housing affordability, which helps compare the affordability of the local housing market for the typical family household.

**Table 2-2. Number of Housing Units Per Square Mile: 1980-2000**

Municipality	1980	1990	2000
Cumberland County	119.5	140.2	158.1
East Pennsboro Twp.	508.9	577.2	716.0
Hampden Twp.	331.3	443.0	561.2
Lower Allen Twp.	472.8	593.9	633.0
Upper Allen Twp.	252.8	343.9	393.8

**Age of East Pennsboro's Housing Units: 1980-2000**



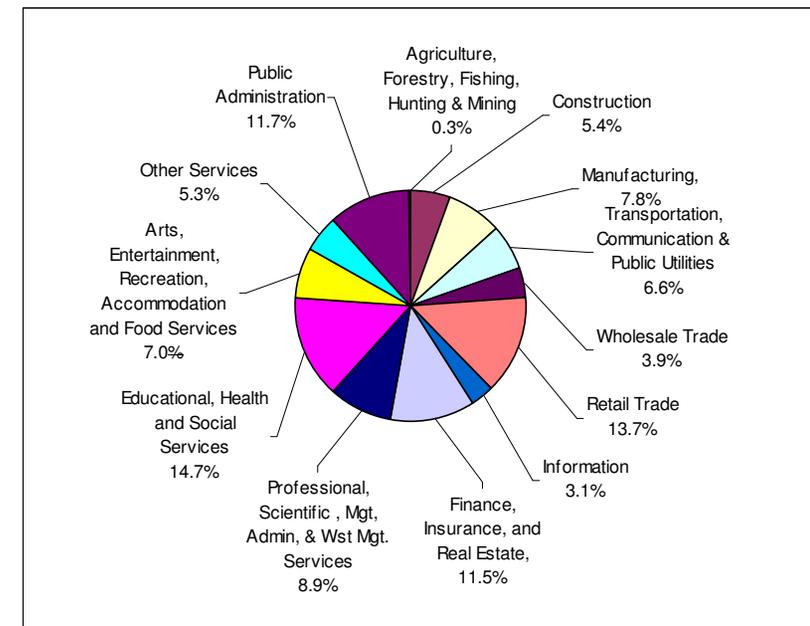
## Economic Trends and Issues

The inventory and analysis of East Pennsboro's labor force and economic resources and activities are important components of the comprehensive planning process. The growth and sustainability of the Township and surrounding area is largely dependent on its existing economic structure and relationship to regional and national market conditions.

- **East Pennsboro Township is an ever-evolving community.** Since its incorporation as a First Class Township in 1952, East Pennsboro has been transformed from a rural, blue-collar community to one of central Pennsylvania's most diversified residential, commercial and professional office centers.
- **East Pennsboro is centrally located in the Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** and is thereby within the immediate core of its economic activity. Moreover, the Township is located along the axis of the MSA's two most important highway corridors—Interstate 81 and U.S. Route 11/ 15.
- **The City of Harrisburg is the MSA's urban core and largely influences the Township and region's economic activities.**
- **The Township's economy is also highly influenced and supported by the the I-81 and U.S. 11/ 15 corridors.** As evidenced by the historic growth patterns along these intra-state corridors, the Harrisburg area's "sphere of influence," will continue to impact the location and intensity of development and transportation patterns.

- **East Pennsboro represents one of the area's most predominant labor force suppliers** and is poised to continue this trend well into the next decade.
- **The composition of the Township's workforce is changing!** The percentage of females comprising East Pennsboro's civilian labor force increased from 49.1 percent to 62.3 percent over the 1990 to 2000 Census periods. This trend may be indicative of the fact that more family households are comprised of two working parents and an increased dependence on child care facilities.
- **The Township's West Shore Office Area Complex rivals downtown Harrisburg as a major employment center** in the region.

East Pennsboro's Distribution of Total Employment by Industry: 2000



## Cultural Resource Trends and Issues

A wealth of cultural resources abounds throughout East Pennsboro Township. A review of these resources increases our understanding and appreciation of the local heritage and improves the Township's overall quality of life.

- **The Historical Society of East Pennsboro Township serves as the Township's official historical preservation agency** that is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the Township's heritage, landmarks and artifacts.
- **The Historical Society of East Pennsboro Township** utilizes a portion of the Boyer House for their administrative, artifact collection and display activities. However, as the historical society's collection of artifacts increases, further consideration may need to be given to future storage and display space needs and requirements.



The Boyer House along Valley Road

- **The Cumberland County Historical Society is one of the nation's oldest historical societies** and is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the County's history. The CCHS is an excellent resource for the Historical Society of East Pennsboro Township.
- A number of historic sites within East Pennsboro Township, including the Village of Enola, have been identified by the CCHS and Historical Society of East Pennsboro Township. Many of these possibly could be considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
- **There are no properties within East Pennsboro Township that are included on the National Register of Historic Places.**
- **There are over 60 PHMC historical markers located throughout Cumberland County**, but no such markers identify any of East Pennsboro's many historical amenities.

## Natural Resource Trends and Issues

East Pennsboro enjoys a wealth of natural features from the picturesque views of Blue Mountain to serene settings of the Conodoguinet Creek and Susquehanna River. The identification of East Pennsboro Township's natural resources is an important part of the planning process and the delineation of these resources serves as a guide for future planning decisions. This analysis will help ensure that future development in East Pennsboro Township takes place in an environmentally sensitive manner.

- **East Pennsboro Township is located in the Lower Susquehanna Subbasin and drained entirely by the Conodoguinet Creek Watershed.** The Conodoguinet Creek, named by Native Americans as "a long way with many bends," is the major stream of this watershed and drains into the

Susquehanna River at the southern end of the Village of West Fairview. Throughout its 101-mile Cumberland Valley journey, the creek provides residents with water, waste removal, and recreational resources, all of which are regulated by PA DEP or DCNR.

- **The Conodoguinet Creek and Susquehanna River provide invaluable recreational and aesthetic values to East Pennsboro Township.** It is important for the Township to continue to preserve the greenway corridor along these waterway systems.



Blue Mountain is the backdrop for the Susquehanna River along much of the West Shore.

- **Portions of East Pennsboro Township are susceptible to flood hazards;** particularly, the Village of West Fairview, which lies at the confluence of the Conodoguinet Creek and Susquehanna River.
- **The Township seeks to protect and preserve its natural resources** through zoning and subdivision/ land development ordinance regulation and enforcement. However, it is critical that the Township continue to evaluate its regulatory measures

to ensure they are effective in protecting and preserving the local natural resources.

- **East Pennsboro should remain cognizant of how development and redevelopment activities affect small watersheds.**
- **The Township's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is a Township-based organization dedicated to preserving and restoring the local natural environment,** including the Conodoguinet Creek and its tributaries. The EAC, which originated from the Township's Shade Tree Committee, advises the Board of Commissioners regarding environmental matters related to land use and development activities.
- **An Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan has not been prepared for the Conodoguinet Creek Watershed.**
- **East Pennsboro residents enjoy spacious views of Blue Mountain,** which forms the northern boundary of the Township. Currently, the River Bend housing development is being developed on the south slope of the mountain. The Township, however, has taken measures to protect the mountain from future steep slope development.



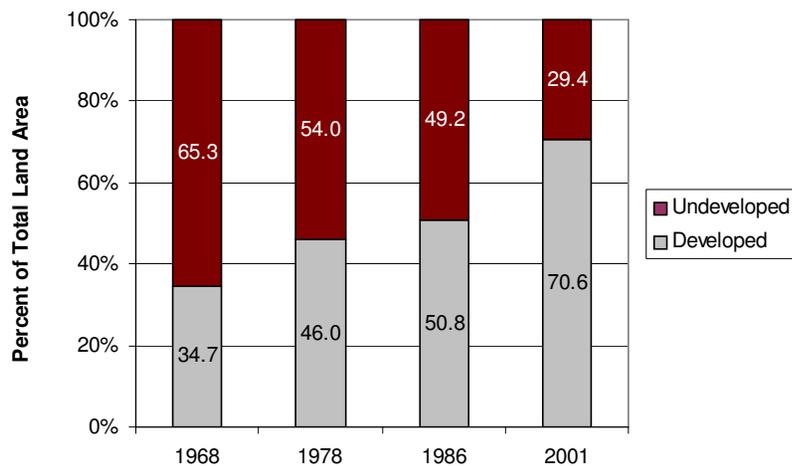
Blue Mountain is in clear view from the East Pennsboro school complex.

## Land Use Trends and Issues

Modern land use decision-making is a multi-faceted process, particularly when decisions affect large geographic areas and the populations, economics, and environments within these areas. Land use data is only one aspect of the inventory phase of planning projects, however it is an extremely important one as modern society continues to develop lands while controlling negative impacts.

The surrounding natural features of Blue Mountain, the Conodoguinet Creek, and the Susquehanna River, as well as its proximity to the state capital, commercial activity, and transportation routes have influenced East Pennsboro Township's existing land use patterns. Waterways provided early, inexpensive routes for transporting goods to commercial centers downstream. Rail lines were later used to transport goods to the interior.

Developed and Undeveloped Land Use Trends: 1968-2001



Commercial activity in and around the capital city has drawn state workers and support services to the region.

- **East Pennsboro has been one of Cumberland County's fastest growing municipalities.** From 1968 to 2001, the Township's developed land area has occupied an ever-increasing share of the Township's total land area; increasing from 34.7 percent in 1968 to 70.6 percent in 2001.
- **The Township has a limited amount of developable land remaining** and has begun to direct initiatives toward revitalizing developed areas, such as the Enola and West Fairview communities.
- **The Township continues to experience an average of 125 new single-family homes each year**, with the majority of them being developed near the intersection of Wertzville Road and Center Street/ East Penn Drive. This growth has been exemplified by the recent (1999) relocation and expansion of the Enola Post Office to the intersection of Center Street/ East Penn Drive and Magaro Road. These development trends have also supported the development of the Township's two newest shopping centers—Pennsboro Commons anchored by Giant Foods and East Penn Center anchored by CVS.
- **The Township's most recent development trends, however, has created "bi-polar" attitudes among the new comers and old-timers.** The residents of older communities, such as Enola, Summerdale, and West Fairview, are disconnected with the newer communities developing in the Western portion of the Township.



## Key Land Development Initiatives and Opportunities

**Commercial and Residential Development**  
East Penn Drive

**Pennsboro Commons Development**  
East Penn Drive

**East Penn Center Development**  
Wertzville Road

**Summerdale Plaza Redevelopment**  
U.S. 11/15

**Holy Spirit Hospital Expansion and Redevelopment**  
21<sup>st</sup> Street/Poplar Church Road

**Tec Port West**  
Miller Street



- **The Township enjoys a healthy commercial land use base**, which dominates the central and southeast portions of the municipality connected by the newly built East Penn Drive. These commercial entities employ over 13,000 people, which provides the township with considerable levels of direct (taxes) and indirect revenues (local spending).
- **The Enola Rail Yard represents the Township's largest industrial land use** occupying 407 acres or 5.5 percent of the total land area. Owned and operated by Norfolk Southern (NS), the rail yard is a vital part of the East Pennsboro community. NS's recent and planned investments include automation of switching operations. Significant operation (and employment) expansion could occur when the eastbound rail yard is re-installed—an improvement planned for the 2010/ 2020 period.



The Enola Rail Yard along US 15.

- **Township officials are concerned about the appearance of the U.S. Route 11/15 commercial corridor and the Summerdale Plaza.** This corridor is the Township's primary gateway and it is important to provide residents and visitors aesthetically pleasing entry.
- **The construction of East Penn Drive has made large tracts of undeveloped land accessible for development.** The Township could now expect to see commercial office development

occurring along this corridor, as well as increased traffic volumes.

### Transportation Trends and Issues

The transportation network of a community is the backbone for its development and its prosperity. It can help to attract a thriving society of merchants and residents, and is part of the overall foundation for community growth and development. A carefully planned and maintained transportation system will help sustain the Township's existing quality of life.

- **East Pennsboro is a highly accessible community** that is traversed by a wide range of highway systems, which include Interstate 81, U.S. Route 11/ 15, Wertzville Road (PA 944) and many state roadways.



The US 15 corridor

- **The Township is located in a major travel shed between the major employment areas of downtown Harrisburg and the bedroom communities of eastern Cumberland and Perry Counties.** In 2001-2002, the Cumberland-Perry Task Force (of which East Pennsboro Township is a member) conducted a transportation study to quantify existing safety and congestion problems with respect to commuting between and through these areas. The Task Force identified eight (8) study corridors (three in East Pennsboro) and suggested short-, medium- and long-range improvements for each. Study corridors in East Pennsboro included PA 944 and portions of U.S. 11 and 15 and I-81. The study identified the following trends:
  - Continuing residential development along Route 944 will cause traffic volumes to increase in the future.
  - The morning and evening peak period traffic volumes at the intersection of Route 944 and East Penn Drive are quite high. Evening peak traffic volumes through intersections along Route 944 are marginally to considerably higher than morning peak traffic volumes.
  - The average weekday daily traffic volumes on Route 944 are influenced by a high amount of commuter traffic.
- **Commuting to work trends have changed dramatically in East Pennsboro over the past 10 years.** The Census reported that the Township experienced almost a 23 percent increase in the number of residents who drove to work alone, while the number of residents using public transit decreased by over 70 percent.

- **The number of residents working at home more than doubled over the 1990 to 2000 Census periods.** This trend may cause the Township to amend their zoning ordinance to adequately regulate such home occupation activities.
- **Noise is an ongoing concern for residents** in neighborhoods abutting I-81. The Township has been petitioned by residents for noise mitigation.
- **Access management is a concern** on roadways such as Valley Road near Central Penn College. The recent improvement of East Penn Drive, while eliminating a section of dangerous roadway, has also opened up additional land for development. This introduces a need for the Township to exercise good access management practices before development occurs.
- **The Township's West Shore Office Area Complex rivals downtown Harrisburg as a major employment center** in the region and will continue to have a significant impact on regional traffic patterns. The Township must continue to collaborate with PENNDOT, HATS, neighboring municipalities and major employers in addressing peak period congestion issues.

Table 2-4. Commuting to Work Trends, 1990 &amp; 2000

Mode	1990	2000	Change	
			#	%
Drove Alone	6,454	7,933	1,479	22.9
Carpooled	929	1,074	145	15.6
Public Transit	139	41	-98	-70.5
Walked	226	166	-60	-26.5
Other Means	56	36	-20	-35.7
Worked at Home	111	226	115	103.6

- **U.S. 11 and 15 south of West Fairview was highlighted in the 1997 plan** as a high priority for improvement, as it is the only route available to connect the housing base in the Township with the job base in downtown Harrisburg. The Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) completed a 2000 Bicycle/ Pedestrian Transportation plan, which in fact lists “Improved Connectivity between the East and West Shores” as its top priority.
- **Tri-County Regional Planning Commission’s 1997 Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Plan** identifies several routes within the Township included as part of the overall region’s bicycle/ pedestrian network:
  - U.S. 11 and 15
  - Valley Street
  - Salt Road/ East Penn Drive
  - Magaro Road
  - Acri Road
  - First Street
  - Bella Vista Drive
- **There is a strong relationship between development patterns and the predominant mode of transportation at the time of development.** For example, downtown Enola evolved during a time when most people traveled on foot and therefore land use and transportation patterns reflect a design favorable to non-motorized modes of transportation. More recent development in the Township has evolved during a time of automobile dependence and has left the pedestrian without safe, interconnected walking routes to nearby destinations.
- **The Township has provided walking trails in some of its parks.** These offer residents opportunities to walk through varied recreational and natural environments, though currently

are predominantly destinations rather than transportation alternatives. As the Township’s population becomes more diverse, the provision of adequate non-motorized transportation systems will increasingly become an important component of the Township’s quality of life.

- **Biking trail opportunities are limited in the Township.** Road shoulders are inadequate to support use as bike lanes and the adjacent roadways typically sustain a level of service (LOS) that makes casual biking feel uncomfortable, if not unsafe.
- **Norfolk Southern’s Enola Rail Yard is a major freight hub in the mid-Atlantic region** and is a vital to the East Pennsboro community. Local representatives of NS have indicated that rail traffic has increased in recent months, a common sign of a growing (or recovering economy).

### Community Facilities and Services Trends and Issues

Key trends and issues regarding East Pennsboro’s community facilities and services are provided below. These items highlight some of the Township’s best features, which span a wide array of community facilities and services.

- **East Pennsboro provides a wide array of services to meet the needs of its people.** Essential services include round-the-clock police and fire protection with an 18-officer professional police force; and a six company strong, all volunteer, well-trained, fire department. The township has its own independently-operated ambulance association. The Township’s administrative offices are located at 98 South Enola Drive in the former Enola High School, renovated in 1984/ 85 to become the East Pennsboro Township Community and Municipal Center. The center serves as the location for Township commissioners meetings and as the offices for the Township manager and other administrative

staff; the police department; the recreation department; the fire marshall, building, zoning; engineering; and sewer and refuse. The Municipal building also houses the Mary Shaner Senior Adult Center and the Enola Branch of the West Shore Public Library. The Township also provides the elected Treasurer/ Tax Collector with office space at the same location.

- **In the first local fire protection rating since 1984, East Pennsboro Township has won a Class 4 rating by the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO).** The new rating places our community in the top 11 percent of communities throughout the nation with the best fire protection. The township's previous Class 6 rating placed us in the top 39 percent of the nation.
- **The biggest issue concerning the Township's fire departments is manpower.** This issue, in fact, is resounded throughout Cumberland County to the extent that the County Board of Commissioners is spearheading an effort to mitigate the impacts of local volunteer deficiencies.
- **A wide range of high quality educational opportunities exist locally for East Pennsboro Township residents.** One of the community's biggest assets is the good working relationship that exists between the Township and East Pennsboro School District officials. The school district recently completed renovation of the high school and middle school campus.



East Pennsboro High School



East Pennsboro Area Middle School

- **Central Pennsylvania College prides itself as being located in the small community of Summerdale** and boasts the Harrisburg area's many cultural and recreational attractions as providing students with a high quality of life.
- **The primary health care facility in the Township is Holy Spirit Hospital and its affiliated medical service centers.**
- **Holy Spirit Health System completed construction of a new four-story, 120,000 square foot Heart Center in 2004.** Holy

Spirit aims to build on its existing reputation as a first-rate medical facility with this expansion project. The Heart Center is expected to create at least 90 new employment positions.

- **East Pennsboro Township generated approximately 7800 tons of solid waste in 2000.** Trends of increasing waste generation are expected to parallel population increases in the foreseeable future. Waste collection services are by the Township contracted to Waste Management.
- **East Pennsboro Township is in the process of updating its Act 537 Plan.** The purpose of the Act 537 Plan Update is to identify any remaining sewage facilities needs in the Township, evaluate the capacity of the Township's major wastewater conveyance facilities, develop projections of ultimate WWTP loadings, and evaluate alternatives for meeting the Township's ultimate sewage conveyance and treatment capacity needs. The plan outlines the need, approach, and 20-year program to improve the East Pennsboro WWTP; to upgrade, rehabilitate or replace three pumping stations; monitor the system during wet weather conditions; to identify and remove infiltration/inflow; to extend public sewers into priority areas to eliminate failing on-lot systems; to implement an on-lot management program to assure the regular maintenance and inspection of all on-lot wastewater systems. This plan for sound maintenance of the wastewater system is supported by Township agreement to adjust sewer user rates and tapping fees to generate sufficient revenue to fund the proposed sewer system improvements and satisfy operation and maintenance requirements.
- **The East Pennsboro community has a well-rounded mix of quality public and private recreation opportunities.** The new Parks and Recreation Plan will serve to sustain existing public facilities and provide direction towards the provision of

additional facilities to meet the population's ever increasing and diverse recreational needs.



Midway Park, one of several Township parks

## Municipal Administration and Finances Trends and Issues

A fundamental understanding of the key trends and issues surrounding the Township's administrative and financial operations is key to the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. This section serves to highlight such trends and issues.

- **East Pennsboro Township officials continue to provide their residents with proper and efficient government services,** and are responsive to their residents' needs and concerns.
- **East Pennsboro is highly dependent and grateful for its citizen volunteer services.** Today, the Township's operations are dependent upon eight volunteer boards and commissions,

which include the most recently organized Hometown Safety Council.

- **In 1998, East Pennsboro Township became the only central Pennsylvania municipality in recent history to successfully implement a voter-approved merger with a neighboring municipality.** The merger of the former Borough of West Fairview with East Pennsboro Township was initiated by West Fairview citizens interested in the pursuit of greater cost-effectiveness, efficiency, and improvement in the delivery of local governmental services.