



How We  
**Preserve**

**GOAL:** Advance the protection and stewardship of open space, farmland, and natural and cultural features to realize economic, ecological, and quality of life benefits.

**Protected Open Space**

Track protected open space within the county, including farmlands, natural preserves, and parks, as a percentage of the county on an annual basis (existing POST system).

*Note: Specific types of protected open space can be tracked also, such as lands preserved through ALPB easements.*

**Open Space Connectivity**

Measure the connectivity of protected open space within the county, using the POST system as a basis of protected parcels, on an annual basis. The goal would be to increase the level of connectivity over time, from a baseline measurement at the end of 2018.

**Farmland Ratio**

Determine the ratio of protected farmland as a portion of viable farmland on an annual basis. Protected farmland would be assessed through the POST system. A determination of viable farmland would be undertaken annually, based on Act 43 criteria.



How We  
**Protect**

**GOAL:** Protect and restore critical natural resources to ensure a resilient environment that supports healthy communities.

**Natural Resource Standards**

Track the adequacy of natural resource protection standards within municipal ordinances on an annual basis. An existing inventory, updated through the end of 2018, would form the baseline for the future measurement of improvements. Separate categories (such as steep slopes or riparian buffers) could be tracked.

**Stream Health**

Track changes in the diversity of in-stream aquatic insect populations as an indicator of overall stream health.



How We  
**Appreciate**

**GOAL:** Preserve the historic resources and landscapes that define our cultural heritage to inspire the future through tangible connections to our shared past.

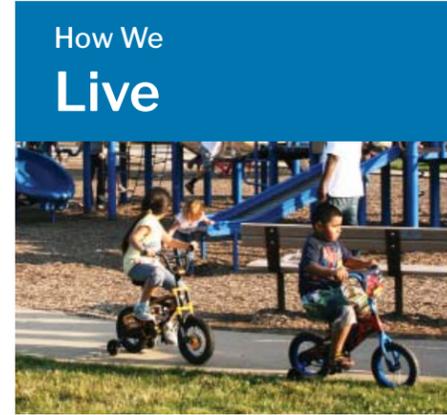
**Historic Inventory and Standards**

Track the inventory and regulation of historic resources at the municipal level through four components:

- 1) completed Historic Atlas;
- 2) existence of a historic commission/committee or historic architectural review board;
- 3) adoption of ordinance provisions that support the preservation of designated historic resources and
- 4) existence of a Certified Local Government.

**Heritage Tourism**

Track level of heritage tourism within the county related to historic and cultural resources. A survey of a limited number of historic and cultural sites will serve as a proxy for the overall trend of heritage tourism.



How We  
**Live**

**GOAL:** Nurture diverse and well-rounded communities with a balance of residential opportunities and convenient access to community facilities, services, and amenities.

**Affordable Housing Units Built**

Track the number of affordable units subsidized by the County Department of Community Development to track the general development of affordable units.

**Housing Diversity Opportunities**

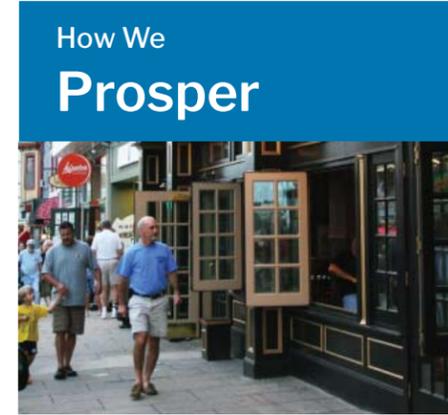
Determine the total number of different housing types constructed and their physical location, through county assessment data, to track housing diversity.

**Access to Parks & Recreation**

Determine the percentage of county residents living within a defined radius of a public park or recreational facility.

**Solid Waste Reduction**

Track tonnage received by the landfills and/or per capita change in recycled materials.



How We  
**Prosper**

**GOAL:** Grow our economic strength through developing and sustaining a skilled workforce, adaptable work areas, supportive infrastructure, a culture of innovation, and engaged communities.

**Non-residential Development Activity**

Track the square footage of non-residential development.

**Urban Center Prosperity**

Measure the impact of investments in the county's Urban Centers by tracking the annual change in taxable assessments in the Urban Centers.

**Workforce Development Progress**

Track the number of people assisted with workforce development by the resource center of the Chester County Careerlink.



How We  
**Connect**

**GOAL:** Advance efficient, reliable, and innovative transportation, utility, and communications infrastructure systems that responsibly serve thriving and growing communities.

**Active Transportation Options**

Measure the combined distance of active transportation facility improvements constructed, including Circuit Trails, multi-use trails, paths, sidewalks, and bike lanes. An existing inventory updated through the end of 2018 would form the baseline.

**Public Transportation Ridership**

Track public transit ridership in the county, including all SEPTA bus routes, ChescoBus, Pottstown Area Rapid Transit (PART) buses, Krapf's Route A, SEPTA's Paoli/Thorndale regional rail service, and the Amtrak Keystone Service providing transit service in Chester County.

**Improved Travel Time**

Track the average travel time on select major highway corridor segments during peak hours on the weekdays.

**Water/Sewer/Land Use Coordination**

Track the percentage of development proposals using public water and sewer located within growth areas through the subdivision and land development submissions received by the County Planning Commission for Act 247 plan review.