

EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP 2005 ANNUAL REPORT



ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NOTABLE EVENTS

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INTRODUCTION

The information contained in the following pages is an administrative summary of the municipal activity occurring in East Bradford Township in 2005. The purpose of this publication is to serve as a vehicle for highlighting municipal accomplishments and noteworthy events during the past year rather than as a statistical compendium. The details of the monthly business of the Board of Supervisors, its appointed Advisory Boards and Commissions (ABC's) and the daily activities of the Township staff can be examined through recorded minutes, the annual budget(s) / audit, codes and building reports, subdivision / land development files, monthly financial reports, and numerous other municipal records available to the citizens of East Bradford Township and the general public upon request (under the Open Records Law). Increasingly, more municipal information for East Bradford Township can be obtained from the Township web site (www.eastbradford.org) including historical facts, Board of Supervisors and ABC minutes, codes (including zoning and subdivision), municipal services, and annual budgets. The intent of the Annual Report is to serve as an educational resource and archival document for East Bradford taxpayers, property owners and citizens, elected and appointed Township officials, and those persons interested in the business of local government operation and administration. The Board of Supervisors of East Bradford Township embraces the attitude of "local government as accessible, responsive, and service oriented."

ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATION

- Supervisor Chairman Thomas Egan was reelected in November 2005 to another 6-year term of office.
- After 18 years of service, Public Works Director Fran Trego retired. Fran was honored at a luncheon at the Township office. Many friends and family members were in attendance. Thank you to Fran for your many years of dedication!
- The Township hired Patrick McDonnell, an intern from West Chester University. Patrick was employed from September to December 2005. His tasks included assisting with East Bradford Day, subdivision file organization, and other administrative tasks.
- At the end of 2004, the Township engaged the services of a third-party consultant to perform the zoning officer duties. In 2005, the Supervisors expressed interest in bringing these duties back in house. In October, Brenden Beaumont resumed the zoning officer duties. A part time codes administration clerk – Melissa Needles – was hired to assist Brenden.
- In the fall of 2005, the Board of Supervisors initiated a second work session / executive session to be held before the Board's regular meeting. The purpose of the additional meeting is to handle legal matters, real estate matters, and any other items the Supervisors do not have time to cover during their normal work sessions.



ADVISORY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS (ABC's)

- The following volunteers were appointed or reappointed during 2005:
 - Robert Korbonits, Planning Commission
 - Michael Jackson, Planning Commission
 - William Plummer, Zoning Hearing Board
 - Richard Gallagher, Historical Commission
 - Richard Buchanan, Historical Architectural Review Board
 - Jeff Cantwell, Environmental Advisory Council
 - Robert Struble, Environmental Advisory Council
 - Maura Sheehan, Environmental Advisory Council
 - Jack Stefferud, Open Space Review Board
 - Donald Scholl, Open Space Review Board

- The following volunteers resigned from their positions during 2005:
 - Stanley Haller - over 50 years of combined volunteer service to the Planning Commission and Vacancy Board.
 - Patricia J. Murnane - 4 years of volunteer service to the Historical Commission.
 - Mary Donohue - 3 years of volunteer service to the Parks & Recreation Board.
 - John M. Lynch - 3 years of volunteer service to the Planning Commission.
 - Mark Piazza - 3 years of volunteer service to the Environmental Advisory Council.
 - William Thompson - 3 years of volunteer service to the Parks & Recreation Board and many years of service on various board and commissions.

Thank you for your dedication and service!

- The Scenic Roads Study Committee completed its charge and was officially decommissioned. As a result of the committee's efforts, the following roads were identified as scenic roads: Allerton Road, Birmingham Road, Brandywine Road, Conner Road, Copeland School Road, Creek Road series (including Valley Creek Road, North Creek Road and South Creek Road, Guthrie Road, Harmony Hill Road (from Guthrie Road west to Downingtown Pike), Lucky Hill Road, Ravine Road, Shenton Road, Skelp Level Road, Strasburg Road (west of Highland Road), Sunset Hollow Road, and Tigue Road. Thanks to the members for their commitment to the assignment and for completing their work timely and effectively.

- In May 2005, the Township authorized Wise Preservation to complete a National Register nomination for the Strode's Mill Historic District boundary expansion. The Historic Commission initiated this effort and monitored the progress of this project.

- The Township began to consider a multi-municipal agreement with Birmingham Township, East Marlborough Township, Kennett Township, Pennsbury Township, Pocopson Township and Chadds Ford Township to establish a Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission. The primary purpose of this committee would be to improve and protect the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway which follows Route 52 from East Bradford Township into Delaware. The Historic Commission initiated this effort. The Supervisors were considering this agreement throughout last quarter of 2005 and into 2006.

PLANNING

Subdivisions & Land Developments The following subdivision and/or land development applications were submitted in 2005:

- SD #513 Bradford Shops – The final land development plan was amended to address signage. The amendment was approved by the Board of Supervisors in February 2005.
- SD # 552 Talleyville Properties – The final land development plan was amended to address signage. The Planning Commission reviewed the amendment during the first half of the year. The amendment was approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2005.
- SD #564 Baldwin Book Barn; preliminary subdivision plan – The Baldwin Book Barn submitted a preliminary application in 2003 to subdivide the Book Barn property to create 4 new residential lots. The preliminary plan was approved in April 2005. The final plan was submitted to and accepted by the Commission in May. The applicant was working to obtain planning module approval throughout the remainder of the year.
- SD #572 Walter; final, sketch, and preliminary subdivision plans – Mr. and Mrs. Walter submitted a final subdivision application for a lot line change involving 2 lots. The Planning Commission accepted the plan in January 2005. Due to some significant concerns with the 2-lot layout, the applicant submitted 2 sketch plans – one showing 3 lots and one showing 4 lots. The Planning Commission reviewed these sketches in June and July. The 2-lot final plan was subsequently withdrawn. Following the withdrawal of the final plan, Mr. and Mrs. Walter submitted a preliminary plan based on the 4-lot sketch. The Commission accepted the 4-lot plan in November 2005 and discussions continued throughout the remainder of the year.
- SD #573 Grace Baptist Church; preliminary land development plan – Grace Baptist Church submitted a land development application in 2004 to expand their current facilities. The applicant continued presenting to the Planning Commission throughout the first part of 2005. In July, the applicant submitted a time clock suspension request because they were in the process of purchasing another property. A new applicant – Old Paths Baptist Church – purchased the East Bradford property in December and continued to pursue the application into 2006.
- SD #574 American Ice Tool Museum; final land development plan – Applicant Peter Stack submitted a land development application in 2004 to restore a historic barn and use it to display antique ice tools. The museum would be used for educational purposes. The applicant continued presenting to the Planning Commission throughout the first part of 2005. In March, the applicant submitted a time clock suspension request because he was considering another property. The time clock was suspended through the end of the year.
- SD #577 Gambone; final subdivision plan – This plan represents a joint effort between the Township and Gambone to correct the O’rmead Lane right-of-way. The Board granted final approval in February 2005.

- SD #578 Giant Foods; preliminary and final land development – Giant Foods submitted an application in 2004 to reconstruct the food store at Bradford Plaza. The preliminary plan was approved in April 2005 and the final plan was approved in June.
- SD #580 Wilson; preliminary and final subdivision plans – Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson submitted a subdivision application for a 5-lot subdivision at the corner of Miner Street and Scennelltown Road. The Planning Commission accepted the plan in December 2004. The applicant continued to work with the Commission throughout the first part of 2005. The Board granted preliminary approval in October 2005.
- SD #582 McAssey; preliminary/final subdivision plan – The McAssey's submitted a minor subdivision plan to adjust their lot line to allow for the construction of a garage (set backs were too close to construct the house on the lot as is). The plan was accepted by the Commission in April 2005 and approved by the Board of Supervisors in May 2005.
- SD #583 Haas/Banta; preliminary subdivision plan – Richard Haas and Lynn Banta submitted a subdivision plan to create 4 lots out of a 14.6-acre property in the Township's Industrial District. 2.2 acres are in East Caln Township. The plan was accepted by the Commission in May 2005. The applicant continued presenting throughout 2005.
- SD #584 Zarelli; preliminary/final subdivision plan – Gus Zarelli and his sister, Janet Farley, submitted a minor subdivision plan to adjust the lot line between their properties located on Benjamin Drive and Marie Rochelle Drive. The plan was accepted by the Commission in June 2005 and approved by the Board in August 2005.
- SD #586 Holt/Leppert; sketch and final plans – Kevin Holt and Jeffrey Leppert submitted a sketch plan for a subdivision on West Miner Street. The initial sketch showing 4 lots was reviewed by the Planning Commission in May 2005. The applicant revised the plan several times throughout the year; the final version of the plan showed 2 lots. The applicant submitted a final plan application based on the 2-lot concept, which was accepted by the Commission in December; however, the applicant will need a zoning variance to continue with the 2-lot plan.
- Easter; sketch plan – Mr. Easter submitted a sketch plan for a 3-lot subdivision on West Miner Street. The Planning Commission reviewed the sketch in January 2005 and the engineer reviewed the plan. There were no further submissions.
- Norcini/TAG; sketch plan – Norcini Builders and TAG Builders submitted a sketch plan to use the open space development option to construct 10 single-family homes on a 28.3-acre property on the east side of Wawaset Road. The Planning Commission reviewed the plan in April 2005 and provided feedback to the applicant. There were no further submissions.
- Pharmacy; sketch plan – Rite Aid and Bradford Plaza submitted a sketch plan to develop "phase II" of the Bradford Plaza shopping center in August 2005. There was significant discussion about the pharmacy and the possibility of a Bradford Avenue extension throughout the remainder of 2005.
- Schauer; sketch plan – Mr. and Mrs. Randy Schauer submitted a sketch plan to create a 4-lot subdivision on their 10.4-acre property located at 250 South Creek Road. The

property was identified on the Official Map as “lands proposed for future conservation easement.” The Planning Commission suggested that the applicant discuss the project with the Open Space Review Board. There were no further submissions in 2005.

Conditional Uses The following conditional use applications were submitted in 2005:

- SD # 581 Schramm – The applicant submitted a conditional use application to use the open space development option to build 31 new homes on a 45.3-acre tract located between Sconneltown Road and Miner Street. There is one existing dwelling. Hearings started in March and continued into September; the decision was issued in November 2005 with a number of conditions. One of the conditions of approval reduced the number of lots from 32 to 24.
- SD #588 Chester County Radio (WCHE) – The applicant, WCHE radio, submitted a conditional use application to expand its broadcasting range by erecting a second radio tower at its property along Route 322. The property is in the C-2 Zoning District. The applicant presented to the Planning Commission in September 2005. The Commission recommended approval in October. The first hearing before the Supervisors also took place in October. Hearings continued through the remainder of 2005.

Other Planning Items

- The Township commenced an update of its 1996 Township Comprehensive Plan toward the end of 2002. A Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Task Force, composed of representatives of each of the advisory boards and commissions (ABC’s) and at-large citizen representatives, prepared the plan update, which was officially adopted in September 2004. A summary of the updated Plan was mailed to all residents in the first quarter of 2005.
- In November 2005, the Township adopted an update to its 1993 Open Space, Recreation, and Environmental Resources Plan. The plan was updated to provide support for the adoption of a fee in lieu of open space policy (see Ordinances 09-2005 and 10-2005).
- The Township started the process to update the Official Map and Zoning Map. The revised maps will be adopted in early 2006.

ZONING

The following Zoning Hearing Board applications were submitted in 2005:

- CVS; Brookworth Plaza – In 2004, CVS and Brookworth Plaza applied for variances to erect nonconforming signage. The Zoning Hearing Board granted the majority of the relief requested. The Township appealed the Zoning Hearing Board’s order. In January 2005, the Supervisors approved a stipulation with the applicant.
- ACME Foods; Miles Road, Brookworth Plaza – In October 2004, ACME submitted a variance application to erect nonconforming signage. This application was withdrawn in January 2005.

- Children's Country Week Association (CCWA); 1300 Valley Creek Road – CCWA submitted a variance application to disturb steep slopes for the construction of a new driveway. The applicant withdrew the application in February 2005.
- Brandywine Auto Repair; Route 52 and Price Street – Brandywine Auto Repair appealed an enforcement notice regarding the number of cars kept at the property and the junk and debris being stored at the property. The enforcement notice was withdrawn by the Township in January.
- DDM Properties; 1113 Copeland School Road – DDM Properties submitted a variance application to disturb steep slopes to construct improvements associated with a single family dwelling. The Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) granted approval with conditions in April 2005.
- Video Warehouse; Brookworth Plaza – Video Warehouse and Brookworth Plaza submitted an application to erect nonconforming signage. The Zoning Hearing Board granted the relief with conditions in June 2005.
- AT&T Wireless; Allerton Road – AT&T Wireless requested interpretative relief to locate a devise outside of an equipment containment area. The applicant withdrew the application in October.
- Clark; 1101 Copeland School Road – Mr. Clark requested a setback variance to install a shed closer to the lot line than is permitted by Code. The ZHB granted the relief in July 2005.
- Smith; Skelp Level Road – The Smith's appealed the Township's enforcement notice concerning grading on their property. The applicant withdrew the application in October.
- Keogan; 1024 Squires Drive – Mr. and Mrs. Keogan requested a setback variance to construct a garage. The ZHB granted the relief in August.
- Stack; West Market Street / Mansion House Drive – Mr. Stack requested a special exception to use a historic barn for educational use (museum displaying antique ice tools). The Zoning Hearing Board granted the relief in September.
- Chester County Radio (WCHE); Route 322 – The applicant requested zoning relief to expand its broadcasting range by erecting a second radio tower at its property along Route 322. The zoning application was continued until the conditional use (CU) proceedings are completed; the CU proceedings continued into 2006.
- Omnipoint/T-Mobile Wireless; Old Trolley Road – The applicant requested various relief to construct a cell tower. This application was continued into 2006.

LEGISLATION

Ordinances The following ordinances were adopted in 2005:

- Ordinance 01-2005 was adopted in January amending the Zoning Ordinance to comply with the revisions to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) enacted in June 2000.
- Ordinance 02-2005 was adopted in February setting compensation for the East Bradford Township tax collector.
- Ordinance 03-2005 was adopted in February to amend the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to (1) incorporate provisions of the PADEP Model Stormwater Management Ordinance for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS-4) and (2) provide for reimbursement for professional consultant fees by applicants.
- Ordinance 04-2005 was adopted in February to amend the landscaping provisions in the Subdivision and Land Development and Zoning Ordinances.
- Ordinance 05-2005 was adopted in July amending the Zoning Ordinance to adjust the hours of operation and truck deliveries for commercially zoned properties and miscellaneous rules and regulations.
- Ordinance 06-2005 was adopted in July amending Chapter 89 (Sewer) to adjust sewer inspection fees.
- Ordinance 07-2005 was adopted in August memorializing an inter-municipal agreement with West Bradford Township for shared responsibilities regarding the Brandywine Trail.
- Ordinance 08-2005 was adopted in November approving East Bradford Township's inter-governmental cooperation agreement with West Chester Borough in which West Chester Borough agreed to receive and transport sewage waste from various developments in the Township to the Borough's Taylor Run and Goose Creek waste water treatment plants.
- Ordinance 09-2005 was adopted in November. This ordinance was primarily initiated by the 2004 Comprehensive Code Update, which called for a systematic review of zoning and subdivision/land development regulations. The Supervisors worked with legal council and staff on these amendments throughout 2005. Included in this amendment were changes to the Township's conditional use procedures, a fee in lieu of open space policy, new environmental protection standards, and mechanisms to adaptively reuse historic structures. Several ABC's along with members of the public suggested changes to this ordinance. These comments will be addressed with a separate ordinance in the first part of 2006.
- Ordinance 10-2005 was adopted in November adopting an update to the 1993 East Bradford Township Open Space, Recreation, and Environmental Resources Plan. The plan was updated to provide support for the adoption of a fee in lieu of open space policy (part of Ordinance 09-2005).

- Ordinance 11-2005 was adopted in December correcting two typographical errors in Ordinance 09-2005.

Resolutions The following resolutions were adopted in 2005:

- Resolution 1-2005 was adopted in January outlining the methods and agencies chosen to fulfill the public safety needs of East Bradford Township for the efficient administration of the emergency communication system of the Chester County Department of Emergency Services.
- Resolution 1OS-2005 was adopted in June supporting the submission of a County Grant for the acquisition of a portion of the Sykes property.
- Resolution 1T-2005 was adopted in January to file a declaration of taking on the Gleichert property (tax parcel 51-4-4) for recreational purposes. The Township has attempted to negotiate with the property owner for several years and has made offers to purchase the property. The property has been identified on the Official Map as “future park land.” The land is critical to the completion of the East Branch Brandywine Trail.
- Resolution 2-2005 was adopted in February approving and adopting the cost of collection schedule imposed by Berkheimer upon any taxpayer whose taxes are or become delinquent and/or remain due and unpaid.
- Resolution 2OS-2005 was adopted in June supporting the submission of a County Grant for the development of a portion of the Brandywine Trail.
- Resolution 3-2005 was adopted in March designating the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Township’s designated standard for incident management.
- Resolution 3OS-2005 was adopted in July amending Resolution 1OS-2005.
- Resolution 4-2005 was adopted in March identifying and/or reaffirming certain roads as Scenic Roads. The following roads were identified as scenic roads: Allerton Road, Birmingham Road, Brandywine Road, Conner Road, Copeland School Road, Creek Road series (including Valley Creek Road, North Creek Road and South Creek Road, Guthrie Road, Harmony Hill Road (from Guthrie Road west to Downingtown Pike), Lucky Hill Road, Ravine Road, Shenton Road, Skelp Level Road, Strasburg Road (west of Highland Road), Sunset Hollow Road, and Tigue Road.
- Resolution 4OS-2005 was adopted in July amending Resolution 2OS-2005.
- Resolution 5-2005 was adopted in April authorizing Mark Lucas to execute forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).
- Resolution 5OS-2005 was adopted in September supporting the submission of a State Grant for the acquisition of a portion of the Sykes property.
- Resolution 6-2005 was adopted in April in include Advanced Life Support Service provision by both Chester County Hospital and Minquas Ambulance paramedic services.

- Resolution 7-2005 was adopted in May adopting and endorsing the County-wide Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Resolution 8-2005 was adopted in June establishing sewer tapping fees in accordance with Act 57 of 2003. This resolution was amended in August 2005 to incorporate a West Chester Area Council of Governments (WCACOG) Joint Building Code Appeal Board application fee.
- Resolution 9-2005 was adopted in August observing East Bradford Township's participation in the West Chester Area Council of Governments (WCACOG) project to negotiate a franchise agreement with Verizon PA, Inc.
- Resolution 10-2005 was adopted in November of memorializing East Bradford Township's participation in PACC Automotive and Equipment Contract.
- Resolution 11-2005 was adopted in November updating the sewer user fees and tapping fees so that they are consistent with the revisions to Chapter 89 (Sewers).

ENGINEERING

- In the spring of 2005 the Township submitted a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant on behalf of 3 residents residing in cottages along the Brandywine River on Cottage Lane.
- Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) began the TMDL process. A TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) is the amount of pollutant loading that a waterbody can assimilate and meet our water quality standards. The TMDL process is a planning tool to develop pollution reduction goals that will improve impaired waters to meet water quality standards. This process consists of three steps: (1) Identify impaired or threatened waters; (2) Develop the total allowable load necessary attain and maintain the applicable water standards (the TMDL); and (3) Identify the measures necessary to achieve allocations (implementation plan). The Township is closely monitoring this process, which may have serious and substantial long term financial implications to East Bradford Township, as well as other Townships in the Christiana River Basin Region.

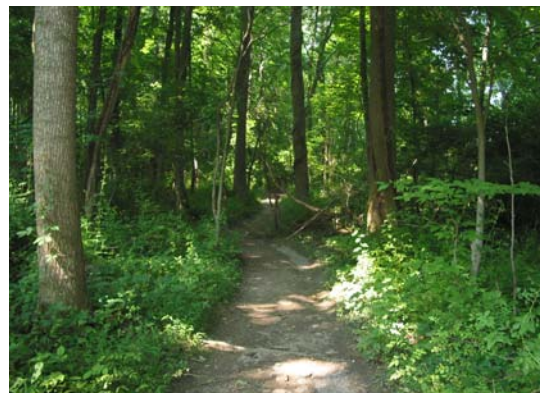
BUILDING & ENFORCEMENT

- A summary of building permit activity is provided below:

Type	Total Numbers	Cost of Construction	Permits	Private Sewage	Public Sewage	Highway Fund
Single Family Detached	9	\$1,394,812	\$10,098	\$0	\$0	\$0
Single Family Attached	8	\$1,227,500	\$9,531	\$0	\$0	\$0
Commercial	3	\$5,005,000	\$14,415	\$0	\$0	\$0
Commercial Alteration	13	\$750,349	\$15,860	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sprinklers	9	\$631,195	\$12,930	\$0	\$0	\$0
Residential Alterations / Additions	59	\$2,827,583	\$25,757	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pools	10	\$295,553	\$4,720	\$0	\$0	\$0
Garages	5	\$117,800	\$891	\$0	\$0	\$0
Others, Decks	47	\$364,707	\$5,639	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction Trailers	4	\$9,860	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Retaining Walls	4	\$568,651	\$14,615	\$0	\$0	\$0
Demolition	4	\$301,800	\$6,060	\$0	\$0	\$0
Accessory	7	\$222,000	\$1,492			
Accessory - Commercial	1	\$25,100	\$265	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	183	\$13,741,910	\$123,273	\$0	\$0	\$0

PARKS, OPEN SPACE & TRAILS

- In January 2005, the Township filed a declaration of taking on the Gleichert property (tax parcel 51-4-4) for recreational purposes. The Township has attempted to negotiate with the property owner for several years and has made offers to purchase the property. The property has been identified on the Official Map as “future park land.” The land is critical to the completion of the East Branch Brandywine Trail.
- In March 2005, the Township purchased a 238-acre property from Sonoco Products Company. The property is located between the Brandywine River and Skelp Level Road. The authorized purchase price was \$2,390,000. A grant in the amount of \$500,000 was received from Chester County. The Township plans to transfer the property to a conservation organization to own and manage in the future.

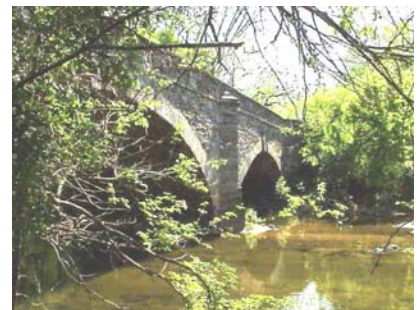


The site supports mature woodlands, wet areas, native plants, animal species, and the East Branch Brandywine Creek. While most of the property lies in East Bradford, a smaller portion (16.5 acres) is in West Bradford. In December 2004, West Bradford purchased their portion of the property. With the conservation of the Sonoco tract, the Township has successfully preserved a corridor of approximately 700 acres from Skelp Level Road to Ravine Road.

- In the fall of 2005, the Township began to consider a concept plan for the Township-owned land on Sconnelltown Road. The plans included a walking trail, a gravel parking area, and an informal field area. The Supervisors will seek input about this park site from residents in the winter 2006 newsletter.
- In September 2005, the Township completed a network of trails located between Valley Creek Road, Ravine Road, and Brandywine Road. One portion of this trail required a license agreement with Bruce and Mary Lee Colley, owners of a property on Valley Creek Road. Another segment of the trail traverses through the Paradise Farm Camps' property off of Ravine Road. This portion of the Camp property is subject to a conservation easement held by Chester County, the Natural Lands Trust, and East Bradford Township. Hiking is permitted on all trails within this network; horseback riding is permitted on some of the trails. No biking is permitted. This trail network was opened for public use on East Bradford Day.
- In October, the Supervisors authorized the purchase of prefabricated dugouts for East Bradford Park. The public works department will install the improvements.
- In November, the Township executed a license agreement with PECO to construct a trail on PECO property from the confluence of the Brandywine Creek (near Shaws Bridge Park) to the Stroud Preserve. The Township continued to work on the implementation of this trail into 2006.
- East and West Bradford Township acquired a Transportation Enhancement Grant to construct a multi-purpose trail from the covered bridge at Harmony Hill Road to the Trestle Bridge in West Bradford Township. The primary purpose of the trail is to reroute Bicycle Route L off of State Route 322. In January 2006 the Supervisors agreed to proceed with the preliminary engineering phase of the project. Tasks associated with the preliminary engineering phase continued throughout 2005.
- During 2005, the Supervisors asked the Police Department to consider how it can assist the Township in managing, monitoring, and enforcement on Township trails and open spaces.

ROADS & PUBLIC WORKS

- PennDOT began the process to rehabilitate the Copes Bridge in the fall of 2004; this process continued throughout 2005. The project is intended to strengthen and stabilize the bridge and increase the level of safety for the traveling public. The bridge was initially constructed in 1807 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as well as PennDOT's historic bridge survey.



In June 2005, the Township hosted a special work session to discuss truck traffic on Strasburg Road and the condition of the Copes Bridge and Mortonville Bridge. Attendees included Senator Thompson, Representative Ross, Representative Taylor, and interested parties from East and West Bradford Townships.

- Several years ago, the Supervisors approved the installation of a traffic signal at Rosedale Avenue and Route 52. However, the improvement was never completed. In June 2005, the Board “reauthorized” the installation of the traffic signal; however, in response to concerns voiced by nearby residents, the Supervisors decided to postpone installation and review other traffic improvement alternatives over the next 24 months.
- In October, the Supervisors accepted and executed the deed of dedication for O’ermede Lane.
- In December, the Supervisors authorized the purchase of a 2005 Freightliner truck with a 10’ dump body, salt spreader, and plow under the PACC state contract. The purchase is planned to take place after January 2006.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

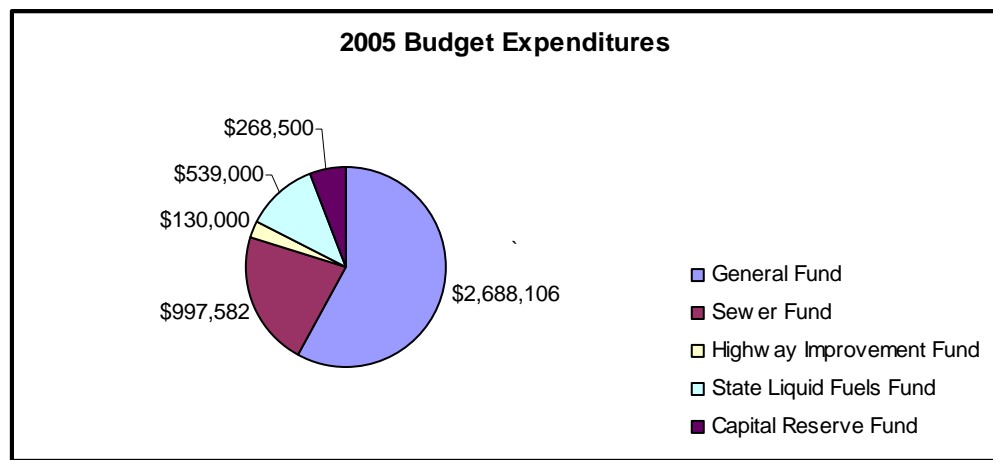
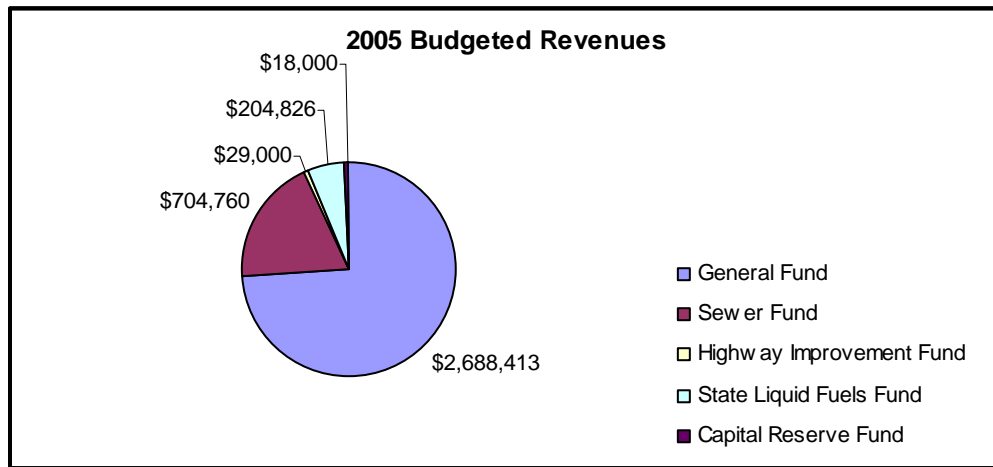
- The On-lot septic system management program was adopted in 2004. A mailing was coordinated in the first part of 2005 to inform all property owners with on-site systems about the new program. The administration of the program continued throughout 2005.
- In August 2005, the Township Supervisors agreed to participate with other members of the West Chester Area Council of Governments (WCACOG) in negotiating a cable television franchise agreement with Verizon PA, Inc. (also see Resolution 09-2005).
- The Township began to investigate options for deer management. A public information deer management forum was held at Henderson High School in November. Topics included Lyme Disease, landscape impact, and enforcement. In December, the Supervisors voted to commence review and planning steps to install a habitat management program for Township-owned lands.
- In November East Bradford Township and West Chester Borough approved an inter-governmental cooperation agreement in which West Chester Borough agreed to receive and transport sewage waste from various developments in the Township to the Borough’s Taylor Run and Goose Creek waste water treatment plants. (Also see Ordinance 08-2005.)
- Township-wide roadside litter collection effort continued in 2005 with Allied Waste. Allied decided not to renew its litter collection contract for 2006. The Board bid the litter collection contract and Green Start was awarded the bid in November.
- The West Chester Police Department, which serves East Bradford Township, reported a 9% decrease in Part I crimes (more serious crimes) and a 6% decrease in Part II crimes (less serious crimes). The calls to the Police Department increased 12.5%. During 2005, the Supervisors also asked the Police Department to consider how it can assist the Township in managing, monitoring, and enforcement on Township trails and open spaces. A complete annual report is available at the Township office.
- Township staff continues to update the Township web site (www.eastbradford.org), in an effort to keep Township residents informed. The web site was improved in several ways

during 2005: email addresses were added for each of the Supervisors; subdivision and land development forms were added; all maps currently in electronic format were added; and proposed and adopted ordinances are now available.

2005 BUDGET

The 2005 East Bradford Township budget was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 14, 2004. Once again, there is no increase to the general tax. Summaries of the projected 2005 budget are provided below:

	2005 Budgeted Revenues	2005 Budget Expenditures
General Fund	\$2,688,413	\$2,688,106
Sewer Fund	\$704,760	\$997,582
Highway Improvement Fund	\$29,000	\$130,000
State Liquid Fuels Fund	\$204,826	\$539,000
Capital Reserve Fund	\$18,000	\$268,500



The **General Fund** represents the principal operating fund for the Township (police and fire, parks and recreation, planning and zoning, codes enforcement and engineering, legal, administration). Appropriated funds are used for capital projects, major equipment purchases/replacements, etc.

The **Sewer Fund** is a utility fund established to provide public sewer service to over 1,050 customers in the Township through an inter-municipal agreement with the Borough of West Chester. The 2005 Sewer Budget includes rate increases for processing of wastewater from West Chester Borough and new fees for outsourced billing and collection services.

The **Highway Improvement Fund** is a proprietary fund established for design and construction of road improvements in the Township. Revenues are derived from developers' contributions. The 2005 budget includes installation costs for traffic signals at Rosedale Avenue and Route 52.

Receipts for the **State Liquid Fuels Fund** are provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from (gas) tax disbursed annually to all municipalities. The receipts are based upon township road miles and population. Use of the fund is limited to road maintenance/reconstruction and related equipments purchases. The 2005 budget includes planned road resurfacing on Valley Creek, Pebblewood, all roads in Bradford Square, North Creek, Cann, Rosedale and Shropshire. Brandywine Road surface will be oil and chipped. In addition, storm drainage improvements are planned for Shenton and Valley Creek Roads.

Finally, the **Open Space Fund**, which was established in 1999, comes from the open space preservation tax (1/4 of 1% on earned income). Expenditures are restricted to acquisition of interests in real property and costs associated with these activities. The Open Space Fund remains the Township's only debt or long term loan obligation.

Finally, the **Capital Reserve Fund** is comprised of appropriated monies that are used for capital projects, major equipment purchase/replacements, etc. This fund serves a complementary function to the General Fund together with the Five Year Capital Reserve Schedule for longer term planning.

Copies of the budget are available at the Township. Any budget questions should be directed to Michael Lynch, Township Manager.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The first East Bradford Day took place on September 17, 2005. It was an enjoyable event highlighting the natural and historical beauty of East Bradford. Approximately 1,000 people participated. Many had the pleasure of strolling or biking along the scenic, winding Valley Creek Road, which was closed to vehicular traffic. Many took in the various sights of antique cars and tractors, historic re-enactors, informational booths, and artwork by Township artists. There was hiking with specialized tour guides, a self-guided historic village walking tour, children's crafts, various food vendors, plus 2 bands and fiddlers.

To commemorate the day, a special limited edition print by Township artist Barbie Johnson titled "The Hamlet of Grubbs Mill" (view of the intersection of Valley Creek and Harmony Hill



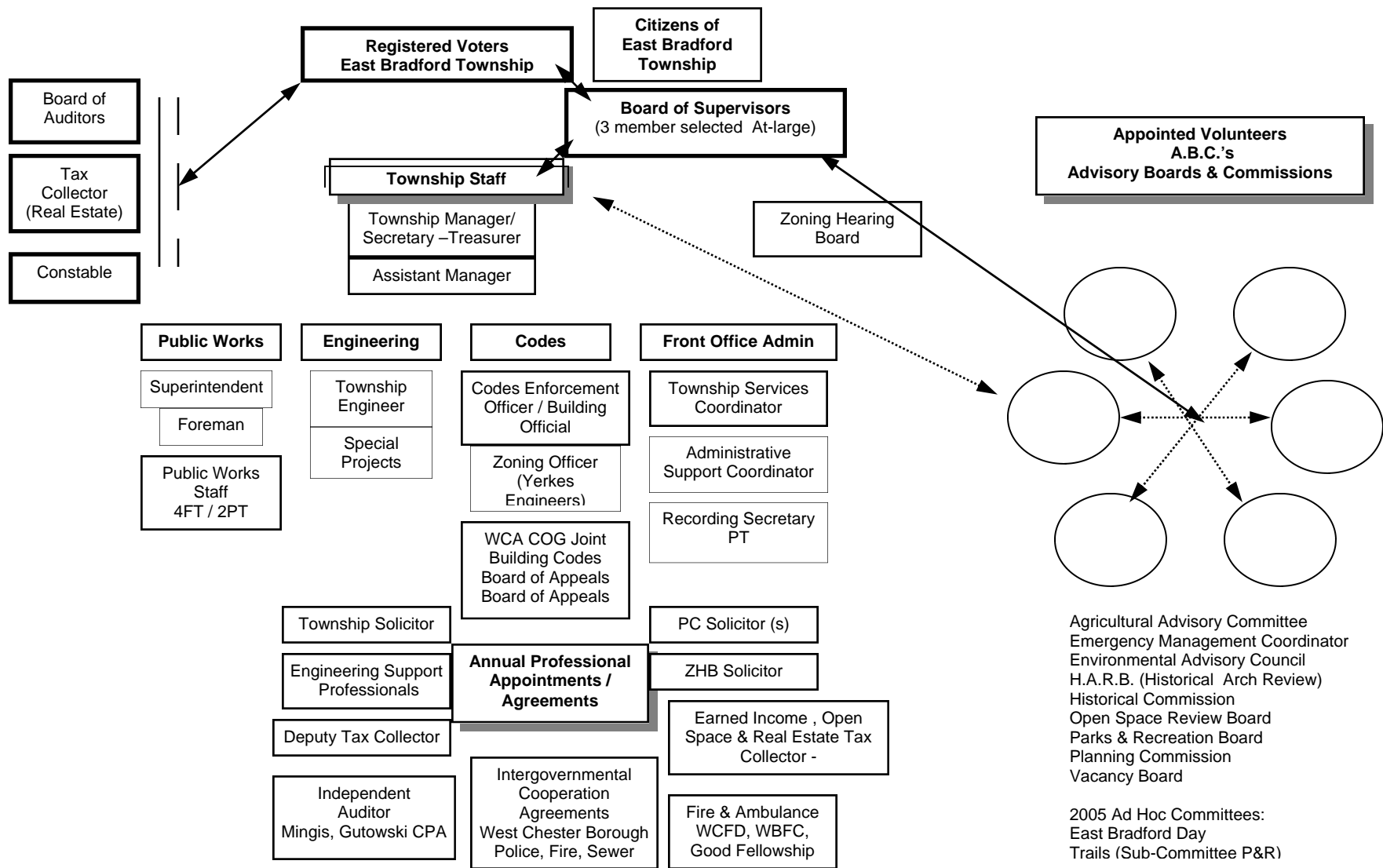
Roads) was offered for sale. The proceeds from the sale of this print will be given to an East Bradford high school senior in the form of an art scholarship.

Thanks to the many individuals, businesses, and groups that made East Bradford Day 2005 such a success.



- Next year's East Bradford Day will be held Saturday, September 30, 2006 at the Stroud Preserve on North Creek Road. The theme is environmental conservation – "Our Conservation Heritage."
- The Board of Supervisors discussed periodically closing Valley Creek Road (or another roadway) on a monthly basis throughout the warm months of the year for the purpose of recreational activity. This discussion grew out of the success of East Bradford Day during which residents enjoyed walking down Valley Creek Road without having to worry about traffic. This discussion continued into 2006.

APPENDIX A – TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – 2004-2005



The Board of Supervisors, at its Organization in January, appoints citizen volunteers to the boards and commissions and professional staff including Manager, Treasurer, Secretary, Codes Enforcement Officer, Zoning Officer, Deputy Tax Collector, Public Works Superintendent, Engineer and Solicitors and other professional support consultants. There is no hierarchy among the A.B.C.'s; these bodies routinely coordinate but report to and advise the Board of Supervisors.