

CHAPTER 9 - RECOMMENDATIONS

Development of the Northampton Township Trail & Bicycle Facility network will be a complex process require many years to achieve, the development of partnerships, securing funding through various sources of grant revenue, leveraging opportunities as part of future development and redevelopment projects, and ongoing maintenance and operational components to ensure that the network remains safe and in good condition for future generations. To help achieve the vision outlined in this plan, the township should consider the following recommendations:

- Official adoption of the plan
- Review of the priority trail rankings in this plan to determine if there are any upcoming land development projects where the township might be able to get the developer to fund construction of a key trail segment as part of the development process.
- Review both the township and PennDOT road repaving schedules to identify opportunities for incorporating proposed bike sharrows and bike lanes as part of the resurfacing project.
- Support the County-funded design and construction of the Newtown Rail Trail.
- Review the priority trail rankings to identify specific easements required for future development of trails and begin the process of acquiring the right-of-way needed.
- Where possible, consider widening the cartway width as part of future resurfacing projects on township roads to be able to accommodate dedicated bike lanes, particularly on those proposed for bicycle sharrows.
- Continue to partner with other municipalities and the County to take advantage of opportunities to extend the Northampton Township Trails and Bicycle Facilities Network beyond the municipal borders.
- Review and understand the various grant funding sources available in terms of grant requirements, project eligibility, and deadlines to ensure that the township maximizes its potential for securing grant funding for implementation of this plan.