

**AMENDMENTS TO  
THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN UPDATE – 2011**

**Adopted November 12, 2013**

1. On Page 13, the section entitled, “Master Plan Circulation Element (2005)” is revised to read as follows:

***Master Plan Circulation Element (2013)***

The primary purpose of the *Circulation Plan Element*<sup>8</sup> is to adequately plan for the development and upgrade of the transportation network (*page 1*). The Element includes the following goal and policies consistent with the *Open Space and Recreation Plan Update*:

Goal: Encourage the development and use of alternate circulation modes and networks (e.g., pedestrian, bicycle, transit) for the convenience of the public and in order to reduce motor vehicle traffic on Township streets.

Policies:

1. Provide and interconnect pedestrian and bicycle pathways throughout the Township, with particular emphasis on interconnections between recreational uses and schools.
2. Improve pedestrian accessibility in areas of the Township where pedestrian traffic is encouraged (i.e., business areas, community recreation areas, municipal campus).
3. Encourage the use of public transportation within the regional transportation system (i.e., public education of the opportunities available, installation of bus shelters).

The Circulation Plan Element contains a number of proposals designed to implement these policies, including proposals for sidewalks, bicycle routes, hiking trails and multi-use trails. An appendix to the Element entitled, Pedestrian & Bicycle Connectivity Framework Connectivity Plan, also contains specific proposals that promote this goal and these policies.

2. On pages 33 and 34, the section entitled, “TRAILS AND GREENWAYS” is revised to read as follows:

**TRAILS AND GREENWAYS**

As reflected in the second and third goals of this Plan, trails are a priority for the town to provide linkages among local neighborhoods, community centers, natural areas and protected parklands. Trails provide access to open space for the enjoyment of the community and provide pathways for wildlife to reach their destination.

### **Patriots' Path**

Patriots' Path is a countywide, multi-use trail throughout Morris County that extends for 55 miles. There is a spur of the trail that crosses Hanover Township from the south at Hanover Avenue at the Morris County Library to Troy Road in the northeast corner of the Township. The Morris County Park Commission and Morris County Planning Department want the trail system to be completely linked throughout the County. Hanover Township is a municipality that provides critical links.

### **The Route 24/Route 178 Right of Way**

Currently, the township is leasing the vacant land the state had reserved to extend Route 24. This land is being leased to create a walking and cycling path for local and county residents.

### **Morristown and Erie Railroad**

The Morristown and Erie Railroad extends through Hanover Township and is currently used to haul freight several times a week. During the Christmas and Easter holiday seasons, the railroad runs a train to the Whippany Railroad Museum for children and their families. Although there are not currently any plans for the railroad to cease operations, if the railroad line is abandoned at some point in the future, it may create an opportunity for the Township to create a flat, multi-use trail extending through the center of the municipality.

3. On Page 43, Footnote 8 is revised to read as follows:

<sup>8</sup> Township of Hanover. Master Plan Circulation Plan Element. Prepared by The Township Engineer, Township Engineering Department and Township Planner. November 2013.