

• SPRINGGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP •
FORUM ON HISTORIC RESOURCES

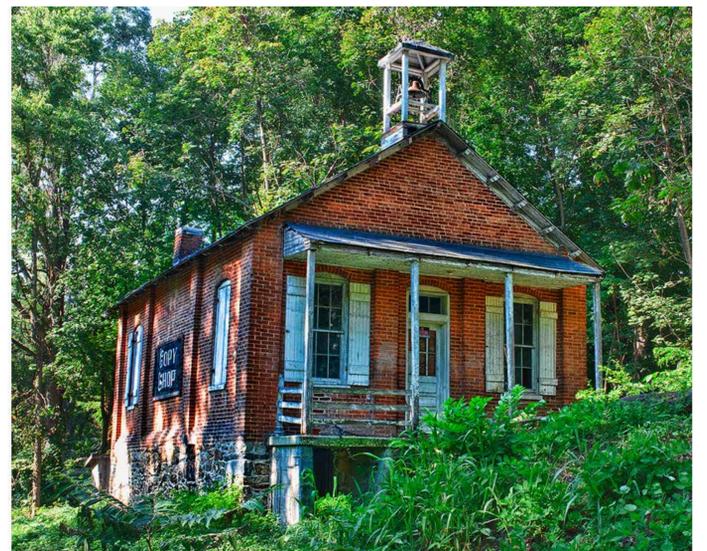
TOWNSHIP PRESERVATION TOOLS TODAY

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

The Comprehensive Plan, adopted by the community in 2006, emphasized the importance of focusing on what makes the Township an attractive place to live and do business. As a result, the Community Character chapter had particular relevance. The goal, objective and strategies identified below indicate the importance of the Township's heritage to the community.

Provide a cohesive and attractively built environment through amenity development, beautification and reinvestment in vacant and underused sites to attract residents and development while enhancing property values and tax base.

- Objective: Identify and document the Townships historic and cultural resources, recognizing them as assets to attract new residents and development to the community.



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Three Strategies were identified to help accomplish this objective and reach this goal:

- Update historic resource surveys to adequately determine historic properties that are eligible for the NRHP or local designation
- Update the Springgettsbury Township Historic Resources Map
- Enhance the Township's historic preservation protections including consideration of the following tools and strategies:
 - Identify historic resources in the zoning ordinance
 - Consider impacts to historic resources when considering requests for variances, special exceptions and conditional uses
 - Develop historic preservation incentives within rural districts
 - Increase the monetary penalty for demolition without a permit or demolition by neglect
 - Allow consideration of non-conforming zoning uses when implementation will facilitate the preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources.