

# New Garden Open Space Review Board 2019 Annual Report

## Open Space Preservation Activity



*St. Anthony in the Hills*

Open Space Review Board Members	
Chair & Trail Coordinator	Chris Robinson
Vice Chair & Treasurer	Randy Lieberman
Member	Joe Miscione
Grant Coordinator	Kecia Crawl
Member	Suzanne Geouque
Member	David Unger
Member	Richard Meinzer
Consultant (Natural Lands )	Kate Ramon
Secretary	(rotating)

2019 was an engaged year for conserving open space in New Garden Township. The OSRB discussed with several property owners to conserve an aggregate over 200 acres of land. In addition, negotiations from the previous year culminated in adding 4.5 acres to the already 221 acres conserved land. Trail easements were discussed with several land owners expanding the New Garden trail system and connecting existing trails. The map in this report shows protected land in New Garden Township as of 2019.

Members of the OSRB volunteered over 780 hours to preserve open space; field trips to several properties, informing interested land owners about conservation easements; evaluating features and merits of various properties, attending trail prioritization workshops and preparing reports for the Township Supervisors. In addition, several OSRB members volunteered with the Friends of the New Garden Trails in maintaining the three plus miles of woodland trails.

### Reports/Activities

- 2018 Annual Report sent to Tony Scheivert, Township Manager.
- OSRB initiated and assisted Natural Lands' with the Township Trail Prioritization Plan.
- OSRB developed methodology listing priority properties for conservation protection and trail easements.
- OSRB provided input for the [Township's Official Map](#) Committee, approved and adopted this year.
- OSRB members attended Trail Prioritization Stake holders meeting.
- OSRB members along with Friends of the Trails participated at various public meetings answering question about land conservation and trail easements.

### Recommendations

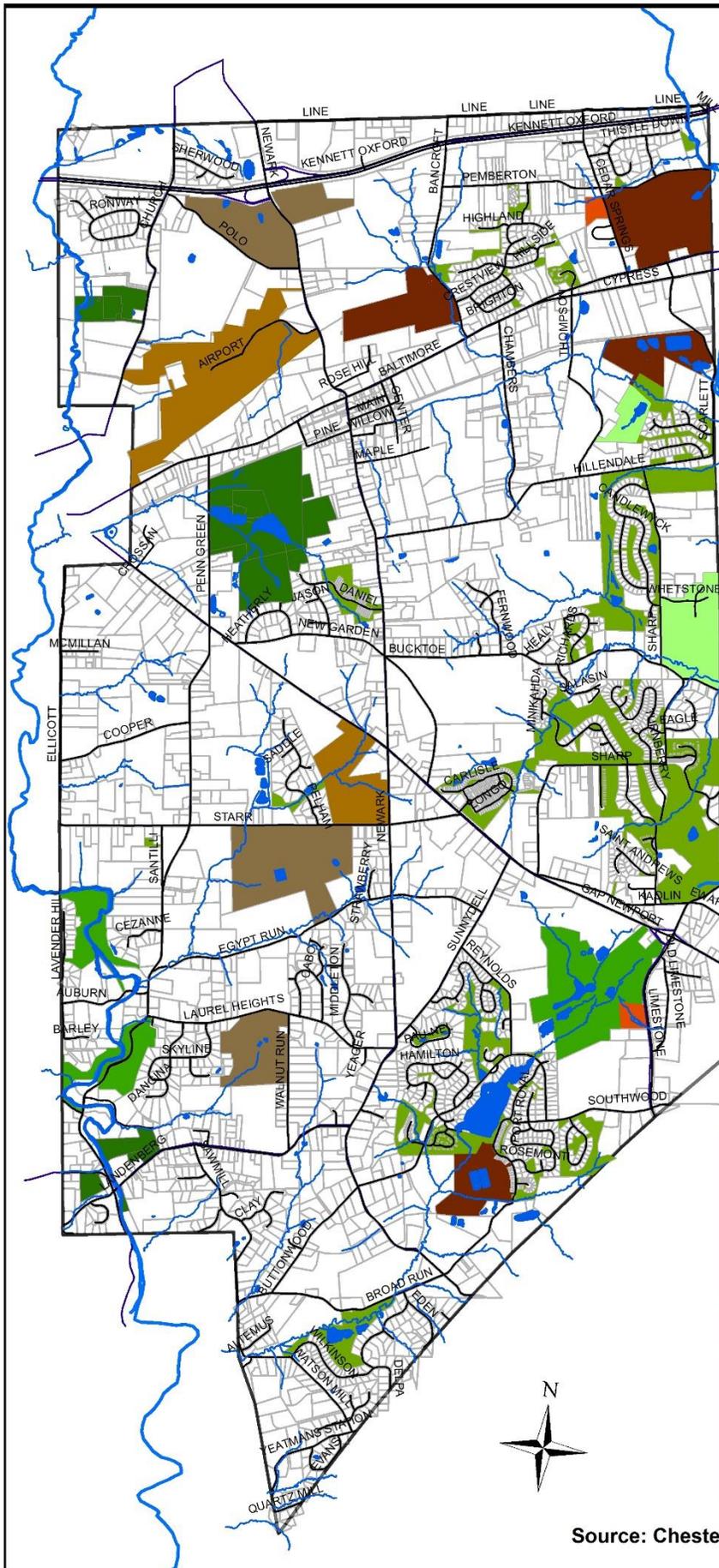
Connectivity: Township, Schools & St Anthonys	Nature: White Clay area and Penn Green Road	Eastern Access: Candlewyck and Kennett
		

*Trail Prioritization Report. Go to [Newgarden.org](http://Newgarden.org) for full report*

# New Garden Township Protected Properties 2019

During 2019 the Township (OSRB) added 4 acres to preserved open space bringing the total to 331 acres. A total of 1,847 acres, or 18% of New Garden Township, are to a degree protected from development:

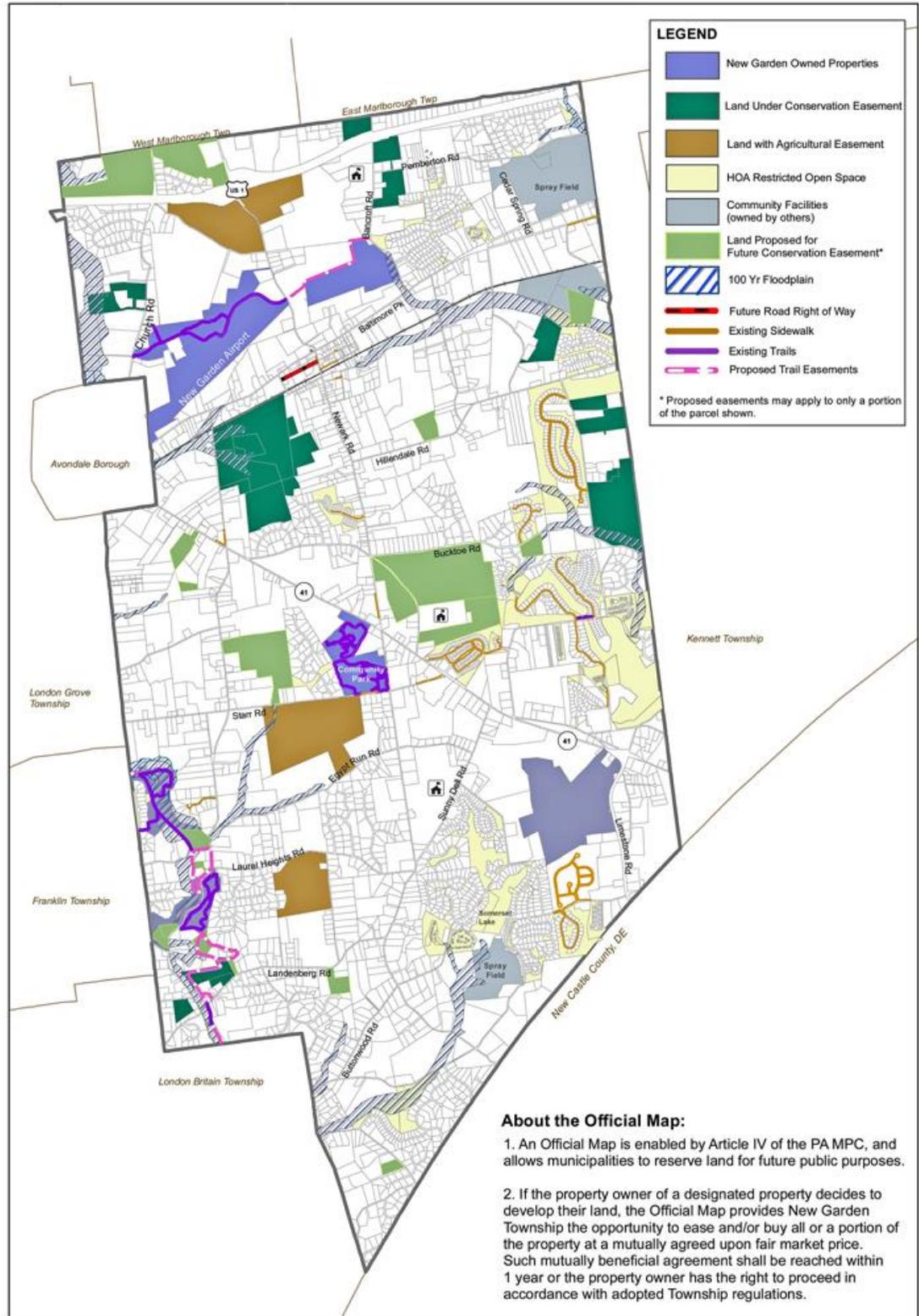
- \* 225 acres under a conservation easement. Some with trails.
- \* 222 acres are in preserves, some with trails.
- \* 244 acres contain the Township Park, Township Airfield and trails.
- \* Land Trust easements preserve 93 acres.
- \* Municipal undeveloped open space contains 15 acres.
- \* Three farm properties are under an agricultural easement totaling 288 acres.
- \* 263 acres provide land for sewer treatment.
- \* Though they may look gerrymandered, 497 acres are preserved by Home Owner Associations. (HOA)



Source: Chester Cnty Landscapes2 & NGTN OSRB, February 2019

For information about the Open Space Review Board, or to sign up as a volunteer visit the [Newgarden.org](http://Newgarden.org) and [Friendsofthenewgardentrails.org](http://Friendsofthenewgardentrails.org) respectively.

*Note: The OSRB meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month at the Township building on Starr Road. The public session of the meeting are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. An executive session follows the public session where all Open Space Review Board discussions about proposed or ongoing property and easement acquisitions are kept confidential and privileged. The Board of Supervisors holds a public hearing for the proposed expenditure of open space funds for each proposed acquisition. The OSRB invites residents to attend its public session to learn about the Township's protected lands, trails, wildlife, agriculture, history and the process to preserve land.*



**New Garden Township Official Map  
Chester County, PA**

August 26, 2019; Adopted October 21, 2019



Data Sources: Base Features: Chester County GIS;  
Conservation Easements: Brandywine Conservancy, New Garden Township;  
Road Connections: McMahon Associates, TCA;

