

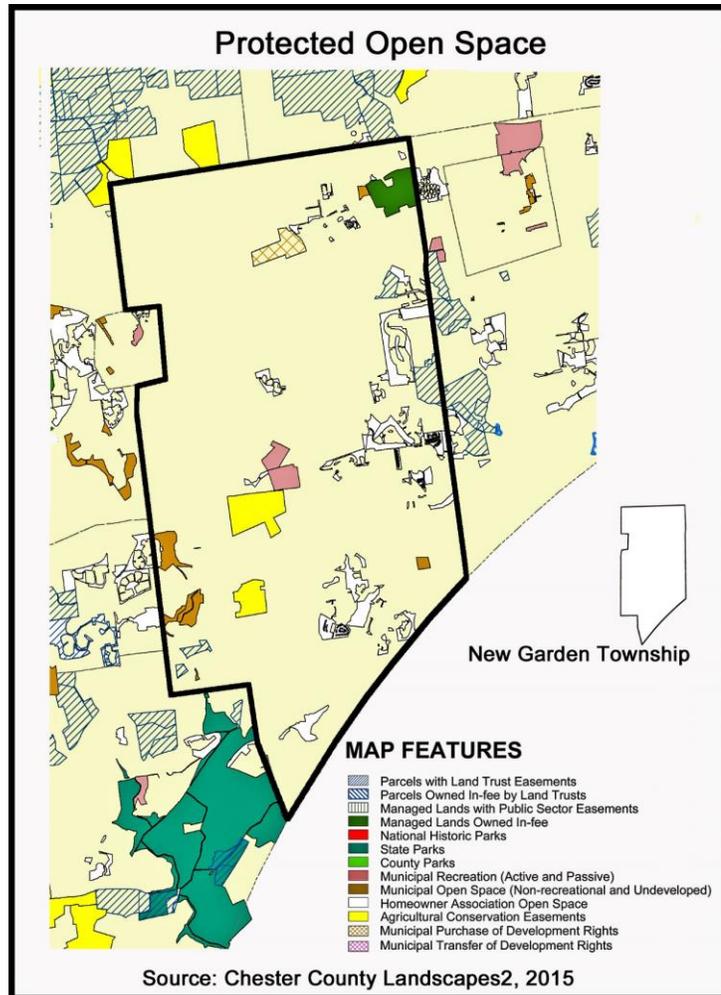
New Garden Township

Open Space Review Board 2016 Annual Report

During 2016 members of the OSRB had active contact with nine property owners representing 244 acres. Yet to be completed conservation easement negotiations commenced this year coupled with the previous year total 338 acres. Together these properties increase the Township's protected lands by approximately 31%. Two of these properties contain a trail easement adding more than two miles of trails to the New Garden Trail Network.

Administrative Events

- In January the OSRB elected officers: Chris Robinson, Chair & Trail Coordinator; Randy Lieberman, Vice Chair & Treasurer; Stan Lukoff, Secretary; Kecia Crowl Grant Coordinator. There were two Board seats available.
- Karen Antell and Joe Miscione joined the Board in February.
- Stan created a digital library for OSRB members using Google Dropbox for filing resource documents.
- 2015 Annual Report sent to Tony Scheivert, Township Manager. Report authored by former OSRB member, Don Peters.
- Chris met with Gwen Lacey of The Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County to exploring trail connection between the Hartefeld Community and Bucktoe Preserve.
- Stan and Randy presented Sinclair-Morris Conservation Easement proposal to the Board of Supervisors' public meeting in May. A favorable response was received to proceed.
- Members of the OSRB volunteered more than 300 hours of their time to their duties as Board members during 2016. OSRB members are also active with the Friends of the New Garden Trails and with the White Clay Creek Watershed Association.
- OSRB members Joe, Stan and Chris joined Don Peters and Bernie McKay of The Friends of the New Garden Trails to map a trail for Saint Anthony in the Hills property. Subsequent meetings were held



Protected Open Space in New Garden Township. 2015. For more information go to: www.Landscapes2.org.



with members from Saint Anthony to finalize the trail path as part the conservation easement of the property.

- Richard Gaw of the Chester County Press interviewed the OSRB for an article about the Board’s efforts to preserve land. The article’s title: “The Land Preservation Band article”.
- Joe led committee efforts to develop an in-house land conservation decision tool. It is designed as a discussion method to quantify a property’s conservation value.
- Vacancy created in June due to member leaving Township.
- Stan Lukoff and Dave Rickerman fulfilled their term and decided not to renew their membership in January 2017. OSRB will miss their astute contributions to land preservation in New Garden Township.
- The OSRB reviewed its priority criteria for open space preservation, and started to revise the Community Conservation Priorities Map compiled by the Natural Lands Trust and the OSRB in 2010. The objective is a reference map showing areas to preserve to enhance community access to existing open space, protecting wildlife corridors, expanding agriculture easements, enhancing water quality, preserving historical structures and access to the trails in and adjacent to New Garden Township.
- Stan Lukoff received the Township Volunteer Award in December.



New Garden Township Trail System

No additional trails built during 2016

Recruitment of additional volunteers is an ongoing effort. Anyone wishing more information or to sign up as a volunteer for either the Open Space Review Board or The Friends of New Garden Trails should visit the Township web page at www.Newgarden.org or friendsofthenewgardentrails.org.

The OSRB meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month at the Township building on Starr Road. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.



2106. OSRB members. Missing, Dave Rickerman and Karen Antell.

2016 Open Space Review Board Members	
Chair	Chris Robinson
Vice Chair/Treasurer	Randy Lieberman
Secretary	Stan Lukoff
Grant Coordinator	Kecia Crowl
Member	David Rickerman
Member	Joe Miscione
Member	Karen Antell
Erin Lee	Consultant (Natural Lands Trust)