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MA & PA Community Greenway Feasibility Study

Open House Summary

As part of the public participation process for the MA & PA Community Greenway Feasibility Study an invitation was sent to every property owner along the historic alignment of the former MA & PA railroad between Felton Borough and Mount Rose Avenue in Spring Garden Township for an open house for the project. Potential work-around alignments were also identified and property owners along these alterative alignments were also invited to the open house. The invitation included a questionnaire that property owners were asked to complete and return. The questionnaire explored the property owner's interest in developing a recreation trail along the MA & PA corridor. The following summarizes the open house event:

1. The open house was held on November 18, 2009 at the Dallastown Rescue Fire Company from Noon to 8:00 pm. 77 residents visited the open house over the eight hour period. The open house was set up to share information about the project and corridor and solicit additional information from property owners. Exhibits were displayed including the following:

    - Aerial maps of the study area.
    - The site analysis mapping
    - Taylor Trestle property survey
    - Images from the slide show in the York Heritage Rail Trail County Park, 2007 User Survey and Economic Impact Analysis.
    - Draft re-alignment of the Mount Rose Avenue/Route 83 interchange.
    - Parcel maps of the historic alignment and alternative route areas.
    - The Preliminary Concept Plan, overview map.
    - The Preliminary Concept Plan, corridor alignment maps.
    - Photographs of the corridor, historic and current images on a looping slide show.

    The project consultants were available throughout the open house to answer questions and engage visitors in discussions about the project and proposed recreation trail. Consultants assisted visitors finding their properties on the parcel maps and recorded comments of property owners.

2. Additional property owner questionnaires were available for property owners who may not have mailed in the questionnaire earlier. A written tabulation and analysis of the questionnaires will be provided separately from this summary and the information relative to trail location will be plotted on base maps of the study corridors. This information will help define the feasibility and final configuration of the MA & PA Community Greenway.

3. Additionally, an open house comment sheet was available to visitors to comment on the open house event, project, etc. and this information will be tabulated as well.