



Township of Concord

DELAWARE COUNTY

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Concord Township Continues Open Space Preservation Preserves approximately 1.5 acres in the Brandywine Watershed

On September 1, 2020 at Concord Township's regular Council meeting, Council approved Resolution No. 50-2020 to engage in an agreement of sale with the estate of Mr. George Zechman to preserve approximately 1.5 acres of land for Township open space. This important preservation expands Concord Township's over 300+ acres of protected open space and furthers Council's commitment to keeping open space a priority.

This parcel is zoned Residential (R-3) and is located near the First State National Historical Park. The preservation of this land is important as it is part of the "supporting landscape" for the *Beaver Valley Woods* area identified in the Delaware County Natural Heritage Inventory and the associated watershed. The Township is purchasing approximately 1.5 acres of this parcel for \$110,000. The Township is planning to leave this land as passive open space for now and will explore the possibility of a pocket park in the future to serve the needs of the community. The existing home with a log core dating from 1775 will likely need to be removed due to its current condition, however the township is exploring ways to honor its history.

Concord Township is grateful to Mr. Zechman's estate for working together to preserve this land. Council Vice President John Crossan, who led the work to acquire this property, stated, "This parcel had the potential to be developed into three new houses, and now the viewshed is protected as you enter the First State National Historical Park just down Beaver Valley Rd."

Concord Township is in the process of updating its comprehensive Open Space Plan through grant monies received by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources. Concord Township Council is committed to expanding its Township-owned open space and is currently engaged in preservation discussions with multiple landowners.

For further information on open space & trail efforts in Concord Township please visit the Township's website at www.townshipofconcord.com.