



The State College Neighborhood Plan has been prepared so that residents can learn about their neighborhood and the Borough as a whole, and understand the vision for the Borough's neighborhoods in the future. Read on to find out what you can expect to learn about, where to find it, and what it all means. The Plan and its supplementary documents are available at www.statecollegepa.us/NeighborhoodPlan.

What is the purpose of the Neighborhood Plan?

The neighborhood Plan is a tool that we can use to guide the growth of our neighborhoods. The Plan includes an inventory of what is happening today along with a series of recommendations that we can use to achieve our community goals in the future.

Should I download the full Neighborhood Plan or my neighborhood-specific document?

Neighborhood-specific documents are most helpful for residents that wish to learn about their neighborhood and its priority issues. If you choose this version of the plan, you will be able to most easily locate the neighborhood-specific information you're looking for in a printer-friendly document.

The full Plan is most helpful for Borough officials or staff, or residents that wish to see how their neighborhood compares to other Borough neighborhoods. In this version, you will also find links to other resources and summaries of case studies. If you choose to download this document, you should be aware that it may take approximately 5-10 minutes to download.

What can I learn about in the Plan?

The Plan has a lot of information about the Borough, its neighborhoods and the vision for the future. There is information about population and housing trends in the Borough, as well as zoning, land use, transportation, and community facilities. There is also a section for each neighborhood, which highlights how the neighborhood compares to what is happening in the Borough as a whole. These sections even include a few details about the neighborhoods' history and unique characteristics.

The Plan also contains recommendations for the future of the Borough and its neighborhoods. These goals and recommendations are meant to provide guidance for the future. There is also information about how these goals and recommendations can be implemented and in what timeframe.

What do the goals and recommendations mean?

The Plan's goals help us define the vision for the Borough's neighborhoods. These goals are broad and topical, such as "maintaining our high quality infrastructure." The recommendations for each goal are more detailed and provide ideas for ways that these goals can be implemented.

The recommendations are detailed, but have been prepared so that they are not specific. For example, Recommendation 4.D. indicates that we want to identify areas where pedestrian and bicycle improvements can

be made to improve safety and efficiency. The recommendation does not say, “Improve the intersection of College Avenue and Atherton Street,” because the recommendations are meant to apply to all of the Borough’s neighborhoods.

Within the neighborhood-specific documents, a greater level of detail is provided. Here, you will find specific locations or situations for which the recommendations can be applied. This section outlines the neighborhood’s priority goals and recommendations and relates them to the conditions of the neighborhood.

Are the goals in the Plan listed in order of priority?

Each goal is noted with an icon and a number. It is important to note that the goal numbers do not represent the goal’s overall priority. This is simply an organizational tool.

The Borough received feedback on the importance of these goals throughout the neighborhood planning process. Accordingly, some of these goals were noted as being more important than others. However, because a survey, or another statistically relevant method, was not used to rank these goals, it would be presumptuous for the Planning Commission to list these goals in terms of an overall priority.

Within the neighborhood-specific documents, goals and recommendations that were specifically noted by residents’ feedback, and during neighborhood planning meetings, have been identified as priorities. Additionally, planning staff evaluated the issues that were shared in the neighborhood’s SWOT analysis meetings and indicated the relevant goals and recommendations based on these issues.

Who will implement the Plan’s recommendations?

Borough officials and staff will use this Plan when setting goals, implementing policies and funding community improvements. These recommendations can also be incorporated into strategic planning, work programs, capital and operational budgeting, and outreach activities.

Implementation of the Plan will also require efforts by residents and community groups in addition to the work of the Borough’s elected and appointed officials. Residents may find recommendations in the Plan that inspire them to engage in a community initiative that will help implement the Plan’s goals. An active role by neighborhood associations can also help ensure that the recommendations are implemented in a way that is meaningful to residents.