



# You Can Make a Difference in the Future of South Fayette Township

On behalf of the South Fayette Township's Comprehensive Plan Advisory Team, we cordially invite you to attend an **Interactive Workshop on the evening of Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> *or* the morning of Saturday, April 10**. Each event will take place at the South Fayette School District Campus. The agendas for the workshops are identical, so we ask that you attend which ever session which best fits your schedule.

As you may know, South Fayette Township is currently in the initial stages of developing a comprehensive plan, and the upcoming Workshop is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about the comprehensive planning process and voice your opinion about future planning initiatives in our community. Our consultant, Environmental Planning and Design, LLC (EPD) of Pittsburgh, will be co-hosting the event.

### ***What is a Comprehensive Plan?***

A comprehensive plan is a document that identifies the **goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards and strategies for the growth and conservation in a community**. Key components of a comprehensive plan include addressing land use, transportation, civic and cultural amenities, natural resources, public works/facilities, and economic development.

A comprehensive plan differs from a zoning ordinance in the comprehensive plan serves as a guide, whereas the zoning ordinance is a legal instrument that is used to implement regulations and provisions that are consistent with the principles of the adopted comprehensive plan.

### ***What is the purpose of the Interactive Workshop?***

**The goal of the Interactive Workshop is to start a dialogue in which every attendee is encouraged to play a role in shaping the future planning strategies of South Fayette Township.** In order to produce a viable comprehensive plan, we are relying on input from the citizens of our community. We hope to close each session with a clear idea of the issues people face every day in the Township. This information will be integral to the comprehensive planning process, particularly as we develop both short- and long-term implementation strategies.

### ***What should I expect?***

In order to accomplish our goals, EPD will first bring you up-to-date on the planning activities that have taken place in the past few months, including a number of preliminary analyses and map exhibits.

A significant portion of the workshop will be dedicated to "Breakout Group" discussions. Each Breakout Group will focus on a specific topic such as transportation, cultural and recreational amenities, economic development, natural resources, public works, schools, etc. Attendees who are interested in more than one topic will have the opportunity to circulate between tables at various points throughout the discussions. At the end of the discussion, we will reconvene and ask a member of each Breakout Group to lead a short discussion, highlighting the issues and opportunities that had been discussed at his/her table. Below is a basic agenda for the workshops' activities:

#### **Wednesday April 7, 2010**

**5:30 pm - Registration and Refreshments  
6:00 pm - Consultant Presentation  
6:45 pm - Breakout Discussion Groups  
8:00 pm - Closing**

**OR**

#### **Saturday April 10, 2010**

**9:00 am - Registration and Refreshments  
9:30 am - Consultant Presentation  
10:15 am - Breakout Discussion Groups  
11:30 am - Closing**

***What are the project's next steps?***

The Interactive Workshop is the first in a series of public meetings that are intended to facilitate the dissemination of information from as many unique sources as possible. In addition, we will continue to gather hard facts from various local, regional, and state agencies.

Once every piece of relevant data has been compiled, a draft of the comprehensive plan will start to take shape. The process is not straightforward; rather, the document will pass through a number of distinct iterations before it eventually arrives at the legislative bodies for adoption. Throughout the course of action, public comment will be continually sought, and your input will be the backbone of the South Fayette Township Comprehensive Plan.

***Sign me up!***

As the entire public is invited to take part in these workshops, **we ask that all attendees pre-register for their day of choice** using the Township website. Also, continue to check the homepage for any updates. This will ensure that the facility is able to accommodate all who plan to attend and that we have sufficient snacks and refreshments for everyone. The website address is [www.south-fayette.pa.us](http://www.south-fayette.pa.us).

We truly appreciate your interest in the future of South Fayette Township and look forward to hearing your opinions on the future planning of our community. Please tell anyone you know who might be interested in attending, and we hope to see you at one of these workshops!