

## Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program - 2017 Award Summary

Support Downtowns	Walk/Bike Montco	Business Parks
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Municipality	Name of Project	Total Project Cost	Grant Award
Schwenksville	Main Street Pedestrian Plaza	\$298,406	\$200,000
Whitpain	Township Line & Walton Rd Pedestrian Crossing	\$133,000	\$108,000
Upper Dublin	Fort Washington Cross County Trail & Road Diet Project	\$6,250,000	\$100,000
Horsham	Pennsylvania Business Campus - Dresher Road Sidewalks	\$116,650	\$93,320
Pottstown	King Street Pedestrian Crossing & Bicycle Lanes	\$111,500	\$80,000
West Norriton	Betwood Park Trail Head	\$100,000	\$80,000
Jenkintown	Pedestrian and Gateway Enhancements at Old York Road & Washington Lane	\$92,378	\$73,902
Lansdale	Whites Road Park Playground and Streambank Improvements	\$240,000	\$70,000
Worcester	Defford Road Park and Connection to Center Point Shoppes	\$126,000	\$63,000
Cheltenham	Elkins Park Wayfinding Signage and Public Art	\$145,000	\$59,778
Upper Salford	Schirk-Hutt and Buckman Trail	\$304,140	\$45,000
Lower Gwynedd	Carriages Trail Connection	\$233,222	\$40,000
Upper Gwynedd	Lighting at Pickleball Courts	\$54,400	\$27,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$8,204,696</b>	<b>\$1,040,000</b>

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### **Cheltenham – Elkins Park Wayfinding Signage Project**

Cheltenham Township will install wayfinding signage in the Elkins Park West and Elkins Park East commercial districts in order to direct pedestrians and motorists to various transportation destinations, cultural amenities, and businesses in these two districts. The township has also obtained \$1.85 million from the Commonwealth to improve traffic and pedestrian facilities in Elkins Park. All of the work in Elkins Park is a continuation of investment that began in the Glenside area over the previous decade as originally set forth in the township's Commercial District Enhancement Plan. A public art installation is also anticipated in the near future, although it is not included as a part of this Montco 2040 grant.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$59,778**

### **Horsham – Dresher Road Sidewalks at the Pennsylvania Business Campus Project**

Horsham Township will install sidewalks within the public right-of-way along the East side of Dresher Road from New Road to the South side of the property at 537 Dresher Road. These walkways will facilitate pedestrian safety and connections between businesses within the office park, the residential neighborhood to the North, the township's Lukens Park property, the county's Power Line Trail, and two SEPTA bus stops. The project will continue implementation of the Horsham Business Parks Master Plan as it addresses the county's goal of modernizing and adapting older office and business parks to remain competitive.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$93,320**

### **Jenkintown – Pedestrian and Gateway Enhancements Project**

Jenkintown Borough will create a distinctive gateway entrance into the borough on Old York Road and Washington Lane. The project will include light post and banner structures, enhanced crosswalks and sidewalks, a rain garden, and a landscaped pedestrian area with transit stop. The thoughtful design incorporates and commemorates a monument to General George Washington's march down Old York Road in 1777. The project builds off of the borough's current draft Comprehensive Plan by addressing pedestrian safety and transit issues while announcing the arrival into Jenkintown's downtown commercial district.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$73,902**

### **Lansdale – Whites Road Park Streambank Improvements Project**

Lansdale Borough will install natural streambank stabilization products and plantings within the park in order to prevent future erosion as well as provide a more aesthetic appearance. The improvements will enhance the park and help maintain it as a community destination for health and recreation opportunities along with a series of concerts and events throughout the spring and summer. The project supports the township's Open Space and Comprehensive Plans as well as the county's goals of conserving natural resources, improving stormwater management, and supporting community destinations.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$70,000**

### **Lower Gwynedd – Carriages Trail Connection Project**

Lower Gwynedd Township will install a local trail connection and pedestrian bridge between new residential development, an existing townhome development, new commercial development at Spring House, and existing local trails. The project leverages the Carriages at Lower Gwynedd developer's willingness to fund a pedestrian bridge so that complete connections can be made through adjacent properties and into the robust local trail network in the township. The trail promotes health and multi-modal transportation between residential, shopping and public transit land uses.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$40,000**

### **Pottstown – King Street Pedestrian Crossing and Bicycle Project**

Pottstown Borough will install a pedestrian crosswalk, median, and bicycle lanes on King Street to facilitate safe crossing from the borough's Memorial Park to tourist amenities, including the Carousel at Pottstown, Manatawny Green Mini-Golf, and Pottsgrove Manor. This improvement enhances pedestrian and bicyclist movement within Pottstown's popular Gateway Tourism and Recreation (TRec) District. The project is supported by several local and regional plans as well as being a specific improvement within the draft Tri-County Trail Plan being prepared by DVRPC.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$80,000**

### **Schwenksville – Main Street Pedestrian Plaza Project**

Schwenksville Borough will construct a new public plaza and streetscape in front of the Schwenksville Fire Company and its associated museum. The plaza will offer a public gathering space in the center of Schwenksville's Main Street corridor as well as bring improved connections to the county's Perkiomen Trail and the borough's Meadow Park located adjacent to the site. This project is in conjunction with a new trailhead parking lot and upcoming renovations to Meadow Park. The project is included in the borough's new Main Street Streetscaping Plan.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$200,000**

### **Upper Dublin – Fort Washington Cross County Trail and Road Diet Project**

Upper Dublin Township is installing a road diet and county trail segment along Commerce Drive in the Fort Washington Office Park. The \$6.25 million project is part of an extended effort to establish a safer driving environment through the office park, construct a 0.8 mile section of the Cross County Trail along the vacated cartway, upgrade drainage on Commerce Drive, install a new signalized intersection for future direct access from the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and provide wayfinding signage and benches for trail users. In recent years, the township has focused on revitalizing the office park through floodway mitigation, new zoning, marketing, and transportation improvements along with working with the county on construction of the Cross County Trail through Fort Washington.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$100,000**

### **Upper Gwynedd – Lighting at Pickleball Courts Project**

Upper Gwynedd Township will install lighting alongside new pickleball courts at Parkside Place Park. The township is responding to residents' increased desire to provide facilities for this burgeoning new sporting activity. The lighting will be installed alongside new courts in order to expand recreational opportunities into the evening hours. This project is supported by the Upper Gwynedd Township Master Plan and meets the county's goal to provide more opportunities for residents to exercise and have healthy lifestyles.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$27,000**

### **Upper Salford – Schirk-Hutt and Buckman Trail Project**

Upper Salford Township will construct a 1.1 mile paved multi-use trail that will connect the trail network of the Upper Salford Township Community Park with the county's Perkiomen Trail. The project includes a pedestrian footbridge and midblock crossing, and an access easement through the Buckman property where a portion of the trail will be located. When completed, the trail will cross diverse and interesting landscapes including farmland, wooded areas, and a year-round ski and summer adventure recreation area. This project also enhances conservation efforts as it succeeds a woodlands conservation easement funded last year and sets up a potential farmland preservation opportunity alongside the planned trail.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$45,000**

### **West Norriton – Betzwood Park Trail Head Project**

West Norriton Township will construct an ADA compliant access path at Betzwood Park connecting the park to the Schuylkill River Trail. For years, local residents have utilized an unofficial and unsafe naturally created path to access the Schuylkill River Trail, which has now been closed off by the township. The planned connection will not only serve local residents, but offers a new opportunity for employees within the office parks on Trooper Road to easily access the regional trail along the Schuylkill River. The project is supported by the township's Open Space and Comprehensive Plans.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$80,000**

### **Whitpain – Township Line and Walton Road Pedestrian Crossing Project**

Whitpain Township will provide signalized pedestrian crossings with curb ramps, push buttons, pedestrian signal heads, and crosswalks at a five point intersection of Township Line Road, Walton Road, and Norristown Road. This intersection currently prohibits pedestrians from crossing despite a strong network of sidewalks and walking paths in surrounding developments. Allowing for pedestrians to safely cross the intersection will provide a much needed opportunity for residents and workers to access businesses and destinations around the intersection. The project meets the goals of Whitpain's Comprehensive Plan completed last year.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$108,000**

### **Worcester – Defford Road Park and Connection to Center Point Shoppes Project**

Worcester Township will construct a local trail through undeveloped township-owned land at Defford Park. The trail will facilitate connections to the Zacharias Creek Trail, the Center Point Shoppes, future village mixed-use construction at Center Point, and ultimately reach the county's Peter Wentz Farmstead, while also providing new areas for pedestrian benches and picnic tables. The project is supported by the township's Open Space Plan as a connector between Heebner Park and the Peter Wentz Farmstead.

**Montco2040 Grant Award: \$63,000**