Long-term Community Health and Sustainability

Adding to our Toolbox

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Why are we doing this?

“Planning for the long-term health of the community.”
Built for the Future

POPULATION
14,816
23,625
30,470

WORKFORCE
4,000
10,000
24,000

RURAL
SUBURBAN
URBAN

1950s...
1985
1990
1995
2000
2005
2010
2013

Highway Crossroad
Downtown Connecto
Transportation
Comprehensive Plan
Ordinance Modernization
Office Connect
SmartPA Growth Plan
Cranberry Plan
Farm Based Codes
"Best Places to Raise Kids"
Built for the Future

What does Cranberry look like in 2030?

“The Cranberry of 2030 is a place characterized by activity, history, culture, and high quality residential living. It will be a destination for employers and visitors, as well as a home to families, singles, people of all ages and incomes – a place for everyone.”

- The Cranberry Plan; 2009, 2016

Community Health   -   Quality of Life   -   Economic Sustainability

What are the tools and strategies for achieving our goals?
GOAL 5 – Property Values:

Cranberry Township will be a community with strong neighborhoods with a well-maintained housing stock, as well as programs targeted to increase real estate values.

• **5C** – Update existing property maintenance code and enforcement policies.

• **5F** – Evaluate the development of a new property maintenance code to ensure that properties are maintained.
Cranberry Township will provide the highest level of police, fire, medical service, and emergency management to the community and region, constantly evaluating performance levels and searching for new and innovative ways to provide better service.

- **21Q** – Continue identifying and resolving public safety concerns between the Volunteer Fire Company, Police Department, and Planning and Development Services Department (i.e. code challenges, tenant/occupancy information, etc.)
Sustaining an Exceptional Built Environment

Building Excellence

Land Development Process

Missing Piece
Maintaining our Built Environment for the Long-Term

IPMC
Synchronizes our series of building codes with the maintenance of those initial requirements
Township Programs

“A coordinated approach through teamwork and partnerships.”

- The Cranberry Plan; 2009, 2016
Property Maintenance

Practicing blight avoidance → strategies and tools in the Property Maintenance Code

Currently, tool box is light!

- Junk Vehicles
- Stormwater Management
- Sidewalks and Trails
- Fences and Walls
Property Maintenance

IPMC is a comprehensive international standard for dealing with maintenance matters in communities.

- Junk Vehicles
- Stronger Standards for Sidewalks and Trails
- Unsafe Structures and Equipment
- Emergency Measures
- Habitability
- Stormwater Management
- Fences and Walls
- Maintenance of Exterior Structure
- Systems Maintenance

Everything built in Cranberry under these codes MUST be maintained.
Sewer and Water – MS4

Stormwater Management – Protecting Assets

- Maintenance of drainage systems – pipes, ditches, swales
- Education of stormwater mitigation of efforts for residents
- Preventing contaminated runoff into waterways
- Preserve natural systems
Fire Prevention

Fire prevention code not adopted under UCC

IPMC incorporates those elements

• Links code to fire company operations
  • Strong inter-agency collaboration
  • More efficient use of Fire Department resources
  • **Reduction in false alarms**
  • Stronger coordination and unified efforts related to fire prevention/emergency response
Fire Prevention

Current and Future Efforts

• Systems maintenance
• Fire Prevention Administrator
• Increased cooperation among public safety agencies and local, county, state, and federal partners

Healthy Communities

Safer for Emergency Responders

Stronger Long-Term Sustainability
Authorization to progress with International Property Maintenance Code – Consideration for Adoption on Nov. 2

Strengthen Fee Resolution to reinforce fire prevention measures