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James G. McGann, Ph.D., President
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Dear Mr. McGann:

In response to your presentation to the Planning Commission at their meeting on August 14th, your letter of August 16, 2001, and the Draft Open Space Plan review letters from the Natural Lands Trust and the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association, the Board of Supervisors has taken the following action at this time:

1. Directed the Township Planning Commission to establish a subcommittee to work with the Natural Lands Trust and Montgomery County Planning Commission planners to incorporate "Growing Greener" concepts into the Draft Comprehensive Plan and current Township ordinances;
2. Engaged the Natural Lands Trust to perform a review of current subdivision and zoning ordinances and provide recommendations for "Growing Greener/conservation" oriented amendments;
3. Directed Nels Sandberg, our County Planner, to prepare a list of changes to the Draft Comprehensive Plan that would reorient the plan to a "Growing Greener/conservation" orientation;
4. Directed Staff to prepare a briefing report on open space impact fees and traffic impact fees, including the requirements, provisions and restrictions; and
5. Directed Staff to prepare a briefing report on options available for acquiring open space, including but not limited to electoral and non-electoral debt, with estimated tax impacts.

As we proceed with these actions, we will be in a better position to announce when these matters will be scheduled for presentation and discussion at a Public Meeting.

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Thank you for your continued interest in the Whitemarsh Township community.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE J. GREGAN
Township Manger

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