Map Appendix to the Kutztown Borough Comprehensive Plan

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Cartographer’s Preface

The following maps were generated during the summer of 2010 to serve as a visual aid to the Comprehensive Plan of Kutztown Borough. The majority of the maps included have appeared in past comprehensive plans, but have been updated to reflect current conditions. These maps are referred to in the Comprehensive Plan text, and should be used with the corresponding chapters to generate a better understanding of the geography of the topics.

A comprehensive plan is never truly finished. It is recommended that such a plan be reviewed and modified every 7 to 15 years. The content of the maps in this Appendix reflect the goals and desires for the town as developed by the Kutztown Borough Planning Commission, and other Borough officials, in the summer of 2010. It is inevitable that the currency and relevancy of each of these maps will at some point be diminished. As the Borough evolves through time socially, economically, and physically, it will be necessary for updated plans and maps to be created. Hopefully, these current maps will serve as the starting point for revisions.

As the cartographer for this appendix, I hope that the enclosed maps will be used to help facilitate a more educated and practical discussion about the planning issues in Kutztown for years to come. When used in tandem with the comprehensive plan, I feel these maps have the potential to create a better plan, a better sense of health and well being, and a better future for those who are fortunate enough to call Kutztown their home.

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Introduction

Kutztown Planning Commission took advantage of an opportunity to upgrade all the previously prepared maps for the Borough of Kutztown’s Comprehensive Plan. For this detailed and technical work, the Planning Commission sought the assistance of a student intern, Mr. Matt Horvath, and his internship supervisor, Dr. Robert Ziegenfuss, Professor of Geography, both from Kutztown University.

The Borough maps are presented in a separate volume from the text of the Comprehensive Plan so that the maps can be easily viewed while referring to different pages of the text at the same time. The maps in this supplement have been enlarged, updated, color enhanced, and digitized. (Please note that the configuration of these maps is compatible with the more detailed Borough mapping project undertaken with Spotts, Stevens, McCoy, Inc.)

The two most significant changes of information appear on the Future Land Use and the Kutztown Floodplains maps. The Future Land Use map was written to accurately describe the uses in the Borough, but that they are in line with the categories used by the Berks County Planning Commission. The mapped floodplains within the Borough of Kutztown are as set forth in the Floodplain map or maps attached as exhibit 9 as it is amended from time to time by FEMA or a successor Agency.

The Future Land Use map was prepared to accurately show the land use categories in the Borough. These land use categories are in line with the categories used by the Berks County Planning Commission (BCPC).

Note: Photo #4 on the Historical Resources Map was identified incorrectly as the Swan Inn, a pre-Revolutionary War structure. Pop's Malt Shoppe currently occupies the Swan Inn with the distinctive swan decoration in front.

The building featured in photo #4 is the current home of Sorrelli Jewelers that is part of a row of structures all dating back to 1840 – 1880 that are still intact.

We thank Brendan Strasser for his assistance in making the correction.
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