

Protection Strategy for Brandywine and Red Clay Byway, Watershed Areas, and Villages
 Stakeholder Meeting
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Summary of Meeting:

On August 20, 2018, the Department of Land Use Staff (including Gaadt Perspectives, LLC) and Councilman Robert Weiner coordinated a meeting with a variety of stakeholders with interest in the Brandywine Valley, Red Clay Valley, and Harriet Tubman Scenic Byways in order to discuss the ongoing planning efforts along the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway, Red Clay Scenic Byway, and Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Scenic Byway areas. At the meeting, the Department of Land Use outlined the preliminary stages of developing a strategy and land development standards for designated national byways, watersheds, and villages. This meeting was conducted in an effort to receive feedback during the preliminary stages as the Department of Land Use, with Gaadt Perspectives, LLC, develops an overarching, protective strategy for byway areas and other future comprehensive planning efforts. Additionally, the meeting was intended to aid in the establishment of the Working Group for Phase I of this effort.

At the meeting, representatives had an opportunity to convey their organization's goals, objectives, and concerns. Common shared goals included further protection of land in Beaver Valley (located along the east bank of the Brandywine River extending north into Pennsylvania), additional zoning protections / design guidelines along the Brandywine National Scenic Byway, appropriate protections for the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Scenic Byway, and additional protections for small villages and hamlets within the project area. Also discussed at the meeting was the applicability of this effort to other scenic byways and sub-area planning efforts across the county. Finally, the attendees discussed the formation of the working group for Phase I and provided recommendations of appropriate organizations and individuals to be included.

Since the meeting, the Department of Land Use has received a number of recommendations regarding potential working group members (provided on the list above). Additionally, a comment from the Delaware Department of Transportation was received recommending that any proposed ordinance language reference both watersheds and byway areas, such as "Protection Strategy for Brandywine and Red Clay Byways, Watershed Areas, and Villages".

Link to Presentation:

<https://www.nccde.org/DocumentCenter/View/27154/NCC-Byway-Scope-Powerpoint-8-20-2018?bidId>