

Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan

Birdsboro
Borough

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Robeson
Township

Union
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**BOROUGH OF BIRDSBORO
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2020-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
BIRDSBORO, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO ADOPT THE
SOUTHERN BERKS JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF 2020**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Birdsboro in conjunction with Caernarvon, Robeson, and Union Townships (hereinafter referred to as the Participating Municipalities), all of which are municipalities located within Berks County, Pennsylvania, have joined efforts with the County of Berks, as part of its Joint Comprehensive Plan Program, and

WHEREAS, the County of Berks in conjunction with the Participating Municipalities have selected the consulting team to prepare, at the direction of the Participating Municipalities, the maps, charts, textual matter, photographs, and all other materials within the Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan has been prepared pursuant to the provisions specified under Article III of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), and

WHEREAS, the Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan was financed by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, and

WHEREAS, copies of the proposed Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan have been forwarded to the Berks County Planning Commission, the Daniel Boone School District, the Twin Valley School District, and the adjacent school municipalities for review and comment in accordance with the provisions of the MPC, and

WHEREAS, copies of the proposed Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan were made available to the residents and property owners of the participating municipalities in accordance with the provisions of the MPC, and

WHEREAS, the Participating Municipalities Planning Commissions held a public meeting pursuant to public notice in accordance with the provisions of the MPC, and have provided a recommendation to their respective Governing Bodies, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Bodies of the Participating Municipalities have conducted a public hearing pursuant to public notice in accordance with the provisions of the MPC.

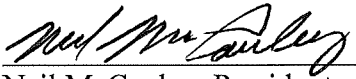
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that after considering the recommendations and comments presented as part of this public hearing, the Borough Council of the Borough of Birdsboro does hereby adopt the Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan of 2020, which is


comprised of maps, charts, textual matter, photographs, and all other materials constituting a part thereof.

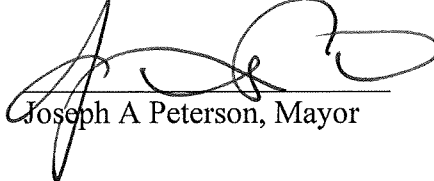
FURTHER, RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately.

DULY PRESENTED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Borough of Birdsboro on the 8th day of September, 2020.

**COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF BIRDSBORO**

BY: 
Neil McCauley, President

ATTEST: 
Bonnie L. Frisco, Secretary


Joseph A Peterson, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CAERNARVON, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ADOPTING THE UPDATED SOUTHERN BERKS JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS ITS
OFFICIAL JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, Section 302 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, authorizes the adoption of municipal, multi-municipal and county comprehensive plans and plan amendments and provides that the same shall be adopted by Resolution in the name of the municipality, and duly enacted by the governing board of said municipality, and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2004, the Township of Caernarvon, Berks County, Pennsylvania (the "Township of Caernarvon") adopted the Comprehensive Plan for the Township of Caernarvon, Township of Robeson, Township of Union and Borough of Birdsboro (the "2004 Southern Berks Regional Comprehensive Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Joint Comprehensive Plan was intended to address the long-term development and preservation of the participating municipalities, to provide a solid foundation for development regulations, to provide coordination of development, infrastructure and traffic across municipal borders, and to guide other public policies within the Southern Berks Region; and

WHEREAS, as a result of many changes, the Planning Commission of the Township of Caernarvon (the "Planning Commission"), the Township of Robeson, the Township of Union, the Borough of Birdsboro, the Berks County Planning Commission, and the Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee have participated in the preparation of a revised Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan (the "Joint Comprehensive Plan");

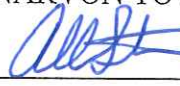
WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended the adoption of the Joint Comprehensive Plan to the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Caernarvon; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Caernarvon has complied with the requirements and procedures as set forth in Section 302 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code for adopting the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Caernarvon, Berks County, Pennsylvania, that the Township of Caernarvon hereby acknowledges its July 14, 2020 adoption of, and hereby re-adopts and reaffirms, as its official Joint Comprehensive Plan the Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan, last revised April 2020, which is incorporated herein by reference, made a part hereof and attached hereto as Exhibit A.

DULY ENACTED THIS 28th Day of July 2020, by the Supervisors of Caernarvon Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

CAERNARVON TOWNSHIP

BY: 

Allen Styer, Chairman

SEAL
ATTEST: 
Joan Bair, Township Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF ROBESON, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBESON, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE REVISED AND UPDATED SOUTHERN BERKS JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, a Joint Comprehensive Plan was prepared for Southern Berks County municipalities consisting of the Borough of Birdsboro, Township of Robeson, Township of Union and Township of Caernarvon, and the school districts of Daniel Boone and Twin Valley in 2004; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of time and changes in population of the stated municipalities and school districts, and for various other reasons, it has become desirable to revise and update the Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Planning Commission consisting of representatives from the four municipalities, under the guidance and direction of Matthew F. McGough, Intergovernmental Planner with the Berks County Planning Commission, met from time to time and prepared a revised Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Article III of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code (Act 247 of 1968, as amended); and

WHEREAS, a governing body public hearing was held on August 18, 2020, in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code (Act 247 of 1968, as amended).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Robeson, Berks County, Pennsylvania hereby adopts the revised and updated Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A. Pursuant to the MPC, Section 302(c), it is specifically found that the following maps, charts, textual matter, and other matters listed are intended to form the Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan:

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision, sentence, clause, section, or part of this Resolution shall for any reason be found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such determination shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Resolution, and it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Robeson that this Resolution would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision, sentence, clause, section or part not been included herein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby superseded.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, which was fully adopted at a public meeting held pursuant to notice as required by law on the 18 day of August, 2020.

Dale L. Brown
Secretary of Robeson Township

Dated: August 19, 2020

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania has caused this Resolution to be adopted this 18 day of August, 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF ROBESON TOWNSHIP,
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

[Signature]
Chairman

[Signature]
Member

[Signature]
Member

[Signature]
Member

Galen L. Brown
Member

Attest: Galen L. Brown
Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF UNION
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 12

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, Berks County, Pennsylvania, adopting the 2020 Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan Update.

WHEREAS, Union Township, in conjunction with Birdsboro Borough, Caernarvon Township, and Robeson Township (hereinafter the “Participating Municipalities”), adopted by Resolution the Southern Berks Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2004.

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Participating Municipalities also enacted ordinances, which authorized each individual municipality to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with each other to implement the Comprehensive Plan of 2004.

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Participating Municipalities, based on the implementation agreement, likewise entered into an agreement to update the Comprehensive Plan of 2004, utilizing the Staff of the Berks County Planning Commission to facilitate the preparation of the 2020 Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan Update (hereinafter the “2020 Plan Update”).

WHEREAS, at public meetings of the Union Township Planning Commission, and the Union Township Board of Supervisors from 2018 through 2020, the proposed sections of the 2020 Plan Update were discussed as they were being developed by County Planning Staff and representatives of each of the Participating Municipalities.

WHEREAS, at a public meeting on February 6, 2020, the Union Township Planning Commission took action to forward a complete draft of the 2020 Plan Update to the Union Township Board of Supervisors for its consideration.

WHEREAS, the draft 2020 Plan Update, after consideration, was authorized by the Board of Supervisors to be circulated to the County Planning Commission, contiguous municipalities, and the school districts for their review and comment.

WHEREAS, comments were received from the County of Berks, which were considered by both the Union Township Planning Commission and the Union Township Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS, the draft 2020 Plan Update, as revised to address comments, was made available to the public by the Township through links on the Township website.

WHEREAS, the Union Township Planning Commission, at its July 2020 meeting, recommended the revised 2020 Plan Update for consideration for adoption by the Union Township Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS, at the July 2020 meeting of the Union Township Board of Supervisors, the advertising of a public hearing was authorized, to accept any final comments from the public before consideration of adoption of the 2020 Plan Update.

WHEREAS, the public hearing of the Union Township Board of Supervisors has now been held to accept comment.

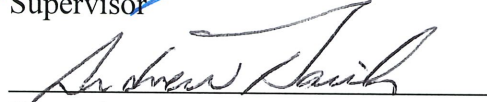
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Union, that after considering the draft 2020 Plan Update, as well as all comments provided, and consistent with the recommendation of the Union Township Planning Commission, the Union Township Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the 2020 Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan Update, which is comprised of maps, charts, textural material, and all other materials constituting a part thereof.

Adopted and effective this 17th day of AUGUST, 2020, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Union.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION


Chairman


Supervisor


Supervisor

ATTEST:

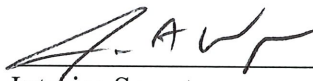

Interim Secretary

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