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This list of strategic goals was derived by the Master Plan Committee (MPC) from input from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), and from relevant goals found in the Master Plans of other municipalities. They were reviewed by the Planning Board on January 10, 2024.

Note that these goals are not a complete or finished set. They are assembled to help guide the team that is writing the draft Community Facilities and Services Plan element. The team may develop additional goals and may choose to modify the wording of these goals as their work progresses.

The Community Facilities and Services Plan element will be written by the Community Facilities team. The first draft is due before July 23, 2024, and will be posted here when it has been released by the writing team.

Comments and suggestions for the element-writing team should be emailed to planning@penningtonboro.org.

6. Community Facilities and Services Plan Element

This Element includes a list and brief description of the existing and proposed location of municipal buildings, churches, schools, parks and playgrounds, daycare centers, cultural facilities, historic sites, libraries, medical facilities, firehouse, police station and other related facilities. It includes all private and public facilities in the Borough that have full or limited access for residents and the purposes they serve and services they offer.

Community Facilities and Services Plan Goals

6.1. To support community activities, the Borough should keep and promote an updated list of public, semi-private and private indoor and outdoor facilities that are willing to host volunteer activities, such as community events, youth and adult sports, meetings of volunteers, book clubs, art shows, etc. Helping residents find facilities that meet their needs will bring the community together in shared activities.

6.2. With Borough Hall and Public Works facilities, the community is well positioned to provide municipal services. The Borough should keep the community apprised of services it provides, such as the library, police department, public works department, and Borough Administration.

6.3. In addition to routine maintenance, the Borough will continue to improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its buildings. Establish redundant energy systems where feasible to allow community facilities to maintain operations during public emergencies.

6.4. Emergency management plans that allow community facilities to serve additional functions to protect public health, safety, and welfare during public emergencies should be publicized.

6.5. Church attendance is in decline and some of the churches in the Borough may close or consolidate. These buildings are often historic, and the Borough should encourage repurposing over demolition for other uses.

6.6. The Borough should Support the development of daycare centers to help families who need two wage-earners to be able to live in town.

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