The Upper Allen Township Board of Commissioners approved the 2017 Budget with no tax increase. The General Fund Real Estate Tax, Permanent Improvement Tax and Fire Department Operating Tax remain unchanged at 1.5, 0.5 and 0.3 mills, respectively. The 2017 approved Budget balances fiscal prudence with needed additions to Public Safety and General Services. The total 2017 millage of 2.3 equals $2.30 for every $1,000 of assessed property value, or $230.00 for every $100,000 of assessed value.

Upper Allen Township’s annual budget is organized into separate funds, which act as separate pockets of accounts that are designated for specific activities (Sewer Operations, General Government, Streetlights, etc.). These funds are budgeted annually on an individual basis and are monitored by Township staff and the elected Board of Commissioners. Some funds receive designated sources of money (General Fund, Streetlight Fund, Fire Hydrant Fund, Fire Operating Fund, Sewer Operating Fund, and Permanent Improvement Fund), while the others receive transfers from the General Fund to fund their activities.

General Fund revenue is budgeted at $8,207,323, which represents a decrease of $328,935 when compared to the 2016 General Fund revenues. The bulk of the expected decrease is related to one time reimbursements received in fiscal year 2016 that are not expected to occur again in fiscal year 2017. General Fund spending budgeted in 2017 totals $7,809,808, which is an increase of $372,149 when compared to 2016 projected final expenditures. The 2017 General Fund Budget adds an Officer to the Township’s Police Department and one Public Works Department employee. General Fund expenditures include $3,972,610 for police protection, $883,647 for public works, $819,210 for administration, and $637,435 for community development. Additionally, transfers in the amount of $1,208,500 are expected from the General Fund in 2017 to help maintain the future fiscal health of other Township related funds.

The 2017 Capital Reserve Fund expenditures include funding for two police cars, a Parks work truck, street sweeper, the Allendale Road Improvement Project, and miscellaneous storm water projects. The vehicle purchases are consistent with the Township’s vehicle replacement plan. Most of the equipment being purchased is replacing vehicles that have reached the end of their useful operational lives making it no longer fiscally prudent to continue to operate them. The street sweeper, if purchased as budgeted, would expand the Township fleet and would allow for more frequent cleanings of Township roads, a recent requirement of MS4 stormwater practices.
Entering its 3rd year, the Permanent Improvement Fund has been dedicated to supporting the continuation of the ten year maintenance and replacement plan for Township roadways. The Township has budgeted to expend $894,618 in fiscal year 2017. The Township has spent $3,142,000 from the Permanent Improvement Fund over the prior two years preserving, resurfacing and rebuilding Township roadways.

The Liquid Fuels Tax Fund also provides funding for road improvements and maintenance. Liquid Fuels funding comes from state aid and is based on miles of roads and population. The Township’s 2017 state allocation is expected to be approximately $561,499. State funding has increased over the past few years as additional revenue is added to the fund. Routine road maintenance expenditures account for $82,112, which includes line painting, traffic signal maintenance, tar and chip projects, crack sealing and guide rail repairs.

The Liquid Fuels Fund also supports the snow removal operations of the Township with $95,000 being budgeted for the purchase of salt and cinders for Township roads. The Township plans to spend an additional $400,000 on road resurfacing projects next year. Between expenditures in the Liquid Fuels Fund and Permanent Improvement Fund a total of $1,050,000 is budgeted to be directly expended on road improvements projects in fiscal year 2017.

The Sewer Operating Fund, with expenditures budgeted at $4,111,891 for 2017, supports the daily operation and maintenance of the Township’s sewer conveyance and treatment systems. The budgeted amount includes $1,593,878 in debt service payments for bonds issued for sewer system improvements and a $749,000 payment to the Lower Allen Township Authority for the rental costs associated with conveyance and treatment of Township waste at the Lower Allen Township Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant. A total of $250,000 has been budgeted for professional services, repairs and equipment related to the Township’s infiltration & inflow (I&I) program.

The I&I program includes investigation and rehabilitation of the Township’s sewer lines. I&I investments result in significant cost savings for the Township as there is less wastewater requiring treatment. This decrease is due to less groundwater and surface water entering the Township’s sanitary sewer collection system.
The Township is in the fourth year of a Fire Operating Fund, which will collect a 0.3 mill fire property tax. The fund is projected to generate revenue of $563,633 for general operational items for the volunteer fire company, such as fuel and insurance expenses as well as contributions to capital equipment expenses and savings accounts. In 2017, the Fire Operating Fund will transfer $300,000 to the Fire Escrow Fund. The Fire Escrow Fund, in turn, will expend $80,000 ($30,000 to replace a vehicle and $50,000 for design services related to improving the existing building). It is important to note that the fire tax does not entirely fund the Fire Department, requiring volunteer fire personnel to continue to fundraise and seek donations to continue normal operations.

If you would like to review the entire 2017 Upper Allen Township Budget, please visit the Township’s website at www.uatwp.org.
SPRING BRUSH PICKUP

Brush pickup in Upper Allen Township will only be conducted one time this year. This is due to increased Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations, lack of storage space and the high cost of Worker's Compensation claims resulting from work related injuries. Brush can be placed out with weekly trash as long as it is cut to 5 foot lengths, wrapped with twine and can be handled by one person (75 lbs. limit). Each bundle counts towards weekly 6 trash can limit, but can be placed out every week.

Spring brush pickup begins on April 3rd and will continue through May 12th. Guidelines for brush pickup are as follows:

- Please have all brush out at the curb by 7:00 A.M. on Monday morning. We cannot guarantee a specific day that we will pick up brush in any given area.
- Brush will not be picked up if mixed with yard clippings, vines, sawdust, etc. Yard waste clogs the chipper, resulting in delays in pickup.
- We can only pick up tree trimmings that measure 4" or less in diameter. Residents must remove branches from tree trunks. (For brush larger than 4" in diameter, residents should contract with a tree service for removal.)
- Please avoid placing short pieces of heavy wood, such as fire wood, for pickup. Wood of this size will jam the chipping equipment.
- Put small items such as hedge trimmings, vines, long grasses, yard debris, and fence posts in your garbage container and place it out for your weekly Republic Services trash pickup.
- We are not able to grind wood with any metal attached to it. (Example: wire, nails, etc.)
- The longer the branch, the better it is for workers to handle and place into the chipper.
- Please stack branches neatly at the curbside with cut ends facing toward the road.
- Do not make your brush pile higher than three (3) feet or place branches in a pile wider than ten (10) feet. The limit is one (1) pile per house.
- We will not pick up contractors' brush piles. This service is for residents of the Township only.
- We will not take whole trees. If you cut down a tree or have one cut down, it is your responsibility to contract with a tree removal service for disposal.
- If it appears that the brush did not come from the residence it is piled in front of, then it will not be picked up. We do not pick up community piles. Please do not allow your friends or relatives to bring their tree limbs to your house for pickup.
- We cannot drive onto private roads, driveways, or yards due to liability issues.
- If we go through your neighborhood and do not pick up your branches, we will leave you a note explaining why brush was not picked up. Additionally, we will not collect garbage bags or empty trash cans full of debris.
**BRUSH PICK UP SCHEDULE**

The breakouts of the Township’s zones are as follows:

**Zone 1:** Gettysburg Pike between Township line near Rosegarden and Fisher Road, W. Lisburn Road between Rt. 15 and Monroe Township line, Grantham Road between Gettysburg Pike and Monroe Township line; Rosegarden; Ashcombe Farms; Ashcombe Farms North; Creekstone; Center Square; Center Square Manor; Country Square; Canterbury Estates *(Collection will begin on April 3)*

**Zone 2:** S. Market Street between Rt. 15 and Simpson Park, W. Lisburn Road between Rt. 15 and S. Market Street; Grantham Road; Mill Road; Grantham Area (Woodbine Street, Laurel Street, Cedar Street, High Street, Yorkview Drive, Low Street); Edgewood (Sholly Drive, Woodside Drive); Spacious Acres; Park Ridge; Bumble Bee Hollow Road; Bumble Bee Hollow Development; Bowman’s Village; Bowman’s Hill; Bowmansdale between S. Market St. and Bumble Bee Hollow Road *(Collection will begin on April 10)*

**Zone 3:** Williams Grove Road between Mech. line and PA Turnpike; Peachtree Village; Trindle Station; Diehl Road; Old Grove Road; Sinclair Road; Miller’s Crest; Miller’s Acres; S. York Street between Mech. line and PA Turnpike; S. Market Street between Mech. line and PA Turnpike; Sunnyland; Webergroft; Georgetown; Allendale Road; Stonehedge; Meadowood; Ridge Court; Geneva Drive; Nanroc Drive; Cedar Ridge; Ariel Court; Deerhaven; Wilson Lane; Heritage Acres; Fair Oaks *(Collection will begin on April 17)*

**Zone 4:** E. Lisburn Road between Mt. Allen underpass and Lower Allen Township line; Hertzler Road from the railroad underpass to Arcona Road; Klinedinston Road; E. Winding Hill Road between Arcona Road and railroad tracks; Arcona Road; Arcona Estates; Raven Hills; Apache Trail; Pima Circle; Ford Farm; Allen Glen; McCormick Road; Bishop Road *(Collection will begin on April 24)*

**Zone 5:** Fisher Road; Southview Drive cul-de-sac off of Fisher Road; Gettysburg Pike between Giant Foods and Fisher Road; Country Estates; Williams Grove Road between Fisher Road and PA Turnpike; W. Winding Hill Road; E. Winding Hill Road, between S. Market Street and Gettysburg Pike; S. York Street between PA Turnpike and Gettysburg Pike; Shepherdstown; Meadowview Estates; Arborfield; S. Market Street between Rt. 15 and PA Turnpike; Lindenwood; Arlington Hills; Gray Drive; Whitebrier (Wineberry Drive, Dewberry Court); Winding Hill Heights; Cumberland Parkway; Old Schoolhouse Lane; Reynolds Street *(Collection will begin on May 1)*

**Zone 6:** Winding Hills Development; Hertzler Road from Mt. Allen Drive to the railroad underpass; Avenview; Bowmansdale east of S. Market Street; E. Lisburn Road between S. Market Street and Mt. Allen underpass; Witney Ridge; Spring Run Manor; Spring Run Acres; Mt. Allen Heights; Reservoir Hill; Kimberly Meadows; Park Hills Drive Area; Wayne Drive; Breezewood Hill (Midland Road, Breezewood Drive); Sleepy Hollow Farms (Lavina Drive, Hilda Court); Flintlock Ridge *(Collection will begin on May 8)*
The Township does not fix damaged mailboxes or posts. If a mailbox is damaged during snow plowing operations, the property owner will be reimbursed for the cost of a new cedar post and standard metal mailbox up to a maximum of $52.00. The Township will not pay for labor to install the new post and/or mailbox. The Township will need a copy of the receipt before payment will be made and a picture of the damaged mailbox within 2 weeks from the time the mailbox was damaged.

If a mailbox is damaged, place a bucket or container out marked U.S. Mail in order to continue to receive mail.

**SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES**

Plowing will begin when the snow is three inches deep. Our top priorities are the main roads, including the Fire House parking lot, Police Station parking lot, Municipal Building parking lot, Gettysburg Pike to Route 114, West Winding Hill Road, East Winding Hill Road, Allendale Road, Wilson Lane, Grantham Road, Mt. Allen Drive, Kim Acres Drive, Bumble Bee Hollow Road, Mill Road, Hertzler Road, Fisher Road, Stumpstown Road, Arcona Road, McCormick Road, Sinclair Road and Geneva Drive.

Residents can help by not travelling, unless necessary, during these times; and *don't shovel or blow snow onto plowed or treated streets* (the Township has an ordinance that prohibits this, under penalty of law).
SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES

Snow season is upon us! The Township would like to remind residents that private streets, fire hydrants, sidewalks and driveways are required to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours following a storm event. Chapter 205 of the Township Code regulates snow and ice removal; the regulations are enforced any time snow or ice covers the ground.

Property Owners’ Responsibilities for Clearing Sidewalks

- **When to clear sidewalks:** It is the responsibility of property owners to remove snow, slush, and ice along the full width of the sidewalks and across driveways within 24 hours after the snow or slush has ceased to fall. Please exercise caution and care when shoveling, especially during extreme cold!

- **What to clear:** Owners of any home and/or building abutting a public or private way are responsible for ensuring that any fire hydrants, sidewalk and accessible ramps in front of their property, and extending to the corner if on a corner lot, are clear of ice and snow, in accordance with Sections 205-2 and 3 of the Township Code of Ordinances. Snow, slush and ice shall be removed with the following conditions:

  * Fire hydrants shall not be covered.

  * If the snow, slush or ice cannot be removed within 24 hours due to hardening, property owners must apply an abrasive (such as sand or salt) to allow for safe travel.

  * No snow, slush, ice or a combination thereof shall stem from a property or be deposited or pushed from a property onto a street or right-of-way at any location.

  * No person shall damage any Township property while removing snow, ice or slush.

For more information about property owner responsibilities when clearing private streets, fire hydrants, sidewalks and driveways, visit our website at [www.uatwp.org](http://www.uatwp.org) and view Chapter 205 in the Township Code section.
In celebration of World Water Day (March 22nd), Upper Allen Township will be partnering with the Cumberland County Conservation District to host a Rain Barrel Workshop on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6 P.M. located at the Township Municipal Building 100 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg PA 17055. Register for the Rain Barrel Workshop and become a rain barrel owner! In the workshop, participants will build their very own rain barrel and learn about water conservation as well as the benefits of using rain barrels.

The workshop cost is $35.00 per barrel, which covers all the supplies, including a barrel that has been thoroughly cleaned and drilled prior to the event. Registration deadline is March 1, 2017. If you would like to order more than one rain barrel, please adjust payment accordingly.

You must register and pay in advance to guarantee rain barrel availability on the day of the workshop.

Payment can be made via cash or check (NO cards) payable to Upper Allen Township.

Mail in registration payments should be addressed:

Upper Allen Township
Attn: Megan McNamee, MS4 Planner
100 Gettysburg Pike,
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Rain Barrel Workshop Registration Form

First Name: __________________________________________
Last Name: __________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
Email Address: ________________________________________
Phone Number: _______________________________________
Number of barrels: ________________________________
Total Due $: ________________
Cash/Check (No cards): _______ Cash, Check (made payable to Upper Allen Township)
Questions/Comments: __________________________________

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Upper Allen Township Attn: Megan McNamee, MS4 Planner
UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP
AWARDED GRANT

Upper Allen Township Awarded Grant from DCNR for Construction of Accessible Playground at Winding Hills Park East

In December of 2016, Upper Allen Township was notified that it had been awarded a matching grant of $200,000 from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) under its Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2). The project will consist of grading and drainage improvements of over 10,000 square feet near the existing comfort station to allow for the placement of a 3,300 SF inclusive tot lot and 3,200 SF inclusive youth lot, both with poured in place play surfaces, ADA compliant porous paths and native landscaping. The project is the first phase of construction of a central hub for the Winding Hills Park East as identified in the Park’s Master Plan completed in 2015.

Additional information regarding the project can be found in the Winding Hills Park East Master Plan and the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan that are on the Township’s website at www.uatwp.org.

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NON RECYCLABLE ITEMS

- Aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil
- Batteries
- Clothing
- Food waste
- Mirrors
- Ceramic
- Plastic bags
- Shredded paper
- Stickers
- Address labels
- Styrofoam
- Tissue
- Paper towels
TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

January
12 Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
12 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
17 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
18 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
25 Park & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
26 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.
30 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

February
1 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
9 Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
9 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
13 Pension Board - 7:30 a.m.
13 Administration - 8:00 a.m.
15 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
21 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
22 Park & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
23 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.
27 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

March
1 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
9 Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
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27 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

UPPER ALLEN WOMAN’S CLUB EVENTS

A Fashion Affair 2017
Upper Allen Woman’s Club GFWC will sponsor “A Fashion Affair” luncheon and fashion show on Sunday, April 23, 2017. The show will be held at the West Shore Country Club, 100 Brentwater Road, Camp Hill.
**GRANTHAM WOMEN’S CLUB EVENTS**

The Grantham Women's Club invites ladies from the area to these presentations at Grantham Brethren in Christ Church (near the entrance to Messiah College):

Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. - "Should I Call 911?" by Duane Nieves of WSEMS.

Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. - "This Lyme Is Not the Fruit" by Linda Olley.

Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. - "Fashion Show" by Christopher & Banks ($5.00 donation requested).

Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. - "Elder Law: Selecting an Attorney, Avoiding Guardianship, Etc." by Marielle Hazen.

Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. - "Dog T.A.G.S. (Train Assist Guide Serve) - Orders for Love" by Darlene Johnson.

**MECHANICSBURG MUSEUM EVENTS**

**Museum Exhibit - “Wide World of Glass”** - A colorful exhibit featuring many different types of glassware including cut glass, carnival glass, depression glass, etc. Runs February 25th to May 6th. The exhibit will be open and free to the public Wednesdays thru Saturdays from noon until 3:00 p.m. at the Freight Station, 3 West Allen St, Mechanicsburg.

**“Two Centuries of Riding the Rails”** - Lifetime Enrichment Program presented by Patrick C. Morrison, Museum Educator, Railroad Museum of PA. Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at noon at the Passenger Station. Museum members and children under 13 are free. $4.00 for Non-members.

**“Slavery and the Underground Railroad in Central PA”** - Lifetime Enrichment Program presented by Cooper Wingert, Historian and Author. Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 2:00 pm. at the Passenger Station. Museum members and children under 13 are free. $4.00 for Non–members.

**UPPER ALLEN BASEBALL**

Registration for Upper Allen Baseball Association's 2017 Spring season is open and runs to February 5, 2017.

Community Day was a Success

The Wildcat Foundation extends our thanks and appreciation to the Upper Allen Township businesses, community groups and residents who helped make November’s Community Day a success! With 65 vendors, we were able to showcase an array of businesses and services available to Mechanicsburg School District students and their families. Thank you for your support!

For more news and information, please visit our website at www.wildcatfoundation.org.
You can also “Like” us on FaceBook” and follow us on Twitter - @WildcatFndt

WILDCAT FOUNDATION NEWS

February 24, 2017 - Save the Date! Wildcat Foundation to host Wildcat Night!

The Wildcat Foundation of the Mechanicsburg Area School District invites you to “Wildcat Night” (formerly a Monte Carlo event) at the Radisson in Camp Hill. The evening will include:

- Heads and Tails Game
- Buffet Dinner
- Silent Auction
- Cash Bar
- DJ and entertainment by MASD talent past and present!
- $10,000.00 Jackpot Drawing
- Guaranteed first prize of $5,000.00!!!

(200 Raffle Tickets will be sold prior to the event at $100.00 a piece)

Please feel free to contact Holly Laufer with questions about Wildcat Night at 717-691-4505 or hlauffer@mbgsd.org.

PLAY LACROSSE!

Registration is now open for Mechanicsburg Youth Lacrosse. Boys and girls in grades 1 through 8 can register for lacrosse at www.mechlax.usl.la. Indoor practices start on Monday, January 9, 2017, at the Yellow Breeches Sports Center. Outdoor practices and games start in April. If you have any questions, please email Amy Chirieleison at akchirieleison@yayhoo.com or Shawn Noll at snoll454@comcast.net. #lax4life #growthegame!

SOCcer OPPORTUNITIES

Keystone FC, formerly known as Mechanicsburg Soccer Club, offers a premier soccer experience for your child in the Central Pennsylvania area. Mechanicsburg Soccer Club was founded in 1982, which makes Keystone FC one of the oldest competitive soccer clubs in the area with a dedicated and professional coaching staff holding National Licenses. Keystone FC Soccer registration is open for spring travel players U8 and up, and Mechanicsburg Youth Development Academy registration will be available on the website at www.keystonefc.com in mid winter.
OPERATION WILDCAT NEWS

Operation Wildcat ("OW") continues to pool the Mechanicsburg Area School District community resources to help local families in need on an on-going basis.

**Project Bikes at Earth Day:** Details on OW’s Bike Drive at the Mechanicsburg’s Earth Day Festival will be posted on our website. Any questions, please contact Erin Arva at 717-877-8893, earva@comcast.net.

**Spring for Socks:** In the spring, OW will hold a drive to collect new underwear and new socks. Details will be posted on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Lorraine Drumheller at 229-630-2726, lancelorrain@att.net.

**Project Clothes:** We have ongoing needs for these items: new underwear, new socks, pajamas, and large shopping bags. Donations may be left in any of the OW bins in the district buildings. Please label all bags of donations. If you have a large donation, please contact Melissa Herbein, mshoffman29@gmail.com.

**Project Furniture:** We are in need of dressers, mattress, and blankets. If you have any of the above items to donate, please contact Dawn Austin at 717-350-6637, dawnelayne567@gmail.com or Maureen Ross at 717-773-1988, mmross4@comcast.net.

For up to date information on all our projects, please visit our website, http://www.mbgsd.org/pages/Mechanicsburg_ASD/Community_Alumni/Operation_Wildcat.

To contact Operation Wildcat, email operationwildcatmasd@gmail.com or call Leslie Collins, President, at 795-7372.

TOWNSHIP RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE

The Township was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the second time for its 2015 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents continued accomplishment by Township staff. Commissioner Martin thanked Assistant Township Manager Scott Fraser, Accounting Manager, Laurie Yohe and Accounting Clerk Julie Roth for their hard work and effort in achieving the award for a second year.

Residents interested in viewing the CAFR may find it and other financial documents on the Township’s website in the financial document section.

CONTACT Helpline

CONTACT Helpline is a 24/7 hour helpline that provides listening, health and human service information and referral assistance for Cumberland County, along with various other counties in the Central Pennsylvania area. Since 1970, their highly-trained volunteers have maintained a a 24-hour help-line, answering over 3,000 calls monthly. If you would like to volunteer or even participate in active listening training, you can sign up with CONTACT. Those who do not plan to volunteer pay a fee of $75.00 for the specialized training, which could be an invaluable support tool for anyone. To learn more about CONTACT, please visit 222.contacthelpline.org.

MISSION STATEMENT: "To provide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week listening, health and human service information and referral by a corps of highly-trained volunteers."
SIMPSON PARK RIPARIAN BUFFER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

As part of a multi-year project, the Upper Allen Township MS4 Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan was established to reduce the environmental impacts of development by implementing stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs), such as rain gardens, wetlands, and riparian buffers. The plan emphasizes that restoring and protecting functioning riparian corridors along the Yellow Breeches Creek is an important action that the Township can undergo to maintain water quality in the Creek and to minimize problems from development.

**Why Riparian Buffers are a crucial BMP:**
- Reduces nonpoint source pollution reaching the Creek
- Helps remove pollution from the Creek
- Reduce stream bank erosion
- Increases property value
- Reduces flooding
- Enhances habitat for wildlife

In Simpson Park, the Township has identified an area that can be returned to a natural condition to improve water quality. The proposed riparian buffer will include the planting of 16 red maples over an area of 625 feet in length. The trees will be planted behind an existing tree buffer to increase the benefits already being accomplished in this area. The planning is expected to be finalized at the end of the summer and the trees will be planted in the fall. Please check back with the Township website, on our MS4 page, for updates.