

# **Plymouth Township Environmental Advisory Group Meeting Minutes**

March 15, 2016

Our guest for this month's meeting was John Cover, AICP of the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Bill Sabey observed that Plymouth's comprehensive Township Plan is 26 years old.

Mr. Cover indicated that the planning commission plan is designed to provide services to the county's municipalities and help ensure that cost is not an obstacle. The program is structured for planning as a process. He shared a map depicting 37 municipalities for which the county provides services. The agency is multidisciplinary, transportation, environmental, design, open space planners (including trail planners). They also have community planners. They are typically doing 3-4 master plans in any given year.

One of the reasons communities maintain a long-term connection to the planning commission is that they offer ongoing services to help answer other issues and questions as they come up.

Every comprehensive plan has some core elements like housing, natural resources, but how you address each, really depends on the community. The master plan gives you the rationale and legal backing to support policy decisions.

The first Saturday after Memorial Day is Township Day--June 4.