

WHAT IS A TOWN HALL MEETING?

This town hall meeting is an informal public meeting that gives the members of a community an opportunity to get together to discuss preliminary work conducted on a Small Area Plan for Pine Grove Mills. This meeting will give everyone a chance to ask questions and talk in a relaxed environment about issues relating to the Small Area Plan for Pine Grove Mills. The results will also help assure that staff from the Township, the Regional Planning Agency, and residents involved to date in the process have an accurate understanding of major issues.

The staff from the Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA) and Ferguson Township will open up the meeting with a brief presentation of what a small area plan is, what has occurred to date, and the next steps in the process. We want to hear from you, so after the brief presentation, the format of this meeting will allow people in the group to ask questions or bring issues up, and the staff or residents helping prepare the plan may respond.

This Town Hall is the first community-wide meeting that has taken place. The goal of the Town Hall is to validate themes and issues that staff and the residents involved in the planning process have gathered to date. The results of the meeting will be utilized by staff to start drafting language for the Small Area Plan.

WHAT IS A SMALL AREA PLAN?

Small area plans are prepared for smaller geographic areas within a community and include more detail than found in community-wide and regional plans. Every community is stitched together by unique areas, each with its own set of attributes, issues, opportunities, and challenges that contribute to the community as a whole. Small area plans provide a way for residents and businesses to actively engage in the process to help figure out what is important to their area, how it fits into the larger community, and how to address issues or concerns of particular importance to their place. To be successful, the small area plan process should also recognize the context of the broader goals of community-wide and regional planning efforts and should contain a series of realistic actions to implement the plan.

VISION STATEMENT

The Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan seeks to preserve the living heritage and values of the residents by providing an outline for improvements and development that strengthen connectivity, sense of community, safety, physical environment, commerce, and recreation within this gateway village.

VALUES

The term *values* is included in the vision statement for the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan. What we mean by values, in the context of the Small Area Plan is something that is based upon principles, ideals, and beliefs we have heard during the planning process for the small area plan. It is something that will help residents prepare a plan that reflects values that exist in Pine Grove Mills today. Those values are listed in the column on the left in the table below. The right column below lists potential actions, activities, and improvements that would help retain values in Pine Grove Mills.

PINE GROVE MILLS SMALL AREA PLAN SURVEY	
Values - Today	Changes - Future
What do you value most about Pine Grove Mills?	What changes would benefit Pine Grove Mills?
Small town feeling	More community events
Friendly people	Better local business opportunities
Green/scenery	Walking/hiking/bike trails
Safety	Transportation/traffic concerns
History	Sidewalk connectivity
Quaint/quiet	Speeding control
Walkable	Protect/enhance history
Small businesses	Community park/more park land
Agricultural/farmland	More restaurants