

Destination: Allegheny Valley Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan



Springdale Township, Springdale Borough, Harmar Township, and Cheswick Borough



Introduction

Comprehensive Planning for a 10-year horizon is an involved process, which reflects the needs and desires of the community it is to benefit. A plan should give the public, business and government agencies a clear understanding of the municipality's intentions and desires regarding its future development, which will lead to greater cooperation and minimization of potential conflicts. At its most basic, the planning process includes steps to organize, review, prepare and communicate.

Goals

- Describe an idea or sought after end
- Are non-specific/general statements
- Are the foundation to which policies should refer

Objectives

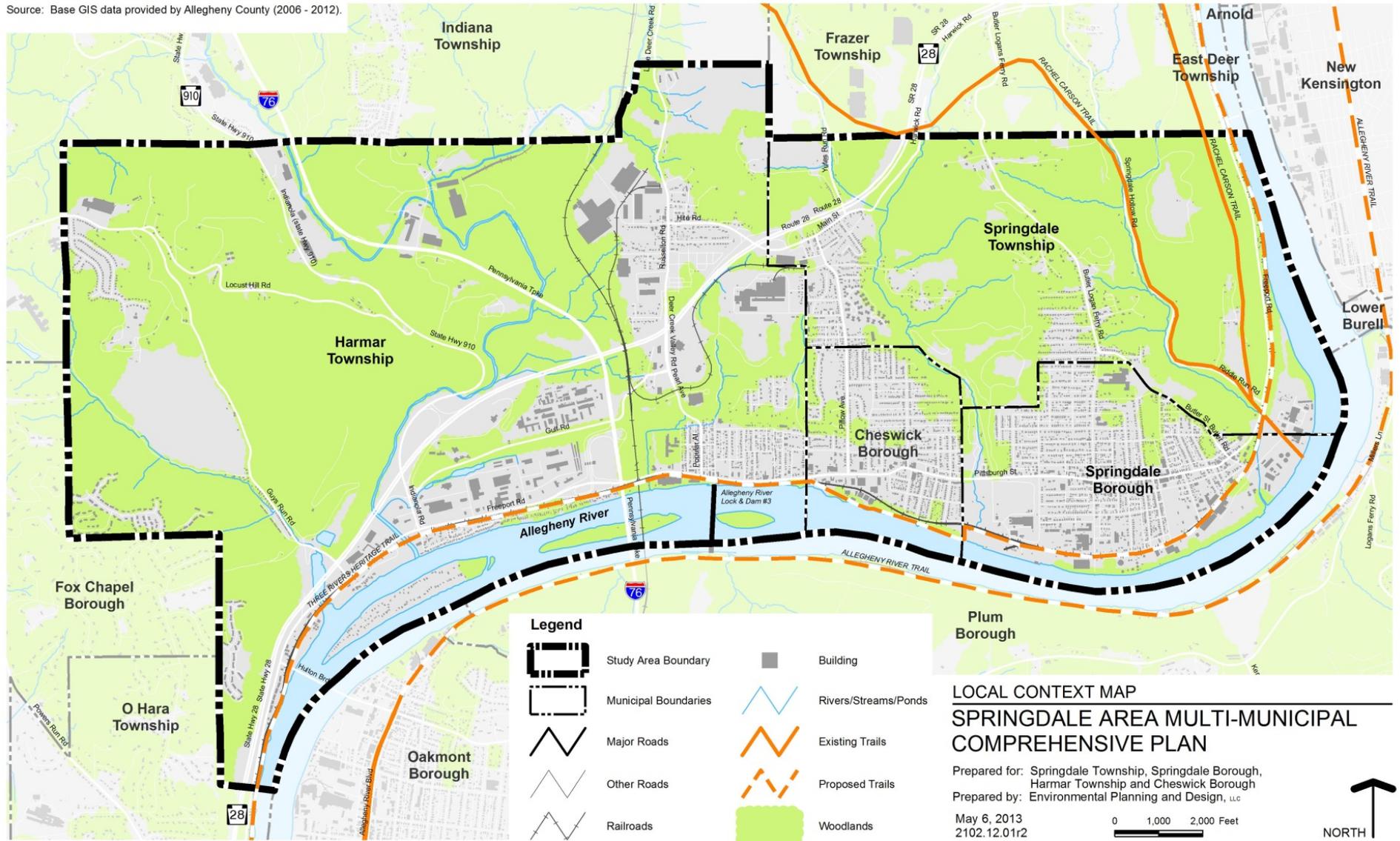
- Advance a goal's specific purpose, aim, ambition or element
- Describe actions necessary to achieve goals.
- Are generally non-quantifiable
- Suggest a course of action or "should, whereas, will"
- May indicate general criteria to be followed in developing policy

Actions

- Describe how an objective will be carried out
- Describe method or provide guidelines
- Are usually measurable and/or time sensitive
- May have a cost associated with it
- Identify responsible parties

Local Context

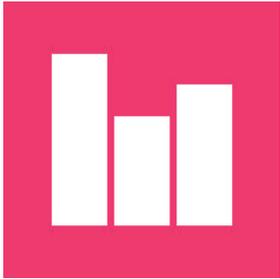
Source: Base GIS data provided by Allegheny County (2006 - 2012).



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The First Step

A CDC is legally the same as any other non-profit entity organized under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Local residents that are interested in forming a CDC should get together and develop a set of by-laws, file for incorporation with their state government and once that is completed apply to the federal Internal Revenue Service for designation as a tax exempt non-profit organization. The IRS designation is necessary in order for your organization to obtain grants and gifts from any government, corporate, foundation sources or from individuals. There is no national entity that certifies an organization as a CDC.



Economic Development

Economic Development Goal:

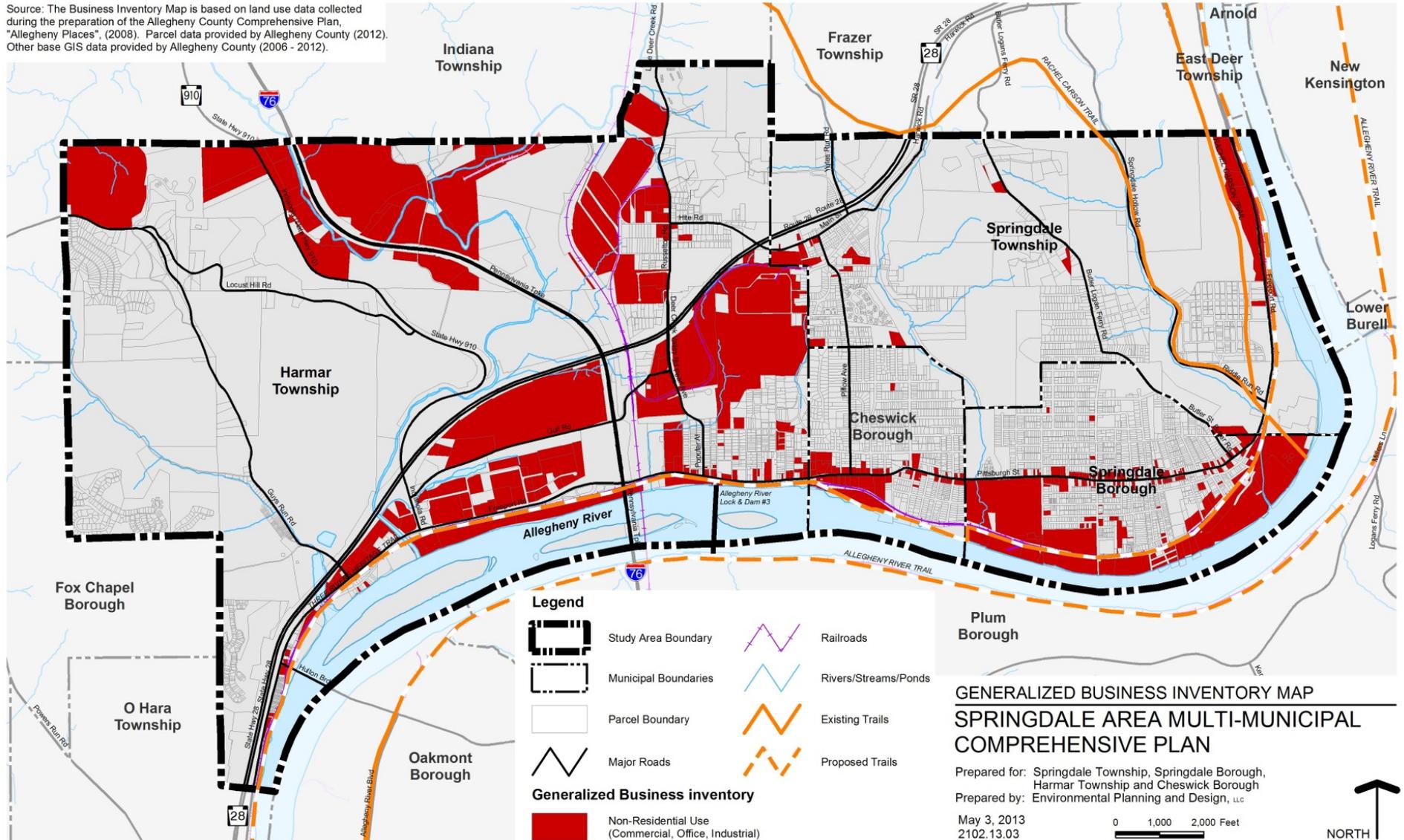
Promote economic opportunities and development while maintaining and valuing community character.

Economic Development Objectives:

- Prioritize development and redevelopment in accordance with Allegheny County development policies and existing development patterns
- Support and recruit employers
- Attract investment and tourism by enhancing cultural, environmental, educational and historic resources
- Promote an efficient transit system to provide access to jobs

General Business Inventory

Source: The Business Inventory Map is based on land use data collected during the preparation of the Allegheny County Comprehensive Plan, "Allegheny Places", (2008). Parcel data provided by Allegheny County (2012). Other base GIS data provided by Allegheny County (2006 - 2012).





Resources

Resources Goal:

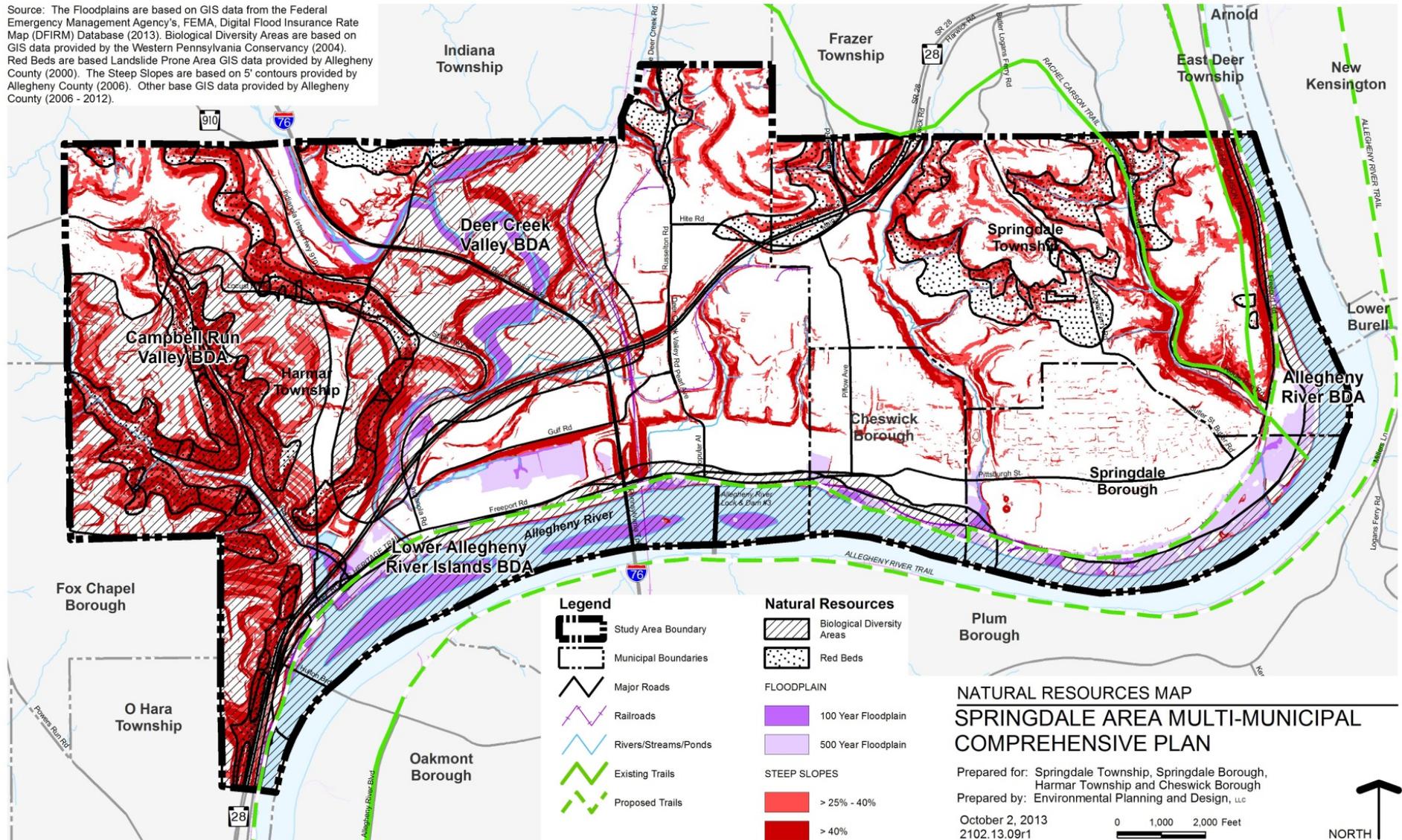
Facilitate the protection, promotion and enhancement of natural, civic and recreation resources.

Resources Objectives:

- Promote and protect the County's historic and cultural resources
- Utilize cultural resources as a tool to stimulate economic development
- Implement a strategy to establish greenways to provide connections and encourage protection of natural resources
- Expand and protect the parks and trails system to serve current and future populations
- Protect ecologically sensitive areas such as wooded steep slopes, stream headwaters, woodlands and wildlife corridors
- Encourage development that is compatible with existing development patterns to minimize impacts to green fields.

Natural Resources

Source: The Floodplains are based on GIS data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's, FEMA, Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Database (2013). Biological Diversity Areas are based on GIS data provided by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (2004). Red Beds are based Landslide Prone Area GIS data provided by Allegheny County (2000). The Steep Slopes are based on 5' contours provided by Allegheny County (2006). Other base GIS data provided by Allegheny County (2006 - 2012).





Connectivity

Connectivity, Infrastructure and Facilities Goal:

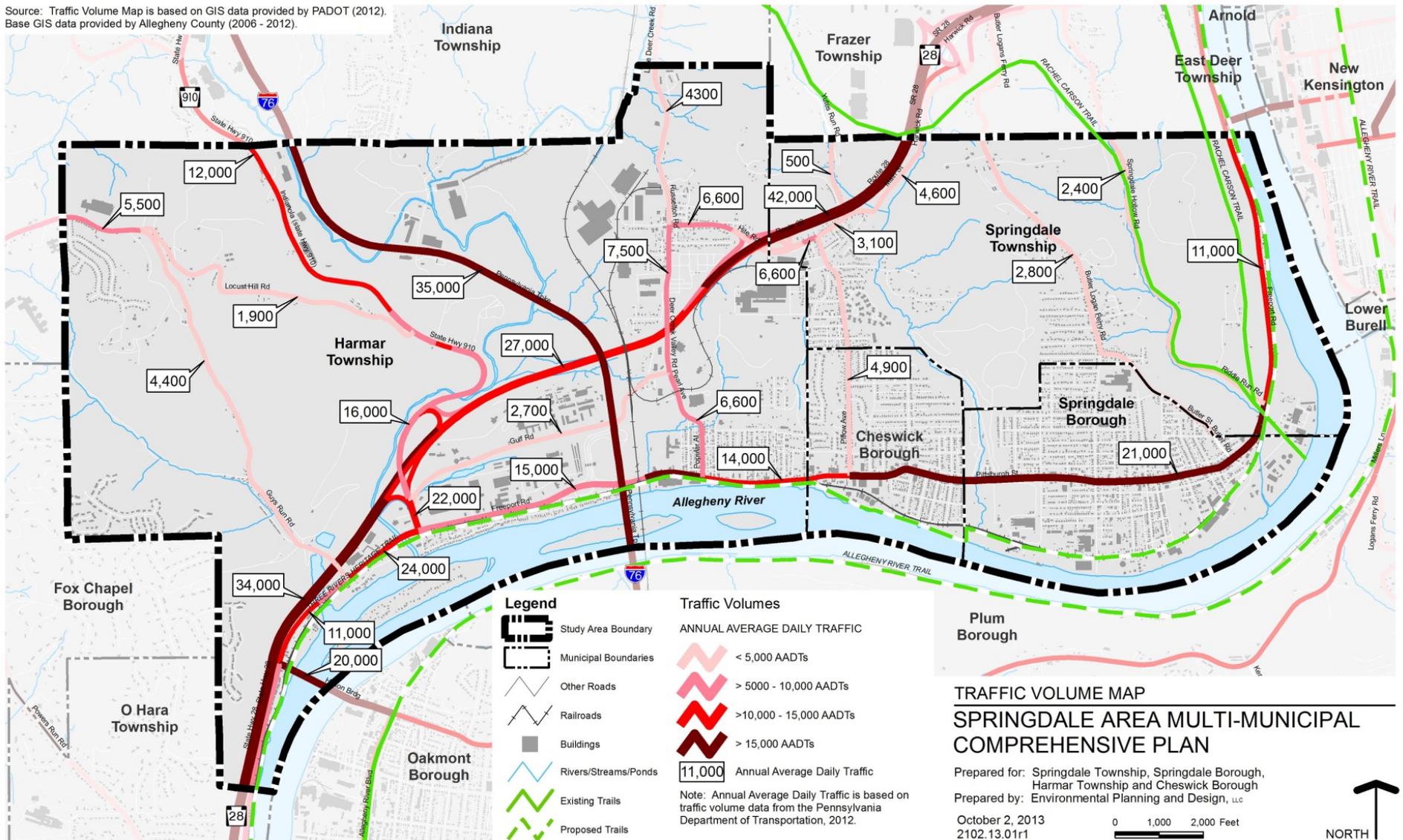
Use a balanced approach in the management of transportation, infrastructure, energy systems and access to public transportation.

Connectivity, Infrastructure and Facilities Objectives:

- Evaluate the possibilities for multi-municipal cooperation in the provision of municipal services
- Provide efficient emergency-response services
- Support community access to public libraries
- Target transportation investments to support job and housing growth
- Use efficient and creating funding strategies such as public/private partnerships, privatization and leveraging current and future assets to complete strategic transportation upgrades
- Promote the use of public transit and facilitate the coordination of various transportation systems
- Prioritize the maintenance of existing transportation infrastructure within and across all modes of transportation
- Target transportation investments to support job and housing growth
- Provide access to the rivers for commercial and recreation uses
- Protect and enhance the quality and quantity of water resources
- Support planning and funding for utility extensions and improvements that are consistent with development patterns
- Assess the benefits of regionalization and shared utility assets
- Provide access to jobs

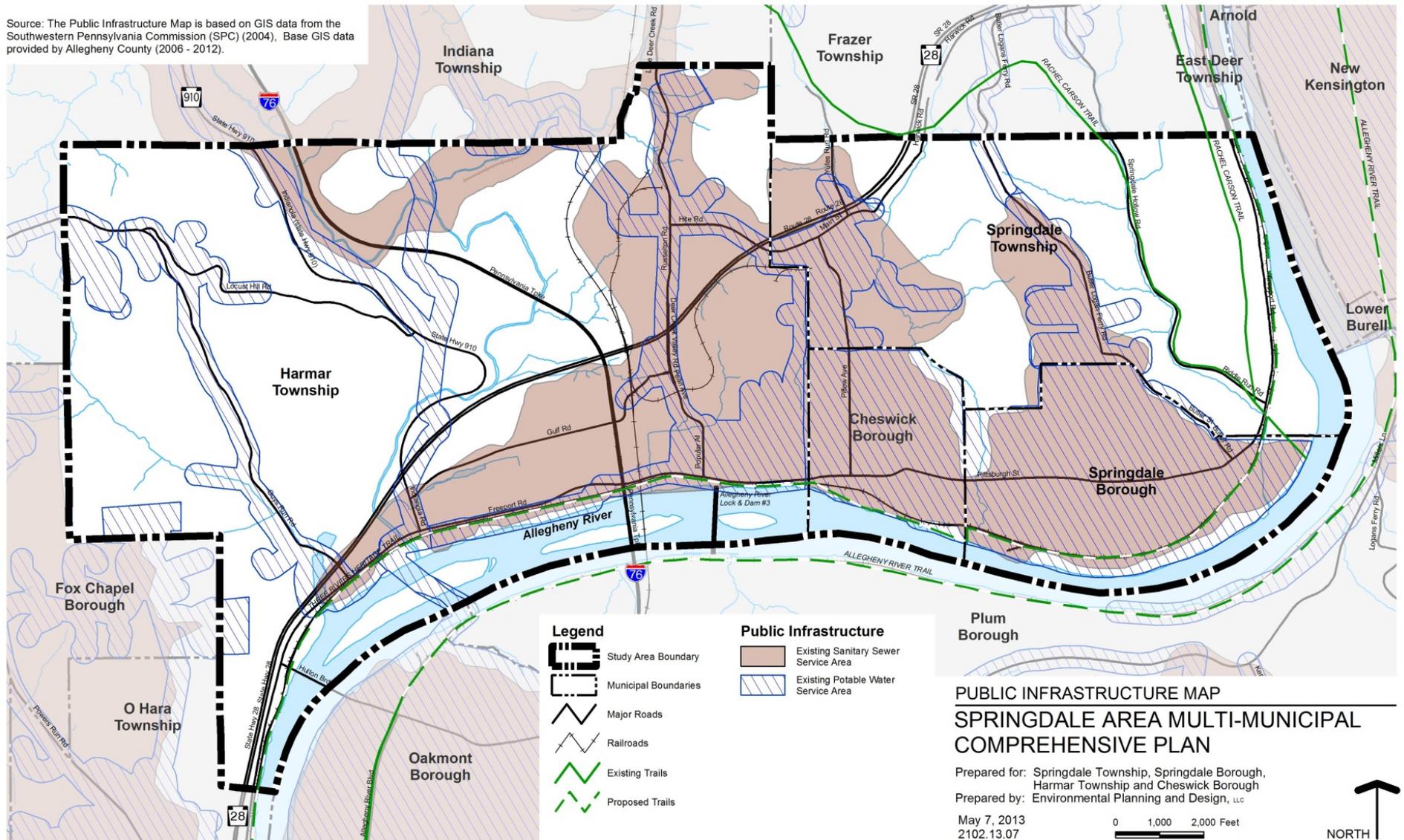
Traffic Volume

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Base GIS data provided by Allegheny County (2006 - 2012).



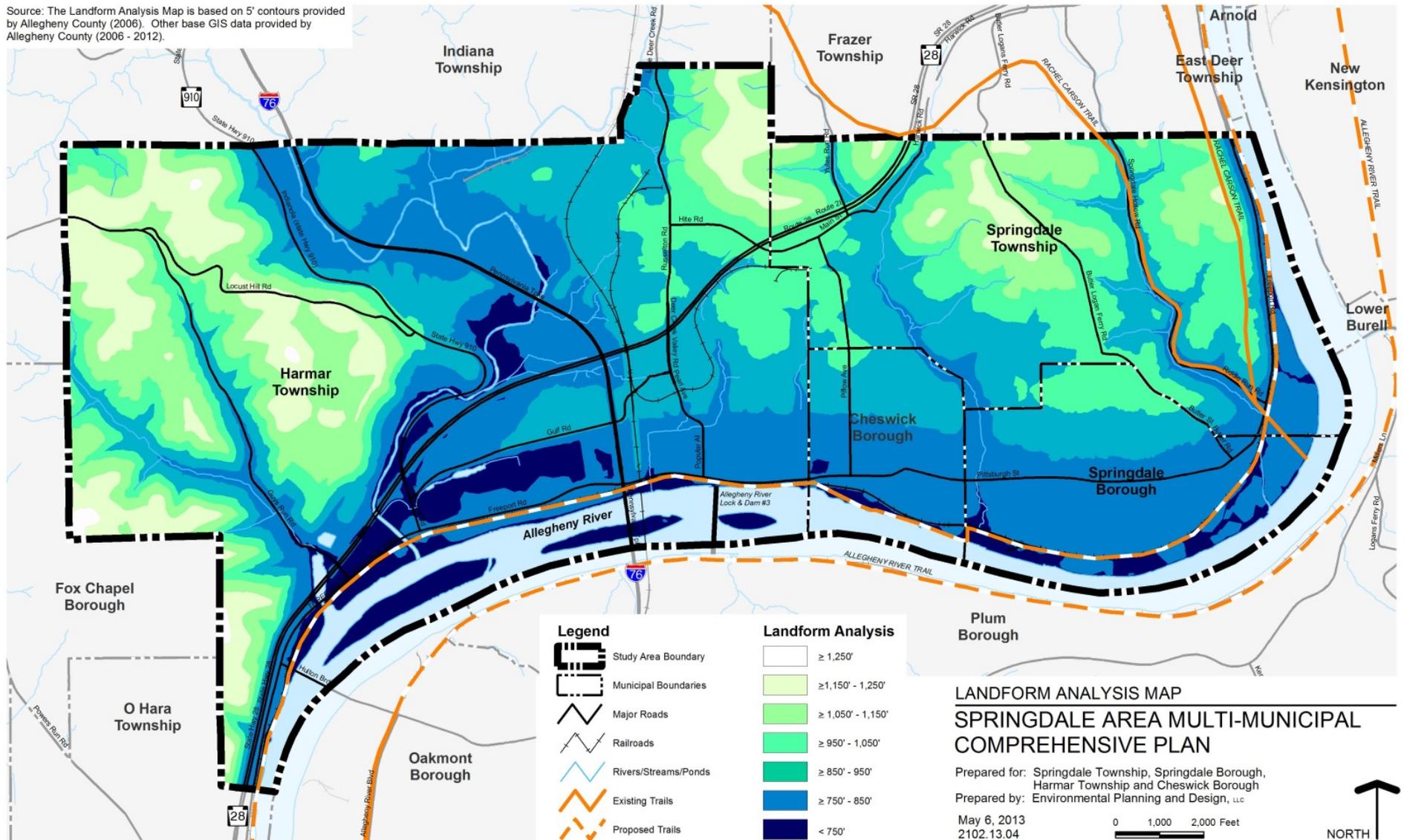
Public Infrastructure

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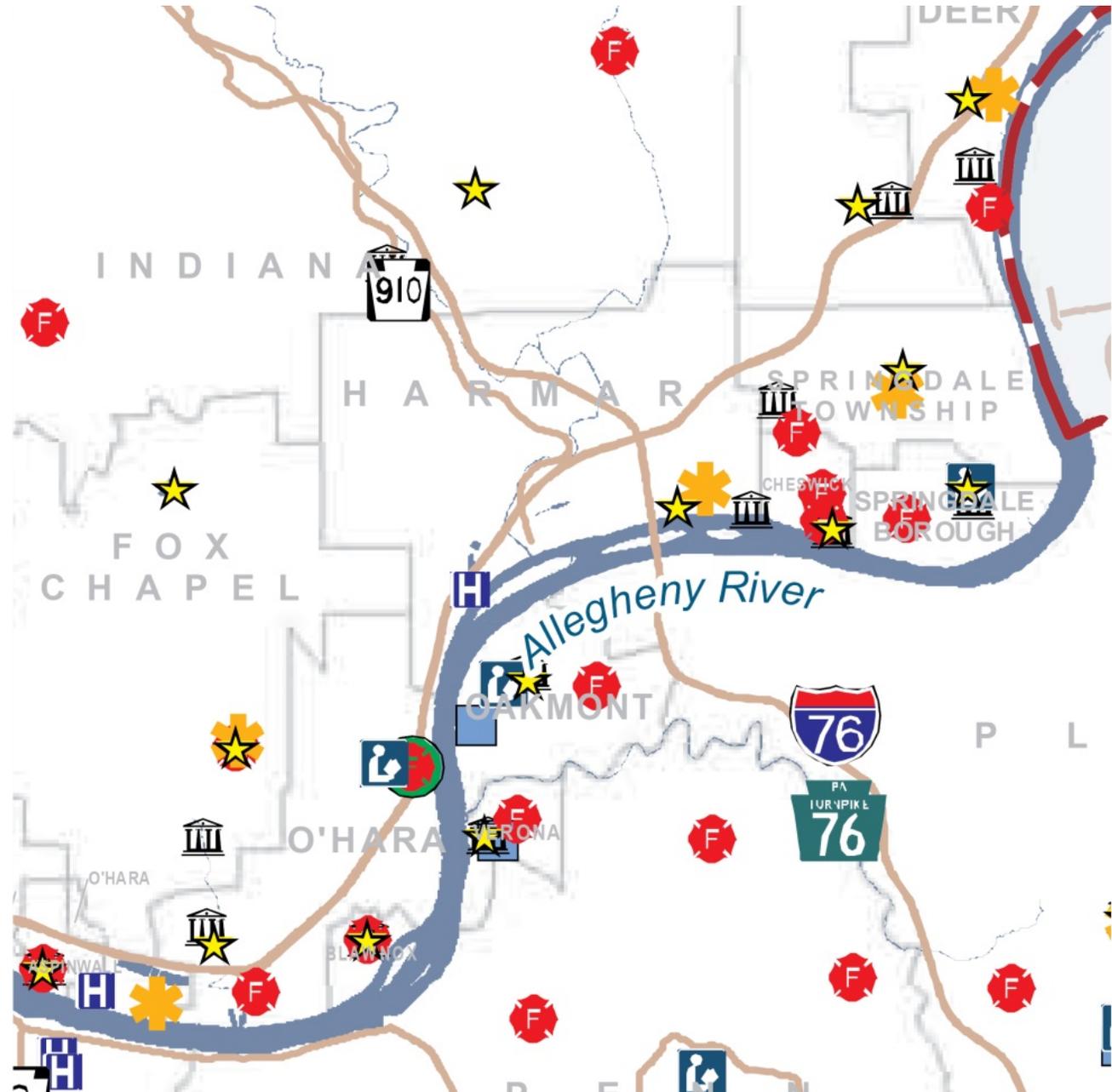
Landform Analysis

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Community Facilities

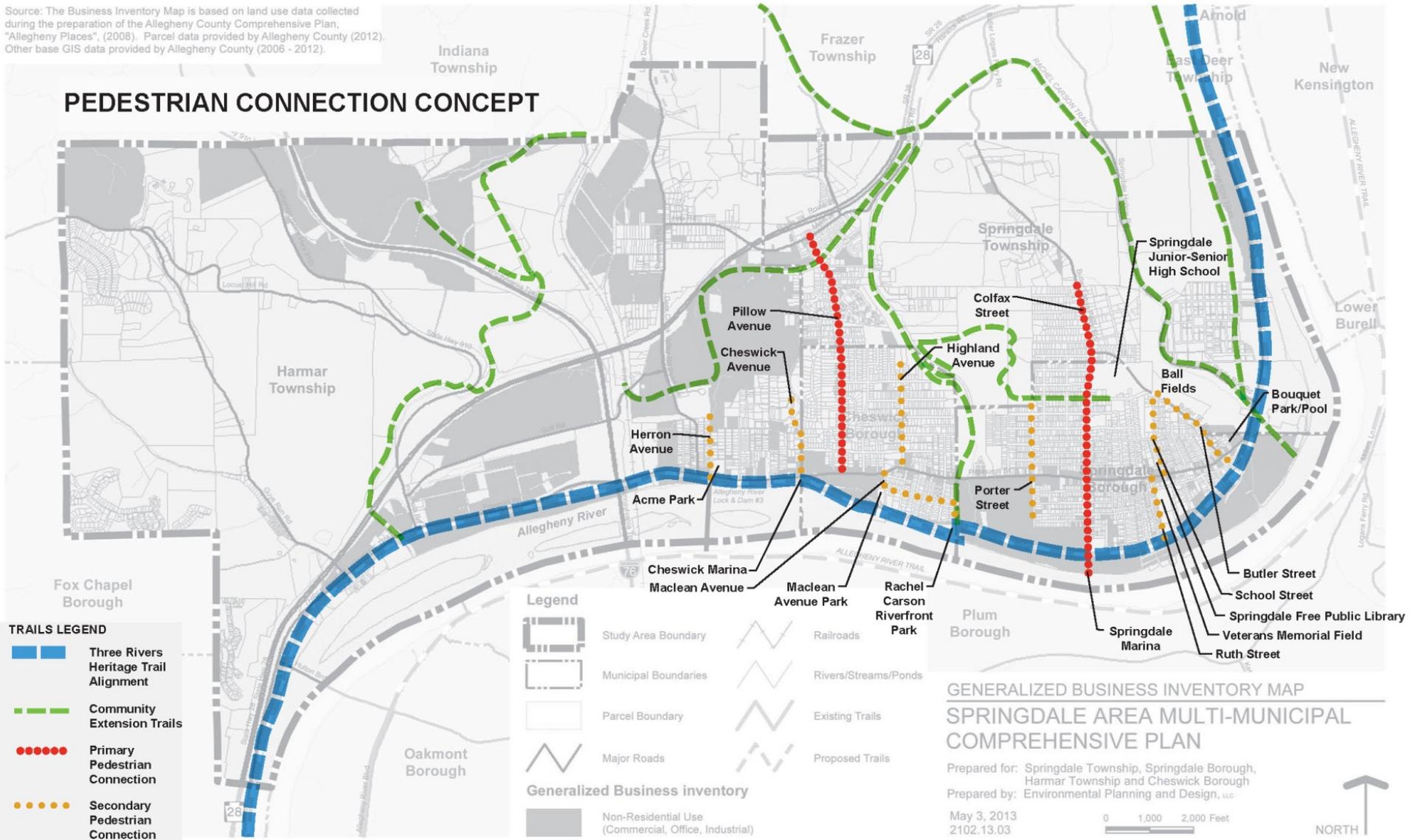
Community Facilities	
LEGEND	
Emergency Services	
	Police Stations
	Fire Stations
	Hospitals
	Hazmat Team Centers
	EMS Sites
Public Services	
	Libraries
	Municipal Buildings
	Senior Centers
Base Map	
	Allegheny County
	Municipal Boundaries
	Bordering Counties
	Hydrology
	Major Roadways
	Proposed Roads



Pedestrian Connection

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PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION CONCEPT





Land Use and housing

Land Use and Housing Goal:

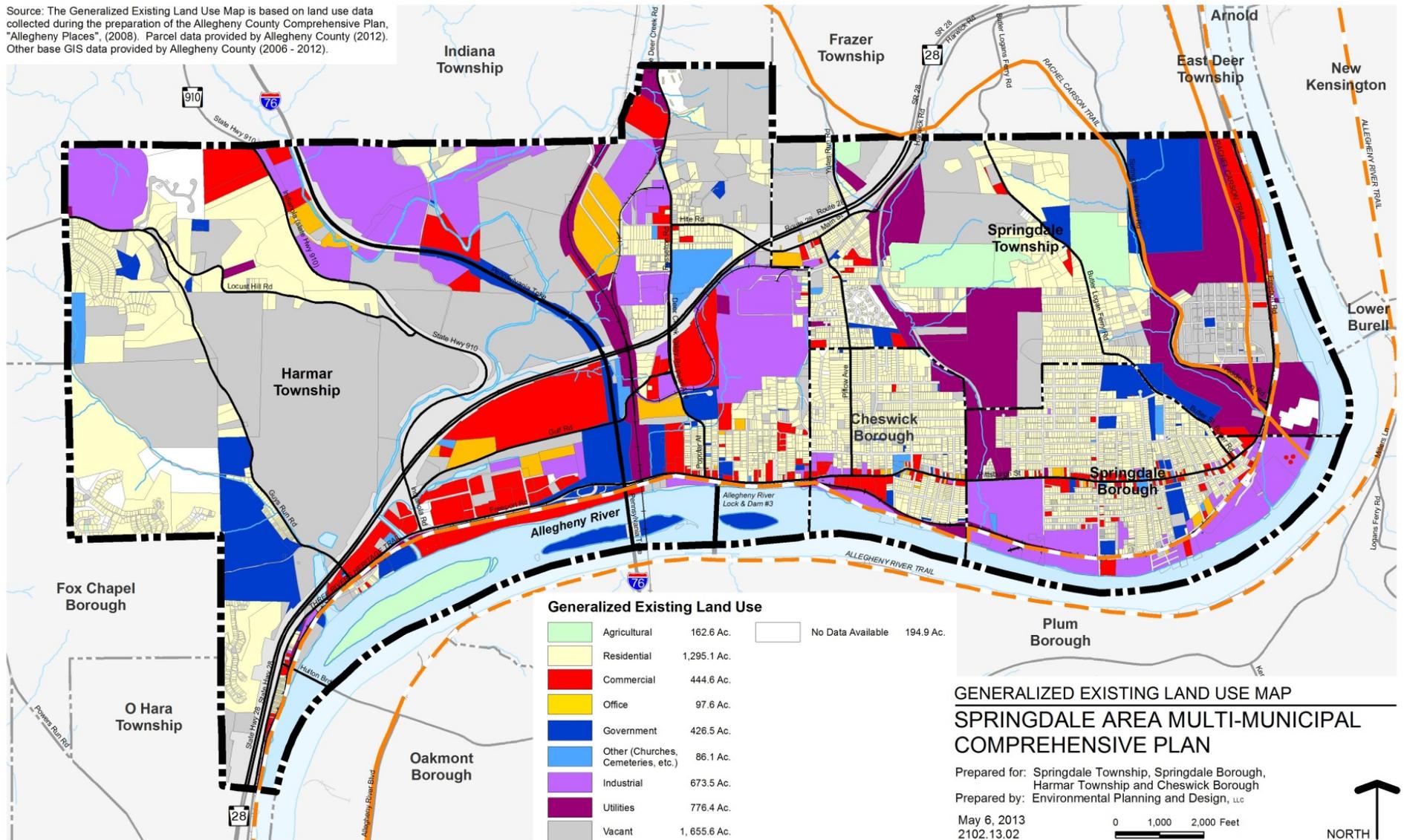
Foster livability and success of neighborhoods, commercial districts and industrial areas.

Land Use and Housing Objectives:

- Create places that emphasize community
- Ensure that new development occurring outside of established areas is beneficial and necessary
- Encourage transit-oriented development
- Provide a variety of housing
- Target infill housing where needed
- Promote the use of green building techniques and upgrades

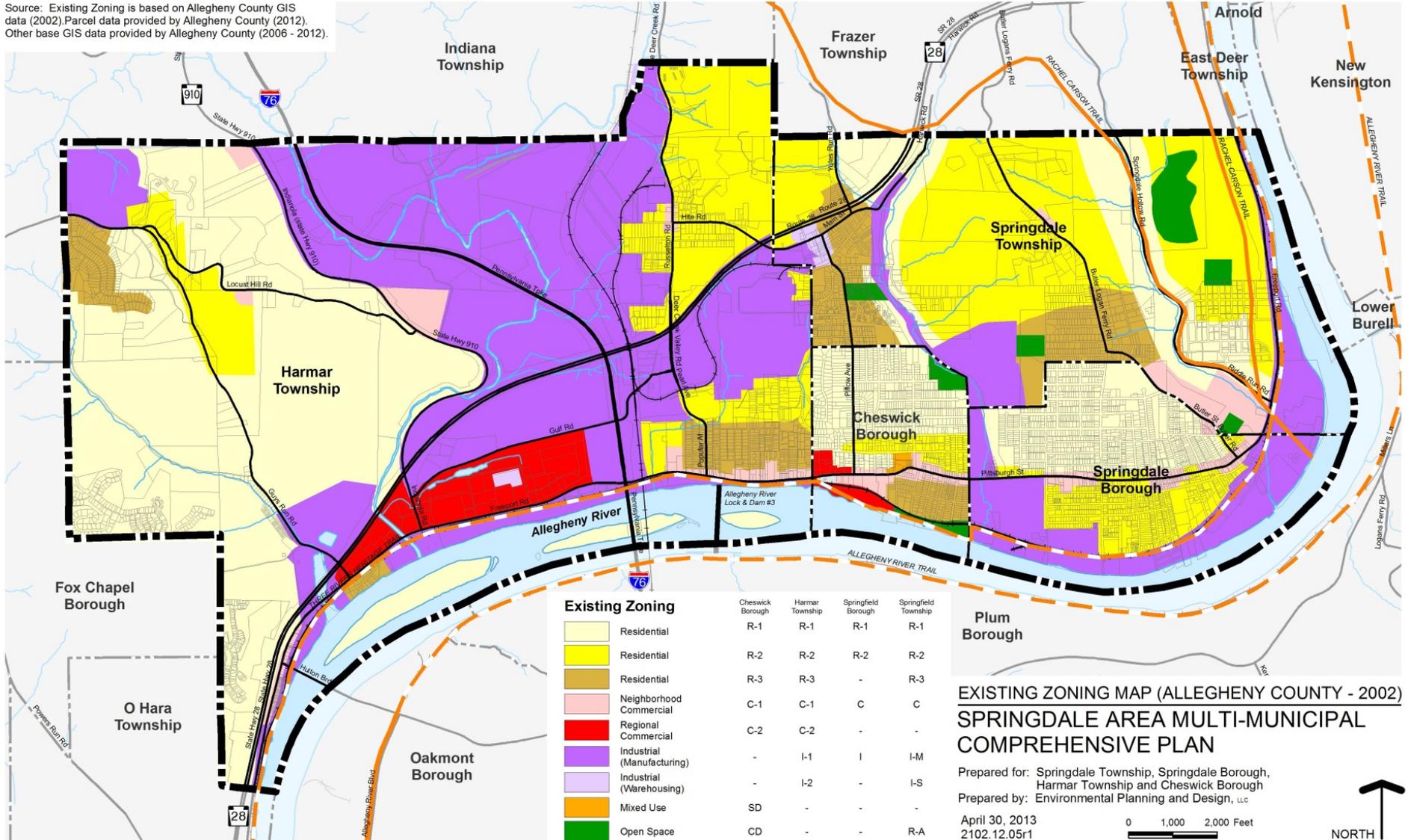
General Existing Land Use

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Existing Zoning

Source: Existing Zoning is based on Allegheny County GIS data (2002). Parcel data provided by Allegheny County (2012). Other base GIS data provided by Allegheny County (2006 - 2012).



**EXISTING ZONING MAP (ALLEGHENY COUNTY - 2002)
SPRINGDALE AREA MULTI-MUNICIPAL
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

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Outreach and Cooperation

Outreach and Cooperation Goal:

Engage in outreach, education, communication and cooperation within the community.

Outreach and Cooperation Objectives:

- Strengthen the roles and outreach of STAR as a means of improving municipal coordination and reaction to issues that transcend political boundaries
- Create a multi-municipal group composed of elected officials, planning commission members and other representatives to oversee the implementation of this comprehensive plan
- Continue with public outreach efforts initiated during the comprehensive planning process to encourage citizen and business participation in plan implementation