

# 1. INTRODUCTION

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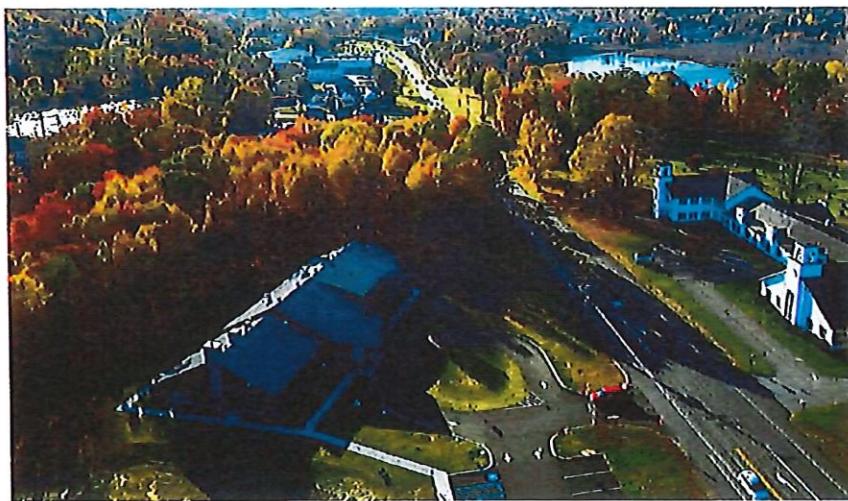
## GOALS, AFFIRMATIONS, AND ASPIRATIONS

Based on the above Introduction, and the Survey information, the Goals for this Comprehensive Plan Update are threefold:

1. to continue to focus on effective Growth Management, with an emphasis on Smart Growth;
2. to continue to plan for Future Land Use and Future Land Development, through the lens of the policies that are described and depicted in the Comprehensive Plan; and
3. to strengthen the management of growth for the next 10 years especially by utilizing the Tool Box presented in Chapter 3.

During this Comprehensive Plan Update (an Update to the 2008 Comprehensive Plan), the Steering Committee and Stakeholders have affirmed:

- + the need to enhance and improve the Route 209 Corridor as the "Main Street" and town center of Middle Smithfield Township;
- + the need to protect the natural, recreational, historic, cultural, and scenic resources of Middle Smithfield Township; and
- + the need to maintain and improve the quality of life in Middle Smithfield Township.



Middle Smithfield Community & Cultural Center, and Library

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## **GOALS, AFFIRMATIONS, AND ASPIRATIONS (continued)**

Overall, we aspire to accomplish preferred outcomes by 2032 that would:

- + make Middle Smithfield Township a more functional and attractive place in all parts of the community, and related to all aspects of mobility and infrastructure;
- + enable a transformation of the Route 209 Corridor as a more desirable place to shop, dine, work, walk, live, play, learn, and linger; and
- + promote the protection of assets within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the Resica Scouts Reservation, the park and recreation system, the common open spaces, and other community gathering areas.

These Goals, Affirmations, and Aspirations are the focus of Chapter 3 of this Comprehensive Plan.

Further, while this Comprehensive Plan Updated 2022 (#2) focuses primarily on current Demographics and Future Land Use, Appendix B includes excerpts from the Comprehensive Plan Update 2007 that are valid today, and that have been updated in part, including: Natural Resources, Historic Resources, Community Facilities, Park & Recreational Facilities, Utilities, and Transportation & Circulation.



Resica Scouts Reservation Water Falls