



OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the November 20, 2019, Franklin Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting.

Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. In attendance was Vice Chairman Dea. Supervisor Snyder was expected to arrive at approximately 8 p.m. Supervisor Torres was out of town but available by phone and joined the meeting at 8:10 p.m. to participate in all voting matters. Supervisor Morris was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Manager/Treasurer Joan McVaugh, Assistant Township Manager, Jeff Eastburn HARB/HC Chairman, Paul Lagasse, and Secretary Sharon Norris. There were 7 members of the public in the audience and a court reporter (for the public hearing).

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Announcements: There will be an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss personnel issues. Also, the following items will be removed from tonight's agenda: Item V(a) Library Discussion (the Library representatives will come back in December or January) and item V(h) Discussion on Multiple Uses in the LI as this was resolved via the Zoning Hearing Board.

Because of the availability of the Supervisors, the meeting did not follow the written agenda, however, this update is presented in agenda order.

Public Comment: Kathy Goin asked if Jason Eroh was still presenting.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Supervisor Dea, 2nded by Mr. Auerbach, the October 16, 2019 v2 minutes were approved 3-0.

Disposition of Records: On motion by the Chairman, 2nded by Mrs. Dea, Resolution 2019-18, authorizing the erasure of the audiotape from the October 16, 2019 BOS meeting was adopted. The motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report: On motion by Mrs. Dea, 2nded by Supervisor Torres, the October 2019 Treasurer's Report was approved 3-0. The report includes the following disbursements and transfers: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$177,170.09; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$9,783.44; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,553.17; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$39,197.70; and the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$704,530.46

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report: Mrs. Dea reported that during the month of October, 5 permits were issued, and 24 building inspections took place. \$2,751.06 was collected in building fees, -0- in Rec, Open Space, Impact Fees and \$1,285.00 was collected in miscellaneous fees. The one ongoing zoning issue is at 3327 Appleton Road: The Township won the Appeal in the Court of Common Pleas and the hearing in District Court is Nov. 21 at 9:30 am to address the violations. Repair work is ongoing at the property and Jeff Vogels has reviewed the outside work. The property owner has to prove that there is no water damage on the inside of the building. The entire report can be reviewed on the Township website (www.franklintownship.us).

PC Report: The November 7 PC meeting was cancelled.

HARB & Historical Commissions: Mr. Lagasse reported that the HARB/HC did not meet in November. On November 14, in conjunction with the New London Historical Society, the HC hosted an interesting talk by Marshall Decker, Professor Emeritus at West Chester University, about the Lenape Indians. The talk was very well attended (50-60 attendees!). The Oxford Historical Society may consider hosting this program in the future. Mr. Lagasse confirmed that the Township has not heard from PennDOT concerning the 896 project.

FSA Report: Mr. German was unable to attend but submitted the October report. No additional deer were harvested. 23 members have passed their archery proficiency test and 21 members have successfully taken their shotgun proficiency test. There are 35 members in the FSA with a long waiting list of Township residents. To date, the FSA has provided 147.5 hours of community service to the Township (thank you FSA!) most recently sanding and staining the girl scout table in Crossan Park. The next community service event is a roadside cleanup of Chesterville and Creek Roads on Sunday, Nov. 24th.

Business:

Sue Walker District Director for Congressional Representative, Chrissy Houlahan, 6th District.

Ms. Walker, (who is also a Township resident) gave an overview of the 6th District. With the recent redistricting, the 6th District is now comprised of all of Chester County, the city of Reading and the SE suburbs of Berks County. Congresswoman Houlahan is a Veteran, an Engineer, Entrepreneur and Educator. She is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the House Small Business Committee, and she founded the Servicewomen and Women Veterans Congressional Caucus. She is also working hard to lower prescription drug costs. Congresswoman Houlahan and her staff have met with most of the municipalities and boroughs since taking office in January. The Congresswoman wants residents to know what their office can do for its constituents. This office can advocate for you in a number of ways, i.e. if you are a veteran, a senior, someone having issues with the IRS, having trouble with your passport, or if you want to schedule a tour of the US Capitol or the White House. These are just some of the things with which they can assist you. Congresswoman Houlahan has 3 offices: West Chester, Reading and Washington, DC. Attached to this update is a flyer from Congresswoman Houlahan. Visit the website for more information: <https://houlahan.house.gov/>. Eric Brindle and Zach Elwyn commented during this presentation. The Chairman asked if they could assist us with a grant for the Hess Mill Bridge.

Jason Eroh – Chisel Creek Golf Course Ideas Discussion: Mr. Eroh was expected, but did not attend last night's meeting.

Ordinance 2019-02 – Engine Retarders – since this is an amendment to the Township Code, a public hearing is required. The Solicitor opened the public hearing listing the exhibits: T1, the ordinance; T2, the public notice; T3, the proof of publication. The Ordinance restricts the use of engine retarding devices on Appleton Road. There will be two warning signs on Appleton Road, one in each direction, reading “Brake Retarders Prohibited”. The Solicitor asked for public comments and hearing none, he turned the meeting back over to the Chairman. On motion by Mr. Auerbach, 2nded by Mrs. Dea, the Board enacted Ordinance 2019-02 restricting Brake Retarders on Appleton Road. The motion carried 3-0. Mr. Lagasse thanked the Board for enacting this ordinance.

Ordinance 2019-03 - on motion by Mrs. Dea, 2nded by Chairman Auerbach, the Board authorized the Solicitor to advertise Ordinance 2019-03 - an ordinance changing the Park rules to allow for BBQs (since the FSA just installed 5 of them) and noting the hours are from sunrise to sunset - for enactment at the next available BOS meeting. The motion carried 3-0.

Appointment to Historical Commission: On motion by the Chairman, 2nded by Mrs. Dea, the Board appointed Chuck Phillips to the Historical Commission to a 5-year term expiring on Nov. 30, 2024. Mr. Phillips is already the architectural representative on the HARB and having him appointed to the HC will hopefully allow the HC to always have a quorum. Motion carried 3-0.

2020 Budget – The Chairman went through the budget fund by fund and discussed noteworthy points from each account. **Emergency Services:** costs are growing by 6%. **Highway Aid:** Liquid Fuel monies are down; the **Impact Fee accounts** are down due to little development and not as many new homes in the Township (impact fees are assessed on new construction); the **Open Space Fund** tax revenue does not cover the amount of the payment on the \$3.5 million loan (which will be paid off in July 2040); **Park and Rec Fund:** The loan has been paid off. That extra money will go to the Stoltzfus AG Easement (5 payments of \$44,163 starting in 2019) and upgrades to the tennis court and the healing garden. Supervisor Dea encouraged everyone to check out the newly redone bathrooms when they open back up in the Spring. They are beautiful! And bring your charcoal and use the grills. The impact of reduced property assessments on the Township budget was mentioned. Also discussed was that Township residents who work in Delaware do not pay the Township EIT tax as it gets credited against their state & EIT tax liability. The Township also receives less money in TV franchise fees as people are streaming more.

Multiple Uses in the LI District – the Board only touched on this topic as the issue was resolved at a recent Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) hearing. The applicant wanted to live in the existing house and have a business at the existing auto shop. Only single uses are allowed in the LI so the ZHB granted a variance for multiple uses.

Zoning Assessment: The Chairman and Mrs. Dea talked about the recent meeting with the Chester County Planning Commission to discuss the Township's Fair Share Zoning which was a concern to the supervisors. In Pennsylvania, Townships have to provide a variety of Zoning Districts or else they could become victim to a lawsuit. The County determined that the Township does have a fair share of each zoning district. The only Zoning District the Township needs to work on is the Special Use District. The Zoning map that was discussed is attached to this update. Ms. Goin, Mr. Elwyn and Mr. Brindle commented during this discussion.

Public Comment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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—Representative Chrissy Houlahan

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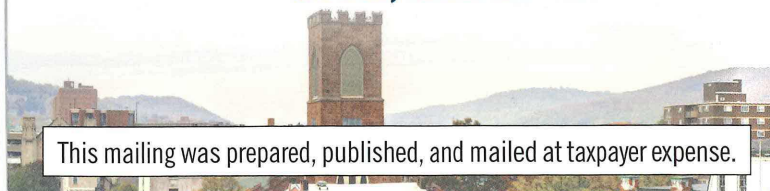
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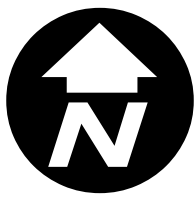
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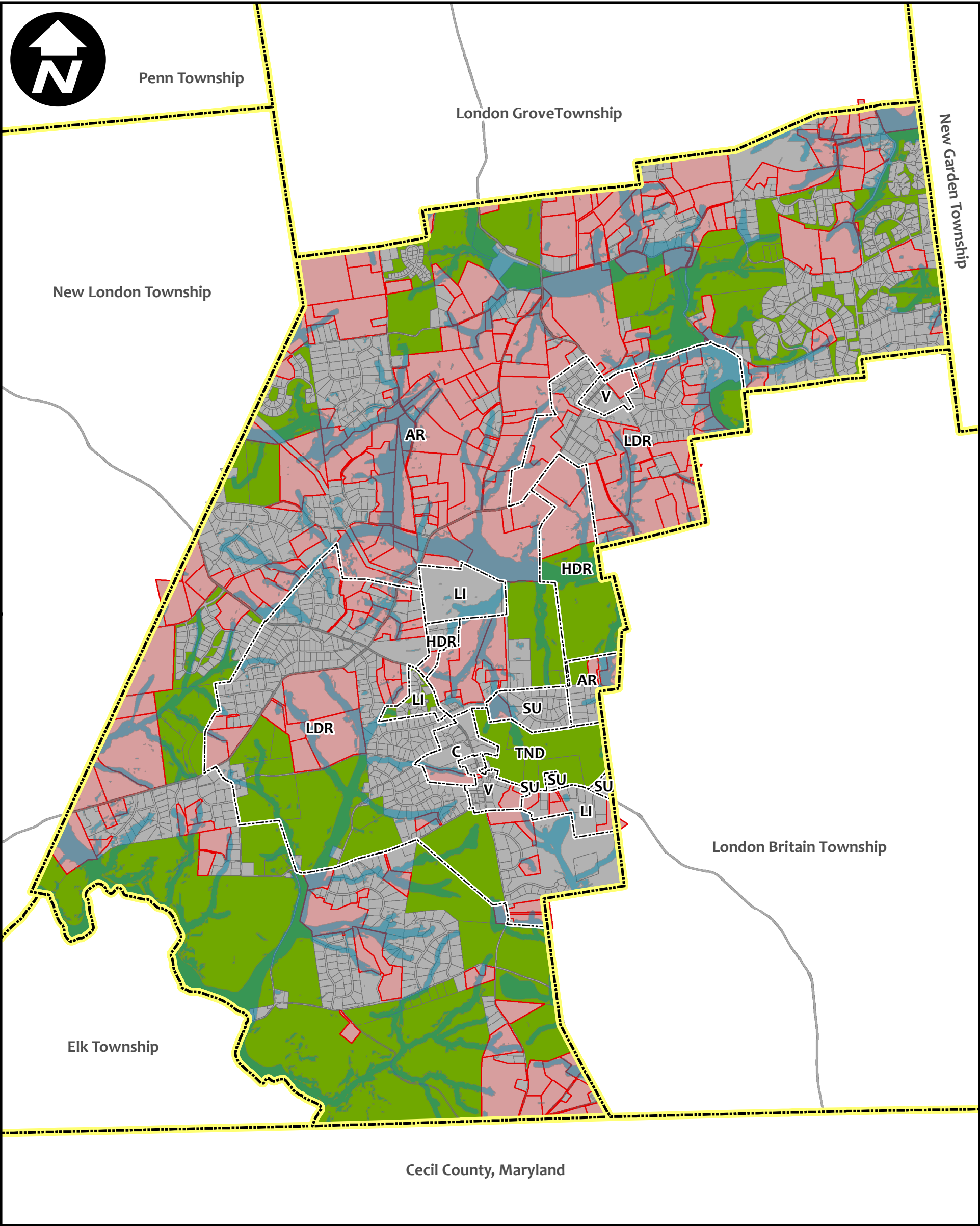


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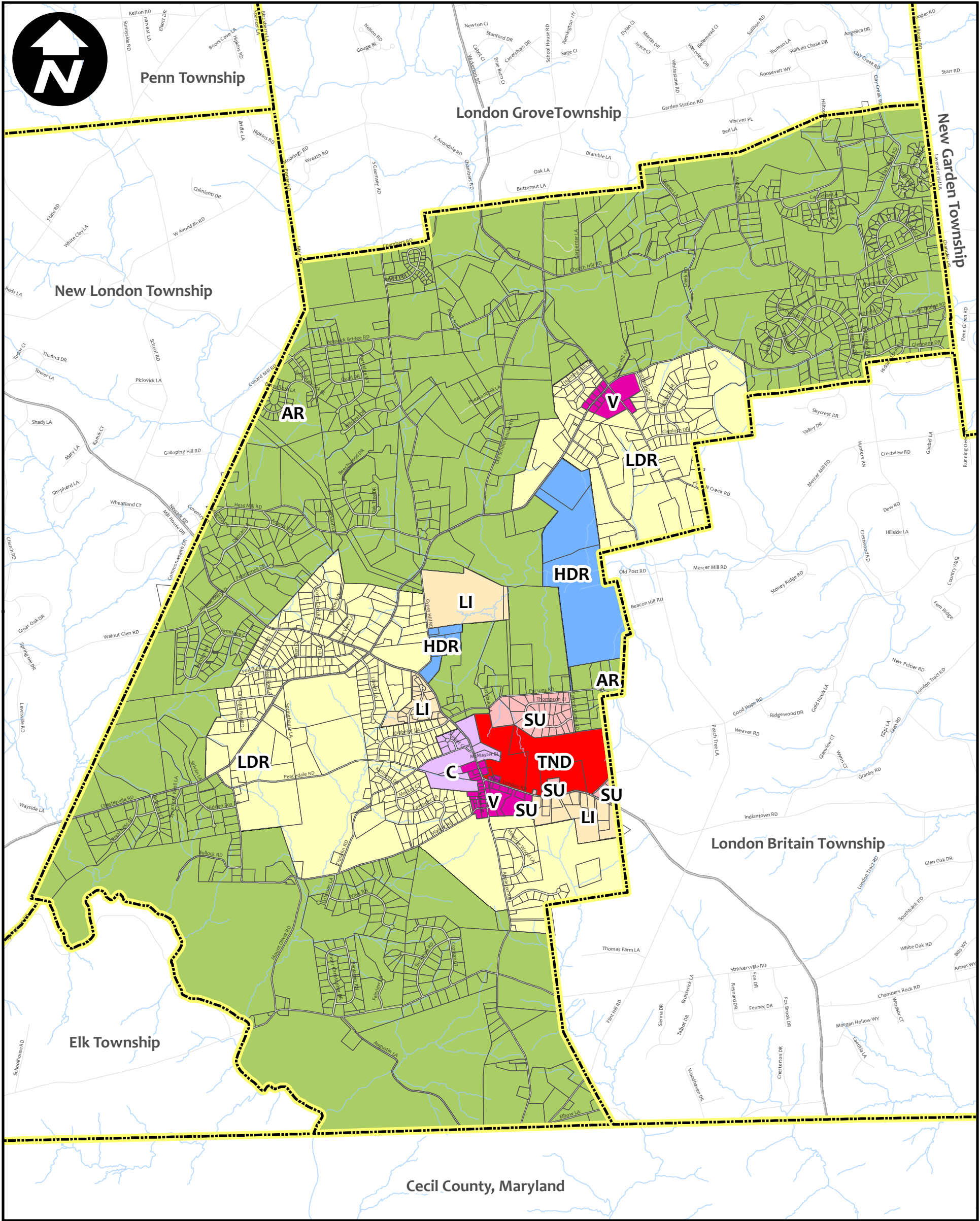
Developable Lands by Zoning District

- Developable
- Developed
- Protected
- Natural Resources/
Constraints
- Zoning Districts

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Zoning District	Primary Category	Total Acres
AR - Agricultural Residential	Developable	1,662
C - Commercial	Developable	9
HDR - High Density Residential	Developable	70
LDR - Low Density Residential	Developable	411
LI - Limited Industrial	Developable	16
SU - Special Use	Developable	2
TND - Traditional Neighborhood Development	Developable	0
V - Village District	Developable	18



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