



THOMAS COMMITTA ASSOCIATES, INC.
Town Planners & Landscape Architects

Kennett Township: Rt. 52 Bikeway Study
NOTES from the Steering Committee Meeting on March 5, 2008

by Thomas J. Comitta, AICP, RLA, ASLA
March 7, 2008

Landscape/Aesthetics/Environmental Breakout Group

The following key items were discussed:

1. Right-of-Way and Components
 - 1.A. The 60 foot wide right-of-way (excluding two 12 foot wide travel lanes, and two 7 foot wide shoulders) has approximately 11 feet of “landscape space” on each side of “Kennett Parkway”. Therefore, there is a need to address existing and future conditions along the landscaped edges.
 - 1.B. The centerline of the road is predominantly the crown of the watershed line. Therefore, drainage flows on both sides away from the crown, predominantly in drainage ditches and swales.
2. Drainage Ditches & Swales
 - 2.A. Drainage ditches and swales predominate both shoulder edges, versus piped stormwater (like the Delaware portions of Rt. 52).
 - 2.B. Drainage ditches pose a safety hazard to bicyclists.
 - 2.C. Trash and debris finds its way and stays in the drainage ditches, thereby becoming an eyesore.
3. Vegetation (Wrong type; Gaps)
 - 3.A. Invasive species of vegetation should be removed (after problem areas are identified and mapped).
 - 3.B. New Shade Trees/Street Trees should be planted to restore the “old shade character” of the scenic by-way.
 - 3.C. Sycamore trees should be planted in selected areas to fill in certain gaps, and to complement the existing old Sycamore trees.
 - 3.D. Certain embankments and roadside edges should be planted with groundcovers and low shrubs, to help stabilize slopes, and to add seasonal color.
 - 3.E. Shade Tree species should be recommended for front yards of private properties to further enhance the roadside appearance.



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4. Other Aesthetic Enhancements
- 4.A. Stone Walls, Fences, and Hedges provide an attractive edge to the roadway. Add these features to complement existing walls, fences and hedges.