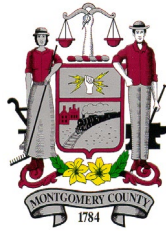


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SUBJECT: Draft Chapter 8: Infrastructure & Municipal Services, Part 4 of 4

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8.7 Hospitals

Other resources that Abingtonians highly value are their hospitals: Jefferson-Abington and Holy Redeemer. Both have undergone continuous expansion and upgrading which has kept them at the forefront of medical care.

Jefferson-Abington Hospital is located in the heart of Abington village on Old York Road. It is a 665-bed, regional referral center and teaching hospital which has been providing comprehensive, high-quality services for more than 100 years. The hospital employs over 5,500 employees, making it one of the largest employers in the county. The hospital's medical staff consists of over 1,100 physicians, including primary care, medical and surgical specialists. More than 1,100 volunteers give their time and talents to support this not-for-profit hospital. The hospital provides more than \$45 million in free care to the community each year. It also offers a Class II Trauma Center (this, along with the trauma center at Lankenau Hospital are the only ones in Montgomery County)¹.



Abington-Jefferson Hospital



Holy Redeemer Hospital

Holy Redeemer Hospital, operated by the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer, is located on Huntingdon Pike in Meadowbrook. Founded in 1959 by the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer, the hospital now has 242-beds and a staff of more than 500 physicians. The hospital features acute, ambulatory, and emergency care; an on-site comprehensive cancer center; an on-site cardiovascular center; a full-service maternity unit with a state-of-the-art level III neonatal

¹ American Trauma Society. <https://www.amtrauma.org/page/findtraumacenter>. Web page accessed March 26, 2021.

intensive care unit (NICU); an intensive care unit (ICU) and cardiac care unit (CCU); a senior behavioral health unit; and an inpatient hospice.

8.8 Cemeteries

Cemeteries occupy a significant amount of land in the township, at 345.6 acres. Some of the largest include::

- Hillside Cemetery (150.1 acres), Roslyn-Ardsley area
- Lawnview Cemetery (58.4 acres), Rockledge area
- Montefiore Cemetery (49.6 acres), Rockledge area

The cemeteries offer value over and above their traditional purpose, in that they include beautiful landscapes and gardens, some which feature walking paths, making them passive open space amenities for township residents and visitors. Their green, pervious areas also serve an important environmental conservation (erosion control, groundwater recharge, pollutant and sediment removal, oxygen production and nutrient recycling, and provision of wildlife habitat) and stormwater management role.



Hillside Cemetery, Roslyn/Ardsley

8.9 Goals and Issues for Consideration

8.9.1 Goals

- Aligning the vision and goals established by the Board of Commissioners Strategic Plan.

- Continue to prioritize the importance of environmental sustainability and stormwater management.
- Expand partnerships with major institutions in the Township.

8.9.2 *Issues for Consideration*

The following factors' perceived importance may influence the infrastructure and municipal services recommendations:

- Use of township infrastructure projects to demonstrate best management practices in “greening” and stormwater management.
- Use of zoning to incentivize enhanced stormwater management.
- Regulatory requirements requiring extensive and naturalized stormwater management, including (pending adoption) implementation of recommendations from Draft Master Tree Plan².
- The impact of the On Lot Sewage Facilities Plan on public health and environmental quality.
- Municipal--university partnerships.
- Recycling programs for electronic and hazardous waste.



Stormwater Best Management Practice, Alverthorpe Park

² Draft Master Tree Plan (2021): Our Urban Forest: A Call to Action:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/ed7e547aeaed454ea5dd44c4b1be08c0>

- PECO's Tree-Trimming Program and township support for the program, in the interest of reducing electric service disruptions and maximizing the return on investment the township's residents get from their tree canopy.

Note: Topics addressed by Vision2035 that are related to this chapter can be found in other chapters as well. For example:

- *Chapter 8: Environmental Management and Resilience addresses:*
 - *Environmental sustainability and resilience.*
 - *Stormwater management (for detailed*



Adopting the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) and Master Tree Plan are important steps to strengthen stormwater management and watershed quality.



Establishment of partnerships between the township, Penn State-Abington, and Manor College was one of the recommendations voiced by the public at the public meetings on plan goals and vision.

recommendations, see the township's Master Stormwater Management Plan).

- *Tree canopy.*

- *Chapter 11: Transportation addresses “complete streets” and electric vehicle charging stations.*

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