

FAQ's for the Land Use Plan – March, 2026

What is the event?

The Chester Township Land Use Plan Committee is holding an open public forum to discuss the updating of the township's Land Use Plan. All are welcome.

What is the Land Use Plan?

Ohio encourages townships to develop a land use plan to guide zoning and related decisions. These plans are intended to reflect the needs and desires of the community.

Why are we doing this now?

Land Use Plans should be updated approximately every 10 years. Our last Land Use Plan was drafted in 1999 and revised in 2007/8, nearly 20 years ago. Much has changed since then. You can find the 2007 Land Use Plan on our website [Land Use Plan_2007-8](#).

I did the survey. Why this meeting?

We appreciate the large number of township residents who responded to the survey. Many residents not only completed the survey but also provided us with helpful comments, which were greatly appreciated. We expect the results to be posted on this site well ahead of the March 31 meeting.

While the survey was extremely helpful, we wanted to make sure that everyone who wanted to express their opinion could. We also wanted to have the opportunity to discuss what we had learned so far and to engage the public in what our residents want from our township zoning.



Who's on this committee anyway?

The members are all listed on our website. All of them are township residents. All are volunteers. All desire to maintain our semi-rural atmosphere. Every member is committed to improving our community where possible, but also not changing things that do not need changing.

No one on the committee is a developer. No one on the committee works for a developer. None want to see Chester become a city.

All of our committee members have exerted considerable time and effort to make this Land Use Plan a success.

What decisions have been made?

While the committee has been meeting regularly to discuss the Land Use Plan and the survey, it has made **no decisions** other than to hold this public forum. The committee strongly encourages input from as many township residents as possible before making any recommendations. That is why it hopes you will attend.

The committee also keeps minutes, which can be found on this website. All are welcome to attend the monthly committee meetings as well, which are held on the third Tuesday of every month.

Will this be our last chance to comment?

Absolutely not! Comments by community members are always welcome and will be carefully considered. You cannot only attend, but we will have committee members present to answer questions. If you pose a question we cannot answer, we will endeavor to find the answer and get back to you.

After receiving public comment, the committee will draft a proposed revised Land Use Plan, which, after a public hearing, will need to be approved by the Township Trustees. Any actual changes to our Zoning Resolution will require involvement of our Zoning Commission, Trustees, and additional hearings for resident input.

Is this an effort to build a nursing home again?

No. This is a group of citizens appointed by the trustees, not an outside developer. There is no agenda other than addressing areas where our residents see need for improvement. No one on the committee is talking about building a nursing home in our township.

So, what is the committee looking at?

This is driven by what the residents of the township want, which will include input from this forum. That said, the survey overwhelmingly reflects concern about our commercial areas and their appearance. We anticipate that particular attention will be paid to those issues. The survey similarly reflects a strong desire to maintain our semi-rural character. We do not expect that to change.

What is going to happen at this forum?

The forum will be informal. It is intended to inform township residents about what the Land Use Plan Committee has learned and to solicit input on ways our Land Use Plan might be improved. Committee members will be present to ask questions on a one-on-one basis. This will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions and to make comments. Given the number of expected attendance, we anticipate that everyone will be limited to 2 minutes at the forum itself, but all will have the opportunity to communicate further after the forum ends.

Where is this forum again?

The Mayfield Church, 7747 Mayfield Road; Chesterland 44026 has graciously agreed to let us use their space for this forum. It is at the southwest corner of Mayfield and Caves Roads. Many of you have already familiar with this location as it is also where many township residents vote.

Can I just tell you what I think?

Sure! Just email your comments or questions to zoning@chestertwp.org