

The *Ardentown Paths Plan* will provide an update to an enhancement of the 2013 Ardentown Paths Plan, developed by the Ardentown Planning Commission. This Plan was requested by the Town, in order to support making Ardentown a more walkable community.

The Plan will proceed under the close direction of a steering committee comprised of Town officials and residents. County and State officials will provide guidance and support on the steering committee. At least two public meetings will be held to gather public feedback.

The Plan will proceed in the following, sometimes overlapping phases:

- Review of previous work to date.
- Literature review of green, context-sensitive pathway alternatives and similar studies around the world.
- Complete Geographic Information Systems (GIS) inventory of Ardentown's pathway network. This includes both marked and unmarked pathways, historical pathways, and the bicycle and pedestrian links into the pathways. The variable condition of the pathway network will be documented with each link. Nearby bus stops, places of interest, and signage related to the pathways will also be inventoried.
- An initial community meeting (along with concurrent interactive feedback) will be held to collect thoughts about the Plan. Residents will react to a vision statement drafted by the steering committee, review the inventory of paths for errors, and will provide their recommendations on necessary new pathways, links between existing pathways, improvements to the condition of pathways, along with providing feedback related to appropriate pathway types for the Town.
- This feedback will be summarized by WILMAPCO and the steering committee, draft project costs will be developed, and the material will be re-presented at another community meeting (along with concurrent interactive feedback) to prioritize recommendations.
- The prioritized recommendations will be summarized in a final report, along with documentation of the study's approach, final maps of the paths network, and an identification of appropriate funding pools and next steps to implement the prioritized recommendations.
- The study will be endorsed by the Town and WILMAPCO's Council upon completion.