



**BRANDYWINE
CONSERVANCY**

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Land & Water*

November 16, 2018

Scott M. Swichar
Township Manager
2264 Strasburg Road
East Fallowfield, PA 19320

RE: PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant: Repairs to Mortonville Road

Dear Mr. Swichar,

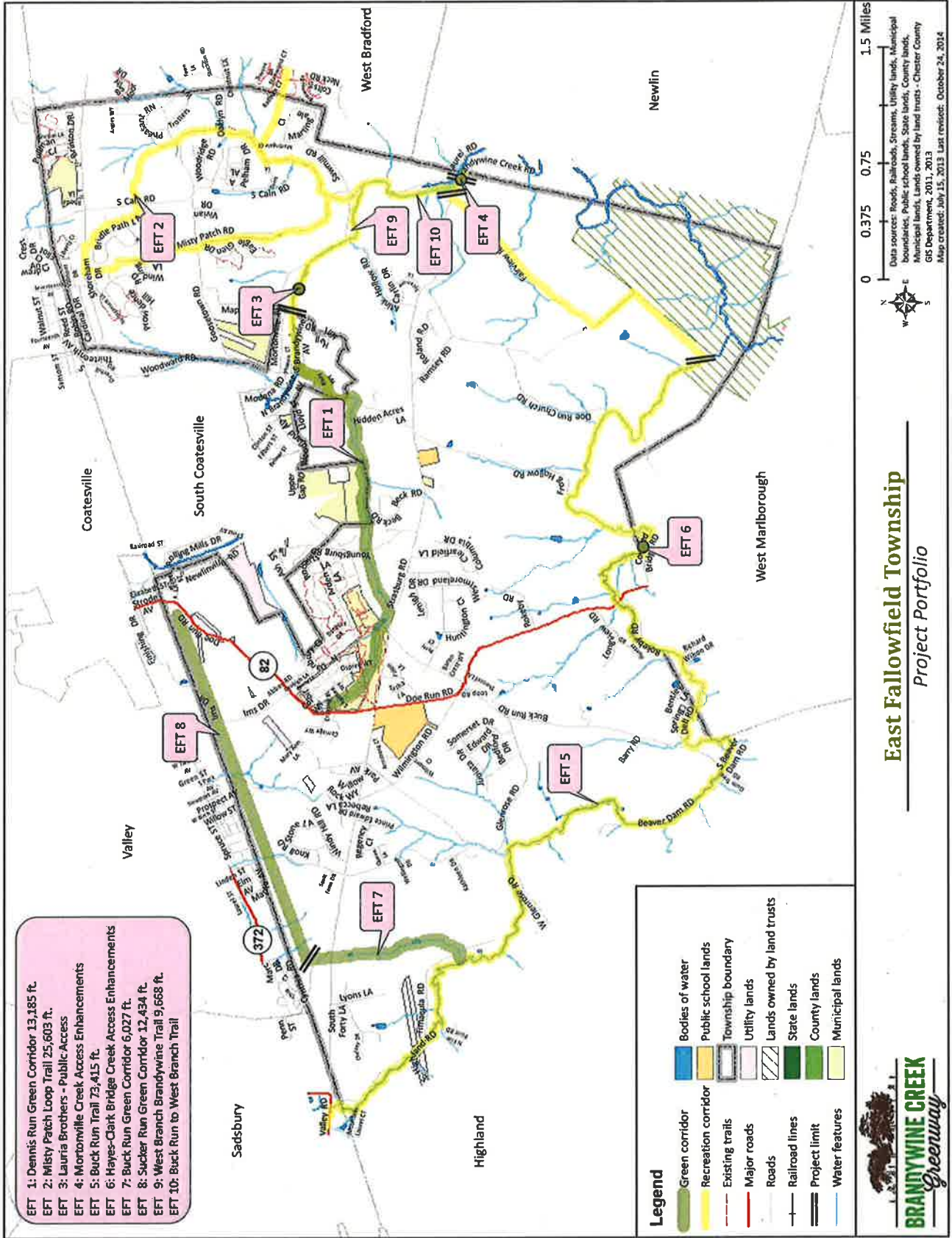
The Brandywine Conservancy was recently notified that East Fallowfield Township will be submitting a grant application to PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation Fund for proposed repairs to Mortonville Road. It is our understanding that the proposed improvements include surface drainage improvements and embankment stabilization of Mortonville Road in East Fallowfield Township.

The Brandywine Conservancy wishes to express its support for East Fallowfield Township's grant application. The proposed improvements are consistent with the BRANDYWINE CREEK GREENWAY STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN (Action Plan) that was prepared by the Brandywine Conservancy in 2014 in partnership with East Fallowfield Township. The Action Plan identifies Mortonville Road, including the damaged portions of the road, as a potential segment of the West Branch Brandywine Trail from Modena Borough through East Fallowfield Township and into Newlin Township. Therefore, it is important that Mortonville Road remains open in order to allow for pedestrian and bicycle access to the West Branch of the Brandywine Creek in the future. Enclosed are two pages from the Strategic Action Plan that provide information on the Mortonville Road portion of the proposed trail: a map of East Fallowfield Township that identifies the as project EFT 9; and a project description sheet for EFT 9.

We hope that East Fallowfield Township will be successful with its grant request for this important initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or additional needs.

Sincerely,

Sheila Fleming, ASLA
Coordinator for Brandywine Creek Greenway



- EFT 1: Dennis Run Green Corridor 13,185 ft.
- EFT 2: Misty Patch Loop Trail 25,603 ft.
- EFT 3: Lauria Brothers - Public Access
- EFT 4: Mortonville Creek Access Enhancements
- EFT 5: Buck Run Trail 73,415 ft.
- EFT 6: Hayes-Clark Bridge Creek Access Enhancements
- EFT 7: Buck Run Green Corridor 6,027 ft.
- EFT 8: Sucker Run Green Corridor 12,434 ft.
- EFT 9: West Branch Brandywine Trail 9,668 ft.
- EFT 10: Buck Run to West Branch Trail

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP

EFT 9

Project Name

West Branch Brandywine Trail

Key Partners

Chester County, Brandywine Conservancy, DCNR, Chester County Trail Club, private landowners, Modena, South Coatesville

Project Focus and Location

To explore the feasibility of a share the road trail along Mortonville Road from Modena/Lauria Brothers Gateway to the Mortonville Creek Access.

- Trail for walkers and bicycles
- Portions share the road
- Portions off road
- Cultivate trail easements with landowners
- Implement improvements such as fencing, bridges, and signage
- Promote public access to adjacent Mill Trail loop and West Branch Brandywine Trail
- Long term need once the Mill Trail is completed in Modena/South Coatesville

Accomplishments to Date

- Identified in the comprehensive plan as a planned trail

Next Steps

- Map the location of the planned trail and identify landowners
- Meet with South Coatesville and Modena representatives for an update on the Mill Trail project
- Meet with landowners to discuss issues and options
- Easements to be dedicated to East Fallowfield Township
- 5+ years to cultivate and record trail easements