



TCA Newsletter

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Hello Clients and Colleagues,

On July 16, 2013, I celebrated my 40th Anniversary of Service to our Town Planning & Landscape Architecture profession! Thank you for your support, collaboration, and confidence in me and TCA !!



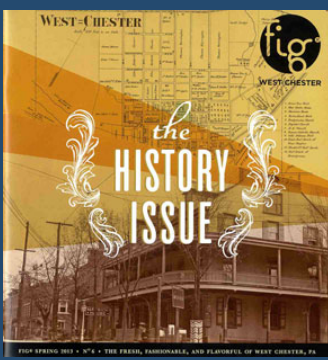
Tom, at CNU 21 in Salt Lake City Utah,
sang with the Mormon Tabernacle
Choir.

We look forward to the next 20 years of creative problem solving ! We hope you are having a great summer, be well, and stay young at heart !!!

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Comitta, AICP, CNU-A, RLA
President

**Check out TCA in Fig West Chester's
Spring 2013 edition, the History Issue!**



Kelly Gasiewski, Dan Mallach, Carolyn Comitta, Tom Comitta, Megan East Colón, Jen Leister Reitz

The 40 Year View - a look back and a look forward.



At E. Santoleri & Sons, 1955



At Penn State, 1970



At the Harvard GSD, 1973



At Media Borough, 2007

Actually it all started in 1955, when Tom began a 13-year stint working in the summers with his Grandfather and uncles at E. Santoleri & Sons, Landscape Contractors.



With Santoleri Brothers, 2011

After a Study Abroad program in 1970 the University of Lisbon, Portugal, Tom completed his BSLA at Penn State with A Historic Renewal Plan for the Manayunk Canal. He is pictured (second from top left) with his LA classmates in front of Sackett Building.

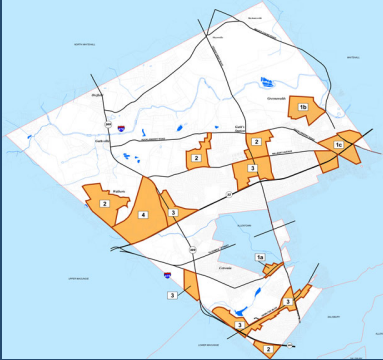
From 1971 to 1973, Tom (on left) worked for the Town of Barnstable in Cape Cod, MA, through the Harvard University Regional Field Service. He was Co-leader with Bruce Rado on the 1972 Land Resource Analysis, and the 1973 Plan for Open Space, both funded by a Rockefeller Foundation Grant.

In 2007, Landscape Architecture Magazine (Vol. 97, No. 8) featured TCA's municipal planning work in an article entitled "Measuring the Shape of Change". The article



At TCA's West Chester Office, 2013

highlighted TCA's work in West Chester Borough and Media Borough, as well as the New Daleville and Pine Hall TNDs.



New Zoning Overlay Districts in South Whitehall Township

On June 22, 2013, Charlestown Township, Chester County, PA hosted a Picnic. Tom was presented with Citations from Congressman Jim Gerlach, State Senator Andy Dinniman, and PA Representative Duane Milne for his 40 years of continuous service as the Charlestown Township Planning Consultant.

Project Update: South Whitehall Township

South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, PA, is poised to adopt an updated Zoning Ordinance in late 2013. This new Ordinance is a giant leap toward implementing their 2009 Comprehensive Plan by incorporating 4 Overlay Districts that promote walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods and enhanced commercial districts. (See map at left)

TCA welcomes our newest clients & projects:

Ephrata Borough
Comprehensive Plan

Landmark Homes-
Mechanicsburg TND

Town of Elon, NC
Form-based Code

Project Update: Cranberry Township

Cranberry Township, Butler County, PA recently adopted a new Comprehensive Recreation & Open Space Plan. TCA's work will guide the Township's vision for Community Parks through 2033.

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Cranberry Township CPR Plan: Transect of Open Space & Greenways

Notes:

1. This Transect depicts the Character Areas and Types of Open Space & Greenways, ranging from more rural to more urban.
2. The Public Sector pertains to Cranberry Township.
3. The Private Sector pertains to private property owners.



Open Space & Greenways:
Areas and Types

	T1 Natural Zone	T2 Rural Zone	T3 Suburban Zone	T4 General Urban Zone	T5 Urban Center Zone	T6 Urban Core Zone
Greenways & Natural Areas						
Trails & Pathways						
Community Parks						
Village Greens						
Squares & Plazas						

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Public Sector & Private Sector distinctions will be implemented through forthcoming Code Amendments.

"From Sprawling to Thriving"

- Tom Comitta presented at the APA Annual Conference in Chicago (April 2013), with John Trant, Esq., AICP and Ron Henshaw, AICP from Cranberry Township. They explained Cranberry Township's transformation from "Sprawling to Thriving" over the past 10 years.
- Tom also presented at the PA Municipal Law Colloquium in June 2013 with John Trant, Esq., AICP. Their focus was on the history and technique of Form-Based Codes.



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