

### **What do you plan to accomplish with this project?**

This project is anticipated to help accomplish the restoration of a historic building as well as correcting any structural deficiencies identified within the building and establishing ADA access to the building from the remainder of the municipal complex. The ultimate accomplishment will be the creation of a community resource that can be accessible to residents, community groups and nonprofits in the community.

The Township is in the process of acquiring this historic property, which is entirely surrounded by the Township municipal complex. It is identified as the historic Upper Frederick Township Church School and its acquisition is identified as a high-priority in the Township Comprehensive Plan of 2020. The final use of the building has not been determined, but potential uses include community meeting space, emergency management staging location, library resource, or other community resource. It has the potential to become a valuable community resource.

### **How do you plan to accomplish it?**

Following the acquisition of the property, the township will begin the community planning process to include input from the community about potential uses of the property. While going through the community planning process, the Township will obtain detailed assessments of the work needed to be done to the building and prioritize those elements of the restoration that will allow the quickest use of the building while remaining within budget. Once the assessment is complete and priorities established, the work proposed to be undertaken will go out to bid in accordance with applicable bidding requirements.

### **How do you plan to use the funds?**

The funds will be used to restore/renovate the building to allow for community use of the building and ADA compliant access to building from existing municipal complex. Due to the historic nature of the building the renovations will emphasize the restoration of the historic integrity of the building.

### **Projected Schedule and Key Milestones and Dates**

- **May 15, 2022**- Purchase property
- **Summer 2022**- Community planning for use opportunities and detailed assessment of upgrades required to building and property. Establish priority list of renovations/restoration
- **Fall 2022**- Go out to bid for renovations/restoration work.
- **Fall 2022/Winter 2023**- Begin renovation/restoration work.

The Township is in the process of acquiring the subject property, which was historically known as the Upper Frederick Church School (Church School). The Church School was originally built in 1892 and it served the community until approximately 1950 when all the township schools were closed. Following

its closure, the Church School was sold off and converted to a residential use, which has been the use of the property since.