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- Preserves 166 acres of open space without a tax increase;
- Creates permanent recreation opportunities;
- Drives new tax revenue without adding new students to schools;
- Provides new dining, shopping, and other amenities, while only developing 9 additional acres.

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In other words, the Town Center at Marple Preserve generates the tax revenue required to service the principal and interest payments on the Township/County issued open-space bond, which funds the preservation of the open space.

In addition, as we heard during the meetings, traffic remains an important issue and the following points were made:

- The Institutional and Residential uses permitted under the current zoning generate approximately the same traffic as the Town Center plan;
- The PENNDOT and the township traffic engineer must approve the proposed traffic improvements which, by law, require the existing levels of service be maintained or improved;
- The traffic improvements proposed improve most wait times (please see attached chart).

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