Small town charm with cosmopolitan flair.

Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia is an initiative of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) designed to foster the growth of the region’s older communities by promoting what makes each community a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

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**Homes & Community**
West Chester’s small town charm is in part what makes it a wonderful place to live. Its walkability, bustling downtown, and historic nature have given this 19th century town recognition as a livable and progressive community. Renters and homeowners enjoy a housing stock that leaves many green with envy. A distinctive quality of some buildings is found in the use of serpentine, a sandstone-like mineral that has a mottled greenish hue.

**Business & Economy**
West Chester is the county seat of Pennsylvania’s Chester County and boasts a healthy economy. More than 475 businesses are within West Chester’s Business Improvement District. A bastion of sole proprietor shops, it features restaurants, art galleries, and professional services as well as West Chester University and county government.

**Activities & Destinations**
West Chester is a wonderful place to get out and about. Its bustling downtown offers endless opportunities for entertainment, including restaurants, clubs, and an array of specialty boutiques and shops. You can sample wine, tour a brewery, meet a master chocolatier, and shop for stylish and vintage clothing just by strolling down the street.

*West Chester, known for its lovely town center and brick sidewalks, is filled with historical landmarks for locals and visitors to enjoy.*