Foreword

This annual report fulfills the Perry County Planning Commission’s (PCPC) obligation as outlined in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (PA MPC), Section 207; Conduct of Business. The report’s content highlights all relevant business undertaken by the Commission and staff throughout 2015.

All municipal planning commissions serving from within Perry County are encouraged to follow the County’s lead and develop their own annual reports to submit to either the township supervisors or borough council. The PCPC recommends compliance with the PA MPC in this regard and would be very interested in reading about your local planning initiatives.

Chairman’s Message

To Our County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Perry County Planning Commission (PCPC), I am pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report. The intent of this report is to provide each of you and the general public with a summary of the PCPC’s activities over the course of this past year.

Our list of annual accomplishments includes organizing three public forums and open houses, coordinating the final joint public hearing for the Perry County Comprehensive Plan and the three sub-regional comprehensive plans, and finalizing work on the County Comprehensive Plan by incorporating minor recommendations from the hearing.

In addition to these items, the Planning Commission devoted many hours to subdivision and land development plan review, geographic information system improvements, completing sewage planning module reviews, updating the County’s Community E-Data Booklet, providing municipal ordinance amendment reviews, assisting Marysville Borough with an update to its subdivision and land development ordinance, contributing to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission’s newsletters and annual Building Activity Report, and staying abreast of regional transportation-related issues with the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study.

Detailed information about these activities can be obtained from the official minutes of the PCPC’s monthly meetings. The minutes are accessible on PCPC’s web page located on the TCRPC website: http://www.tcrpc-pa.org/Perry-County/Pages/default.aspx

The 2010 US Census holds Perry County’s official population at 45,969. In prior reports we have highlighted the fact 17,000 more people now call the county than when the PCPC began its work in 1966. With the ease of travel along US 22/322 and US 11/15, combined with improvements to PA 34, subdivision and land development pursuits will inevitably continue. The true test for planning will be how well the County and its municipal planning partners are able to encourage and ultimately see that a certain percentage of this new growth arrives in a non-residential form. Results along these lines would increasingly help the County’s tax base to counteract increased public service demands brought by any additional residential growth.

In closing, it is with great pride we offer this report. Our board and staff are committed to the County Planning Program and offering recommendations and support in ways that achieve our mission. The PCPC looks forward to 2016, and greatly appreciates your continued support for our program.

Sincerely,

James H. Turner
Chairman, Perry County Planning Commission

PCPC Office Information

The PCPC Office is staffed by Jason R. Finnerty. On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday the PCPC’s office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Unless otherwise posted). The office is located just west of the borough square in the former Perry County Prison building, 20 West McClure Street, New Bloomfield, PA 17068. Telephone (717) 582-5124 Email: pcpc@perryco.org.

On Wednesday and Friday staff is located in the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission’s Office in Harrisburg, PA directly across Market Street from the Dauphin County Court House. The office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Dauphin County Veteran’s Memorial Building, 112 Market Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Telephone (717) 234-2639 Email: jfinnerty@tcrpc-pa.org
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# Perry County Board of Commissioners

Perry County Commissioners (L to R): Stephen C. Naylor, Vice-chair; Brenda K. Benner, Chairwoman; Paul L. Rudy, Jr., Secretary

Not pictured: Kathy Burkholder, Chief Clerk; William R. Bunt, Solicitor

# Perry County Planning Commission

Standing in back row (L to R):
Secretary Robert E. Shaffer, Sr., Chairman James H. Turner, Treasurer Dave Rice, and Vice Chair Thomas Graupensperger

Seated in front row (L to R):
Thomas Fridirici, Danny Kirk, and Terry Meek
(Brian Funkhouser and Logan Bower are not shown)
Subdivision and Land Development

Under the guidance of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247, as amended), the PCPC is required to review all subdivision and land development (S&LD) proposed in Perry County.

The matter of review/approval of S&LD plans is one of the most important functions of the PCPC. A subdivision is defined as the division or re-division of a lot, tract, or parcel by any means into two or more lots, tracts, parcels, or other divisions of land including changes in existing lot lines, for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of lease, partition by the court for distribution to heirs or devisees, transfer of ownership or building or lot development: Provided, however, that the subdivision by lease of land for agricultural purposes into parcels of more than 10 acres, not involving any new street or easement of access or any residential dwelling, shall be exempted. A land development plan can be the improvement of one lot, tract, or parcel for any purpose involving two or more buildings involving more than one lease holder, such as a multiple-tenant building or a second dwelling on a single lot. Any change in lot lines is considered a subdivision, no matter how small.

The PCPC has the responsibility of approval/disapproval authority in those municipalities that do not have their own S&LD ordinance. The PCPC has been empowered by the County Board of Commissioners to approve or disapprove plans received under the Perry County S&LD Ordinance.

In municipalities having enacted a local subdivision and land development ordinance, the PCPC must review the subdivision or land development plan and provide comments to the municipalities within thirty (30) days. The table on the last page of this report lists all municipalities in the County and notes their status regarding local planning commissions’ authority as it relates to S&LD ordinances.

In all instances, municipal planning commissions are recommending bodies while the governing body is responsible for the approval or disapproval of subdivision or development plans.

In 2015 the overall S&LD plan review breakdown was as follows:

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What’s a plat? A plat is a map, drawn to scale, showing the divisions of a piece of land.

PCPC S&LD reviews for municipal reporting

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S&LD reviews for PCPC consideration under the Perry County S&LD Ordinance

Considering the County’s S&LD Ordinance, applications were as follows:

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Annual S&LD Plat Summary

The table on the following pages summarizes the number of plats in each category, number of lots and units by category, and number of acres involved. Most of the subdivision plans in the County proposed either one new lot or a lot addition to an existing property. The table also displays the information by county sub-region.

The map on pages 10 and 11 shows the location within the county of the 2015 S&LD activities by Plan Development Section.
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Perry County 2015 Subdivision and Land Development Activity

Legend:
- 2015 Subdivision & Land Development Application File Locations
- Municipal Boundary
- Roads/Streets

Prepared by: TCRPC
Date: December 14, 2015
Data Sources:
S&LD Location Files - TCRPC
Roads/Streets, Municipal Boundaries - PennDOT
State/County Boundary - ESRI

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Ordinance Amendment Reviews

The following two tables serve to document the PCPC’s ordinance review processes in 2015. The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendments reviews are performed under Section 505(b) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and Zoning Ordinance Amendments following Section 609(e).

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<td>Text Amendment (Permitted Uses in the Single-family Residential District)</td>
<td>Recommended Consultation with Solicitor for Opinion Regarding Conditional Use Arrangement</td>
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It is important for municipal planning commissions, zoning officers, zoning hearing board members, municipal solicitors, municipal engineers and the elected officials of a municipality to make certain the PCPC receives a certified copy of each passed amendment.

Section 505(b) (Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances) and Section 609(g) (Zoning Ordinances) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, (Act 247, as reenacted and amended) requires a copy of the certified amendment to be filed with the County within 30 days of the adoption of the amendment.

If this process goes unfulfilled the following issues could present themselves:

1. The County’s ordinance provisions would become inconsistent with the municipality. This would present problems for staff from a review perspective and for immediate reference if the public or municipal officials had a question.

2. A municipality’s amendment adoption procedure could also be challenged. As a year-ending reminder to officials in all of the municipalities listed in the previous two tables; please review your past year’s communications to confirm for your records, certified copies of all adopted ordinances were sent to the PCPC to finalize your municipality’s responsibility in this process.

Because Perry County’s planning program is administered from two office locations, staff works extremely hard to maintain consistent ordinance records. To assist in this effort, municipalities are encouraged to send two certified copies of any amendment within the time frame prescribed by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The Commission will increase awareness on this issue and work to see the appropriate adoption processes are accomplished locally.

Local Planning Assistance Program

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) offers planning services to all municipalities that subscribe to the Local Planning Assistance (LPA) Program.

During 2015, the Local Planning Assistance Program was highlighted in the comprehensive plan process as a potential mechanism for assisting townships and boroughs through the adoption process. Throughout the past year the TCRPC provided LPA services to three Perry County municipalities: Bloomfield Borough, Marysville Borough and Newport Borough.

Through this program the professional planning staff of TCRPC provided direct planning assistance to the respective municipal planning commissions by attending their regular monthly meetings. The scope of services included advice on comprehensive planning, zoning, subdivision and land development, and other aspects of local planning programs.

This assistance was provided for a set annual retainer fee. Staff was requested to attend eleven local planning commission meetings in the County during the course of the year.

Services available through the LPA Program are provided through an annual contract basis, which may be arranged to begin at any time during the calendar year. The actual assistance provided depends entirely upon the needs of each municipality.
Outreach Program

The PCPC outreach program is structured to offer municipal representatives an opportunity to air suggestions on ways planning in Perry County could be improved. It also affords the PCPC staff the opportunity to share its efforts (i.e. projects) both future and current with community leaders and the public.

There were three annual Plan Development Section (PDS) outreach meetings. The PDS areas are defined by the TCRPC's Regional Growth Management Plan and target different sub-regions of the County. This year these events incorporated Comprehensive Plan forum/open house events. The events were held in the Marysville-Rye Senior's Center, Marysville, the Blain Volunteer Fire Co., Blain, and Pinnacle Health Family Care, Newport.

There were two other opportunities to engage municipal officials, and the PCPC contributes to these efforts. Nearing the end of February, PCPC staff presented at the annual convention of the Perry County Association of Township Officials. Staff also presented at two of the three Perry County Council of Governments meetings for the year.

We are always looking for other opportunities to engage municipal officials and the public. If you would like our staff to speak at a civic function please contact our office to make arrangements.

Geographic Information Systems

A Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer-based system designed to enable its users to organize, house, analyze, manipulate, arrange and present geographic data. The PCPC has access to the GIS skills of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's (TCRPC) experienced GIS department.

Each of the counties in the Tri-County Region successfully completed contractual arrangements to acquire digital orthophotography in spring 2016. TCRPC supported the acquisition of all imagery, and provided a letter of support to Perry County to reinforce commitment to their acquisition since it's been since 2008 that imagery was last captured. The imagery will be useful for GIS staff in serving as base mapping for GIS data creation and updates. It will also be useful for other staff for planning reviews and other planning studies.

Below is a list of notable, available GIS projects and maps involving Perry County:

- Comprehensive Plan maps finalized
- S&LDO database updated
- Solid Waste Management Plan mapping
- Zoning maps for Newport and Marysville boroughs
- Coordinated Public Transit Human Service Transportation Plan
- Dauphin, Perry and Cumberland Counties Anderson Land Use/Land Cover
- Dauphin and Perry Counties Zoning maps and layers
- Dauphin and Perry Counties SALDO locations
- High Crash Safety issue area corridors
- Perry County Comprehensive Plan mapping
- Tri-County Community Action

A more detailed accounting of TCRPC's GIS activities is available in TCRPC's 2015 Annual Report.

The PCPC continues to research ways to provide added benefits to staff and the public from its utilization of GIS technology. To this end, staff will continue to mirror the creative pursuits of others where such efforts can be successfully integrated into Perry County's Planning and GIS Programs.

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Act 537 Sewage Facilities Planning

2015 was another slow year for sewage facilities planning module reviews. The Commission acted on the following three sewage planning modules during 2015. Each file is individually listed in the table on the opposite page.

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**Comprehensive Plan**

In 2015, PCPC completed work on the county comprehensive plan. In February, staff shared information on the strategic process with the Association of Township Officials. Staff also contacted municipalities encouraging more participation in the planning process.

PCPC held three open house-style forums to engage the public on the content of the draft plan. The initial open house was held March 1st at the Marysville-Rye Senior Center. The second event was held in the Blain Volunteer Fire Company on March 12th. The final event took place on March 19th in Pinnacle Health FamilyCare, Newport. Each event ran two hours in length.

The public requested a few adjustments to the plan content. Additionally, Future Land Use Map recommendations were included in revisions. These recognized local efforts and input brought forth from a number of the county’s eastern municipalities. These included Marysville Borough and Penn, Wheatfield, Howe, and Rye townships.

On February 12th, staff shared information on these events with the Perry County Council of Governments and handed out additional flyers to increase awareness.

**Plan Adoption**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners adopted the Perry County Comprehensive Plan at a regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting following the required public hearing on May 18th.

The governing bodies in all six financially partnering municipalities passed resolutions adopting the applicable sub-regional plan serving their area.

- Jackson Township Board of Supervisors – June 25th
- Howe Township Board of Supervisors – June 4th
- Blain Borough Council - June 4th
- Toboyne Township Board of Supervisors – July 7th
- Marysville Borough Council - July 13th
- Oliver Township Board of Supervisors – July 13th

**Plan Implementation**

Initially, staff worked with the County Board of Commissioners on a letter to the governor, our federal and state representatives, our school districts, and our municipal officials to heighten awareness of public perception over the need for lower taxes as the top county-wide issue. (TXR Strategy 2.A.1)

Concerning agricultural lands and open space, the adoption of all three sub-regional comprehensive plans by the six partnering municipalities, further integration of greenways and planned growth areas has taken place. (AL and OS Strategy 1.E.4)

Focusing on the economic development component, the following four documents were developed with Economic Development Objective 1.A. in mind. The objective aims to “… help people navigate the regulations minefield.”

- Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning Facts and FAQs sheets
- Perry County Subdivider/Developer Resource Guide

**Transportation and Highway Matters**

Perry County is a member of the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS), a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Since 1965, HATS has made decisions regarding the use of federal funds for local transportation system improvements in Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry counties. This year, Perry County’s voting members on the HATS Coordinating Committee included: County Commissioner Stephen P. Naylor and PCPC Chair James H. Turner. County Commissioner Brenda K. Benner and PCPC Secretary Robert E. Shaffer, Sr. serve as Commissioner Naylor’s and Chairman Turner’s alternates, respectively.

In Perry County, transportation planning activities in 2015 included the continued support of the Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership. This project has brought together representatives of the chambers of commerce, transit and planning agencies serving Adams, Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon and Perry counties. The program consists of regional efforts to manage congestion by promoting transportation alternatives.

**Traffic Counts**

Along with PennDOT-mandated annual traffic counts, additional traffic counts were conducted on Barrick Hill and Losh roads in Carroll Township to assist the municipal engineer with determining traffic volumes. The numbers derived from the metered survey were used in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection-administered Dirt and Gravel Roads Program.

**Meck’s Corner meeting**

In January, Wheatfield Township and the County Commissioners Office sponsored the Meck’s Corner project. The project is now included in the Regional Transportation Program.

The Meck’s Corner project will consider alternatives to correct alignment and safety issues associated with the PA 274, PA 34, PA 2002 and PA 2006 intersections.
Shared-Ride Program

On July 15, 2015, the PCPC offered a letter of support for the PCTA's grant application to PennDOT for its Shared-Ride Program. The letter cited general consistency with the County Comprehensive Plan, identifying three aligned goals.

US Routes 11/15 Rock Slope Project

The Duncannon phase of the project was completed this fall. Planning for the second portion of the project has been completed to enable work to begin next year.

The PCPC together with the public at large were invited to an open house on the rock slope project in Marysville Borough. The event was held at the Marysville Borough Fire Company on October 7th with around 140 attending. A video loop of the project process was shown in one of the rooms, while the second provided engineering design details about the project site together with detour routing options. PennDOT officials and representatives from McCormick Taylor were present to field public questions.

HATS Riverlands Safety and Access Study

The PCPC provided member input to the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) into a 2015 highway corridor and safety and access study for portions of US 11/15 and US 22/322. The focus of the study in Perry County includes the stretch of US 11/15 running north from the interchange with US 22/322 to a jug handle directly across the road from a PA Fish and Boat Commission river access ramp just north of Angie's Restaurant. Also included is a portion of the bridge over the Juniata River on PA 849.

The Commission is awaiting the study findings and recommendations

Cumberland Perry Taskforce

The PCPC remained informed of the projects being discussed by the Cumberland Perry Taskforce. See more information on the Cumberland Perry Task force in the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study's 2015 Annual Report.

Newport Park and Ride

Improvements to the Newport Park and Ride facility have been completed to double the size of the lot. The present lot now accommodates approximately 195 vehicles.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

The annual review of the Perry County Hazard Mitigation plan was conducted on June 17, 2015, preceding the PCPC meeting. No changes to the plan were recommended at that time as no additional projects had come forth within the past year.

Intergovernmental Reviews

The PCPC invests a great deal of time reviewing the various pursuits of local governments, county agencies, and local authorities. Many of these entities’ funding sources include provisions which consider general consistency with respect to the County Comprehensive Plan. The following table displays all intergovernmental reviews undertaken in 2015.

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Summary of Accomplishments

In 2015 the PCPC...

…Reviewed 81 Subdivision and Land Development plans, proposing 50 new lots with the potential to create 41 dwelling units.
…Reviewed 11 plats submitted under the jurisdiction of the County S&LDO.
…Reviewed and commented on one Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Cumberland County.
…Reviewed three sewage facility planning modules.
…Reviewed and commented on three zoning ordinance amendments.
…Reviewed and commented on two subdivision and land development ordinance amendments.
…Prepared 2016 Perry County Planning Work Program.
…Updated the Perry County Community E-Data Booklet.
…Researched and compiled annual building permit data to contribute to the 2014 TCRPC Building Activity Report.
…Assisted with preparation work on the 2015 TCRPC Building Activity Report.
…Completed the PCPC’s 2014 Annual Report and initiated work on the 2015 Report.
…Held annual review and continued implementation of the Perry County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
…Supported the County’s participation in the development of a Regional Transportation Plan for HATS.
…Held 11 PCPC meetings (preparing monthly agendas, minutes and annual advertisement)
…Completed work on the County Comprehensive Plan and initiated implementation.
…Completed work on three Sub-regional Comprehensive Plans and coordinated their adoption in six financially partnering municipalities.
…Reviewed nine intergovernmental reviews under Pennsylvania Acts 67, 68 and 127, providing letters of support for projects deemed consistent with the Perry County Comprehensive Plan.
…Logged the receipt of 63 Act 14 reviews for the County.
…Maintained work on the PCPC’s webpage hosted on TCRPC’s website.
…Improved and updated data layers to the County’s GIS.
…Presented at the Perry County Township Supervisors Association Annual Convention.
…Attended 11 municipal planning commission meetings for the three participating LPA communities.
…attended all three Perry COG meetings.
…Conducted three annual outreach meetings.
…Continued work developing a Model Oil and Gas Zoning Amendment.
…PCPC Office moved from 25 West Main Street to 20 West McClure Street, New Bloomfield.
…Attended the unveiling of the Perry County Healthcare Coalition’s Healthcare Access Study.
…Attended FEMA Risk Map discovery meeting.
…Assisted PCCD with finalization of work on the Solid Waste Plan.
…Performed a 7-year review of Penn Township’s Agricultural Security Area.
…Attended an annual Pipeline Safety Program.
…Provided technical support to the Perry County Bicentennial Committee.
…Participated in SEDA COG’s Gas Utilization Initiative project.

Goals for 2016

In 2016 the PCPC will...

…Continue close working relationship with the Perry County Board of Commissioners.
…Continue reviewing all Act 247 reviews in a timely manner.
…Provide professional and technical planning assistance to local officials and citizens of the county.
…Continue support for the Tri-County Regional Growth Management Plan.
…Continue implementation of the 2015 Perry County Comprehensive Plan.
…Finalize the PCPC’s 2015 Annual Report.
…Initiate work on the 2016 PCPC Annual Report.
…Maintain the Community Data E-Data Booklet on the PCPC’s webpage.
…Renew an intergovernmental partnership with the Perry County Economic Development Authority.
…Hold 3 sub-regional outreach meetings.
…Present with the PCCD at the Association of Township Officials annual convention.
…Attend and provide outreach at the Perry COG and Perry County Boroughs Association meetings.
…Continue to work closely with the Perry County Conservation District.
…Continue to be flexible with our outreach program.
…Continue encouraging a stronger and flexible LPA program within the County.
…Continue assisting the County’s GIS Coordinator with data layer creation and management, system architecture improvements.
…Assist the Chief Assessor and the County GIS Coordinator with any US Census Bureau requests that may arise leading up to the 2020 Census.
…Continue implementation of the County Greenways Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan.
…Assist the Perry County Conservation District with implementation of the solid waste plan.
…Continue close working relationship with SEDA-COG.
…Stay informed of Commonwealth legislation that could have an impact on planning.
…Continue implementation of the County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
…Assist the County Emergency Management Agency with Emergency Management Plan integration.
…Prepare the 2017 Perry County Planning Work Program.
**Municipal Planning and Construction Information**

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** UCC - Uniform Construction Code

*** “Opted Out” - If a municipality opts out, its responsibilities under the UCC are to notify applicants for building permits that they must contract with certified third party agencies for residential permits and inspections or, if commercial construction is involved, secure permits and inspections from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.”
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