

PLAN ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The responsibility of implementing the 2007 Perry County Comprehensive Plan rests with the Perry County Commissioners. The effectiveness of this plan toward meeting its goals is dependent on clear and concise communication between the Perry County Commissioners and Perry County Planning Commission and other County agencies tasked with responsibilities as a result of this plan. Ongoing support and maintenance of the plan is essential by County leaders, County administrators, and County residents.

The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, act 247 as amended and reenacted requires counties to update comprehensive plans, "...at least every ten years." Although counties are required to adhere to this time line, local governments are not mentioned in this requirement. It is for this reason the County must strive for compliance while at the same time it must encourage the thirty (30) municipalities within its border to follow this lead.

The 2005 Perry County Comprehensive Plan has not been developed for archival sake and the fulfillment of the Commonwealth's requirement. Instead the document was created primarily from need. In addition the underlying purpose is to have this document function as part of standard operating procedure for the Perry County Commissioners in their daily work schedule for continued reference. The continued thoughts of progress and "What's our next step." should be derived in synchronic fashion with this document and specifically this chapter.

The Perry County Planning Commission is a nine (9) member citizen board. Traditionally membership has been made up of a good cross-section of citizens with a variety of professional knowledge in dealing with land and municipal issues. The Commission's composition is also broken down into nine (9) geographic areas.

In addition to the nine (9) member board, one County Commissioner serves as a liaison to stay informed of the workings of the group, and to take their thoughts on the monthly proceedings back to their constituents.

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) works in concert with the Perry County Planning Commission and their planning-related efforts. Traditionally Perry County has relied upon the TCRPC to help staff the Perry County Planning Commission's Office in Bloomfield Borough. Staff's dual work responsibility has worked out rather well, and continues to be a strong bond between the County and the TCRPC. The flexibility of this working agreement has saved the County administrative funding, while at the same time assuring the County of having an adept resource on all planning-related subject matter.

Besides supplying staff support to Perry County during the standard workday, the TCRPC also provides support through its Local Planning Assistance (LPA) program to municipalities that have established planning commissions and need professional

planning assistance. Presently there are four (4) municipalities that have signed agreements with the TCRPC to aid them in their efforts. At the present time all Perry County municipalities participating in the TCRPC LPA program fund their working agreements from their own budgets. The other two counties in the Tri-County Region (Cumberland and Dauphin) pay for this service directly to the TCRPC so that municipalities can take advantage of the assistance. With the passage of this plan, an effort should be made to look into interest in program and the availability of funds to help bolster the LPA program in Perry County. In so doing, the County will certainly benefit by taking the opportunity to assist local officials in maintaining their comprehensive planning programs.

As an added benefit of performing a comprehensive planning process, other County row offices, departments, and agencies all stand to benefit from the information found within the overall Comprehensive Plan document itself. From facts and figures, to current governmental policies and the plan implementation, a wealth of information has been compiled in the document for daily use and reference.

For the purpose of transitioning the Perry County's comprehensive planning process this Chapter has included an action plan targeting population and socio-economic needs. It is envisioned at the point in time when the County develops the next Comprehensive Plan; a separate Chapter will be devoted to this subject.

POPULATION/SOCIO-ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN

PSE GOAL 1. Make preparations for continued growth as anticipated by population projections.

PSE Objective 1.A. Focus growth in the direction of already developed Perry County areas where community facilities and services exist to support the added service needs.

- **PSE Strategy 1.A.1.** Encourage in-fill development within core communities.
- **PSE Strategy 1.A.2.** Encourage reuse of older structures, especially those with historic significance.
- **PSE Strategy 1.A.3.** Encourage redevelopment of lands with structures beyond repair.
- **PSE Strategy 1.A.4.** Encourage municipalities to formulate capital improvement programs to prepare for timely extensions of community facilities.

PSE Objective 1.B. Focus efforts to address the growing social needs of Perry County's citizens.

- **PSE Strategy 1.B.1.** Continue to support the efforts of the various County-supported social service providers (Cumberland-Perry Mental Health and Mental Retardation Program, the Cumberland-Perry Mental Retardation Program, the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission, Perry County Office of the Aging, Perry County Children and Youth Services, Domestic Relations, etc...)
- **PSE Strategy 1.B.2.** Support efforts of health and human service providers to meet growing demands for the services they provide.

PSE GOAL 2. Provide readily accessible up-to-date demographic data on Perry County.

PSE Objective 2.A. Utilize the Perry County home page on the world-wide web.

- **PSE Strategy 2.A.1.** Create a link from the Perry County website to the TCRPC site for demographic information.

PSE Objective 2.B. Provide demographic documentation on the County and each of the County's thirty (30) municipalities.

- **PSE Strategy 2.B.1.** Create a community data booklet.

PSE GOAL 3. Increase Perry County's employment opportunities.

PSE Objective 3.A. Continue to utilize the Perry County Economic Development Authority's (PCEDA) and the Perry County Economic Development Corporation (PCEDC) to advance employment opportunities in Perry County.

- **PSE Strategy 3.A.1.** Continue to have the PCEDA work with the Capital Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDEC) to attract new businesses to Business Campus One.
- **PSE Strategy 3.A.2.** Inventory prospective properties in Planned Growth Areas (PGAs) that will need minimal improvements to community facilities, and develop an archive of successful building reuse initiatives.
- **PSE Strategy 3.A.3.** Have the PCEDA solicit interested properties located in the PGAs that are interested in selling their land for commercial or light industrial operations.
- **PSE Strategy 3.A.4.** Research the possibility of having the PCEDA identify a site for Business Campus Two.
- **PSE Strategy 3.A.5.** Have the PCEDA develop a County-wide business inventory.
- **PSE Strategy 3.A.6.** Encourage economic growth primarily within the PGA's.
- **PSE Strategy 3.A.7.** Advocate for redevelopment of downtown areas to revitalize local economies.

- **PSE Strategy 3.A.8.** Encourage commercial and industrial development which provides locally-based employment opportunities while reinforcing the ability of County residents to attain self-sufficiency within the County.
- **PSE Strategy 3.A.9.** Promote commercial and industrial business expansion where adequate infrastructure exists to support increased service demands.
- **PSE Strategy 3.A.10.** Encourage commercial and industrial businesses to locate in the County that will utilize County resources without denigrating the quality of life.

PSE Objective 3.B. Retain and attract a high quality workforce for Perry County.

- **PSE Strategy 3.B.1.** Provide for education facilities that foster high academic achievement.
- **PSE Strategy 3.B.2.** Work with County employers to identify necessary college-level degrees and the regional business schools, colleges, universities, etc... that provide those degrees.

PSE Objective 3.C. Strengthen the economic viability of the agricultural and forest product industries in Perry County.

- **PSE Strategy 3.C.1.** The County should encourage the Perry County Economic Development Authority (PCEDA) to assisting agricultural and forest product industries in strategically locating facilities in the County.
- **PSE Strategy 3.C.2.** Assist in establishing an identity for Perry County agricultural and forestry-based commodities.
- **PSE Strategy 3.C.3.** Encourage the establishment of local farmers markets across Perry County to help market locally produced goods.

Implementation Timetable for Population/Socio-Economic Strategies

Population/Socio-Economic Strategies	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	Yr. 4	Yr. 5	Yr. 6	Yr. 7	Yr. 8	Yr. 9	Yr. 10
PSE Strategy 1.A.1.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 1.A.2.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 1.A.3.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 1.A.4.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 1.B.1.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 1.B.2.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 2.A.1.			I	C						

Population/Socio-Economic Strategies (Continued)	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	Yr. 4	Yr. 5	Yr. 6	Yr. 7	Yr. 8	Yr. 9	Yr. 10
PSE Strategy 2.B.1.			I	C						
PSE Strategy 3.A.1.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 3.A.2.	I	C								
PSE Strategy 3.A.3.		I	C							
PSE Strategy 3.A.4.	I	-	-	-	C					
PSE Strategy 3.A.5.				I	-	-	C			
PSE Strategy 3.A.6.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 3.A.7.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 3.A.8.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 3.A.9.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 3.A.10.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 3.B.1.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 3.B.2.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 3.C.1.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 3.C.2.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSE Strategy 3.C.3.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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 - Denotes a continuation of the process

OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

OI GOAL 1. Implement the 2007 Perry County Comprehensive Plan

OI Objective 1.A. Endorse the value of the 2007 Perry County Comprehensive Plan as a useful tool for guidance and direction.

- **OI Strategy 1.A.1.** Adopt the 2007 Perry County Comprehensive Plan and begin collecting information for the next update.
- **OI Strategy 1.A.2.** Utilize the document’s focus to make sound planning-based recommendations.

OI Objective 1.B. Increase planning knowledge among Perry County citizens through outreach, while providing services and performing work functions.

- **OI Strategy 1.B.1.** Encourage and support staff training and professional development.
- **OI Strategy 1.B.2.** Assist in seeing that training opportunities are frequently provided in the County for municipal officials and citizens alike.

OI Objective 1.C. Promote public and private involvement throughout all planning processes.

- **OI Strategy 1.C.1.** Engage public and private participants in outreach programs.
- **OI Strategy 1.C.2.** Maintain interest in the process by scheduling yearly “Status of the County” updates on the progress of the County toward meeting its goals, objectives and accomplishing its assigned tasks.
- **OI Strategy 1.C.3.** Include citizens and municipalities in the planning process.
- **OI Strategy 1.C.4.** Promote greater public awareness, education, and support of planning efforts in the County.

OI Objective 1.D. Effectively utilize geographic information system (GIS) technology to support Perry County planning activities at all levels of government.

- **OI Strategy 1.D.1.** Support GIS technology improvements for the County.
- **OI Strategy 1.D.2.** Continue to develop new GIS data layers, while maintaining current GIS layers.
- **OI Strategy 1.D.3.** Encourage GIS use at the municipal level.
- **OI Strategy 1.D.4.** Support local-level planning with GIS support.
- **OI Strategy 1.D.5.** Continue coordination of GIS activity with SEDA COG and the TCRPC.

OI GOAL 2. Complete all County specific tasks prior to the next Perry County Comprehensive Plan update.

OI Objective 2.A. Utilize the Perry County Comprehensive Plan, Plan Administration and Implementation component to aid in accomplishing this Goal.

- **OI Strategy 2.A.1.** Develop a timetable for tasks to be undertaken by the County.
- **OI Strategy 2.A.2.** Evaluate progress on an annual basis.

OI GOAL 3. Prepare for the next Perry County Comprehensive Plan ten years from the date this plan is formally adopted.

OI Objective 3.A. Support ongoing planning efforts to obtain and compile meaningful data.

- **OI Strategy 3.A.1.** Update planning tables used in the plan and develop additional tables for use in the next County Comprehensive Plan.
- **OI Strategy 3.A.2.** Update plan maps used in the plan and develop additional maps for use in the next County Comprehensive Plan.

OI GOAL 4. Strengthen an already strong working agreement with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC).

OI Objective 4.A. Continue to support the TCRPC.

- **OI Strategy 4.A.1.** Continue to utilize the planning services the TCRPC supplies.
- **OI Strategy 4.A.2.** Continue to provide capital support to the TCRPC for the planning services it provides.

OI Objective 4.B. Focus an increased level of attention toward municipal-level planning with education/outreach.

- **OI Strategy 4.B.1.** Engage municipal officials, planners, and County builders/developers in talks regarding the establishment and positioning of the PGA’s for the next comprehensive planning process.
- **OI Strategy 4.B.2.** Engage municipal officials, planners through education/outreach as funding permits in seeing in seeing fulfillment of the County’s goals and objectives spelled out in this plan.

Implementation Timetable for Overall Implementation Strategies

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OI Strategy 1.A.2.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 1.B.1.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 1.B.2.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 1.C.1.	I/C									I/C
OI Strategy 1.C.2.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 1.C.3.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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OI Strategy 1.C.4.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 1.D.1.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 1.D.2.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 1.D.3.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 1.D.4.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 1.D.5.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 2.A.1.	I/C									I/C
OI Strategy 2.A.2.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 3.A.1.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 3.A.2.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 4.A.1.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 4.A.2.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 4.B.1.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OI Strategy 4.B.2.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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