

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND UTILITIES

INTRODUCTION

There are many public and semi public facilities that must be provided by local municipalities to meet the health, safety, educational and recreational needs of its residents. The need for these services and the extent to which they can be provided depend largely on the size and density of and nature of development within the area, the composition and spatial distribution of the residential population and, the financial resources and ability to support the range of facilities that are needed.

This section of the Comprehensive Plan will provide an inventory of the existing community facilities within Perry County. Thirteen (13) types of facilities and services will be examined in this section including local public utilities. The purpose of this section will be to examine the existing physical characteristics and conditions as well as the ability of these services to meet the present and anticipated needs of the future. The adequacy and availability of these community facilities is extremely important to County residents since they reflect the quality, convenience and general character of Perry County as a place to live.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The educational institutions and facilities within a community or region have a very important function. The school administration, facilities and the programs they maintain assist in developing the basic building blocks of society, and the advancement of knowledge. From kindergarten to the advanced university level, generations of individuals have and will continue to be influenced by the educational opportunities the institutions provide. **Table 8-1** identifies the school district enrollment, land area, and student density.



Newport Area High School

The Public schools in Perry County are administered by four (4) school districts, as outlined in **Map 8-1**. These are: West Perry School District, Greenwood School District, Newport School District, and Susquenita School District. These school districts had an enrollment of 7,428 elementary and secondary students in 2000. In addition there were 68 students enrolled at an out of district special education facility and 116 students at the Loysville Youth Detention Center. This section provides a closer look at the individual schools and facilities these districts maintain.

TABLE 8-1
PERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS
ENROLLMENT, LAND AREA, STUDENT DENSITY
2000

School District	2000-2001 Enrollment	Percentage of Total Enrollment	Land Area Square Miles	Student Density/ Square Mile
West Perry	2,852	38.4	323.1	8.8
Greenwood	860	11.5	77.5	11.0
Newport	1269	17.1	70.5	17.6
Susquenita	2447	33.0	82.5	29.6
Totals	7428	100.0	553.6	13.3

SOURCE: *Pennsylvania Department of Education*

West Perry School District

Located in the western half of Perry County, the West Perry School District includes Carroll, Centre, Jackson, Northeast Madison, Saville, Southwest Madison, Spring Toboyne and Tyrone Townships, as well as Blain, Bloomfield and Landisburg Boroughs (Map 8-1).

The five (5) school buildings administered by the district are: Green Park Elementary, Blain Elementary, Carroll Elementary, West Perry Junior High School and West Perry Senior High School. The general location of these schools is shown on the School Districts map (Map 8-1).

The school district has the largest in enrollment and covers the largest area in the County. In addition, West Perry serves with the lowest calculated student density of 8.8 students per square mile.

Analysis of the present pupil attendance counts and the pupil capacity levels for each school facility shows that all of the facilities of West Perry School District are near the lower limit of the capacity range. This trend will probably continue due to the rather stable level of population growth of the more rural school district area. The enrollment projections for West Perry School District by the Department of Education also predict stable attendance levels in the 2000s. The existing facilities are all operating at satisfactory levels and should be able to accommodate current predicted student population growths of the future.

Greenwood School District

Located in the northeast corner of Perry County, Greenwood School District includes Greenwood, Liverpool and Tuscarora Townships and Liverpool and Millerstown Borough (Map 8-1).

Greenwood School District administers two (2) school buildings. They are Greenwood Elementary and Greenwood High School. The general locations of the schools are shown on the School Districts map (Map 8-1).

Analysis of Greenwood's present student population totals reveal that both school facilities are well under the lower capacity ranges for each building. This leaves room for a considerable amount of future growth. Though the District is further from the Harrisburg area than Newport and Susquenita School Districts, it is connected by the newly widened U.S. Route 22/322, and therefore, is an area that has growth potential.

Newport School District

Newport School District is located in the eastern half of Perry County. Bordered by the other three school districts and by the Juniata River, Newport School District includes Buffalo, Howe, Juniata, Miller and Oliver Townships, and Newport Borough (Map 8-1). Newport is the smallest district in total area in the County.

With the area of the district rather small, Newport School District only administers two school buildings. These buildings are Newport Elementary and Newport Jr./Sr. High School. The general locations of these schools can be seen on the School Districts map (Map 8-1).

Analysis of the present pupil attendance counts and the pupil capacity levels for each school facility shows that both of the facilities are operating at levels lower than the low capacity limits established by the Department of Education. Though this is low currently, Newport School District is located within the growth corridor along the Susquehanna and Juniata Rivers and bisected by U.S. Routes 22/322 and 11/15. With the completion of U.S. Route 22/322 upgrades, Newport School District's area may feel some of the development pressures and the resulting student attendance increases that would need to be accommodated.

Susquenita School District

Susquenita School District is located in the southeastern region of Perry County and includes Penn, Rye, Watts and Wheatfield Townships and Duncannon, Marysville and New Buffalo Boroughs, as well as Reed Township in Dauphin County (Map 8-1). Susquenita School District ranks second in enrollment to West Perry School District, with approximately a quarter of the area of the County. Susquenita School District educates nearly 33 percent of the County's total student population with the second highest enrollment of 2,442 students. It has the highest calculated student density of 29.6 students per square mile.

The district administers two (3) school building facilities. They are the Susquenita Elementary, Middle and High Schools. The general locations of the buildings are shown on (Map 8-1).

Susquenita School District is the closest district in the County to the Harrisburg Metropolitan Area. With suburban growth pressures in this area of the County, the school

facilities are also under some pressures of increasing student attendance. The past population trends for the school district show an upward movement. These trends will most likely continue for several years. At the present time, only the elementary school is within the pupil capacity ranges established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Currently the district is in the middle of a construction project to upgrade facilities.

LIBRARIES

A great source of cultural, technical and general information from the past, present and for the future can be found in libraries. The Perry County Library System was established in 1980 to evaluate the current system and to assist and direct the County libraries to ultimately meet the basic Pennsylvania standards for library systems. Managed by seven (7) volunteer board members, the Perry County Library System works to unify the libraries of the County for better coordination, resource management and access of library programs and materials for all of the County’s residents. Currently there are four (4) member libraries within the system. In addition to the member libraries there are three (3) other libraries in the County. The names and addresses of each library are listed below, and their locations are shown on (Map 8-1).

**Table 8-2
LIBRARIES OF PERRY COUNTY
2006**

Name of Library	Location
Community Library of Western Perry County	Main Street Blain, PA 17006
Bloomfield Public Library	19 East McClure Street New Bloomfield, PA 17063
Newport Public Library	316 North Front Street Newport, PA 17074
Marysville-Rye Public Library	198 Overcrest Road Marysville, PA 17053
Harry W. Lenig Library*	State Route 34 New Bloomfield, PA 17063
Perry County Law Library*	Perry County Courthouse New Bloomfield, PA 17063
Edward L. Holman Library*	Carson Long Institute New Bloomfield, PA 17063

SOURCE: *Tri-County Regional Planning Commission*

* Not part of the Perry County Library System

HEALTHCARE FACILITES

There are no large healthcare facilities within the County so Perry County residents rely on hospitals in and around Harrisburg for advanced health care. Table 8-3 identifies the hospitals that provide a variety of health care and psychological services.

**Table 8-3
HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS IN THE TRI-COUNTY REGION
2006**

Name of Hospital	Location
Community General Osteopathic Hospital	Harrisburg, PA
Harrisburg Hospital-Pinnacle Health	Harrisburg, PA
The Polyclinic Hospital-Pinnacle Health	Harrisburg, PA
M.S. Hershey Medical Center	Hershey, PA
Holy Spirit Hospital and Health System	Camp Hill, PA
The Carlisle Hospital	Carlisle, PA
Seidle Hospital and Health System	Mechanicsburg, PA
Health South Rehabilitation of Mechanicsburg	Mechanicsburg, PA

SOURCE: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

A couple of the hospitals identified in Table 8-3 have opened satellite operations such as the Duncannon Family Health Center in Penn Township, and Harrisburg Medical Management in Marysville Borough. In addition to these satellite offices, the Perry County Health Center in Tyrone Township also provides for immediate physical care, as well as provides other services such as routine physicals and immunizations.

NURSING HOMES

There are five (5) nursing homes located within Perry County. They are located in Liverpool Borough, Penn Township and New Bloomfield. The following (Table 8-4) outlines these care facilities ownership, certifications and bed totals.

**TABLE 8-4
LICENSED NURSING HOMES - PERRY
2006**

Name/Location	Ownership	Medicare/ Medicaid	Beds	Other
Good Samaritan Home Liverpool	Profit	No/Yes	25	0
Kinkora Pythian Home Duncannon	Non-Profit	No/Yes	27	8
Nipple Convalescent Home Liverpool	Profit	No/Yes	37	0
Perry Village, Inc. New Bloomfield	Non-Profit	Yes/Yes	123	0
Stone Bridge Rehabilitation Center Penn Township	Profit	Yes/Yes	60	0

SOURCE: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION

The establishment of Fire, Police and Ambulance services in a community is essential for ensuring the health, safety and welfare of its residents. In Perry County there are twelve

(12) fire companies established to serve in fire protection and ambulance services, as well as the newly established Advance Life Support Station in Duncannon. There are six (6) police departments that serve the county, as well as one State Police Barracks in Newport. The municipalities served by a local police force are: Duncannon Borough, Marysville Borough, Newport Borough, Oliver Township, Penn Township, and Rye Township. The remaining twenty-four (24) municipalities are served by the Pennsylvania State Police.

The following (Table 8-5) lists all of the Fire Companies in the County, and the municipalities that they serve. The fire companies have mutual aid agreements with companies of neighboring communities.

**TABLE 8-5
PERRY COUNTY FIRE COMPANIES AND SERVICES AREAS
2006**

Fire Company	Address/Location	Municipalities Served
Blain Volunteer Fire Company	PO Box 113, Blain, PA 17006	Blain Borough, Toboyne Township, Jackson Township, Southwest Madison Township, and Northeast Madison Township
Duncannon Fire Company No. 1	PO Box 6, Duncannon, PA 17020	Duncannon Borough, Reed Township (Dauphin County), Penn Township, Wheatfield Township, Watts Township, and Miller Township
Ickesburg Fire Company, Inc.	PO Box 126, Ickesburg, PA 17037	Saville Township, Northeast Madison Township, Tuscarora Township, and Juniata Township
Landisburg Volunteer Fire Company	PO Box 143, Landisburg, PA 17040	Landisburg Borough, Toboyne Township, Jackson Township, Southwest Madison Township, Tyrone Township, Spring Township, and Carroll Township
Liverpool Volunteer Fire Company	PO Box 144, N Market Street, Liverpool, PA 17045	Liverpool Borough, Liverpool Township, and Buffalo Township
Marysville Volunteer Fire Company	326 Cameron Street, Marysville, PA 17053	Marysville Borough, and Rye Township
Millerstown Fire Department	PO Box 204, Millerstown, PA 17062	Millerstown Borough, Tuscarora Township, Juniata Township, and Greenwood Township
New Buffalo Fire House	PO Box 288, New Buffalo, PA 17069	New Buffalo Borough, and Watts Township
New Bloomfield Volunteer	23 West High Street, PO Box 22, New	Bloomfield Borough, and

Fire Company	Address/Location	Municipalities Served
Fire Company	Bloomfield, PA 17068	Centre Township
Citizen's Fire Company No. 1	301 Mullbery Street, Newport, PA 17074	Howe Township, Juniata Township, Miller Township, Newport Borough, and Oliver Township
Perdix Fire Company No. 1	2 Fire House Road, Duncannon, PA 17020	Penn Township
Shermans Dale Community Fire Company	5462 Spring Road, Shermans Dale, PA 17090	Carroll Township, and Rye Township

SOURCE: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

WATER SYSTEMS

There are presently nine (9) public water systems in Perry County serving approximately 35 percent of the total county population. The remaining residents rely on individual wells, springs, or cisterns for their water supply needs. This section briefly describes the public water systems of Perry County and the accompanying (Map 8-2) shows the service areas for each system. Additional detailed information is available in the Perry County Water Supply Plan.

In recent years, several municipalities have experienced periods of interrupted water service due to issues related to capacity, leaks, contamination, and construction for maintenance. Perhaps the most notable instances are those having involved the following water systems: Newport Borough, Blain Borough, and Bloomfield Borough.

Blain Borough Water Company

The Blain Borough Water Company is a municipally owned water system that serves Blain Borough and a part of Jackson Township. The population within this service area totals approximately 315 households with 113 un-metered customer connections. Water to supply the system is obtained from a spring and two wells. Treated through a chlorination process, the water has a quality characterized as soft to moderately hard and low in iron. The distribution storage facility maintained by the Borough is a 60,000-gallon covered-concrete raw water reservoir. There is a need to provide 69,000 gallons of effective finished water storage.

Bloomfield Water Authority

The Bloomfield Water Authority is a municipally owned and managed water system that serves the Borough of New Bloomfield and portions of Centre Township. The population of this service area is approximately 1,094 residents with about 400 customer connections. Currently, treated water from the Thebes Spring flows by gravity through an 8-inch transmission main to a 90,000-gallon ground storage facility. The Authority is developing a new well with a capacity of 115,200 per day, which will replace the Thebes Spring. In addition there is a 35,000-gallon ground storage facility.

United Water of Pennsylvania

United Water is a large investor-owned water utility serving the Borough of Marysville and parts of Rye Township. The population of the service area is approximately 3,240 residents and growing with 1,100 customer connections. The sources of water uses are Stoney Creek Reservoir and the Susquehanna River in Dauphin County. Stoney Creek water is delivered to the Borough through a 5,300 feet 16-inch pipeline that crosses the Susquehanna River on the Rockville Bridge. Treatment of the water is through filtration and chlorination at Harrisburg's 6th Street Water Treatment Plant. The water quality is characterized as soft water with low iron content. United Water also maintains a steel distribution storage tank that holds 300,000 gallons.

Duncannon Borough Water Department

The Duncannon Borough Water Department provides municipal water service to the Borough of Duncannon and portions of Reed Township (Dauphin County) and Penn Township. The population served is approximately 2,400 residents with 690 customer connections. This water system is currently supplied by four (4) current wells that have a combined estimated safe yield of approximately 194,000 gallons.

Liverpool Municipal Authority

The Liverpool Municipal Authority supplies and maintains water services to the Borough of Liverpool. The population within this service area is approximately 965 residents with 300 customer connections. The water is supplied by two (2) wells with an estimated yield of approximately 105,000 gallons per day. The authority has a 250,000-gallon standpipe.

Millerstown Borough Municipal Authority

The Millerstown Borough Municipal Authority provides water services to the Borough of Millerstown. The population of this area is approximately 650 residents with 300 customer connections. The water is supplied by the Nace Street well, which has an estimated yield of 70,000 gallons per day. Raw water from the well is pumped through a 4-inch transmission main to the Authority's Iron Mountain Reservoir. The authority has a 179,000-gallon finish water standpipe and needs to develop an additional well.

Newport Borough Water Authority

The municipally owned Newport Borough water system serves the Borough of Newport as well as parts of Howe and Oliver Townships. With a residential population of approximately 2,350 there are 1,000 customer connections. The service area is supplied water through four (4) wells and the 831,000-gallon Mitchell Gap Reservoir. The Authority also maintains three (3) 250,000-gallon distribution storage tanks. Treated through chlorination, the water is characterized as being very soft and is low in iron content. The Authority also withdraws water from the Juniata River through a Zenon Water Filtration System.

Penn Township Municipal Authority

This Authority covers Penn Township covering areas adjacent to Duncannon Borough (Sunshine Hills and Petersburg Commons). The Authority oversees approximately 120 connections to approximately 300 people. Petersburg Commons receives its water directly from the Duncannon Borough water system. Sunshine Hills has its own separate well and two 1,500-gallon tanks. Unlike Petersburg Commons, this water system is not connected to Duncannon’s water facilities.

Small Localized Water Supply Facilities

As of 2001, there are 21 other small water systems permitted by the Department of Environmental Protection across the County. These have been implemented mainly to allow closer and denser development without risking contamination of drinking water sources.

SEWAGE FACILITIES

Perry County’s public sewerage systems are maintained by ten (10) municipal sewer authorities. The facilities for these systems are located in Bloomfield Borough, Duncannon Borough, Liverpool Borough, Marysville Borough, Millerstown Borough, Newport Borough, Oliver Township and Landisburg Boroughs, and Penn, the Village of Loysville in Tyrone and the Village of Ickesburg in Saville Township. These authorities administer the sewage systems within the County as well as eleven (11) treatment plants. The remaining areas of the County rely on on-lot sewage disposal systems. The following (Table 8-6) provides detailed information about the County’s sewage treatment facilities, and Map 8-3 shows the service area for each sewer system.

**TABLE 8-6
PERRY COUNTY SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT PROFILE**

Municipal System	Municipalities	Population	Most Recent Modification	Average Daily Flow (MGD)	Design Capacity (MGD)	Type of Treatment	Receiving Stream
Duncannon Borough	Duncannon, Penn Township	2,753	1993	0.400	0.750	Secondary	Susquehanna River
Ickesburg Village	Saville Township	250	1991	0.010	0.024	Spray Irrigation	Land Applied
Landisburg Borough	Landisburg, Tyrone Township	250	1991	0.017	0.030	Secondary	Montour Creek
Liverpool Borough	Liverpool Borough	900	2002	0.050	0.175	Secondary	Susquehanna River
Marysville Borough	Marysville Borough	3,000	1996	1.000	1.250	Secondary	Susquehanna River

Municipal System	Municipalities	Population	Most Recent Modification	Average Daily Flow (MGD)	Design Capacity (MGD)	Type of Treatment	Receiving Stream
Millerstown Borough	Millerstown Borough	615	1975	0.040	0.100	Secondary	Juniata River
Bloomfield Borough	Bloomfield Borough, Centre Township	1,032	1999	0.120	0.250	Secondary	Little Juniata Creek
Newport Borough	Newport Borough, Oliver Township	2,675	1973	0.250	0.400	Secondary	Juniata River
Cove Village	Penn Township	780	2003	0.650	0.100	Secondary	Unnamed Tributary
Kinkora-Pythian Home		70	1996	0.650	0.015	Secondary	Cove Creek
Loysville Village	Tyrone Township	500	1999	0.067	0.110	Secondary	Muddy Run

SOURCE: 1994 Perry County Sewerage Plan and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Survey Update

Perry County Sewerage Plan

In 1994, the Perry County Board of Commissioners adopted a County-Wide Sewerage Plan. The Plan, along with its findings, was adopted as an amendment to the Perry County Comprehensive Plan. The Plan included an evaluation of the existing systems with respect to both their treatment capabilities and service areas. Existing and proposed treatment facilities were examined using as a basis the upgraded water quality criteria established by the Department of Environmental Protection. Studies were made on the unsewered areas to determine where sewers are needed at present and where needs are likely to occur. The findings of the report were based upon the results of the studies. Additional information can be found in the 1994 Perry County Sewerage Plan as an addendum to this Plan.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

In 2005, the County with its consultant Evergreen Environmental Services, Inc. completed a non-substantial revision to the Perry County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). The revised Plan was reviewed by the PADEP for compliance with the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101 of 1988, P.L. 556, as amended).

When the County opened up the process of finding host landfills to handle the County’s solid waste, twelve (12) sites offered proposals.

Permitted landfills in Perry County SWMP include but are not limited to the following: Modern Landfill, York County, Cumberland County Landfill, Cumberland County, and the Harrisburg Incinerator, City of Harrisburg.

For additional information regarding solid waste disposal in Perry County, the reader is referred to the 2005 Non-Substantial Revision to the Perry County Solid Waste Management Plan. As with all other plans that intertwine the comprehensive plan process, the 2005 Update to the Perry County SWMP is an addendum to this Plan. As a result, this Plan is intended to recognize all future revisions to the SWMP Plan that may precede updates to this Plan.

ELECTRICAL UTILITIES

The electrical service of Perry County is supplied and maintained by two sources: The Pennsylvania Electric Company and PPL Utilities.

Blain Borough, and Jackson and Toboyne Townships are the three westernmost municipalities of the County and are served by the Pennsylvania Electric Company. By the 2000 Census, the population for this service area in Perry County was 1,271 residents, with approximately 94 square miles. Duncannon Borough, with 1,508 population and 0.4 square miles buys electricity from AMP Ohio Electric at wholesale rates and distributes it to customers within the borough. The remaining 459.2 square miles with 43,365 residents are served by PPL Utilities.



View of PP&L Electric Company's Substation in Centre Township

Map 8-4 shows the boundaries of electric service areas within Perry County and the locations of electric lines passing through the County. Though natural gas utility distribution lines do not exist within the County, the Buckeye, Allegheny, Texas Eastern, Mobile and Laurel natural gas pipelines do pass through Perry County.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The County is served by MCI Worldcom Network Service Inc., AT&T Communications of Pennsylvania, Inc., and United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

RECREATION AREAS

With the variety of recreational facilities, natural landmarks, forested areas and game lands, as well as fishing streams and scenic areas, Perry County has an abundance of public recreation areas for its residents. This section of the Comprehensive Plan will examine the National Natural Landmarks, State Forests and Game Lands, and Natural Areas of the County as well as the parks and recreation areas shown on Map 8-5.

NATIONAL AND STATE NATURAL AREAS AND LANDMARKS**The Box Huckleberry Site**

Recognized as a National and State Natural Landmark, the Box Huckleberry Site, located on Huckleberry Road south of New Bloomfield, is home to the oldest plant in existence, the box huckleberry. The established growth of these plants started approximately 13,000 years ago.

The Susquehanna Water Gap

On the eastern most border of Perry County where the Susquehanna River meets Blue Mountain, Peters Mountain, Buffalo Mountain and Berry Mountain, this area has been designated a National and State Natural Landmark. Fishing and boating are the primary uses along this scenic river.

The Hemlocks Natural Area

Located near Big Spring State Park in the Hemlocks Natural Area are both a National and State Landmark. The national designation was awarded in 1973. The area has been reserved to preserve the large old-growth hemlock trees that exist on the site.

The Frank E. Masland Jr. Natural Area

Designated as a State Natural Area, the Frank E. Masland Jr. Natural area is secluded in the Tuscarora State Forest in Western Perry County.

FEDERAL LANDS

Within Perry County there are approximately 170 acres of federally owned lands. These lands are associated with the twelve (12) miles of the Appalachian Trail, which crosses through the County. The Trail enters Perry County at the Susquehanna River at Duncannon, crosses State Game Lands, and leaves the County at the top of the Blue Mountain just west of Sterretts Gap.

STATE FORESTS**Tuscarora State Forest**

Located in Perry, Cumberland, Franklin, Huntingdon, Juniata and Mifflin Counties, the 90,624-acre Tuscarora State Forest encompasses 41,438 acres of Perry County's western area. It has the following facilities: 120 miles of State Forest roads, one wild area (5,363 acres), three natural areas (1,411 acres), 40 miles of designated hiking trails, one state picnic area and 110 miles of snow mobile trails. The Tuscarora State Forest is shown on Map 8-6.

STATE PARKS

There are three state parks located in Perry County which includes Fowler’s Hollow, Big Spring and Little Buffalo State Parks. There are nearly 800 acres in Little Buffalo, 45 acres in Big Spring, and 104 acres in Fowlers Hollow. In combination, these three State Parks account for roughly 1,000 acres. The three parks provide access to abundant recreational areas and activities as well as beautiful natural areas. Map 8-7 provides the location of these State Parks.



View of Holman Lake Boat Launch at Little Buffalo State Park

Fowler’s Hollow State Park

Seven miles southwest of Blain, adjacent to the Tuscarora State Forest, the Fowler’s Hollow State Park is a 145-acre park that hosts a family camping area, a picnic area, and opportunities for fishing, hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Big Spring State Park

Located 5.5 miles southwest of New Germantown in Western Perry County, Big Spring State Park is a 45-acre park that provides opportunities for picnicking, hiking, snowmobiling and camping. The park was named for a nearby spring reported to be the second largest spring in the Commonwealth. The waters from Big Spring provide for the scenic Sherman Creek.

Little Buffalo State Park

The largest of Perry County’s state parks, with 830 acres, the Little Buffalo State Park is developed around the 88-acre Holman Lake (Little Buffalo Lake), outside of New Bloomfield. The park offers a variety of recreational opportunities which include: boating, fishing, camping, hunting, hiking, environmental education, swimming, picnicking, ice skating, ice fishing, ice boating, cross-country skiing, and sledding.

STATE GAME LANDS

Perry County has nine reserved areas designated as state game lands totaling approximately 17,129 acres. The approximate locations of these areas are shown on Map 8-8. The following Table 8-7 gives the individual game land number, acreage, types of game harvested and relative location.

**TABLE 8-7
PERRY COUNTY STATE GAME LANDS
2006**

State Game Land Number	Acreage	Game Harvested	Location
88	4,095.3	Grouse, deer, and turkey	Northeast Madison and Saville Townships
170	8,763.9	Grouse, squirrel, and deer	Penn and Rye Townships
171	232.6	Grouse, squirrel, and deer	Tuscarora Township
254	610	Water fowl, deer, and rabbit	Buffalo and Watts Townships
256	1,254.5	Turkey, squirrel, grouse, rabbit, and deer	Centre and Wheatfield Townships
258	390.9	Water fowl, quail, deer grouse, and rabbit	Liverpool Township
281	1,553.8	Deer, rabbit	Miller Township
230	199.7	Turkey, grouse, squirrel, rabbit and deer	Carroll Township

SOURCE: Pennsylvania State Game Commission

LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Aside from the abundant forest and game land areas within Perry County, there are also a variety of municipally owned and managed parks, picnic areas, swimming pools and play areas. The public schools within the county also open their outdoor recreation facilities to the public. Table 8-8 lists the local park and recreation areas in Perry County and Map 8-9 identifies the locations.

**TABLE 8-8
LOCAL PARK/RECREATION AREAS
2006**

Municipality	Park/Rec. Area Name	Facilities	Acres
Blain Borough	Blain Area Park, Inc.	Basketball, Playground/Tot Lot, Pavilion, Picnic Tables, Tennis Court, Volleyball Court, Field Games, Benches, Picnic Tables, Parking, Restrooms, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	1.0
Bloomfield Borough	Bloomfield/Centre/Carroll Swimming Pool Association	Baseball/Softball Field, Basketball, Soccer Field, Multi-Purpose Field, Tennis Court, Playground/Tot Lot, Swimming Pool, Picnic Tables, Pavilion, Benches, Parking, Food/Vending Machines, Restrooms, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	2.3
Carroll Township	Carroll Township Community Park	Baseball/Softball Field, Basketball, Soccer Field, Multi-Purpose Field, Tennis Court, Volleyball Court, Playground/Tot Lot, Picnic Tables, Pavilion, Benches, Parking, Food/Vending Machines, Restrooms, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	15.38
Duncannon Borough	Duncannon Borough Park	Baseball/Softball Field, Basketball, Soccer Field, Multi-Purpose Field, Tennis Court, Volleyball Court, Playground/Tot Lot, Nature	1.0

Municipality	Park/Rec. Area Name	Facilities	Acres
		Preserve, Community Center, Hiking Trails, Fishing, Hunting, Boating/Stream Access, Camping, Picnic Tables/Pavilions, Historic Site, Bird Watching, Gardens, Restrooms, Benches, Parking, Public Telephone, Food/Vending Machines, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	
Landisburg Borough	Mark E. Henry Memorial Park	Multi-Purpose Field	10.5
Marysville Borough	Marysville Borough Park/Lions Club Park	Baseball/Softball Field, Basketball, Multi-Purpose Field, Volleyball Court, Playground/Tot Lot, Community Center, Swimming Pool, Hiking Trails, Bicycle Trails, Cross Country Skiing, Picnic Tables/Pavilions, Bird Watching, Restrooms, Benches, Parking, Public Telephone, Food/Vending Machines, Drinking Fountain, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	36.0
	Seidel Park (Restricted)	Multi-Purpose Field, and Playground/Tot Lot	1.0
Newport Borough	Newport Playground/Borough Park	Basketball, Baseball/Softball Field, Tennis Court, Volleyball Court, Playground/Tot Lot, Picnic Tables/Pavilions, Restrooms, Parking, Drinking Fountain, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	5.0
Oliver Township	East Newport Park	Basketball, Baseball/Softball Field, Soccer Field, Multi-purpose Field, Playground/Tot Lot, Picnic Tables/Pavilions, Benches, Parking, Portable Toilet, Food/Vending Machines, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	1.0
Penn Township	Penn Township Park	Basketball, Baseball/Softball Field, Soccer Field, Multi-purpose Field, Volleyball Court, Playground/Tot Lot, Hiking Trails, Fishing, Hunting, Picnic Tables/Pavilions, Bird Watching, Restrooms, Benches, Parking, Food/Vending Machines, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	10.0
	Perry County Recreational Park	Multi-purpose Field, Playground/Tot Lot, Swimming Pool, Camping, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	30.0
Rye Township	New Valley Road Community Park	Baseball/Softball Field, Multi-purpose Field, Playground/Tot Lot, Nature Preserve, Hiking Trails, Fishing, Picnic Tables/Pavilions, Restrooms, Portable Toilet, Benches, Parking, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	12.0
	Weaver Nature Park	Nature Preserve, Hiking Trails, Bird Watching and Benches	5.0
Tyrone Township	Loysville Community Club Park	Basketball, Baseball/Softball Field, Soccer Field, Multi-purpose Field, Playground/Tot Lot, Community Center, Hiking Trails,	10.5

Municipality	Park/Rec. Area Name	Facilities	Acres
		Picnic Tables/Pavilions, Portable Toilet, Benches, Parking, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	
Watts Township	Watts/Buffalo Community Center	Basketball, Baseball/Softball Field, Playground/Tot Lot, Community Center, Picnic Tables/Pavilions, Parking and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	12.0
Howe Township	Howe Township Municipal Park	Fishing, Boating/Stream Access, Camping, Picnic Tables/Pavilions, Bird Watching, Portable Toilet, Benches, Parking, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	4.0
Wheatfield Township	Wagner Park	Baseball/Softball Field, Multi-purpose Field, Playground/Tot Lot, Hiking Trails, Fishing, Picnic Tables/Pavilions, Bird Watching, Restrooms, Benches, Parking, and Wheelchair/Stroller Accessible	65.6
Greenwood Township	Millerstown Area Community Park	Baseball/Softball Field, Soccer Field, Picnic Tables, and Swimming Pool	10.8

SOURCE: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

CHURCHES

Perry County has 119 churches with a variety of denominations. As a significant component among the community’s social, as well as moral support organizations, churches assist in maintaining a positive community identity and quality of life through the extensive social networks they create. Table 8-9 lists all the churches in Perry County.

**TABLE 8-9
CHURCHES IN PERRY COUNTY
2005**

1. Scyoc United Methodist Church	51. Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church
2. Fairview Church	52. Elliotsburg Bible Missionary Church
3. New Germantown Lutheran Church	53. Ludolph Church
4. New Germantown United Methodist Church	54. Little Germany Church of God
5. Three Springs Church of the Brethren	55. Milltown Mennonite Church
6. Blain Zion Lutheran Church	56. Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
7. Blain United Church of Christ	57. Saint Peter’s United Church of Christ
8. Blain United Methodist Church	58. Reiber’s Community Church
9. Mannassa Community Chapel	59. Wolf United Methodist Church
10. Green Grove Union Sunday Church	60. Young’s United Methodist Church
11. Saint Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church	61. Shermans Dale United Methodist Church
12. Stony Point Evangelical Church	62. Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church
13. Walsingham Independent Church	63. Seventh-Day Adventist Church
14. Trinity United Church of Christ	64. Sandy Hollow Church of God
15. Church of the Living Christ	65. Snyder’s United Methodist Church
16. Centre Presbyterian Church	66. Bible Baptist Church
17. Laurel Run Church of God	67. Dellville United Methodist Church
18. Kennedy’s Valley Church of God	68. Bethel United Methodist Church
19. Landisburg Reformed Faith Church	69. Salem United Methodist Church
20. Landisburg Assembly of God	70. Glenvale Church of God
21. Landisburg Church of God	71. Bethany United Methodist Church

22. Trinity United Church of Christ	72. Marysville Trinity United Church of Christ
23. Loysville Lebanon United Church of Christ	73. Wesley United Methodist Church
24. Loysville Tressler Memorial Lutheran Church	74. Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
25. Loysville Lutheran Church	75. Marysville Zion Lutheran Church
26. Berbean Bible Church	76. Marysville Church of God
27. Pine Lawn Union Chapel	77. Perdix Community Chapel
28. Roseburg Assembly of God	78. Middle Cove Union Sunday School
29. Saville Brethren in Christ Church	79. Jehovah Witness
30. Ickesburg United Church of Christ	80. Duncannon Asbury United Methodist Church
31. Reformed Church of Ickesburg	81. Duncannon Presbyterian Church
32. Ickesburg Church of God	82. Duncannon Christ Lutheran Church
33. Ickesburg St. Paul’s Lutheran Church	83. Duncannon Christ United Church of Christ
34. Step of Faith Church	84. Duncannon Otterbein United Methodist Church
35. Donnally Mills United Methodist Church	85. Duncannon Assembly of God, Inc.
36. Village Chapel (Donnally Mills)	86. Duncannon Church of God
37. Saint Samuel’s Lutheran Church	87. St. Beradette’s Roman Catholic Church
38. Milford United Brethren Church	88. Brethren in Christ Church
39. M E Church Wesley Chapel	89. Roseglen United Methodist Church
40. Markelsville St. John’s Church of Christ	90. Pine Grove Church of God
41. Middle Ridge Church of Christ	91. Mahanoy Union Chapel
42. Mannsville Lutheran Church	92. Lgania Church of God
43. Pleasant Valley Brethren in Christ Church	93. Church of Missionary Alliance
44. Hope of Glory Christian Fellowship Church	94. New Buffalo United Methodist Church
45. River of Life Community Church	95. Hill United Methodist Church
46. New Bloomfield St. Bernard’s Catholic Church	96. Watts Bethel Methodist Church
47. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	97. Buck’s United Methodist Church
48. New Bloomfield United Methodist Church	98. Center Union God’s Missionary Church
49. New Bloomfield Christ Lutheran Church	99. Red Hill Church of God
50. Trinity United Church of Christ	100. Newport Assembly of God Church
101. Newport Episcopal Church of the Nativity	112. Millerstown United Methodist Church
102. St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church	113. Pfouts Valle United Methodist
103. Newport United Methodist	114. Reward United Methodist
104. Newport Incarnation United Church of Christ	115. Saint Matthew’s Lutheran Church
105. Newport Untied Presbyterian	116. Messiah
106. Newport Calvary United Methodist	117. Liverpool United Methodist
107. Newport Assembly of God Church	118. Good Sheppard Lutheran Church
108. Mt. Olivet Brethren	119. Barner’s Lutheran Church
109. Perry Valley Presbyterian Church	120. Cornerstone Christian Church
110. Central Baptist Church	121. Marysville Pentecostal COG
111. First Presbyterian	

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