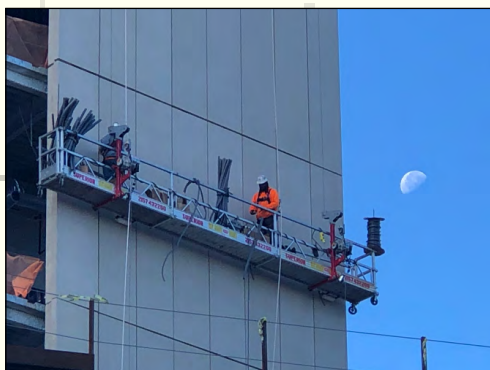


# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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## A Message From the Chairmen . . .

We are pleased to present this Annual Report on the activities of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for 2020, including the accomplishments of the regional planning program, Dauphin County Planning Commission, the Perry County Planning Commission, and the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study.

This four-part report is provided as a service to the citizens of the Tri-County Region and to update the respective County Commissioners and Planning Commission members about all of the programs we administer.



Some of our endeavors in 2020 included:

### **Regional Planning Program:**

- Participated in a variety of land use and transportation studies as part of the Regional Growth Management Plan;
- Began work on the technical assistance program for Source Water Protection planning for the region;
- Coordinated the creation of a Return on Environment (ROE) report for Perry County;
- Concluded the Regional Connections Grant Program with plans to restructure and expand it as the Regional Transportation Program (RTP) Implementation Program in 2020 (see HATS section);
- Continued reviewing intergovernmental applications for federal and state grant funds;
- Began an extensive update to the online Planning Toolkit;
- Expanded our Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services, including creating a more interactive online application, assisting with various transportation projects, building custom Story Maps, updating the Perry County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and creating mapping and data analysis for stormwater and affordable housing.

### **Dauphin County Planning Commission:**

- Acted on 116 subdivision and land development plans;
- Provided over 915 hours of staff time to the Local Planning Assistance (LPA) program;
- Reviewed and commented on 25 proposed amendments to local zoning and subdivision and land development ordinances;
- Reviewed and commented on sewage modules for multiple municipalities;
- Completed a variety of outreach activities, including regularly attending local government meetings;
- Assisted with the formation of and work associated with the Dauphin County Complete Count Committee to improve awareness and participation in the 2020 U.S. Census;
- Worked on the possible creation of a regional stormwater solutions and assistance program for Dauphin County municipalities;
- Presented the 9th Annual Premier Project Awards to recognize planning excellence in Dauphin County.

### **Perry County Planning Commission:**

- Reviewed 79 Subdivision and Land Development plans;
- Approved 12 Subdivision and Land Development plans submitted under the jurisdiction of the County S&LDO;
- Reviewed five sewage facility planning modules;
- Coordinated adoption of the Perry County Hazard Mitigation Plan for the county and all 30 municipalities;
- Continued implementing the county's Comprehensive Plan by conducting five workgroup meetings;
- Reviewed seven intergovernmental reviews under PA Acts 67, 68 and 127, providing letters of support for projects deemed generally consistent with the county Comprehensive Plan;
- Attended nine municipal planning commission meetings for the four participating LPA communities;
- Involved in initial discussion for the county's Countywide Action Plan (CAP) and served as co-lead for the county's portion of the four-county project with Dauphin, Juniata and Mifflin counties;
- Prepared the county's first Disaster Response Distribution Plan.



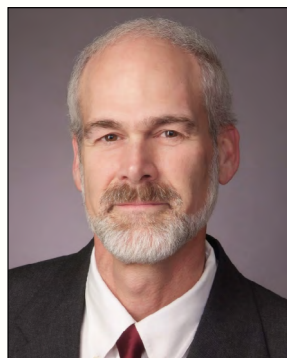
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### **HATS:**

- Adopted the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
- Developed the HATS Regional Safety Application;
- Began updating the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including Project Pipeline meetings with over 20 municipalities;
- Selected 14 projects under the initial round of the HATS RTP Implementation Grant Program and added to the 2021-2024 TIP;
- Contributed to numerous bicycle/pedestrian-focused studies and efforts in the region;
- Helped to advance the Capital Area Transit (CAT) Intermodal Bridge project;
- Conducted summer and fall bike-ped counts;
- Worked with regional and state stakeholders to implement the South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Justice Unified Process and Methodology Study;
- Participated in quarterly Traffic Incident Management (TIM) team meetings;
- Completed traffic counts for PennDOT and local municipalities and projects.

TCRPC's staff has strived over the past year to be a trusted resource for the region. Through funding, planning tools, and education and training, TCRPC has worked to exceed the basic requirements of the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). It is our goal to continue growing as a vital partner in helping to build a better future for our community. We look forward to maintaining these productive working relationships in 2021.

Sincerely,



*Tom Graupensperger,  
TCRPC Chairman*



*Chris Abruzzo,  
Dauphin County Planning  
Commission Chairman*



*James H. Turner,  
Perry County Planning  
Commission Chairman*



*HATS Chairman  
Jeff Haste*



## About TCRPC . . .

The mission of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is to foster the long-term livability and vitality of our communities, counties and region.

Since 1966, we've been a forum for information sharing, consensus building and coordination to tackle regional issues facing the diverse communities of Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. We believe the region is stronger when we work together.

TCRPC's four main programs include:

- the **Regional Growth Management Plan**, which promotes economic growth and revitalization in our communities while protecting natural resources, optimizing transportation options and recognizing important quality-of-life issues;
- the **Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS)**, the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the three-county region;
- and providing staff support to the **Dauphin and Perry county planning commissions**.

TCRPC meets all of these needs with a small staff that provides a tremendous variety of planning support, technical expertise and opportunities for education and training -- all in a spirit of collaboration. Guiding our work is a 19-member, county commissioner-appointed board comprised of residents and officials from Dauphin and Perry counties.

## Our Mission . . .

TCRPC's mission is to foster the long-term livability and vitality of our communities, counties and region.

The mission is achieved by encompassing three core values:

- Promote policies, programs and activities that recognize the diverse and desirable qualities of individual communities and the benefits each of these communities brings to the entire region.
- Foster cooperation among local governments to address regional issues through public education, information sharing and intergovernmental coordination.
- Assure, preserve and optimize our quality of life by recognizing and adjusting to both external and internal factors that influence our region's land development and conservation.

**OUR MISSION:**  
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## 2020 Commission Membership . . .

Guiding TCRPC's work is a 19-member board comprised of the following representation, each appointed by their respective counties' board of commissioners:

- One commissioner from each county;
- Four members from each of the counties' planning commissions;
- One "at-large" member from each county to represent the entirety of the county; and
- One member representing municipal interests nominated from each of seven regional planning areas (RPAs).

TCRPC's program and services focus on the implementation of the Regional Growth Management Plan (RGMP) and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), with the regional planning areas serving as the core areas for implementation. RPA representatives serve as ambassadors of the TCRPC mission and are an essential component in maintaining the relationship between the municipalities they represent and the implementation of TCRPC programs.

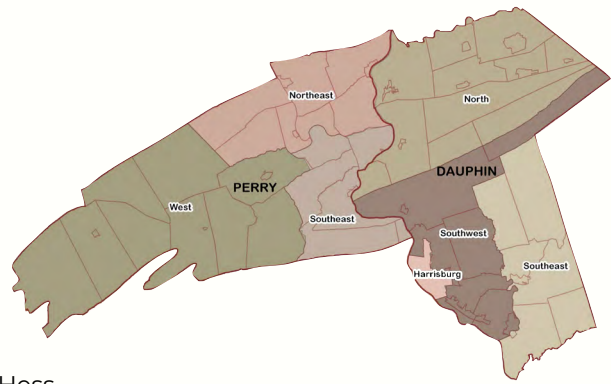


### Officers:

- **Chairman:** Tom Graupensperger
- **Vice Chairman:** Robert Spandler
- **Secretary:** Danny Kirk
- **Treasurer:** John Kerschner, AICP

### Dauphin County:

- **Board of Commissioners:** Jeff Haste
- **Planning Commission:** John Kerschner, Gary Lenker, Robert Spandler, Dan Tunnell
- **Member-at-Large:** Fred Lighty
- **Southwest Regional Planning Area:** Frank Chlebnikow, AICP
- **Southeast Regional Planning Area:** Robert Hess
- **North Regional Planning Area:** Deb Everly



### Perry County:

- **Board of Commissioners:** Brenda Watson
- **Planning Commission:** Brian Funkhouser, Tom Graupensperger, Danny Kirk, Jim Turner
- **Member-at-Large:** Rich Stees
- **Northeast Regional Planning Area:** Frank Campbell
- **West Regional Planning Area:** Nina Fitchet
- **Southeast Regional Planning Area:** James Fuller

### City Of Harrisburg:

- **Harrisburg City Regional Planning Area:** Wayne Martin

## Enhancing Our Communities

TCRPC provides a wide range of services to Dauphin and Perry Counties and their constituent municipalities. These services and activities are intended to provide technical support in a wide range of planning topics and financial support through direct funding and written support for grant applications to other agencies/organizations.

*Please see the DCPC and PCPC sections for details regarding 2020 county planning commission accomplishments.*

## Regional Growth Management Plan Implementation . . .

### -- Planning Toolkit Update

The municipalities in the Tri-County region face many planning-level issues (affordable housing, redevelopment, rural development, short-term rental facilities) which are managed through MPC-enabled tools. During 2020, TCRPC finalized a contract with PA DCED to support the update of the existing regional planning toolkit.

The planning toolkit will provide updated model ordinance and reference materials to better enable municipalities to address planning issues with consistent and effective means for implementation of the recommended Regional Growth Management Plan (RGMP) policies. The approach focuses on providing materials in an easy-to-use, online format tailored to address the greatest current needs, but flexible enough to update to address changing issues and trends. Expected completion for the update is December 2021 and going forward will be continuously maintained.

### PLANNING TOOLKIT

Our planning toolkit offers a wide variety of techniques and policies that promote Smart Growth principles.

Browse the toolkit by topic below or on the sidebar navigation of each page.

Feel free to contact us with any questions at (717) 234-2639 or [planning@tcrcp-pa.org](mailto:planning@tcrcp-pa.org).

#### BUILDING STOCK

- **Brownfield Redevelopment:** Brownfields are abandoned or underutilized properties that are often contaminated from past use.
- **Green Building Standards:** Simple building code fixes in can create building stock that uses less energy, manages stormwater better and provides healthier air quality.
- **Accessory Dwelling Units:** Additional living space on the same property is perfect for aging parents, college students and other tenants.



Housing construction in Marysville Borough, Perry County

#### CULTURAL RESOURCES

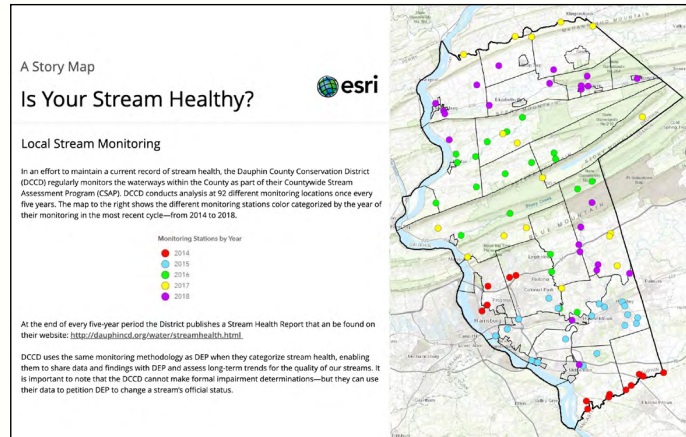
- **Historic Preservation:** The goal of many communities, historic preservation has many benefits.
- **Main Street Program:** A national effort that provides funding for downtown revitalization efforts.



A vintage Pennsylvania Railroad caboose at Fort Hunter Park, Dauphin County

## -- Environmental Program

TCRPC staff has continued to foster a relationship with local conservancies, recreation organizations and the Kittatinny Ridge Coalition in order to keep abreast of current environmental issues and implementation opportunities within the county. Staff participated in the coalition's virtual stakeholder meeting over the summer and continued to have meetings with individual coalition members to discuss the future of the Dauphin and Perry county Return on Environment (ROE) plans. Staff also reviewed and prepared an official comment letter for the updated PA Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan prepared by DEP, and assisted that department by conducting a GIS assessment of recreation access data layers for Dauphin and Perry counties.



*"Is Your Stream Healthy" Story Map*

Aspects of the environmental program can also be used to support the Regional Stormwater Program, such as a **Story Map** (<http://bit.ly/IsYourStreamHealthy>) created to show impaired and healthy waterways and local stream monitoring locations in Dauphin County.

## -- Regional Stormwater Program

Staff continued to provide technical assistance, including creating feasibility maps and providing Model My Watershed data to supporting consultants. Staff has also continued to seek out training opportunities that will help increase knowledge of stormwater technical issues.

## -- Countywide Action Plans

In 2020, TCRPC entered a memorandum of understanding with Juniata and Mifflin counties to administer a grant to develop Countywide Action Plans (CAP) required as part of the DEP's Phase 3 watershed implementation program.

While being coordinated regionally through a consultant open-end agreement, each county will have an individual plan prepared as a focused tool to implement on-the-ground projects to improve local creeks and streams, mitigate stormwater problems, lower flooding risks, and reach pollution reduction goals. All plans will be complete by September 2021.

## -- Building Activity Report

Each year since 1981, TCRPC has published yearly county and municipal building permit information. Consolidated into a single report, it focuses on building permit activity and construction costs for residential, commercial and industrial development in the region.

The information is shown in easily comparable tables, graphs and text. Subdivision and land development plan data is also included for the purpose of identifying potential development activity in relationship to Planned Growth Areas (PGAs) as delineated in the Regional Growth Management Plan. The data is important as it gives an indication of the growth patterns and trends occurring within the counties, is used in reports of countywide valuation, regional demographic/housing projections, and evaluating funding opportunities. It is a popular resource for developers as well.

## Intergovernmental Reviews . . .

All applicants requesting federal and state grant funds are required to submit their applications to a regional clearinghouse for review and comment. This review is to ensure the intended public investments are consistent with the regional goals, policies and direction of our Regional Growth Management Plan; share planning information; and give the public opportunity to comment.

Functioning as a designated clearinghouse agency, TCRPC reviewed 80 applications totaling over \$114 million in grants in 2020, with the majority, \$83 million, coming from state sources. The applicants for this funding were primarily local governments requesting land use consistency determinations and projects included community facilities, environmental, economic development, water/sewer/gas line system improvements, pollution prevention, conservation, drainage and storm water management improvements, and parks and recreation.

## Affiliate Data Center . . .

As an affiliate to the Pennsylvania State Data Center (SDC), TCRPC has free access to decennial and economic census data, American Community Survey data, U.S. Department of Agriculture publications and data, and other specialized publications of the SDC. TCRPC is obligated to disseminate, promote and assist potential data users, including government, business, non-profits and private citizens. As the U.S. Census Bureau continues to publish data, TCRPC will also use it in comprehensive plan updates and assist municipalities in data research, grant applications, transportation planning and regional planning programs.



## Geographic Information Systems . . .

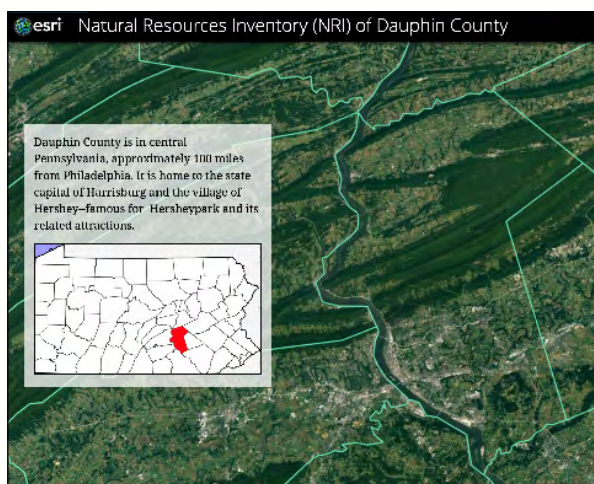
GIS staff has continued to work on expanding TCRPC's desktop and online mapping capabilities. A good portion of the year was spent on a major update to the in-house municipal zoning layer in an effort to make it consistent with existing municipal zoning maps. The county layer now includes an accurate municipal zoning designation as well as generalized county designation. Staff has been working on uploading the data in to an easily accessible online application that will debut in 2021.

Another project was done for Manada Conservancy, a land trust organization based in Dauphin County. TCRPC has worked with the conservancy in the past to implement the environmental portion of the county's Comprehensive Plan by completing a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) document. As part of the planned outreach, a [Story Map](https://arcg.is/0vG8XK0) (<https://arcg.is/0vG8XK0>) was created to showcase the document.

GIS staff performs an annual comprehensive update of in-house GIS layers and provides support to municipalities as part of the Local Planning Assistance (LPA) program.

Some of the GIS services provided in 2020 were:

- Analysis for the Perry County Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- Creation of a historical crash repository which contains crash data for the last 20 years within the Tri-County Region;
- Cameron Street Corridor crash safety analysis;
- Affordable housing study for Dauphin County;
- Updated zoning layer for Perry County;





- Updated zoning layer for Dauphin County;
- Updated Pipelines/Transmission/Cemeteries/ROW layers to polygons;
- Updated Ag Easements/Securities for Dauphin County;
- Labor and Industry dataset acquired and put into GIS;
- New PennDOT bridge layer acquired and put into GIS;
- Yearly update of “GIS Resources” layers acquired and refreshed;
- Dauphin County CDBG maps;
- Assorted data requests accomplished throughout the year;
- Assorted map requests accomplished throughout the year;
- US Census Bureau’s 2020 Census Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) finalized;
- Locally owned bridges in regional map along with data requests;
- Marysville zoning proposals from Rockville Estates;
- Zoning corridor analysis/study for Washington Township;
- Stormwater mapping analysis and research.

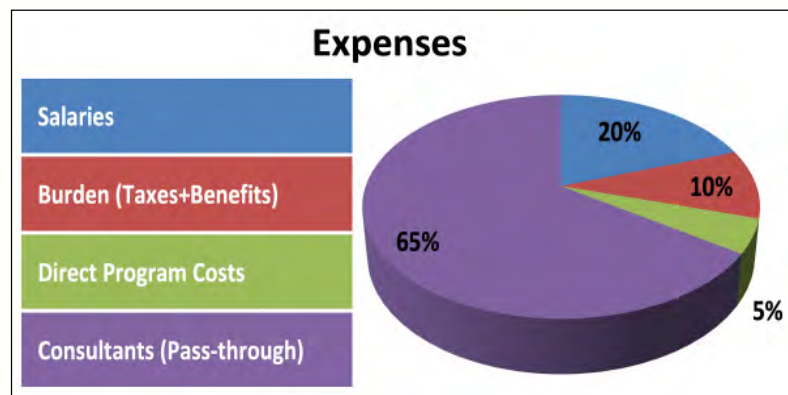
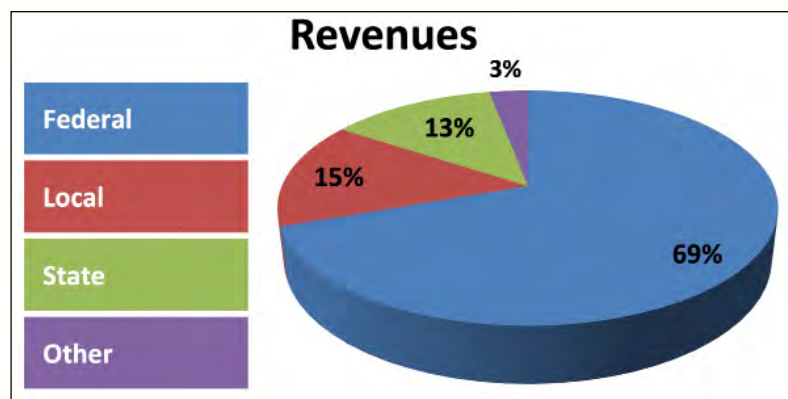
## Professional Development . . .

TCRPC staff logged over 100 hours of training to stay current in the field of planning, advance the delivery of our work program, and improve skills to be a resource for the region.

## Administration & Finance . . .

Coordinated administration of the planning programs provided by TCRPC on an ongoing basis generates considerable cost savings for Dauphin and Perry counties, which would otherwise be required to foot the bill for independently administered planning programs. This collective effort provides efficiencies in executing work tasks and prioritizes efforts for transformative and positive change.

Administration activities by staff includes development of TCRPC’s work program and budget to support its implementation, monitoring program progress, preparing and submitting required applications and contract documents, fulfilling designated regional agency functions, as well as the day-to-day functions of managing staff and office facilities.



TCRPC is committed to the proper and thoughtful use of public and private dollars entrusted to it for the betterment of the region. The accompanying illustrations summarize the finances of TCRPC in 2020, which encompass a total budget of \$4,240,881. “Pass-through” funding awarded directly to professional consultants for various planning projects through a competitive selection process included about two-thirds of the budget.

## -- Revenues

Federal funding makes up nearly 70% of the revenue. State, local county and municipal funds contribute about 30% percent of TCRPC's operating revenues. Other contributions are comprised of subdivision and land development fees paid by developers, sponsorships and interest income, and generate the smallest portion of total revenues.

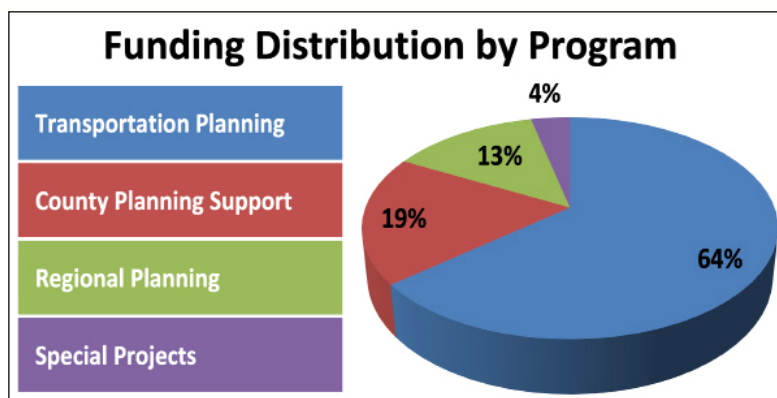
## -- Expenses

The majority of the expenses involve "pass-through" funding, with labor and burden expenses directed to program delivery for transportation planning, regional planning and county planning support making up 30% of expenditures. The remaining expenses are other direct costs for operations, facilities and equipment.

## -- Funding Distribution By Program

Finally, the transportation program receives the greatest funding support (64%), while 32% of the funding is directed toward county planning support and regional planning programs. Special projects cover the remaining 4% of program funding.

Complete details regarding TCRPC programs and expenditures are available in the annual audit report, which is completed by April 30 of each year and in monthly financial statements presented to the Commission.



## Extending Our Outreach & Communication . . .

Given the large number of planning issues and challenges, it is critical that TCRPC effectively communicate with municipalities and stakeholder organizations in an effort to establish partnerships by addressing key issues.

## -- Partnerships

The regional planning program builds upon the message of sustainability (fiscal and environmental) to underscore our connections within the region and with other regions. Emphasis areas are defined by the RGMP, ongoing TCRPC representatives' input, the regional transportation program, and long-term emerging regional trends and demographic indicators. To that end, TCRPC staff participates in a variety of regional and statewide committees and task forces, and coordinates with other organizations including:

- Capital Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC);
- Dauphin County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC);
- Chambers of Commerce – Harrisburg, Hispanic;
- Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership (S RTP);
- Capital Area Transit (CAT) and other transit authorities;
- PennDOT, multiple committees;
- PA DCNR, County Conservation Districts, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Kittatinny Ridge, Manada Conservancy, RC&D, Susquehanna River Basin Commission and similar organizations;

- PA Historical and Museum Commission;
- PA DEP, PA Rural Water Association;
- Councils of Government, PA Boroughs Association, counties and municipalities reaching to regions beyond South Central PA ;
- Emergency Management Agencies – FEMA, PEMA, Dauphin County and Perry County EMA, Dauphin, Perry and Cumberland Counties Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC);
- Tri-County Community Action and Tri-County Housing Development Corporation;
- Homebuilders/Real Estate organizations
- Utilities – Capital Region Water, UGI Utilities, Sunoco Logistics;
- Human service and health care organizations – Pinnacle Health, Hershey Med Center, PA Departments of Health and Aging, United Way of the Capital Region;
- Educational organizations – Harrisburg University, Shippensburg University, Widener Law School, and public library systems;
- Financial/Investment;
- Mechanicsburg NSA.



## -- Outreach

Public outreach and education are key components to successful planning and decision making. Without meaningful public involvement, there is a risk of making poor decisions, or decisions that could have unintended negative consequences. While complete consensus is rare, public outreach and education may bring understanding and dialogue to planning studies and complex issues. Citizens (residents, business people and property owners) need and deserve ongoing communication regarding projects and issues that affect their community. To this end, TCRPC continually seeks new ways to involve people in our planning process. In 2020, TCRPC shifted to a virtual approach to outreach, using the Zoom platform, to provide safe communication opportunities during the pandemic.

## IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER 2020 —

For the third year, TCRPC participated in the “Imagine a Day without Water” outreach campaign sponsored by the Value of Water organization. In 2020, TCRPC staff organized a social media campaign featuring projects from the Perry County Conservation District, the Capital Area Greenbelt Association and Londonderry Township.

One of the projects featured was an interactive Story Map on the Conewago Creek restoration project, an endeavor being undertaken by Londonderry Township in partnership with HRG. The Story Map showcases the restoration effort as a part of Londonderry’s larger Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) to improve the water quality through watershed based stream restoration, resulting in the reduction of nitrogen and sediment in waterways.

Check out the project [here](https://arcg.is/109SGH0) (<https://arcg.is/109SGH0>).



## NEWSLETTER —

The TCRPC Newsletter is published every winter, spring, summer and fall. It's sent to nearly 3,900 contacts throughout the Tri-County region and South Central Pennsylvania, including municipal and county officials, planning commissions, engineers, architects, developers, consultants, public authorities, non-profits, state agencies and many more.

Its content includes all the latest land use and transportation planning news for the region as well as education and training opportunities, events of interest to municipal planners and officials, plus a regular column from our Executive Director Steve Deck.

## -- Education & Training

TCRPC works diligently to promote a culture of collaboration with an understanding and appreciation of planning and how it can be used as a tool to empower the region's municipalities. Education and training sessions are one way the commission shares its resources with the public and municipal leaders.

## LUNCH & LEARNS —

The Commission offered seven sessions through its "Lunch and Learn" program partnership with Penn State Extension in 2020. These webinars offered in TCRPC's Harrisburg office and distributed recordings covered diverse issues like active transportation, affordable housing, pedestrian safety, and COVID impacts on zoning and planning.

## PMPEI —

The Commission continues to partner with the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs and the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI). COVID-19 also impacted the delivery of the staple zoning and subdivision programs offered. However, two new online courses were provided: Building a Strong Planning Commission and the Limits to Zoning, with 43 people attending.

## ANNUAL LUNCHEON —

Over 100 people attended TCRPC's 2020 Annual Luncheon, held October 1 via Zoom. The event featured a keynote address by Danushka Nanayakkara-Skillington, Assistant Vice President for Forecasting and Analysis for the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), on housing issues across the country and at the local level, touching on the economy, the housing market, affordability, and the NAHB forecast. Staff also provided highlights of their programs and sponsors were provided the opportunity for brief commercial breaks.

## -- Communications

TCRPC is committed to keeping the community, commission members, elected leaders and partner organizations informed about its activities and programs. In a spirit of transparency and collaboration, TCRPC continued its work of expanding its public presence and increasing its communications efforts in 2020 despite the pandemic.



## WEBSITE —

TCRPC currently operates three websites. The sites saw another increase in users, from just under 27,000 in 2019 to over 31,000 in 2020.

And while the main TCRPC and Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan websites had decreases in 2019, all three individual sites had increases in 2020.

The stats were as follows:

- **TCRPC-PA.ORG:** Total users grew from 11,289 in 2019 to 13,277 in 2020, an increase of 18%, with 443 average daily users. User sessions grew from 14,165 in 2019 to 19,175 in 2020, an increase of 35%.
- **DAUPHINCOUNTYCOMPPLAN.ORG:** Total users grew from 1,293 in 2019 to 1,802 in 2020, an increase of 39%, with 60 average daily users. User sessions grew from 1,708 in 2019 to 2,207 in 2020, an increase of 29%.
- **HATSREGIONALTRANSPORTATIONPLAN.ORG:** Total users grew from 14,412 in 2019 to 16,132 in 2020, an increase of 12%, with 538 average daily users. User sessions grew from 20,009 in 2019 to 24,960 in 2020, an increase of 29%.

## MEDIA COVERAGE —

TCRPC was mentioned in or contributed to 34 news stories in 2020. The stories appeared in a variety of media outlets, including: ABC27; *Carlisle Sentinel*; Cumberlandlink; Fox43; *Franklin County Free Press*; *Hagerstown Herald-Mail*; Herald-Mail Media; *La Voz Latina Central PA*; Lancaster Online; LebTown; *PennLive*; *Perry County Times*; *Press & Journal*; *Shippensburg News-Chronicle*; *TheBurg*; TribLive; WHP21; WJACTV Johnstown.

## SOCIAL MEDIA —

TCRPC's social media presence on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn topped half a million impressions for the second year in 2020, growing its presence by 12%. Overall impressions totaled more than 563,000 in 2020, up from about 505,000 in 2019. Average monthly impressions jumped from about 42,000 in 2019 to nearly 47,000 in 2020, or 1,543 impressions per day.



## Moving Transportation Forward . . .

TCRPC provides staff support for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Harrisburg region (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties), known as the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS).

As such, TCRPC is responsible for the development and maintenance of the annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These activities involve an ongoing process of planning, data collection and analysis, as well as project development activities for projects under design or construction.

The RTP is a compilation of background data and includes key recommendations and performance measures to inform investment decisions.

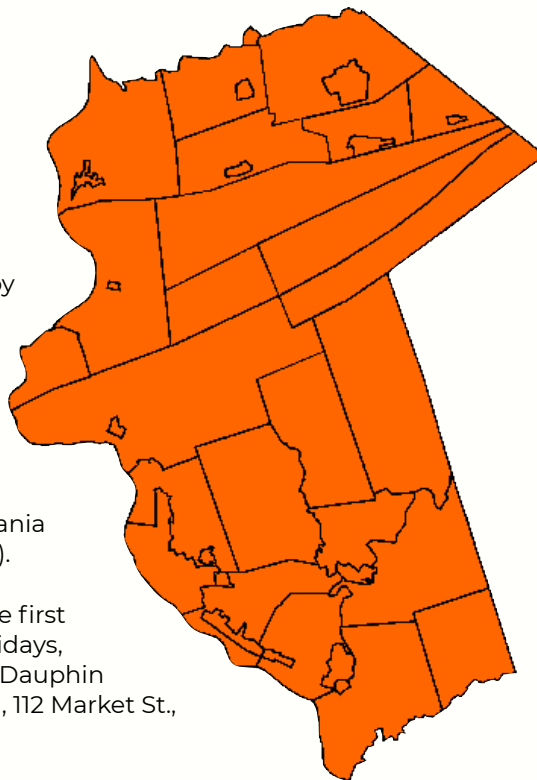
***Please see the HATS section for details regarding 2020 transportation program accomplishments.***

## Dauphin County Planning Commission Mission Statement . . .

The mission of the Dauphin County Planning Commission is to guide, coordinate and promote the wise and orderly use of land and resources in order to facilitate the growth of the local economy, enhance the quality of life and preserve the natural environment by meeting the needs of the county's present population without compromising the needs of future generations.

The Dauphin County Planning Commission functions to fulfill the obligations under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC).

The commission holds meetings the first Monday of every month, except holidays, at 4 p.m. on the second floor of the Dauphin County Veterans Memorial Building, 112 Market St., Harrisburg.



### -- 2020 Planning Commission Members

- Chris Abruzzo, Chairman
- Mary Gaiski, Vice Chair
- Josh First, Secretary
- Keith Oellig, Treasurer
- John Kerschner, AICP
- Gary E. Lenker
- Robert Spandler
- Daniel Tunnell
- Jeff Haste (County Commissioners Liaison)
- Fred Lighty (County Commissioners Alternate)

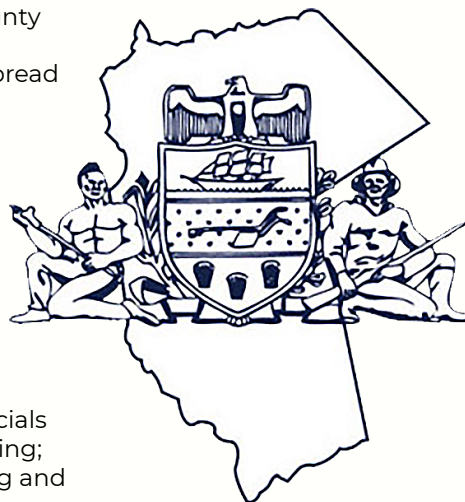
## Dauphin County Planning Commission Overall Goals . . .

- Encourage and support partnerships between governments, citizens and private enterprises aimed at continuing to plan and build better communities;
- Implement Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's (TCRPC) Regional Growth Management Plan to focus new development in the vicinity of existing infrastructure and preserve natural, agricultural and historic lands, thereby maximizing previous public investments; and
- Promote livable mixed-use neighborhoods with transportation choices and housing opportunities that meet the needs of all citizens, regardless of age, income or family status.



## Dauphin County Planning Commission Functions . . .

- Prepare, adopt, maintain and implement the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan;
- Carry out a public information program to promote widespread understanding, discussion and participation in county and regional issues and problems;
- Provide technical planning assistance to municipalities enrolled in the Local Planning Assistance (LPA) program;
- Advise the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners on all matters relevant to the mission of the Dauphin County Planning Commission;
- Interface with county agencies and adjacent county planning agencies to enhance regional planning and cooperation;
- Provide advice, reviews and recommendations to local officials concerning all matters relevant to local and regional planning;
- Serve as a community resource for information on planning and development-related matters and issues; and
- Increase public understanding and support of planning and the planning process.



## Subdivision & Land Development Administration . . .

The MPC requires the Dauphin County Planning Commission to review all proposed subdivision and land development plans in Dauphin County.

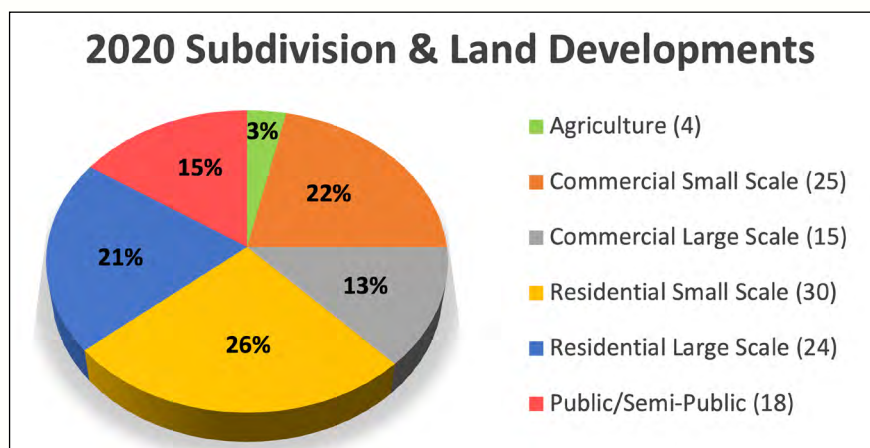
The Planning Commission has the responsibility of approval/disapproval of subdivision and land development plans in the seven (7) Dauphin County municipalities (see Table 10 at the end of the Dauphin County report) that do not have their own subdivision and land development ordinance. In these municipalities, the Dauphin County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is applicable.

In municipalities that have their own subdivision and land development ordinance, the Planning Commission must review the plan and provide comments to the municipality. The Planning Commission is a recommending body, while the governing body is responsible for approval or disapproval of a subdivision or land development plan.

In 2020, the Planning Commission acted on 116 subdivision and land development plans. This is an increase in the number of plans reviewed in 2019 (100). A total of 54 plans were residential plans, of which 30 (56%) were two or less new lots or residential unit developments. There were 40 commercial plans with 15 of those plans greater than 10,000 square feet

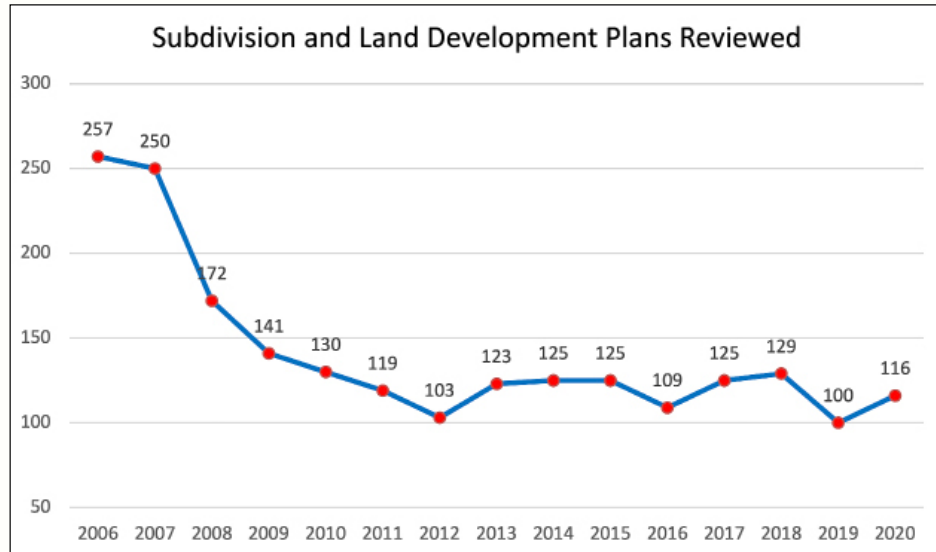
of additional commercial building development. There were 4 agriculture development which consisted of farm additions and Concentrated Agricultural Farm Operations (CAFO). There were 18 Public/Semi-Public plans which included churches, community centers, and hospitals.

**GRAPH 1**



Map 1 indicates the subdivision and land development plan locations and Community Service Areas (CSAs) where public services were available when the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan was adopted. The map further depicts the locations of the small scale and larger scale commercial and residential developments.

**GRAPH 2**



Tracking where development is occurring can be an indicator of how future infrastructure is sited. The CSAs defined in the RGMP are areas in the county that currently have infrastructure to support current development as well as growth. In 2020, 56 percent of all the subdivision and land development plans occurred inside these areas. This percentage is consistent from 2019, which also had 56 percent of the development occurring within the CSA. This is an indication that development activity is consistently occurring outside the CSA-defined areas.

**TABLE 1**

<b>S&amp;LD Locations in Community Service Area (CSA) by Municipality 2020</b>							
NAME	# of Plans	# in CSA	%	Major Plans Total	# Major in CSA	% Major in CSA	CSA Exist within Mun.?
Berrysburg Boro	1	1	100.00%	0	N/A	N/A	YES
Derry Twp	12	11	91.67%	6	6	100.0%	YES
East Hanover Twp	3	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	NO
Gratz Boro	2	0	0.00%	1	0	0.0%	YES
Halifax Twp	4	0	0.00%	2	0	0.0%	YES
Harrisburg City	20	20	100.00%	9	9	100.0%	YES
Jackson Township	5	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	NO
Londonderry Twp	9	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	NO
Lower Paxton Twp	13	13	100.00%	5	5	100.0%	YES
Lower Swatara Twp	4	2	50.00%	3	1	33.3%	YES
Lykens Twp	3	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	NO
Middle Paxton Twp	4	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	NO
Middletown Boro	2	2	100.00%	0	N/A	N/A	YES
Mifflin Twp	3	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	NO
South Hanover Twp	2	0	0.00%	2	0	0.0%	YES
Susquehanna Twp	5	5	100.00%	3	3	100.0%	YES
Swatara Twp	7	7	100.00%	3	3	100.0%	YES
Upper Paxton Twp	2	0	0.00%	0	N/A	N/A	YES
Washington Twp	5	1	20.00%	0	N/A	N/A	YES
West Hanover Twp	9	3	33.33%	2	1	50.0%	YES
Wiconisco Twp	1	0	0.00%	0	N/A	N/A	YES
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>56.03%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>68.29%</b>	
Note: Major Residential - more than 2 new units							
Major Commercial - more than 10,000 sq ft building development							

An encouraging sign is that larger developments are occurring within the CSA. In 2020, 28 of the 41 large-scale plans (68%) are located within the CSA boundaries. The RGMP and the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan encourages development to locate where current infrastructure exists. Developments locating in the CSAs conforms with this goal. Accompanying tables indicate the development by municipality within the CSA and the Planned Growth Area (PGA).

TCRPC and the Planning Commission will track the changes to both the location of the subdivision and land development activity in relation to the boundaries of the CSAs.

**MAP 1 - 2020 SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT LOCATIONS**

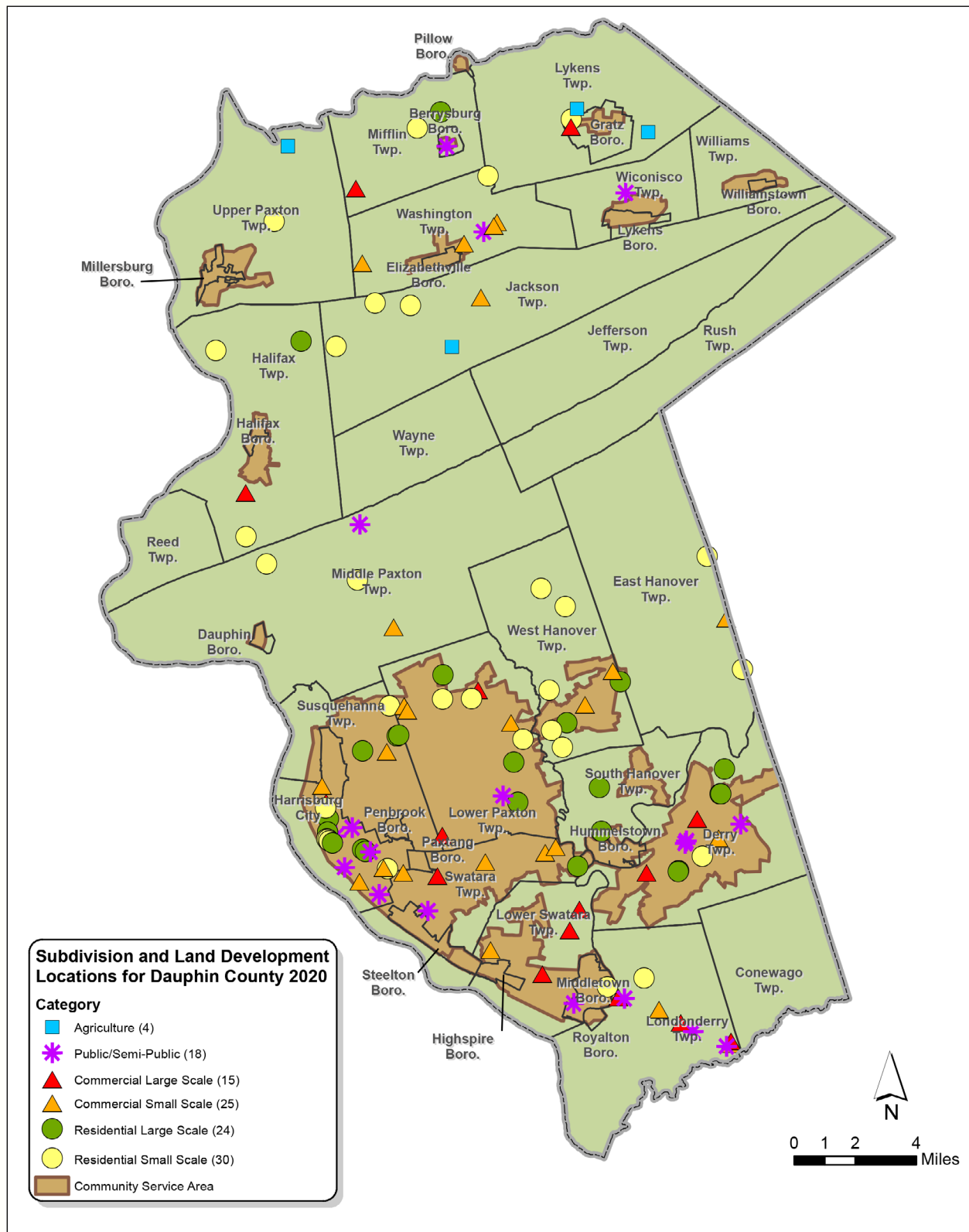




TABLE 2

PLANS IN THE CSA			
Year	In CSA	Total	Percent
2009	68	141	48.2%
2010	57	130	43.8%
2011	58	119	48.7%
2012	66	103	64.1%
2013	68	123	55.3%
2014	62	125	49.6%
2015	66	125	52.8%
2016	53	109	48.6%
2017	64	125	51.2%
2018	76	129	58.9%
2019	56	100	56.0%
2020	65	116	56.0%

The new state archives building under construction in Fall 2020 at 6th and Hamilton streets.



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Gratz Boro	2	0	0.00%	1	0	0.0%	YES
Halifax Twp	4	0	0.00%	2	0	0.0%	YES
Harrisburg City	20	20	100.00%	9	9	100.0%	YES
Jackson Township	5	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	NO
Londonderry Twp	9	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	NO
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Lower Swatara Twp	4	2	50.00%	3	1	33.3%	YES
Lykens Twp	3	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	NO
Middle Paxton Twp	4	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	NO
Middletown Boro	2	2	100.00%	0	N/A	N/A	YES
Mifflin Twp	3	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	NO
South Hanover Twp	2	0	0.00%	2	0	0.0%	YES
Susquehanna Twp	5	5	100.00%	3	3	100.0%	YES
Swatara Twp	7	7	100.00%	3	3	100.0%	YES
Upper Paxton Twp	2	0	0.00%	0	N/A	N/A	YES
Washington Twp	5	1	20.00%	0	N/A	N/A	YES
West Hanover Twp	9	3	33.33%	2	1	50.0%	YES
Wiconisco Twp	1	0	0.00%	0	N/A	N/A	YES
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# Development Activity . . .

## -- Residential Development

The following table identifies the major residential subdivision and/or land development applications (20 or more lots/dwellings) reviewed or acted upon by the Dauphin County Planning Commission in 2020.

**TABLE 4**

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY				
Municipality	Development	# Lots	# Dus	Stage*
Derry	647 and 653 Sandhill Road	1	0	PF
	Hershey High Pointe	0	77	F
	Hershey Trust Company & The Commonwealth of	4	0	F
	Cacao Way Final Plan	1	75	F
East Hanover	Mountain Trail Farm	2	1	F
	293/410 Dairy Lane	2	0	PF
Gratz	Paul N. & Millie M. Leffler	1	1	F
Halifax	Fred C and Linda C Harteis	9	0	F
	Metals Realty PA LLC & Adderly J. Sponsler	3	0	F
	Harteis Subdivision	9	0	PF
	Geraldine E. Scheidler	1	0	F
Harrisburg City	638-644 Woodbine St. Rowhomes	4	4	PF
	Cornerstone Renewal PHFA	5	50	PF
	Shalom House - Phase II	1	16	PF
	2020 Greenwood Street	1	0	PF
	630 Dunkle Street	1	0	PF
	Kelker St. Apartments	1	8	PF
	1601 N. 3rd Street - Lot Consolidation	1	0	F
	1530 4th Street - Lot Consolidation	1	0	F
	320 Reily Street	1	0	F
	2509 & 2511 Waldo Street	1	0	PF
	Marketplace Midtown	2	21	P
Jackson	David W. & Linda D Brumfield	1	0	F
	Victor H. Miller & Danny C. Horton	1	0	F
	Lands of Bednar, Flohr & Sheetz	1	0	F
	Rebecca Lebo	2	0	F
Londonderry	Jack E. & Louis A. Patti	2	0	F
Lower Paxton	Shadebrook Phase IV	59	56	F
	Amber Fields Phase VIIB	15	15	F
	Phase 2 of Mindy Meadows	1	0	PF
	Matthew & Rebecca Small and Christopher S. Carr	2	0	PF
	Autumn Oaks Phase IV	16	16	F
	Johnston Subdivision	2	0	PF
Lykens	Allen E. & Nancy A. Glick	1	1	F
Middle Paxton	Jeffrey C. Smith	3	0	PF
	Maretta K, Adam D & Christine E Schmidt	2	0	F
Middletown	Tax Parcels 42-033-010, 42-033-013, 42-033-040	3	0	PF
Mifflin	Vernon Petersheim Subdivision	2	0	PF
	Beneul S. & Linda E. King	1	0	F
South Hanover	Farm Crest Phase 1	4	0	F
	115 Stone Mill Road	3	0	PF
Susquehanna	Houses at Oakhurst Condominiums	2	0	F
	Stray Winds Farm, Phases 7&8	94	93	P
	Stray Winds Farm - Phase 7	54	53	F
	Laurel Hill	81	80	PF
Swatara	Ridgeview Property Apartments	2	80	PF
Upper Paxton	Donald L. and Kristina L. Kembel and Shelly A.	2	0	F
West Hanover	Diocese of Harrisburg	7	0	F
	Mission Land Company LLC	4	0	F
	Robert William Dunham	1	0	F
	Gary L. Herman, Jr.	2	0	F
	Kern Properties - Brookview Phase IV	1	0	F
	Creekvale Phases 4&5	1	55	F
	1416 Piketown Road - Wisehaupt	2	0	F

\*P = Preliminary Plat F = Final Plat PF = Preliminary & Final Plats Combined

## -- Commercial & Industrial Development

There were 40 commercial and industrial projects in the county in 2020. New development included the building of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses. Of the 40 development applications, 14 consisted of plans where building construction was over 10,000 square feet. Of these, 8 were greater than 100,000 square feet. The largest development, Vision Ventures Development in Londonderry Township, was over 1.78 million square feet. The high percentage of large plans shows Dauphin County's business sector continues to develop, particularly for warehouse and distribution projects.

**TABLE 5**

COMMERCIAL - INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT				
Municipality	Development/Property Owner	Acres	Sq. Ft	Stage*
Derry	Hershey West End - Phase 1	288	n/a	F
	Townplace Suites Hotel	0.8	SD	PF
	1106 Cocoa Avenue	0.3	4433	F
East Hanover	Can Am Dealership/Brooks Warehouse	2.5	5400	PF
Gratz	MI Windows and Doors Facility Additions	43	98000	F
Halifax	Flight Source Properties, LLC	10	101600	F
Harrisburg City	Hudson DHS OA Office Building	11	129120	PF
	1001 Paxton Street	24.37	SD	PF
	630 Dunkle Street	0.84	SD	PF
	651 Alricks Street	3.13	136356	PF
Jackson	Broad Mountain Production Building & Access Improvements	0.7	4384	F
Londonderry	Final Land Development for CORE5 at Londonderry	26	304640	F
	Vision Ventures Development	167	1784155	PF
	Vision Ventures Subdivision			
	Core5 at Lytle Farms	87	520720	PF
	2888 East Harrisburg Pike	1	6924	F
Lower Paxton	Final Land Development for Enders	2.4	13000	F
	Gateway Lot 16	7.9	2615	PF
	Lot 3 Blue Ridge Village	1.83	7700	F
	Lot 6 Blue Ridge Village	1.8	7784	F
	Life Storage Facility - 958 Peiffers Lane	4.5	36055	PF
	2251 Crums Mill Road	5.36	SD	PF
Lower Swatara	D&H Proposed Warehouse	83.3	745200	PF
	Highspire Terminals Corp	15.92	SD	PF
	Fiddlers Elbow Warehouse	19	246400	F
	310 Fulling Mill Road	9.1	82500	F
Middle Paxton	2201 Fishing Creek Valley Road	11	SD	PF
Mifflin	Thermo Fisher Scientific	48.77	193185	F
Susquehanna	Richard and Connie Huber North Progress Ave	1.62	8750	PF
Swatara	Mumma Realty Associates	9.7	SD	F
	5590 Derry Street Building Addition	0.7	3200	F
	Schaedler Yesco Distribution	12	81516	PF
	7601 and 7651 Derry Street	8.21	SD	F
	Derry Street Burger King	2.2	2727	PF
Washington	Alvord-Polk, Inc.	12.886	1677	PF
	First Light PA-002 Elizabethville	2.18	240	P
	D&C Realty LP	1.52	640	PF
	Early Bird Storage Units	2.2	2240	PF
West Hanover	7-Eleven - 7600 Allentown Blvd	1.6	5000	PF
	Klein Family Dentistry	0.98	1000	F
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	Commercial			
	Industrial			

## -- Public, Semi-Public & Agricultural Development

In 2020, there were several developments that were completed by governmental, nonprofit or social organizations.

There were 18 public/semi-public developments, in which 2 were over 10,000 square feet.

There were four small-scale agricultural developments.

**TABLE 6**

<b>PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC &amp; AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT</b>				
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Development/Property Owner</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Sq. Ft</b>	<b>Stage*</b>
Berrysburg	Victory Mennonite Chapel	0.8	2414	F
Derry	MHS CTE Carpentry/Welding Building	4.6	9000	PF
	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA	24.18	SD	PF
	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA and Parcel D of the Crest of Hershey	7.13	SD	PF
Halifax	Flemish Down, LLC	564.77	SD	F
Harrisburg City	14th Street Sinkhole Project	2.43	SD	PF
	Health Sciences Education and Mixed Use Facility	29356	33206	PF
	Capital City Church of the Assemblies of God	0.49	SD	PF
	7th Street Parking Lot	1.6	71438	PF
Jackson	Victor H. Miller & Danny C. Horton	12.53	SD	PF
Londonderry	Vision-Elizabethtown, LLC - Joel N. Meyers Property	3.59	SD	F
	Vision-Elizabethtown, LLC - Jamie L. & Katie E. Nissley	23.13	SD	F
	Core5 Industrial Partners - Tuck Away II, LLC	169.25	n/a	F
Lower Paxton	Dauphin County Technical School	0.158	3200	PF
Lykens	Aquilla R & Ruth Ann King	41.12	n/a	F
	Masser & Balley Enterprises LP & Jason K. & Anna Grace Esh	82.49	SD	F
Middletown	Middletown Youth Club	0.15	1800	PF
Susquehanna	Harrisburg Military Post - Rehabilitation & Modernization	3.3	12322	F
Swatara	Steelton-Highspire HS Solar Array	45.1	n/a	F
Upper Paxton	Willard J. Schlegel Estate	113.99	SD	F
Washington	PA State Police - Lykens Station	10	9942	F
Wiconisco	Bear Gap LLC	105.6	SD	PF
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	Public/Semi-Public			
	Agriculture			

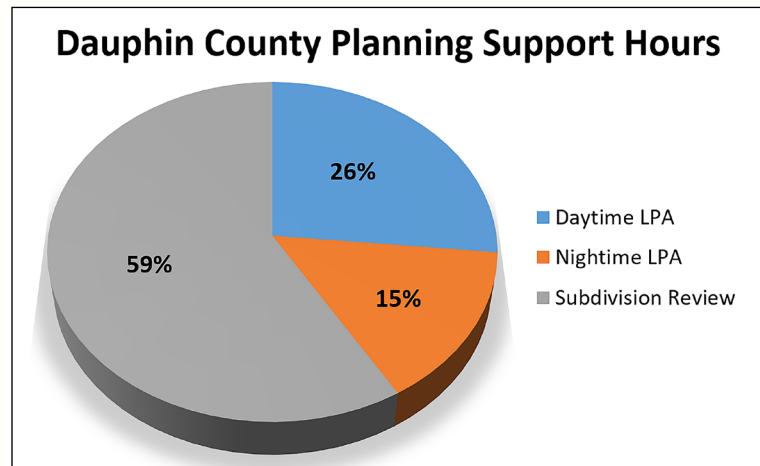


# Local Planning Assistance Program . . .

## -- Overview

In 2020, the Local Planning Assistance (LPA) program provided support to municipalities by offering a wide range of planning services, including: attending night meetings; Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping and analysis; researching and drafting issue-oriented ordinance work; municipal data and statistics; comprehensive plan review and recommendations for revisions; advice on transportation planning and programming; updates on county and regional planning activities; and research on current planning topics or techniques. All 40 of Dauphin County's municipalities are included in the program, which is made possible by the county commissioners.

GRAPH 3



In total, over 915 hours of staff time were dedicated to these activities.

The breakdown of the hours spent in 2020 are as follows:

- Daytime LPA: 243 hours;
- Nighttime LPA: 136 hours;
- Subdivision reviews: 536 hours.

## -- Project Highlights

Although many of the meetings held with municipalities were held online, the LPA Program included work with municipalities on a variety of projects. Highlights of this year's program included:

- Reviewed land development strategies and possible planning document development associated with new warehouse development in East Hanover Township, Middle Paxton Township and Londonderry Township;
- Assisted municipalities with obtaining parcel data from our GIS system and county parcel viewer software;
- Assisted Washington Township with reviewing possible zoning amendments, including development of new, mixed use and modified village use development districts;
- Reviewed the street vacation review and approval process with several municipalities;
- Reviewed the procedures for development of a downtown improvement district with Millersburg Borough;
- Assisted and conducted research on ordinance regulations on chickens and other domesticated animals for Hummelstown Borough and South Hanover Township;
- Researched and updated information regarding case law on constitutionality on time limits on display for political signs for Hummelstown Borough;
- Completed review on ordinance provisions regarding allowance of food trucks;
- Examined the comprehensive plan components with Steelton Borough;
- Discussed with Upper Paxton Township modification to their subdivision ordinance regarding allowance for small farm operations;
- Assisted Millersburg Borough with gathering information for development of an anti-blight ordinance;
- Reviewed for Middle Paxton Township a Farm to Food Bank proposed zoning amendment.

## Sewage Module Reviews . . .

In 2020, the Planning Commission reviewed and commented on 10 sewage modules for multiple municipalities. The consistent number of reviews coming in indicates that there is development occurring throughout the county.

The appropriate component was completed and forwarded to the local municipalities and applicants as part of the sewage module package sent to the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for approval.

A Sewage Facilities Planning Module is a package of documents that is prepared for the purpose of demonstrating that a new land development is in compliance with state environmental laws and regulations, with particular emphasis on ensuring that the long-term sewage disposal needs of the land development are met.

Planning modules are completed for developments that will use on-site sewage disposal systems or sewage collection, conveyance and treatment systems. In some cases, planning modules are prepared to provide for the sewage needs of existing communities that have been determined to have substandard sewage disposal systems.

**TABLE 7**

Sewer Module Reviews			
Municipality	Name	Lots	Acreage
Halifax Twp	Harteis Subdivision Sewer Module	7	141.00
Lower Paxton Twp	Allentown Blvd Warehouse Sewer Module	1	14.50
Lower Paxton Twp	7052 Creek Crossing Drive Sewer Module	1	2.00
West Hanover Twp	Diocese of Harrisburg	6	6.523
Susquehanna Twp	Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church	1	4.59
Lower Swatara Twp	Wilsbach Distributors Inc.	2	6.17
Lower Swatara Twp	Fiddlers Elbow Warehouse	2	110
Susquehanna Twp	Laurel Hill	24	23.1
Middle Paxton Twp	River View at Middle Paxton	9	136.6
Lower Paxton Twp	Ricker Development - Union Deposit Road Sewer	2	40.15

## Local Ordinance Amendment & Review . . .

The MPC requires the commission to review and comment on proposed amendments to local zoning and subdivision and land development ordinances (SALDO). The following tables show the number of local ordinance reviews completed by the commission in 2020.

The commission reviews the amendments based on consistency with other local ordinances, the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan, RGMP and general planning theory.

Dauphin County currently has 12 municipalities without zoning and 6 without subdivision and land development ordinances. Municipalities with local zoning and subdivision ordinances are listed on the last page of this report.

Several municipalities, including Susquehanna Township, are revising their ordinance in relation to their recently adopted Comprehensive Plans.

Washington Township and Upper Paxton Township are also examining modifications to their zoning ordinances in order to allow for development that is in coordination with current development trends.

The City of Harrisburg is examining methods to improve the development of affordable housing.

**TABLE 8**

Zoning & SALDO Ordinance Reviews			
Date of Review	Municipality	Type	Recommendation
2/3/20	Paxtang Boro	ENDS Zoning Ordinance Amendments	Approval with Comments
	West Hanover Twp	Temporary Sign Ordinance Amendment	Approval
	Millersburg Boro	Signage Zoning Ordinance Amendment	Approval
3/2/20	Londonderry Twp	Indian Rock Properties Re-Zoning Request	Approval with Comments
	Harrisburg City	Definition of Permit Manager Occupied Operations	Approval
	South Hanover Twp	Agritourism Ordinance	Approval with Comments
	South Hanover Twp	Cottage Industry Ordinance	Approval with Comments
	Paxtang Boro	ENDS Zoning Ordinance Amendments	Approval with Comments
5/4/20	Harrisburg City	Density Amendment	Approval
6/1/20	Penbrook Boro	Wireless Facilities Ordinance	Approval
7/6/20	Londonderry Twp	Districts	Approval with Comments
8/3/20	Middle Paxton Twp	Agribusiness Building	Approval with Comments
	Harrisburg City	Zoning Map Amendment	Approval
	South Hanover Twp	Short Term Rental Density and Proximity Requirement	Approval
	South Hanover Twp	Rezone Properties from RC and OP to CH	Approval
10/5/20	Londonderry Twp	Amendments on mini storage units less than 50,000 square feet	Comments
	West Hanover Twp	EPOD and WPOD Regulations	Approval
	West Hanover Twp	Portable and Trailer Signs	Approval
11/2/20	Susquehanna Twp	Elmerton Avenue Rezoning	Approval with Comments
	East Hanover Twp	Brooks Family Properties, LLC	Comments
	Washington Twp	Solutions, Inc. Validity Challenge	No Merit
	West Hanover Twp	* Engineering Fees Amendment SALDO Amendment	Approval with Comments
12/7/20	West Hanover Twp	Prologis Zoning Amendment	Comments
	Steelton Boro	Mixed Use in Town Center District	Approval with Comments
	Middletown Boro	Parking Ratio for Apartments	Comments

\* SALDO Review. All others are Zoning Ordinance Amendment Reviews

**TABLE 9**

Intergovernmental Reviews		
Date of Review	Applicant	Proposal
1/6/20	Multi-Municipal	TCRPC-Planning ToolKit Update
2/3/20	Halifax Area Water Sewer Authority	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade - HAWSA
3/2/20	Harrisburg City	Capital Region Water - Waste Water Capital Improvement Projects
	Susquehanna Twp	Zoning, SALDO, Zoning Map Official Map
4/6/20	Swatara Twp	Swatara Township Compost Facility Equipment
5/4/20	Harrisburg City	Camp Curtin YMCA Green Stormwater Infrastructure
	Swatara Twp	Small Watershed Grant - Implementation
	Swatara Twp	Donald R. Taylor Memorial Park
6/1/20	Harrisburg City	Capital Region Water - Waste Water Capital Improvement Projects
	County-Wide	WildwoodPark Accessible Boardwalk
	Steelton Boro	Steel Works Community Park
7/6/20	Statewide	PA State Outdoor Recreation Plan
8/3/20	Lower Swatara Twp	CFA grant application for Richard L. Shireman Park
9/14/20	County-Wide	Dauphin County Library System - McCormick Exp.
	Upper Paxton Twp	Mountain Ridge Metals Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program
11/2/20	Derry Twp	Spring Creek Watershed Implementation Plan
	Halifax Twp	Halifax Township Homeownership Project - Phase I
12/7/20	Halifax Twp	Halifax Township Homeownership Project - Phase I (PHARE)
	East Hanover Twp	Trails and Greenways Study - Comprehensive Plan Addition

TABLE 10

Original Adoption Years					
Check With Municipality for Amendments					
Municipality	Planning Commission	Comp Plan	Zoning Ordinance	Subdivision & Land Dev Ord	Approving Body
Berrysburg Boro	No	None	None	None	County
Conewago Twp	Yes	2009	1985	1989	Municipality
Dauphin Boro	No	2016***	1977	1977	Municipality
Derry Twp	Yes	2016	2017	1996	Municipality
East Hanover Twp	Yes	2011	2003	2003	Municipality
Elizabethville Boro	No	None	None	None	County
Gratz Boro	Yes	1990	1992	1975	Municipality
Halifax Boro	Yes	2011**	2014	1961	Municipality
Halifax Twp	Yes	2011**	None	2006	Municipality
Harrisburg City	Yes	1974	2014	1990	Municipality
Highspire Boro	Yes	2007	2009	1990	Municipality
Hummelstown Boro	Yes	2005	1963	1960	Municipality
Jackson Twp	No	None	None	1992	Municipality
Jefferson Twp	Yes	2011**	None	None	County
Londonderry Twp	Yes	2005	1978	1988	Municipality
Lower Paxton Twp	Yes	2018	2006	2010	Municipality
Lower Swatara Twp	Yes	2017	1993	1985	Municipality
Lykens Boro	Yes	1975	1968	1975	Municipality
Lykens Twp	Yes	1992	1997	1997	Municipality
Middle Paxton Twp	Yes	2016***	2000	2001	Municipality
Middletown Boro	Yes	2006	2013	2000	Municipality
Mifflin Twp	No	None	None	2014	Municipality
Millersburg Boro	Yes	2007*	2016	None	County
Paxtang Boro	No	2009	2012	1958	Municipality
Penbrook Boro	Yes	1996	1981	2004	Municipality
Pillow Boro	No	None	None	1978	Municipality
Reed Twp	No	1999	None	1990	Municipality
Royalton Boro	Yes	1985	1985	1990	Municipality
Rush Twp	No	2011**	None	None	County
South Hanover Twp	Yes	1991	2006	1977	Municipality
Steelton Boro	Yes	2002	2009	2004	Municipality
Susquehanna Twp	Yes	2000	2003	2006	Municipality
Swatara Twp	Yes	2019	2010	1990	Municipality
Upper Paxton Twp	No	2007*	1996	1965	Municipality
Washington Twp	Yes	2008	1996	1991	Municipality
Wayne Twp	No	2011**	None	1990	Municipality
West Hanover Twp	Yes	2015	1968	1975	Municipality
Wiconisco Twp	Yes	2007	1975	1975	Municipality
Williams Twp	No	None	None	None	County
Williamstown Boro	No	None	None	None	County

\* Millersburg Borough / Upper Paxton Township Joint Comprehensive Plan

\*\* The Valleys Regional Comprehensive Plan

\*\*\* Joint Comprehensive Plan



## 2020 Census & Complete Count Committee . . .

The Dauphin County Planning Commission was requested by the Dauphin County Commission to assist in improving the county's participation rate in the 2020 Census. As part of this effort, the commission along with Tri-County Regional Planning Commission staff developed a strategy to meet this goal.

This effort involved the formation of the Dauphin County Complete Count Committee. This committee, totally 72 members, consisted of civic leaders, business officials, media members and public officials.

The group was primarily tasked with promoting the 2020 U.S. Census, and in particular to communities in the county that have underreported in the past and encouraging them to participate.

Census Bureau data indicated that some sections of the county, including urban neighborhoods in the immediate Harrisburg area and in rural northern Dauphin County, would have a predicted non-response rate of 20 to 30 percent for the 2020 Census.

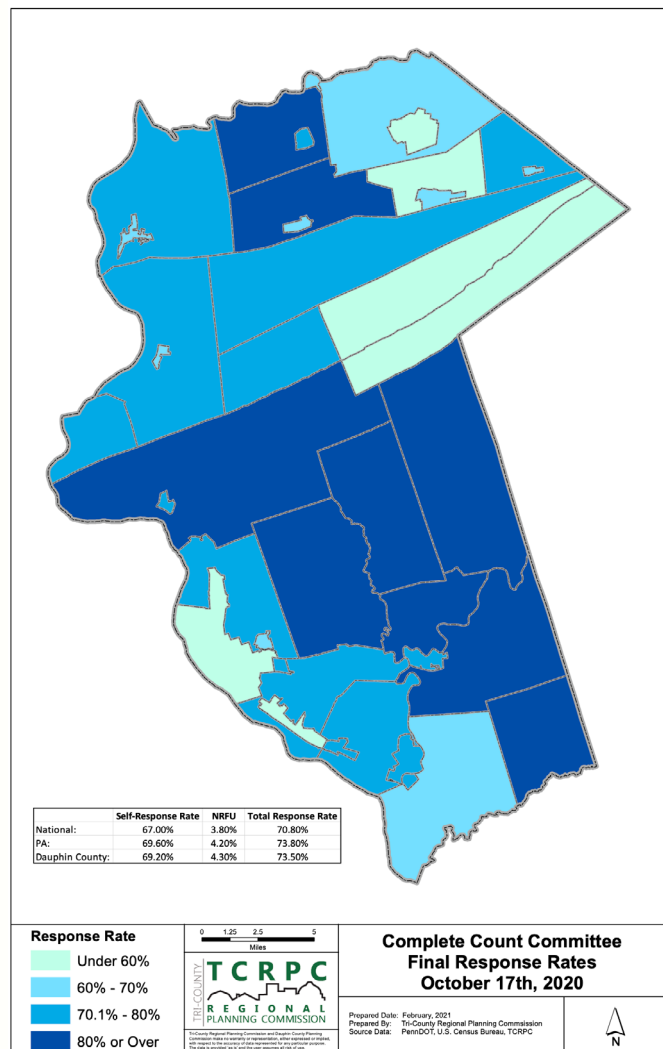
The goal was to increase the response rate significantly through a promotional campaign targeting specific zip codes and the African American, Hispanic and LGBTQ communities.

The campaign included print, Facebook and digital display advertising; posters, brochures and other printed materials distributed to retail locations, public gathering places, and non-profits.

The range of advertising included print and web ads in *La Voz Latina Central PA*, *TheBurg*, the *Upper Dauphin Sentinel* and the *Hummelstown Sun*; targeted online ads running in lowest response rate census tracts; and electronic screen advertising in bodegas, stores and restaurants in targeted tracts (see ad below). It also included the distribution of yard signs at select locations, particularly in northern Dauphin County communities.

The county sought and received a \$15,000 grant from PA DCED to offset the costs of this promotional campaign. The group had a noticeable impact. One example of the group's action was in Upper Dauphin County. After noticing a number of municipalities with low response rates, a complete count committee member was able to reach out to the *Upper Dauphin Sentinel* and have an article published about the importance of the census. After the story appeared, several municipalities had 40-50% increases in their response rate in the following week.

Overall throughout the county, the result of the work resulted in an increase in the amount of self response rates in the county that was greater than in past census undertakings.





*Sample ad in Spanish that appeared in Harrisburg bodegas, grocery stores and restaurants as part of TCRPC's effort to reach historically underreporting neighborhoods in the 2020 U.S. Census.*

## 2020 Premier Project Awards . . .

TCRPC presented its ninth annual Dauphin County Premier Project Awards on January 21 during a virtual ceremony.

The Premier Project Awards acknowledge and encourage planning excellence in Dauphin County, recognizing projects that meet the community, environmental and economic goals of the county's comprehensive plan.

The 2020 program saw a record 23 entries in five categories: Growing Our Communities, Growing Our Economy, Growing Within Our Environment, Small Projects, and the Timothy P. Reardon Excellence in Planning Award.

The winners included:

- **Growing Our Communities (tie):** Triple Crown Corporation - Blue Ridge Village, and Harritown Development Corporation - SoMa Neighborhood;
- **Growing Our Economy:** Dauphin County Library System - Your Place to Belong;
- **Growing Within Our Environment:** Capital Region Water - Cameron Street Water Main Lining;
- **Small Project:** Swatara Township - Regional Connections Planning Grant Sidewalk Study Project;
- **The Timothy P. Reardon Excellence in Planning Award:** Skelly & Loy - Paxtang Parkway Watershed Restoration Project Phase I.



Video of the program and acceptance videos from the winners were posted to the TCRPC website.

Individuals, organizations, municipalities, public authorities, developers and public/private partnerships were invited to submit applications for plans, studies and projects completed in Dauphin County in which they were principally involved in design, development or implementation.

Project examples include, but are not limited to: comprehensive plans, development projects, ordinance revisions, infrastructure improvement, renewal projects, downtown development, neighborhood revitalization, transit, bike-ped, etc.

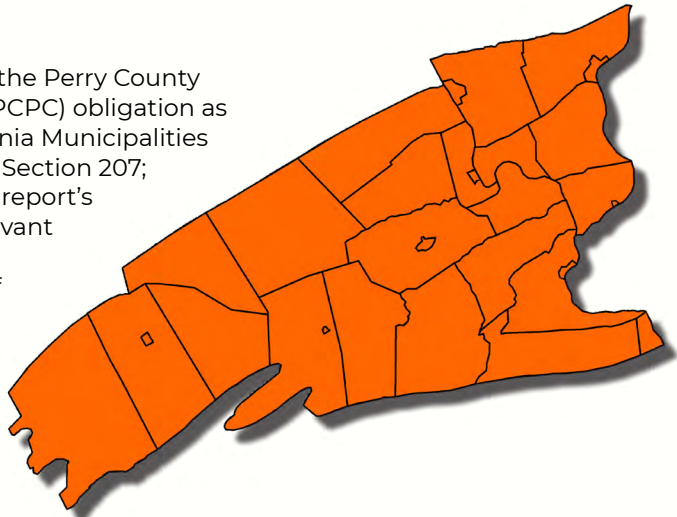
Projects are judged on: effectiveness and results; originality and innovation; ease of replication; community involvement and participation; and compatibility with the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan.

# Perry County Planning Commission

## 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 2020.

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.



## PCPC Office Information . . .

The PCPC Office is staffed by Jason R. Finnerty. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday the PCPC's office hours are 8 AM to 4 PM. The office is located southwest of the borough square in the Old County Jail, 20 W. McClure St., New Bloomfield, PA 17068. Phone: (717) 582-5124. Email: [pcpc@perryco.org](mailto:pcpc@perryco.org).



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20 W. McClure St., New Bloomfield*

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## Board of Commissioners . . .



From left: **Chairman Brian S. Allen**,  
**Secretary Brenda L. Watson**, and  
**Vice-Chairman Gary R. Eby, Jr.**

Key staff not pictured: **Chief Clerk Shannon Hines** and **Solicitor William R. Bunt**.

## PCPC Membership . . .



Standing left to right: **Secretary Robert E. Shaffer, Sr.** (2017-20); **Chairman James H. Turner** (2017-20); **Treasurer Dave Rice** (2018-21); **Brian Funkhouser** (2018-21). Seated left to right: **Vice Chair Tom Graupensperger** (2020-23); **Danny Kirk** (2017-20); **Donny Bartch** (2020-23); **Cathy Gilbert** (2020-23). Absent: **Dana Cotton**. (Zach Huss resigned in 2020.)

## Ordinance, Plans & Amendment Reviews . . .

The following three tables document the PCPC's ordinance review processes in 2020. The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendments reviews are performed under Section 505(b) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Zoning Ordinance Amendments following Section 609(e) and municipal comprehensive plans Section 301.3. (Section 302(a.1) for surrounding county consideration).

### 2020 OVERALL SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Plat Type	Number of Plats	Subdivision		Land Development	
		Number of New Lots	Acres Involved*	Acres Proposed To Be Disturbed	Proposed New Building(s) (Square Feet)
Preliminary Plats	1	0	0.00	9.14	63,000.00
Final Plats	71	100	4,487.27	1.70	2,670.00
Preliminary/Final Plats	7	0	120.73	3.82	48,330.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4,608.00</b>	<b>14.66</b>	<b>114,000.00</b>

*\*Figure includes acreage total of all lots subdivided including the acreage balance of the property*

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:

- 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.
- 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 that 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 . . .**

TCRPC offers planning services to all municipalities that subscribe to the Local Planning Assistance (LPA) Program. The county's LPA has been highlighted as a potential mechanism for assisting townships and boroughs with all community planning initiatives. The scope of services typically includes advice on comprehensive planning, zoning, subdivision and land development, and other aspects of local planning programs.

In 2020, TCRPC provided LPA services to four Perry County municipalities: Bloomfield, Marysville and Newport boroughs and Spring Township.

Through this program, TCRPC's professional planning staff provided direct assistance to the respective municipal planning commissions by attending regular monthly meetings or workshops, tending to mapping requests, providing recommendations to zoning officers for their decision-making process, offering thoughts on ordinance amendments, and preparing new zoning ordinance text.

This assistance was provided for a set annual retainer fee. Staff was requested to attend seven local planning commission meetings in the county over 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.

## **Subdivision & Land Development Activity . . .**

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

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 2020 the overall S&LD plan review breakdown was as follows:

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## -- PCPC S&LD reviews for municipal reporting

Of the plans for review report, the review breakdown was as follows:

<b>PRELIMINARY</b>		
0 Plats	0 New Lots	0.00 Acres
		0.00 Lot Addition Acres
<b>FINAL</b>		
60 Plats	114 New Lots	577.8 Acres
		842.7 Lot Addition Acres
<b>PRELIMINARY/FINAL</b>		
7 Plats	0 New Lots	0.00 Acres
		0.00 Lot Addition Acres
<b>TOTAL</b>		
67 Plats	114 New Lots	577.8 Acres
		842.7 Lot Addition Acres

## -- S&LD Reviews for PCPC Consideration Under the Perry County S&LD Ordinance

Considering the County's S&LD Ordinance, applications were as follows.

<b>PRELIMINARY</b>		
1 Plats	0 New Lots	0.00 New Lot Acres
		0.00 Lot Addition Acres
<b>FINAL</b>		
11 Plats	12 New Lots	104.44 New Lot Acres
		49.35 Lot Addition Acres
<b>PRELIMINARY/FINAL</b>		
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## -- Annual S&LD Plat Summary

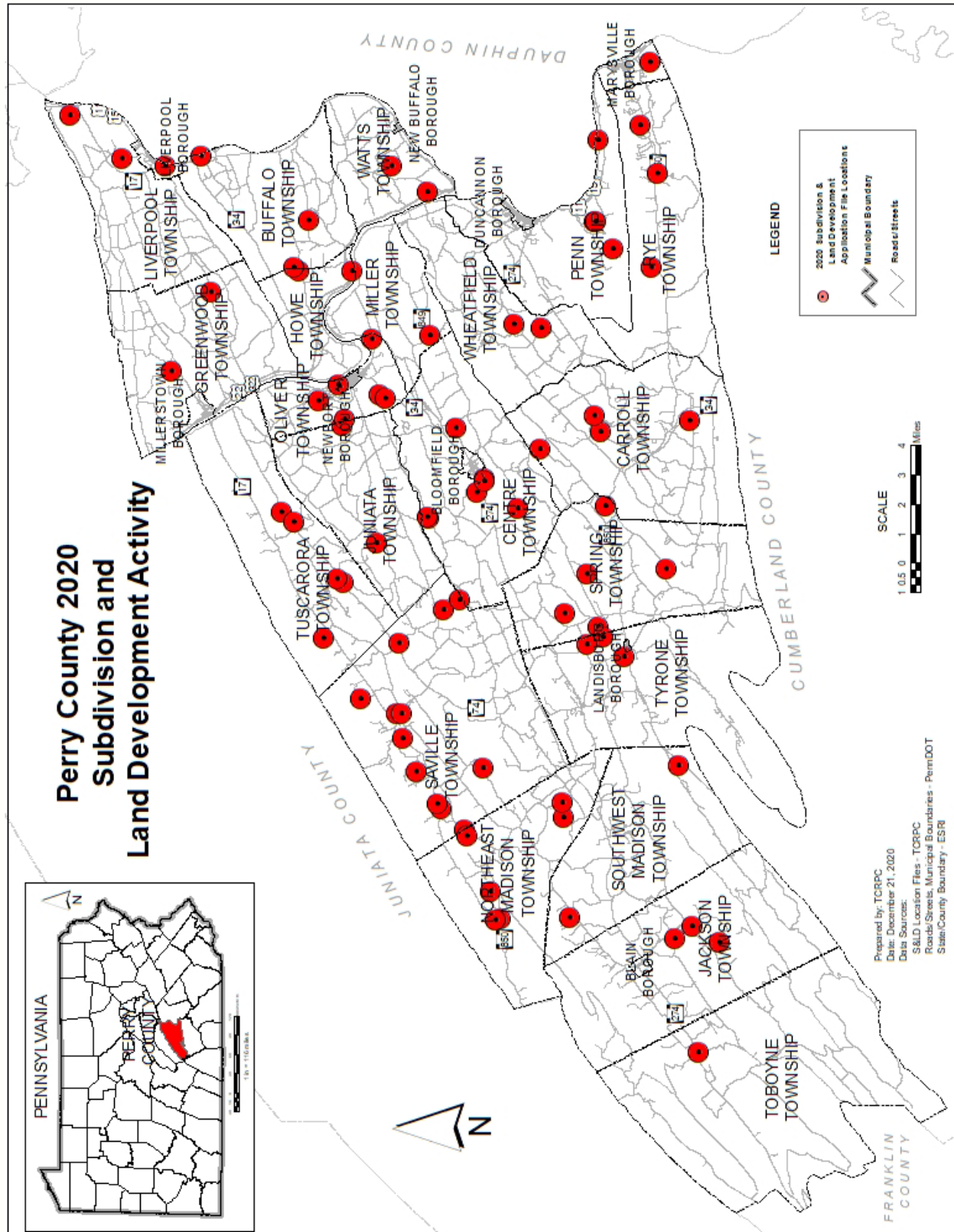
The following table summarizes the number of plats in each category, number of lots and units by category, and number of acres involved. Most of the subdivision plans in the county proposed either one new lot or a lot addition to an existing property. The table also displays the information by county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

### 2020 BREAKDOWN OF SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY BY MUNICIPALITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING AREA

Municipality	Number of Plat Submissions				New Lots and New Dwelling Units								New Lot Acreage				Lot Addition Acres	Public Semi-Public Acres	Agricultural/Commercial/Industrial Land Dev. Acres
					New Lots Prelim.	New D.U.'s Prelim.	New Lots Final	New D.U.'s Final	New Lots P-F	New D.U.'s P-F	Total New Lots	Total New D.U.'s	Prelim.	Final	P-F	Total			
	Prelim.	Final	P-F	Total															
Perry Northeast RPA																			
Buffalo Township	0	3	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0.0	20.2	0.0	20.2	0.0	0.00	0.00
Greenwood Township	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.00	8.40
Howe Township	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.0	13.4	0.0	13.4	1.0	0.00	0.00
Juniata Township	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.6	0.00	0.00
Liverpool Borough	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	1.30
Liverpool Township	0	2	0	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	2	0.0	18.2	0.0	18.2	0.0	0.00	0.00
Millerstown Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
Newport Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
Oliver Township	0	6	0	6	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.8	0.70	0.00
Tuscarora Township	0	5	0	5	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	3	0.0	8.4	0.0	8.4	21.2	0.95	0.00
RPA Total	0	22	1	23	0	0	13	9	0	0	13	9	0.0	62.1	0.0	62.1	39.0	1.65	9.70
Perry West RPA																			
Blain Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
Bloomfield Borough	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.95	0.00
Carroll Township	0	4	0	4	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	4	0.0	13.0	0.0	13.0	45.8	0.00	0.00
Centre Township	0	3	3	6	0	0	6	8	0	2	6	10	0.0	80.5	43.0	123.5	1.1	0.00	0.00
Jackson Township	0	3	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	3	1	0.0	1.8	0.0	1.8	17.3	0.00	0.00
Landisburg Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
Northeast Madison Township	1	5	0	6	0	0	8	5	0	0	8	5	0.0	18.7	0.0	18.7	52.5	0.00	9.10
Saville Township	0	11	1	12	0	0	6	5	0	0	6	5	0.0	71.5	0.0	71.5	6.5	1.00	0.90
Southwest Madison Township	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.0	16.0	0.0	16.0	0.6	0.00	0.00
Spring Township	0	5	0	5	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	2	0.0	13.3	0.0	13.3	0.0	0.00	0.00
Toboyne Township	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.00	0.00
Tyrone Township	0	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	8.2	0.00	0.00
RPA Total	1	37	5	43	0	0	31	25	0	2	31	27	0.0	225.0	43.0	268.0	148.9	1.95	10.00
Perry Southeast RPA																			
Duncannon Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
Marysville Borough	0	1	0	1	0	0	63	58	0	0	63	58	0.0	47.5	0.0	47.5	0.0	0.00	0.00
Miller Township	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.0	6.7	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.00	0.00
New Buffalo Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
Penn Township	0	3	1	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.0	1.9	0.0	1.9	3.5	0.00	0.00
Rye Township	0	3	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.0	10.1	0.0	10.1	3.3	0.00	0.00
Watts Township	0	2	0	2	0	0	15	13	0	0	15	13	0.0	175.5	0.0	175.5	0.0	0.00	0.00
Wheatfield Township	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0.0	85.7	0.0	85.7	0.0	0.00	0.00
RPA Total	0	12	1	13	0	0	83	73	0	0	83	73	0.0	327.4	0.0	327.4	654.8	0.00	0.00
County Totals	1	71	7	79	0	0	127	107	0	2	127	109	0.0	614.5	43.0	657.6	842.7	3.60	19.70

RPA = Regional Planning Area

-- Annual S&LD Map





## 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 gives staff a chance to share its efforts with community leaders and the public.

The year started off with staff attending planning commission meetings in Buffalo and Rye townships. The schedule was to include three additional stops before the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted it.

A mainstay of the program includes providing updates on the county and regional planning programs at the joint Perry County Council of Governments and Boroughs Association meetings. The pandemic did not affect continuation of these opportunities. This year staff attended and shared information at all three meetings.

The PCPC staff provided monthly reports on subdivision and land development activity and shared information on projects with the Perry County Economic Development Authority. By similar account, staff also provides the same information to the Perry Housing Partnership board and the Local Emergency Planning Committee every other month. Our engagements with these groups have broadened our reach and developed some important partnerships for moving forward with our initiatives especially implementation of plans.

Another opportunity to engage municipal officials took place on the last Saturday in February in the Greenwood Elementary School. On an annual basis, the Perry County Association of Township Officials puts together a half-day convention which serves as the county's premier forum for dialogue with municipal officials. On an annual basis the PCPC staff has been regularly requested to present. At the convention this past year, the PCPC staff presented a planning and zoning session at the request of the organizing committee.

We continue to look for other opportunities to engage municipal officials as well as the general public. If you would like our staff to speak at a civic or non-for-profit group function please contact our office to make arrangements.

## GIS Update . . .

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 staff and a great working relationship with the County's GIS Department.

The following list consists of noteworthy GIS projects and maps completed this past year.

- Updated the zoning district layer;
- 2020 subdivision and land development point file layer;
- Initiated work updating the existing land use and land cover layer;
- Online mapping for S&LDO points;
- DCNR recreation access data analysis;
- Bloomfield Borough land cover mapping for Source Water mapping;
- Tall structures layer for broadband access mapping;
- Perry County Census response rate analysis.

The PCPC continues to research ways to provide additional benefits to staff and the public with our continued utilization of GIS technology. We continue to monitor the productive pursuits of others, where such efforts can be successfully integrated into Perry County's Planning and GIS Programs.



*Bloomfield water tank*

## Sewage Facilities Planning Modules . . .

In 2020 the number of sewage facilities planning module reviews remained relatively consistent with prior years. The PCPC acted on five plans for the year, which was three more plans over the previous year. The files are individually listed in the following table.

**2020 SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULES**

FILE #	FILE NAME	MUNICIPALITY	# OF LOTS	ACRES	DUs/ EDUs
20SM-01	Joe A. Burget, Jr. and Daniel T. Paul	Centre Township	7	80.48	7 Dus
20SM-02	Elmer E. and Anna F. Esh	Saville Township	1	1.69	1 DU
20SM-03	Robert H. and Patricia G. Fleisher	Centre Township	1	45.64	1 EDU
20SM-04	Chad E. & Denise M. Shuman	Saville Township	1	10.26	1 DU
20SM-05	Rockville Estates III	Marysville Borough	61	61.53	58 Dus

*DU = Dwelling Unit    EDU = Equivalent Dwelling Unit*

## Comprehensive Plan Implementation . . .

This year, staff continued to work with two workgroups focused on implementing actions contained in the Comprehensive Plan. Throughout the year five meetings were held between these workgroups. There were four meetings with the Natural Resources and Recreation Workgroup and one with the Economic Issues Workgroup. As with the PCPC's outreach, the COVID-19 pandemic had a clear impact on scheduling and participation levels throughout the year.

The Economic Issues Workgroup assisted and provided input into the development of two surveys being prepared for the next comprehensive plan, Picture Perry. They included the quality of life survey and the economic development survey.

The Natural Resources and Recreation Workgroup has focused its attention to Chapter 6, covering the protection of open space and agricultural land preservation, natural resource protection, and the actions contained in the Greenways Park Recreation and Open Space Plan.

Several trails continued to be discussed, including a Newport to Little Buffalo State Park and New Bloomfield to Little Buffalo State Park, and also a potential Shermans Creek Water Trail where the group discussed the possibility of between four or five potential phases. In addition to potential routing, these discussions continued to focus on landowner rights and protections, signs, other facilities, municipal involvement/sponsorship and easement agreement content. In March, the Perry County Economic Development Authority (PCEDA) agreed to pursue a Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant to develop a trail master plan utilizing research materials and information generated by the workgroup.

Also, the year brought the county one step closer to seeing a complete public corridor from Duncannon to Marysville thanks to the partnership and shared vision with the Nature Conservancy and the PA Audubon to protect the highest reaches of the Cove Mountain Greenway. Both non-for-profits have representative members actively serving on our implementation workgroup. The partnership with the PA Audubon Society previously involved the PCPC's cooperation in identifying key lands worthy of protection along the Kittatinny Ridge. The Nature Conservancy brings its talent to bear through landowner negotiations, protecting easements, and its ability to leverage funding. Together, these two partners have helped the county make the unthinkable possible for future generations.

Finally, the workgroup assisted and provided input into the development of a natural resources and recreation survey for the next comprehensive plan.

While the pandemic displayed its oppressive presence, the year positively revealed the advantages of crossover support and participation from members of these two workgroups. In a difficult year, members offered to step up and take action in support of the comprehensive plan implementation and the county.

## Transportation & Highway Matters . . .

Perry County is a voting member of the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS), a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Since 1965, HATS has made planning decisions and established priorities 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 Gary Eby and PCPC Chair James H. Turner. PCPC Secretary Robert Shaffer, Sr. and Representative Perry Stambaugh serve as Commissioner Eby's and Chairman Turner's alternates, respectively.

In Perry County, transportation planning activities in 2020 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.

### **-- Regional Transportation Plan Update**

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) planning process was facilitated by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, which provides the administrative staffing support for the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The RTP documents the current status of transportation projects and programs, identifies long-term needs and recommends projects to meet those needs. The long-range plan sets a framework for priorities for the expenditure of federal transportation funds over a 25-year period. This update brought the plan from a static document to a dynamic, online format. The RTP is available online [here](http://www.hatsregionaltransportationplan.org) (<http://www.hatsregionaltransportationplan.org>). Hard copies can be made available upon request.

As part of the ongoing update of the RTP, HATS staff conducted outreach with our regional stakeholders and the general public to update the transportation project needs on what has recently been phrased the Project Pipeline. HATS staff conducted meetings with three municipalities to discuss regional transportation needs. The updated RTP is anticipated to be adopted in mid-2021.

### **-- FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program**

In June 2020, HATS officially adopted the FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A total of 66 projects (including 21 bridge and 6 roadway improvement projects) were programmed in Perry County. More information on the FFY 2021-2024 TIP is available on the [TCRPC website](https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/tip) (<https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/tip>). Broader information on the statewide 12-Year Program is available on the State Transportation Commission and Transportation Advisory Committee [website](https://www.talkpatransportation.com) (<https://www.talkpatransportation.com>).

### **-- RTP Implementation Grant Program**

In 2020, HATS awarded the initial round of funding through the RTP Implementation Grant Program, which funds transportation studies and improvements that meet HATS Regional Transportation Plan and TCRPC Regional Growth Management Plan goals while "providing for safer, more walkable, bikeable and transit-friendly transportation systems." In Perry County, applications were received for pedestrian improvements in Newport Borough and the South Main Street Bridge in Marysville Borough. Both projects were selected and added to the 2021-2024 TIP. More information on the RTP Implementation Grant Program is available on the TCRPC website.

### **-- PennDOT Connects & Traffic Impact Studies**

Our staff has been an active participant in the PennDOT Connects process. When a transportation improvement project is funded on the TIP, municipalities, the MPO staff and

PennDOT have the opportunity to meet and discuss the project. This allows local communities to discuss their concerns surrounding the project and if they have any documented needs (i.e. bike lanes, sidewalks, etc.).

In 2020, these discussions were held regarding the Route 850 Roundabout, the Park and Ride at Shermans Dale and Meck's Corner on SR 0034, and implementation of the Riverlands Safety Study.

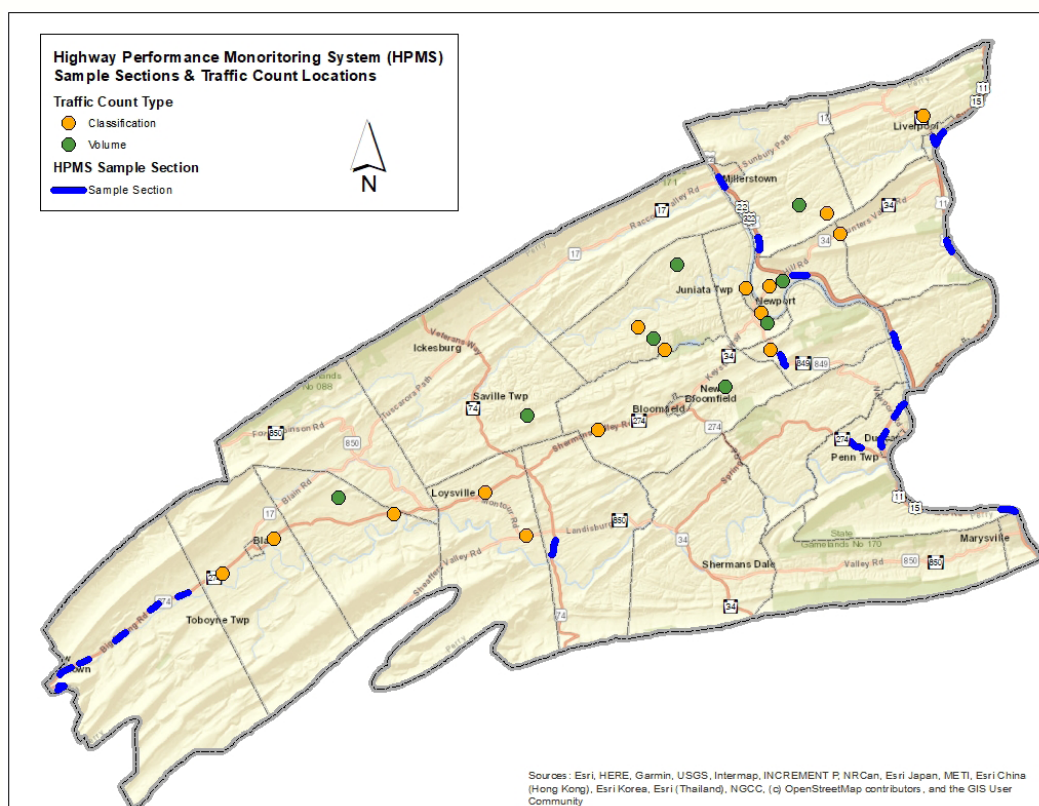
## -- Cumberland Perry Task Force

The Cumberland Perry Task Force met in November 2020 to discuss the RTP update and the Project Pipeline. Regular meetings will continue in 2021.

## -- Traffic Counts / Highway Performance Monitoring System

Our staff assists PennDOT annually by capturing certified traffic counts on pre-selected highways (see map below). Traffic counts were collected via roadway classification/volume and then sent to PennDOT. These counts can be accessed via PennDOT's [Traffic Information Repository \(TIRE\)](https://www.dot7.state.pa.us/tire) (<https://www.dot7.state.pa.us/tire>).

The following map displays the areas where data was collected this past year:



## Hazard Mitigation Planning ...

The year began with the wait for FEMA's initial review of the final draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). In February our office received the initial FEMA review summary and began to address review comments. Upon completion of this work, the revised final draft was repackaged for FEMA's second review. On April 8, 2020, Perry County was notified it had received an official approval for its plan.

Our office has finally received the much anticipated letter from FEMA confirming approval pending adoption of the County's Multi-hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP). Our staff coordinated a final public hearing event in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code to enable the plan to be truly integrated into the County's Comprehensive Planning Process.

Following the hearing, staff facilitated the adoption process by preparing draft resolutions for the County Board of Commissioners and all 30 municipal governing bodies to consider. On August 24, 2020 during their weekly meeting, the county Board of Commissioners officially adopted the HMP. By year's end, every one of the county's townships and boroughs passed resolutions also adopting the plan for their own use.

After gathering all the resolutions, they were delivered to the Federal and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agencies, documenting local adoption of the county Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP). Each municipality was officially recognized as having a current hazard mitigation plan by FEMA. Since the county's first HMP back in 2008 this plan was the first time the county's municipalities achieved 100% adoption success.

By December the office was beginning to review implementation of actions. The year concluded with staff beginning to formulate steps needed to accomplish the only floodplain property buyout listed as part of the HMP's structural mitigation projects.

## Intergovernmental Reviews . . .

The PCPC invests a significant amount 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.

This year the PCPC unveiled an online form portal to accept all such requests. The form can be accessed [here](https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/consistency-letter-request-form-pcpc). (<https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/consistency-letter-request-form-pcpc>).

The following table displays all intergovernmental reviews undertaken in 2020:

Review ID	Municipality or Entity	Project	Meeting Date of PCPC Review	Review Comment	Dollar Amount Sought	Total Project Cost
20IRP-01	TCRPC	TCRPC Toolbox - PADCED Grant	1/15/2020	Generally Consistent	\$37,500.00	\$75,000.00
20IRP-02	The Nature Conservancy	Open Space Preservation Easement (Cove Mountain) - PA DCNR Grant	4/15/2020	Generally Consistent	\$1,563,610.00	\$1,563,610.00
20IRP-03	PCEDA	Perry County Trails and Waterways Master Plan - PA DCNR Grant	4/15/2020	Generally Consistent	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
20IRP-04	Perry County Economic Development Corporation	Cogeneration electrical facility in the Perry County Innovation Park - PA DCED Grant	6/17/2020	Generally Consistent	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
20IRP-05	Penn Township Municipal Authority	Sunshine Hills Water System Upgrade - PENVEST (Minor Revision)	6/17/2020	Generally Consistent	UNK	UNK
20IRP-06	Spring Township	Benches for Lynn Sheaffer Dum Memprial Park - Foundation for Enhancing Communities	6/17/2020	Generally Consistent	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
20IRP-07	Newport Borough Water Authority	Newport Borough Water Systems Improvements - USDA	6/17/2020	Generally Consistent	UNK	UNK
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>\$3,681,110.00</b>	<b>\$3,718,610.00</b>

UNK - Unknown/not provided



## Municipal Planning Information . . .

The Perry County Planning Commission maintains redundant files at two office locations for both staff and the public to access. This includes copies of municipal comprehensive plans, S&LDO, zoning ordinances, and other ordinances which may be relevant to planning efforts.

The following table provides a chronologic summary of municipal planning efforts up to the end of 2020:

Municipality	Planning Commission	Comprehensive Plan	S&LD Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance	S&LD Approving Body	Act 537 Plan	**UCC Regulation
Blain Borough	No	Yes (2015)	No*	No	County	No	Perry COG/ BIU
Bloomfield Borough	Yes	Yes (1995)	Yes (1994)	Yes (2006)	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Buffalo Township	Yes	Yes (1995)	Yes (1986)	No	Municipality	No	Perry COG/ BIU
Carroll Township	Yes	Yes (1987)	Yes (2003)	Yes (2003)	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Centre Township	Yes	No	Yes (2008)	No	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Duncannon Borough	Yes	Yes (1993)	Yes (1982)	Yes (2006)	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Greenwood Township	Yes	Yes (2008)	Yes (2001)	Yes (1997)	Municipality	No	Perry COG/ BIU
Howe Township	Yes	Yes (2015)	Yes (2013)	Yes (2016)	Municipality	No	Perry COG/ BIU
Jackson Township	No	Yes (2015)	No*	No	County	No	Perry COG/ BIU
Juniata Township	Yes	Yes (1993)	Yes (2010)	Yes (1993)	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Landisburg Borough	No	No	No*	No	County	No	Perry COG/ BIU
Liverpool Borough	Yes	Yes (1973)	Yes (1974)	Yes (1991)	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Liverpool Township	Yes	Yes (2002)	Yes (1994)	Yes (2002)	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Marysville Borough	Yes	Yes (2015)	Yes (2015)	Yes (2006)	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Miller Township	Yes	No	Yes (2014)	No	Municipality	No	Perry COG/ BIU
Millerstown Borough	No	Yes (2008)	No*	Yes (1997)	County	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
New Buffalo Borough	No	Yes (1996)	No*	No	County	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Newport Borough	Yes	Yes (1995)	Yes (2013)	Yes (2015)	Municipality	No	Perry COG/ BIU
NE Madison Township	No	Yes (2003)	No*	No	County	No	Perry COG/ BIU
Oliver Township	Yes	Yes (2015)	Yes (2006)	No	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Penn Township	Yes	Yes (2014)	Yes (2006)	Yes (2006)	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Rye Township	Yes	Yes (1999)	Yes (2009)	Yes (2011)	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Saville Township	Yes	No	Yes (2007)	No	Municipality	No	Perry COG/ BIU
SW Madison Township	No	Yes (2003)	No*	No	County	No	Perry COG/BIU
Spring Township	Yes	Yes (1991)	Yes (2013)	No	Municipality	No	Perry COG/ BIU
Toboyne Township	No	Yes (2015)	No*	No	County	No	Perry COG/ BIU
Tuscarora Township	Yes	Yes (2006)	Yes (1992)	Yes (1991)	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/ BIU
Tyrone Township	Yes	Yes (1995)	Yes (1990)	Yes (1996)	Municipality	Yes	Perry COG/BIU
Watts Township	Yes	Yes (1997)	Yes (1980)	Yes (2001)	Municipality	No	Perry COG/ BIU
Wheatfield Township	Yes	Yes (2013)	Yes (2018)	Yes (2008)	Municipality	No	Perry COG/ BIU

\* Perry County PCPC oversees S&LD activity with the Perry County S&LD Ordinance (Adopted February 28, 2011 and amended by Ordinance No. 2013-02 on October 1, 2013)

\*\* UCC - Uniform Construction Code

BIU - Building Inspection Underwriters

S&LD - Subdivision and Land Development

Note: All listed dates listed represent the last date of enactment or amendment

## In 2020 the PCPC . . .

- Reviewed 79 total Subdivision and Land Development plans;
- Approved 12 Subdivision and Land Development plans submitted under the jurisdiction of the County S&LDO;
- Reviewed five sewage facility planning modules;
- Reviewed and commented on one municipal ordinance proposing zoning ordinance revisions and amendments.
- Prepared 2021 Perry County Planning Work Program;
- Updated the Perry County Community E-Data Booklet;
- Updated the Subdivider/Developer Resource Guide;
- Researched and compiled annual building permit data to contribute to the 2019 TCRPC Building Activity Report.
- Completed the PCPC's 2019 Annual Report and initiated work on the 2020 report;
- Coordinated adoption of the Perry County Hazard Mitigation Plan for the county and all 30 municipalities;
- Supported the County's participation in the implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan for HATS;
- Held 9 of 12 PCPC meetings (preparing monthly agendas, minutes and annual advertisement);
- Continued implementation of the Perry County Comprehensive Plan by conducting 5 workgroup meetings. (4 for Natural Resource and Recreation Issues and 1 for Economic Development Issues)
- Reviewed seven intergovernmental reviews under Pennsylvania Acts 67, 68 and 127, providing letters of support for projects deemed generally consistent with the Perry County Comprehensive Plan;
- Presented on the subject of community planning and zoning in the general session of the Annual Association of Township Officials Convention.
- Logged the receipt of 35 Act 14 reviews for the County;
- Maintained work on the PCPC's webpage hosted on TCRPC's website;
- Improved and updated a few county GIS data layers;
- Attended nine municipal planning commission meetings for the four participating LPA communities;
- Provided outreach at all three Perry COG meetings;
- Attended seven Penn State Extension webinars;
- Conducted outreach and technical support to the Perry County Economic Development Authority, the Perry Housing Partnership and the LEPC;
- Provided continued technical support to HATS on effort to establish a park and ride facility along the SR 0034 corridor;
- Attended the Cumberland – Perry Taskforce Meeting organized by HATS;
- Presented at the TCRPC's Annual Virtual Luncheon;
- Assisted on a consultant selection committee for a SEDA COG rural broadband pilot project to service the Horse Valley area;
- Reviewed and offered comment on SEDA COGs Economic Development Strategy;
- Assisted in background research and discussion related to the TCRPC Toolbox;
- Attended to final draft revisions of the proposed Spring Township Zoning Ordinance;
- Reviewed and commented on an Agricultural Security Area amendment for Penn Township;
- Discussed policy regarding PADEP Chapter 102 reviews;
- Reviewed and commented on the PA DCNR's statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan;
- Responded to PEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping Needs Assessment Survey;
- Researched a possible subdivision violation in Southwest Madison Township;
- Offered comments on a National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) review;
- Was involved in initial discussion for Perry County's Countywide Action Plan (CAP) and served as co-lead for Perry County's portion of the four-county project. (Dauphin, Juniata, Mifflin and Perry Counties).

## HATS Membership ...

Organization	Member	Alternate
<b>Chairman</b>	Commissioner Jeff Haste	
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	Commissioner Gary Eby	
<b>Secretary</b>	Commissioner Gary Eichelberger	
<b>Cumberland Co.</b>	Commissioner Gary Eichelberger Toby Fauver	Commissioner Jean Foschi Kirk Stoner
<b>Dauphin Co.</b>	Commissioner Jeff Haste Skip Memmi	Scott Burford George Connor
<b>Perry Co.</b>	Commissioner Gary Eby James Turner	Robert Shaffer, Sr. Rep. Perry Stambaugh
<b>Harrisburg City</b>	Wayne Martin Ambrose Buck	<i>vacant</i> <i>vacant</i>
<b>CAT</b>	Eric Bugalle	Rich Farr
<b>PennDOT</b>	<u>Central Office</u> Larry S. Shifflet <u>District 8</u> Mike Keiser	<u>Central Office</u> Ray Green Beth Raves <u>District 8</u> Nate Walker Michelle Tarquino
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*Coordinating Committee*

## Regional Transportation Plan Implementation & Development ...

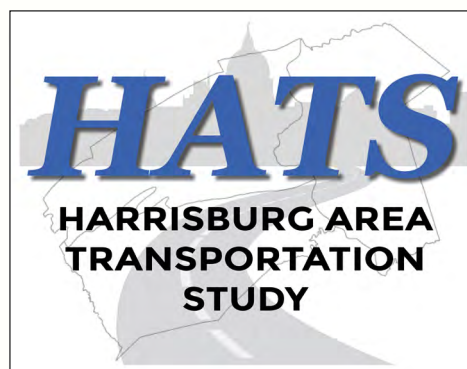
As part of the new, ongoing approach being taken for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), HATS staff spent 2020 updating chapters to incorporate the most recent available data and continuing public outreach to ensure the Transportation Needs identified on the Project Pipeline were up-to-date.

During the outreach process, meetings were held with 23 municipalities from across the HATS region to discuss issues and problems within our multi-modal transportation network.

In cooperation with the RTP Implementation Work Group, consisting of HATS MPO voting members representing all three counties, the City of Harrisburg, PennDOT and FHWA, these Transportation Needs will be evaluated and prioritized based on revised criteria, allowing HATS to identify opportunities to program and develop the best -- and most comprehensive -- transportation improvement projects possible.

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<b>Secretary</b>	Andrew Bomberger, AICP (non-voting)	
<b>Cumberland Co.</b>	Debi Ealer Kirk Stoner, AICP	Elizabeth Grant <i>Vacant</i>
<b>Dauphin Co.</b>	Skip Memmi James Szyborski	George Connor Steve Deck, AICP
<b>Perry Co.</b>	Commissioner Gary Eby James Turner	Robert Shaffer, Sr. Nina Fitchet
<b>Harrisburg City</b>	Geoffrey Knight, AICP Wayne Martin	Charlie White <i>Vacant</i>
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<b>Ex-officio Members</b>	Will Clark — York County MPO Jon Fitzkee — Lebanon County MPO Holly Gatlone/Brad Webber — Amtrak Rudy Husband — Norfolk Southern Laura Keeley — FTA Lori Pagnanelli — FAA Yvonne Lemelle — PA DCED Matt Smoker — FHWA Dave Spaulding — SARAA Vacant — PMTA Chris Trostle — DEP	

*Technical Committee*



The newest update to the Regional Transportation Plan is anticipated to be adopted mid-2021. More information is [available here](https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/rtp) (https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/rtp).

The RTP Implementation Grant Program, established in 2019, completed its first round of application review and project awards in 2020. The Program evolved out of the TCRPC Regional Connections Program and expanded to fund not just planning studies, but construction projects as well.

To be eligible, projects or studies must be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Growth Management Plan while providing for safer, more walkable, bikeable and transit-friendly transportation systems.

Out of 17 applicants, 14 projects were eventually added to the FFY 2021-2024 TIP, totaling nearly \$5.5 million.

The next RTP Implementation Grant Program application round is anticipated to open mid- 2021. More information is [available here](https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/rtp-implementation-program) (https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/rtp-implementation-program).

## TIP Development/Implementation/Adoption . . .

The current 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was adopted by HATS at its Coordinating Committee meeting on June 26, 2020 and became effective on October 1, 2020.

Management of the projects programmed on the TIP was the focus of 2019. The TIP guides the region's transportation spending over a four-year period and is updated bi-annually.

Coordination of the draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) began in Fall of 2019 as HATS and PennDOT District 8-0 staff worked to balance carryover projects, new asset management needs, and regional priorities identified in the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

Through this process, 11 new projects were added to the draft 2021-2024 TIP, with 6 projects originating from the Project Needs Pipeline integrated into the RTP as regional priorities across the 3 counties of the HATS region. Also added were several line items to facilitate implementation of regional corridor studies recently conducted and the HATS RTP Implementation Program.



*Forster Street, Harrisburg, between Front and Second streets, also known as the "Capitol Gateway"*

The RTP Implementation Work Group, HATS Technical Committee, and HATS Coordinating Committee had the opportunity preliminarily review and provide input regarding the draft 2021-2024 TIP in late 2019 and into 2020. PennDOT Connects meetings were held with municipalities in which new projects were proposed during February and March 2020.

The HATS Bike/Ped/Passenger Task Force was also provided an opportunity to provide input. The official public comment period was held May 18 through June 19 and a public meeting was held at Strawberry Square in Harrisburg on June 10.

More information on the Transportation Improvement Program and a listing of the most recent TIP projects is [available here](https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/tip) (https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/tip).

## Public Participation & Outreach . . .

There were unique challenges for public participation and outreach in 2020. Pandemic-related mandates and concerns meant virtually all contact with the public and our partners was virtual, not in person.

The strategies introduced in the 2017 HATS Public Participation Plan implemented throughout the development process of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to the extent possible.

HATS staff engaged key stakeholder groups and the general public in a variety of transportation planning efforts, including continued work with the Cumberland Perry Task Force and the HATS Bike/Ped/Passenger Task Force, and ongoing solicitation of publicly identified Transportation Needs as part of the HATS RTP Project Development Process and Project Pipeline updates.

In 2020, the RTP website generated the following analytics:

- **Users:** 16,132 (up 24% from 2020)
- **Sessions:** 24,960 (also up 24% from 2020)
- **Page Views:** 55,413 (up 21% from 2020)
- **Majority of visitors** from Tri-County region
- **Other top PA cities represented:** Allentown, Bethlehem, Ephrata, Gettysburg, Lancaster, Lewistown, Lititz, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Reading, State College, West Chester, Williamsport, York.
- **Other top U.S. cities represented:** Baltimore, MD; Boston, MA; Cherry Hill, NJ; Chicago, IL; Columbus, OH; Des Moines, IA; Los Angeles, CA; New York, NY; Omaha, NE; Washington, DC.
- **Some of our international visitors** were from Canada, China, Ethiopia, France, India, Philippines, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom.

## Alternate Modes . . .

Alternate modes of travel are essential components of any fully functioning, comprehensive transportation system.

Creating a safe, convenient, and efficient environment for cyclists, walkers, and transit users benefits our region's residents and businesses, while also relieving pressure on our existing transportation system and environment.

### -- Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning

In 2020, HATS staff, PennDOT District 8-0, and our region's municipalities met regularly to advance bicycle/pedestrian projects such as the CAT Intermodal Bridge project, the Lemoyne Bottleneck, and the 2020 awardees in the RTP Implementation Grant program through meetings with key stakeholders that also included state and municipal officials.

The Bicycle/Pedestrian/Passenger Task Force provided input to PennDOT District 8-0 personnel on upcoming resurfacing projects, the FFY 2021-2024 TIP, and revisions to the Regional Backbone being done as part of the Regional Transportation Plan update.

The Task Force also continued with the HATS Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program, conducting counts in both August and October as part of the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project.



*Carl Dickson, right, director of Dauphin County Parks & Recreation, volunteers for the Fall 2020 bike-ped count at the Capital Area Greenbelt Extension next to the Susquehanna River at Front St. and Linglestown Rd.*



## -- Transit Planning

HATS staff, in coordination with CAT and rabbittransit staff, worked to progress and adopt the 2021-2024 Transit TIP, which occurred at the June 26, 2020 HATS Coordinating Committee meeting, while also incorporating elements of the 2020 CAT System Redesign into long term planning efforts to the extent possible.



## Environmental Justice . . .

Since 2017, HATS staff has worked with regional and state stakeholders, including FHWA and PennDOT, on implementing the South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Justice Unified Process and Methodology Study.

In 2020, the “core elements” established in the Study were incorporated into the Environmental Justice analysis for the 2021-2024 TIP. Going forward, work will continue on refining the approach and working with other MPOs to identify strengths and weaknesses associated the various ways the methodologies were implemented.

## Commuter Services of Pennsylvania . . .

This Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program of the Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership (S RTP) has been educating commuters about commuting options for more than 15 years.

Due to the unexpected circumstances caused by COVID-19, Commuter Services quickly shifted priorities to accommodate the needs of its partners. Employers struggled with stay-at-home orders and how to navigate the new norm of having employees telecommute.

Commuter Services conducted a survey in the spring of 2020 to collect information from employers about their current telework offerings to employees. Commuter Services has since launched a website with tools and resources for its partners to assist with telecommuting in the future.



These items include manager/employee training, program evaluation, technology assessment and policy development.

In 2020, Commuter Services completed its third year of utilizing Commute PA, a free rideshare and rewards program. The data obtained from commuters who register and track their non-drive alone green commute trips to work is shared with several regional Metropolitan Planning Organizations, including HATS.

The participating trackers in 2020 -- about 8.5 percent of commuters using Commute PA in the Tri-County region -- accounted for the following: 65,317 trips tracked; 2,195,261 vehicle miles removed from regional roadways; nearly \$1.3 million in cost savings to participating commuters; and nearly 1,000 tons of CO2 reductions.

More educational information about carpooling, vanpooling, transit, walking, bicycling and teleworking, in addition to the Emergency Ride Home program, can be found by visiting the Commute PA app, the [www.pacommuterservices.org](http://www.pacommuterservices.org) website or by calling toll-free: 1-866-579-RIDE.

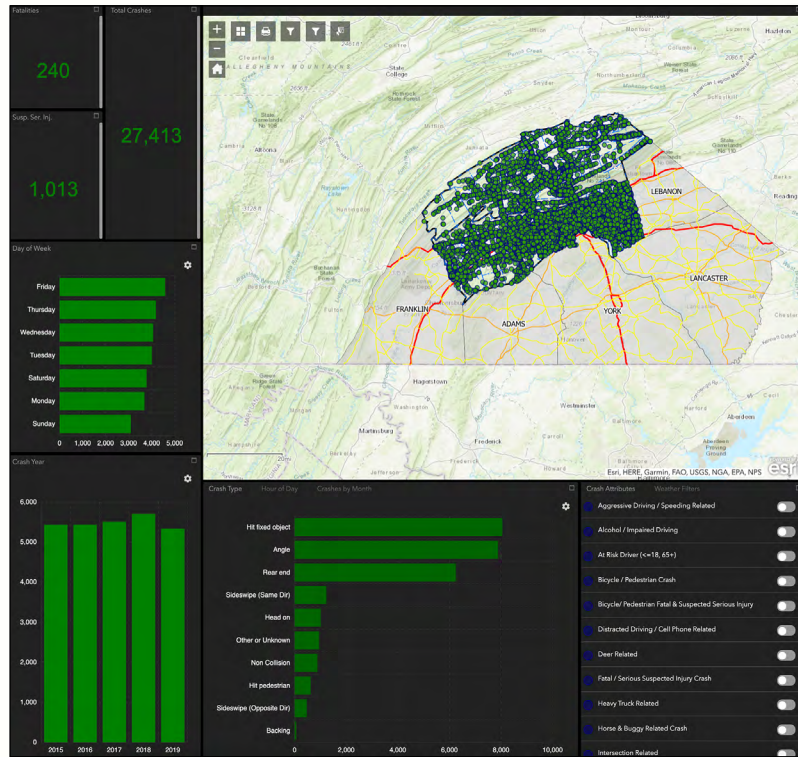
## Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Teams & Safety . . .

The first TIM meeting of 2020 was held on March 12, 2020 at the Hampden Township Volunteer Fire Company building.

Due to shutdowns enforced for the COVID-19 Pandemic, meetings were transitioned to a virtual format starting in May 2020.

TIM meetings were held monthly via Zoom and were held for the “A Beltway Cumberland Dauphin” or ABCD (formerly the “Beltway East” and “Beltway West” teams) and the Greater Lebanon/Hershey TIM Team.

Coordination with the Lebanon MPO for both TIM Teams is a priority to ensure regional consistency for program implementation.



*HATS Safety Web Application*

In December 2020, a virtual tabletop exercise was held in conjunction with Hershey Entertainment & Resorts which engaged both TIM Teams as well as responders and municipal officials from surrounding counties.

In January 2020, the HATS Technical and Coordinating committees adopted a safety motion reaffirming the ultimate goal of eliminating crashes in the Tri-County region. The motion emphasizes reducing crashes that result in fatalities and serious injuries, in part by educating the public about unsafe driving practices such as distracted and aggressive driving as well as driving under the influence.

As a result of this motion, HATS is engaging in an ongoing safety planning effort and is working to create partnerships with organizations and agencies in the region to promote safety.

In addition to the TIM teams, HATS Staff has been working on analyzing PennDOT's publicly accessible crash data from the Pennsylvania Crash Information Tool and making it available for stakeholders within the Tri-County region via a GIS web-application, [available here](https://bit.ly/HATSSafetyApp) (https://bit.ly/HATSSafetyApp).

HATS staff is working on enhancing our safety planning capabilities. Recently, a kickoff was held for a safety planning contract to establish an internal approach to analyze crash data which will serve as a supplement to PennDOT's Highway Safety Manual (HSM) Network Screening Tool.

We hope that this new approach will help us to better understand the data, form a more solid foundation for initiating corridor studies, and better utilize HSIP funding.

## Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS): Traffic Counts & Sample Section Inventory . . .

Traffic data is necessary to meet the reporting requirements of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under United States Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) title 23, 420.105(b).

States are required to provide data to support FHWA's highway reporting responsibilities to Congress and to the public. Traffic data reported under these regulations is submitted each year on June 15 as part of the annual Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) report and is used to help determine the federal transportation funding allocated to each state.

PennDOT assigned 90 traffic counts and 180 HPMS Sample Sections to the HATS region to help complete the Federal-required HPMS report. HATS staff not only fulfilled its required assignments, but also locally requested traffic counts for:

- The Perry County Fair Board;
- Londonderry Township, Dauphin County - Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program;
- Upper Paxton Township, Dauphin County – Parks and Recreation;
- Duncannon Borough, Perry County - Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program.

## Our Summer 2020 Interns . . .

**Ben Warner**, left, and **Edward “Mack” Breech**, right, were our summer 2020 interns. Their work has been invaluable, even under the challenging conditions presented by the coronavirus.

We've kept them busy with traffic counts in Dauphin and Perry counties, as pictured below, as well as with updating the geographic information systems data on our online environmental resources application, assisting with affordable housing data and much more.

A York resident, Ben is majoring in GeoEnvironmental studies and planning to get a GIS certificate from Shippensburg University.

From Mechanicsburg, Mack is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban and Environmental Planning with a minor in Geographic Information Systems from West Chester University.





# Tri-County Regional Planning Commission 2020 Annual Report

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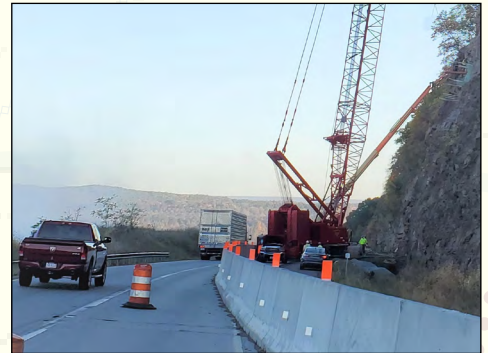
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**FRONT COVER:** Susquehanna River and Rockville Bridge from Fort Hunter, Susquehanna Twp.; new federal courthouse construction, 7th and Reilly streets, Harrisburg; solar array, Tyrone Twp.; Children's Lake, Boiling Springs.

**BACK COVER:** Appalachian Trail office, Mount Holly Springs; US 22-322 rockslide, Perry Co.; Marysville construction; Capital Greenbelt extension, Front St. and Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg.