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DRAFT OF DAUPHIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT AT WWW.DAUPHINCOUNTYCOMPPLAN.ORG

HARRISBURG, PA – Dauphin County residents are invited to review and comment on a draft of the county's comprehensive plan between now and May 26.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires all counties to update their comprehensive plans every 10 years. A 45-day public review period is part of that process.

The draft plan, entitled "Growing Together," is accessible at <u>www.dauphincountycompplan.org</u>.

The comprehensive plan sets the direction and identifies the goals for Dauphin County's community, environmental and economic initiatives. The plan also establishes the methods, actions and accounting for progress toward meeting these goals.

Its four main sections are "Growing Our Communities," "Growing Within Our Environment," "Growing Our Economy" and "Tracking Our Progress." Various documents and other resources will also be included on the website.

By presenting the work-in-progress as a dedicated website -- a first for Pennsylvania counties -- the Dauphin County Commissioners hope to broaden public awareness and invite input from residents, municipalities, school districts and others.

"This is a unique opportunity for Dauphin County residents to become involved in the planning process and help direct the future of the community," said Commissioner Jeff Haste. "We hope folks will visit the site, review our progress and let us know their ideas or concerns."

"Hearing from residents and business owners is an important part of the planning process," said Commissioner Mike Pries. "We want to hear from you."

"This board is committed to making our county better," said Commissioner George P. Hartwick, III. "The comprehensive plan will help us achieve that goal."

Comments on the plan's recommendations and findings can be directed to the Dauphin County Planning Commission in three ways: 1) by using the site's contact page; 2) by emailing Dauphin County Planning Coordinator Gerard Duke at gduke@tcrpc-pa.org; or 3) by mailing them to Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, 112 Market Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

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