

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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*Sunrise over the Market Street Bridge from City Island*

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS**

We are pleased to present this Annual Report on the activities of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) for 2025. It is provided as a service to the citizens of the region and to update the county commissioners and planning commission members about our activities and accomplishments for all of the programs we administer.



*TCRPC Chairman  
Danny Kirk*



*DCPC Chairman  
Robert A. Spandler*



*PCPC Chairman  
James H. Turner*



*HATS Chairman  
Brenda Watson*

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# STRONGER WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER

**TCRPC** continued to live up to its motto -- “Stronger When We Work Together” -- as it collaborated with numerous local municipalities, state agencies and regional stakeholders in 2025.

Two of its ongoing efforts last year were the update to the Regional Growth Management Plan (RGMP), which is looking at projected growth through 2050, and the Countywide Action Plan Implementation (CAP), which aims to improve the health of local creeks and streams.

**The Dauphin County Planning Commission (DCPC)** also saw a busy year as it began developing a comprehensive, GIS-based inventory of Best Management Practices (BMPs) in member municipalities of the Water Resource Enhancement Program (WREP), which will help to improve flood control and stormwater management.

**The Perry County Planning Commission (PCPC)** continued its implementation of the Picture Perry Comprehensive Plan in 2025, collaborating with local workgroups on potential future projects for community facilities, economic development, housing, natural resources and transportation.

Also last year, the **Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS)** adopted the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Active Transportation Plan, both of which aim to provide a safe, efficient and reliable system for all modes and all users while providing for future growth in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties.

TCRPC’s staff of 13 works hard to be a trusted resource for the community, which includes 103 municipalities and over 600,000 residents.

As you read through this report, we hope you’ll see what a productive year 2025 was for us, and that through funding, planning tools, education and training, we continue to exceed the basic requirements of the PA Municipalities Planning Code (MPC).



*Paxton Creek restoration by the Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg*

Our constant goal is to grow as a vital partner for building a better future in the region, and we look forward to continuing our productive working relationships in 2026.



*Paxtang Creek*

## INTRODUCTION

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.

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## OUR MAIN PROGRAMS —

- 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;
- Staff support for the **Dauphin County Planning Commission**;
- Staff support for the **Perry County Planning Commission**.

## OUR 2025 COMMISSIONERS —

### OFFICERS:

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

### DAUPHIN COUNTY:

- **Board of Commissioners:** George Hartwick
- **Planning Commission:** Mary Gaiski, John Kerschner, Gary Lenker, Robert Spandler
- **Member-at-Large:** Dan Robinson
- **Dauphin Southwest Regional Planning Area:** Frank Chlebnikow
- **Dauphin Southeast Regional Planning Area:** Robert Hess
- **Dauphin North Regional Planning Area:** Deb Everly

### PERRY COUNTY:

- **Board of Commissioners:** Brenda Watson
- **Planning Commission:** Mike Hartley, Tom Graupensperger, Danny Kirk, Jim Turner
- **Member-at-Large:** Jay Bratton
- **Perry Northeast Regional Planning Area:** Nathan Lesh
- **Perry West Regional Planning Area:** Nina Fichet
- **Perry Southeast Regional Planning Area:** John Schulze

### CITY OF HARRISBURG:

- **Harrisburg City Regional Planning Area:** Joel Seiders

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*Historic Fort Hunter Mansion*

## **REGIONAL PROGRAM**

### **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 in seizing opportunities for transformative and positive change.

Administration activities by staff includes development of the Commission'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.

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Notably, in October 2025 construction of an on-site conference room and additional staff offices was complete for a fully-functioning and full-service office space for staff and visitors alike, which will serve the Commission’s needs for many years to come.

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is committed to the proper and thoughtful use of public and private dollars entrusted to us for the betterment of the region. Funding for TCRPC during 2025 encompassed a total budget of \$5,813,607. “Pass-through” funding awarded directly to professional consultants and municipalities for planning projects through a competitive selection process included a majority (67%) of the budget.

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 at publicly advertised meetings.

## **REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN (RGMP) UPDATE —**

TCRPC began working in earnest on the latest update to the Regional Growth Management Plan (RGMP), following initial data review and analysis that was completed in 2024. The plan will look at projected growth through 2050 and lay out a best case for managing this anticipated growth across the region. Staff prepared a full scope of work and schedule for the plan development process as well as a methodology for modeling future growth scenarios as part of the RGMP.

The first phase of plan development focused on public outreach over the late summer and fall seasons. An online visual preference survey and questionnaire was distributed to TCRPC’s wide network as well as all municipalities in the region, local government organizations, and key stakeholder groups to reach as large an audience as possible. Additional in-person outreach was conducted to local Councils of Government and Planning Commissions. Staff analyzed the survey findings and developed a report of key takeaways that will be combined with additional information gathered during future phases of outreach.

TCRPC, in partnership with Harrisburg University, prepared an updated Anderson Land Use Land Cover GIS data set to support the land suitability analysis and scenario planning that will be central to the plan’s development. Staff conducted thorough research on best practices for evaluating land suitability and modeling growth scenarios to guide the planning process.

## **COUNTYWIDE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (CAP) —**

TCRPC entered a memorandum of understanding with Juniata and Mifflin Counties in 2022 to develop Countywide Action Plans (CAP) required as part of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) Phase 3, watershed implementation program. Each County has 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.

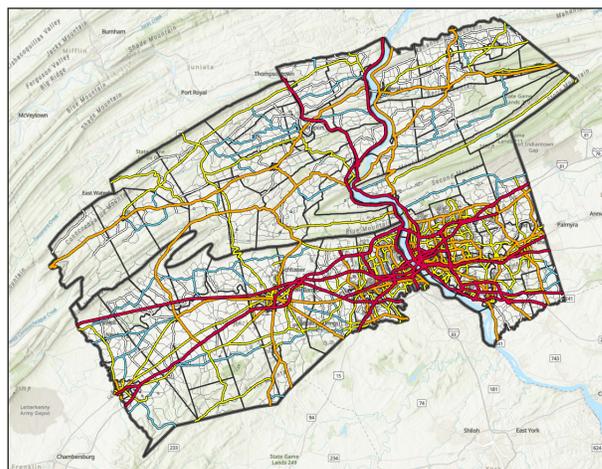
TCRPC continues to receive administration funding through PA DEP to assist in implementation of these storm water improvement projects. In 2025, \$2.3 million in funds were used for projects including Joe Haas Waterway and Diversion, Stonehouse Inn Lawn Conversion and Buffer, and cover crop incentive programs in Perry County; Reinford Farms Waste Transfer Line, River Road, Lost Creek Kratzer, and Guss Park Stream Restoration projects, Kaufmann Farms and Red Cedar Farms BMP Improvements;

and Stroups Lawn Conversion projects in Juniata County; Spring Creek, Serb Park buffer, Whisper Woods Phase 2 projects in Dauphin County; and Lewistown Country Club Turf Conversion in Mifflin County.

## GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS —

TCRPC staff continued to grow its online mapping efforts, including:

- Updated in-house GIS layers;
- Updated Land Use Land Cover (LUCL) data for 2025;
- Development of two new interactive mapping dashboards for Safety and Asset Management;
- Wiki mapping and story mapping for the Active Transportation Plan;
- Amish outreach mapping;
- Mapping resources we developed for two mobile seminar sessions, delivered at both the Greenways and Trails Conference and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association (PA APA) Conference;
- Updated Regional Transportation Plan (2050 RTP) mapping;
- Rolling updates to the TIP Amendments and Modifications Story Map application for HATS meetings;
- Added Dauphin and Perry County SALDO Points to the database;
- Mapped historic sites of interest along the Shermans Creek Greenway in Perry County.



*GIS Transportation Layer*

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS —

All applicants requesting federal and state grant funds are required to submit their application 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 to give opportunity for the public to comment.

Functioning as a designated clearinghouse agency, TCRPC reviewed 87 applications during 2025, totaling over \$160 million. The total funding amount for this year represents a significant increase from 2024, primarily due to a \$74.5 million statewide grant for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency funding to support the Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water Grant Program. For all other applications TCRPC reviewed, most funding came from state sources (\$74 million). The applicants for this funding were primarily local governments with projects including community facilities, transportation system improvements, and parks and recreation.

In addition, 65 PA DEP Chapter 102 forms requesting land use consistency determinations were processed. Approximately one-third of the requests provided incomplete information to adequately complete a review.

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## AFFILIATE DATA CENTER —

As an affiliate to the Pennsylvania State Data Center (SDC), TCRPC helps extend the reach of the U.S. Census Bureau's State Data Center program into communities across our region and has access to a wide range of census resources such as embargoed data, federal and state reports, training materials, and a variety of data sources.



Affiliates are tasked with assisting organizations navigate the many Census Bureau surveys and products to find the best source for data needs. TCRPC is obligated to disseminate, promote and assist potential data users including government, business, non-profits and private citizens. As the US Census Bureau continues to publish data, TCRPC will also use it in comprehensive plan updates, assist municipalities in data research, grant applications, transportation planning, and regional planning programs.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT —

TCRPC staff continues training throughout each year in order 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. Nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the staff possess professional certification and advanced degrees in their respective fields.

In addition to over 100 hours of professional training in planning, staff participated in a special hands-on CPR/AED training sponsored by the Payton Walker Foundation ([peytonwalker.org](http://peytonwalker.org)). The course was designed to equip staff with the skills and knowledge needed to respond effectively in critical moments and act confidently when it matters most.

## BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT —

Since 1981 Tri-County Regional Planning Commission 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.



The most recent published report showed a continued pattern of building the local tax-base and providing new job opportunities. Growth trends suggest a shift away from first-ring suburbs toward outer suburban developments. Amid this transition, residents are increasingly seeking locations near major roadways that offer convenient access to amenities and services. As this trend continues it will be crucial to link the region's transportation options with our RGMP land use recommendations to ensure the desired built environment is achieved and accessible to all.

## PARTNERSHIPS —

The regional planning program builds upon the message of fiscal and environmental stewardship to underscore our connections both in and outside the region. 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 many regional and statewide committees and task forces, and coordinates with other organizations. Among them are:

- Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Capital Area Transit (CAT)/Rabbittransit/Susquehanna Regional Transit Authority
- Councils of Government
- Dauphin & Perry, Juniata & Mifflin County Conservation Districts
- Dauphin & Perry County Emergency Management Agencies
- Dauphin & Perry County Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC)
- Dauphin County Economic Development Corporation
- Federal Emergency Management Agency / PA Emergency Management Agency
- Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC
- Harrisburg University
- Homebuilders/Real Estate organizations
- Kittatinny Ridge Coalition
- Manada Conservancy
- PA Boroughs Association
- PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources
- PA Dept. of Environmental Protection
- PA Dept. of Transportation
- PA Downtown Center
- PA Rural Water Association
- PA Township Supervisors Association
- Pennsylvania Environmental Council
- Penn State Health
- Shippensburg University
- Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership
- Susquehanna River Basin Commission
- Tri-County Community Action
- Tri-County Housing Development Corporation
- UPMC Pinnacle Health



## 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. Residents, businesspeople, 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. TCRPC also continues to use a hybrid/virtual approach to outreach, using the Zoom and Teams platforms, to provide safe communication opportunities.

TCRPC staff also continue to provide key updates on major programs to local municipalities on a regular basis, along with increased communication to our wider network through email updates on topics and activities of note to the community at-large.

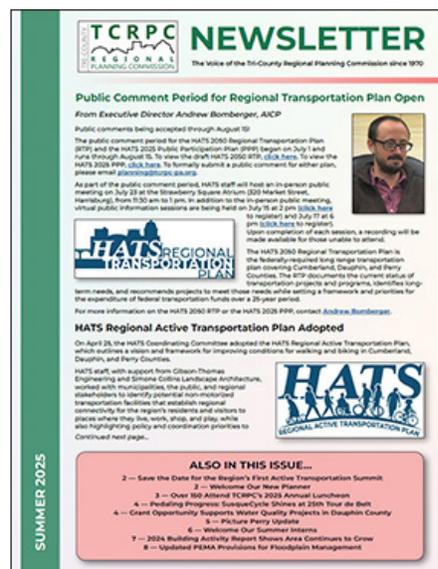
Staff continue to participate in presentations and events across the region and state to discuss and learn about planning topics related to TCRPC's regional planning activities.

## RECRUITMENT —

Staff continue to attend outreach and career events with local university planning programs to aid in TCRPC recruitment activities. Information about internship and employment opportunities were incorporated into the TCRPC website and a materials prepared for distribution to local schools with planning and GIS programs.

## NEWSLETTER —

The TCRPC Newsletter is published every winter, spring, summer and fall. It's sent to nearly 3,000 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, and state agencies. 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.



## ANNUAL LUNCHEON —

Over 150 people attended our 2025 Annual Luncheon on Thursday, May 1 at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel in Swatara Township. The featured speaker was Morgan Boyd, special assistant to the secretary of the PA Department of Community & Economic Development, who offered a keynote address and Q&A on affordable housing, a top issue affecting our region and state.



## ADDITIONAL OUTREACH —

Outreach activities were conducted in support of the regional and transportation programs as well as implementation of the Perry County Comprehensive Plan, including several community events, work group meetings, and promotion of the pilot Sober Ride Home program. Details are included within those respective sections of this report.

## EDUCATION & TRAINING —

In 2025, both the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association's Annual Conference and the Pennsylvania Greenway and Trails Summit were held in Harrisburg. TCRPC staff served on the organizing committees for each conference, provided assistance and guidance in securing facilities and speakers, led downtown walking and biking tours, and participated in educational and panel discussions. Additionally, TCRPC staff participated in or presented at multiple breakout sessions at the Statewide PennDOT Planning Partners conference.

## 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 2025.

### Website

In 2025, TCRPC's website (tcrpc-pa.org) generated the following analytics:

- **Unique Visitors:** 11,463 (955/mo), up 18% over 2024.
- **Site Sessions:** 18,858 (1,572/mo), up 14% over 2024.

Visitors to the site included the following:

- **Top 5 municipalities in the Tri-County region:** Harrisburg, Mechanicsburg, Camp Hill, Carlisle, Hummelstown;
- **Top 5 PA municipalities outside the Tri-County region:** Philadelphia, Lancaster, York, Pittsburgh, Bethlehem;
- **Top 5 U.S. cities outside PA:** Cedar Knolls, NJ; New York, NY; Ashburn, VA; Washington, DC; Akron, OH;
- **Top 5 countries outside the U.S.:** China, Singapore, India, Russia, Canada.

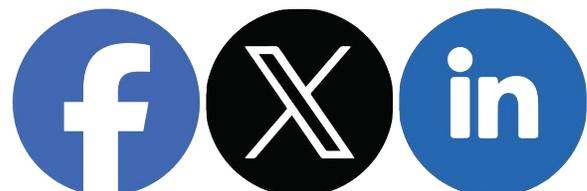


### Media Coverage

TCRPC was mentioned in or contributed to 55 news stories in 2025. The stories appeared in a variety of media outlets, including: ABC27, CBS21, Fox43, News8WGAL, *Newville Valley Times*, *Lewistown Sentinel*, *Patriot-News*, PennLive, PennWatch, *Perry County Times*, *theBurg*.

### Social Media

TCRPC's social media reach on Facebook, LinkedIn and X came to 220,664 total views in 2025. Average monthly impressions were 18,389. Total followers across the three platforms increased 8% to 1,822.





*Children's Hospital, Hershey*

# DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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## 2025 MEMBERS —

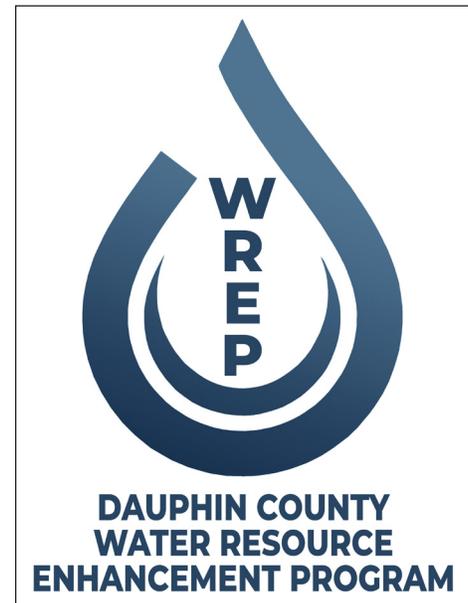
- Robert Spandler, **Chairman**
- Josh First, **Vice Chairman**
- Gary E. Lenker, **Treasurer**
- Taryn Morgan, **Secretary**
- Christopher C. Dietz
- Mary T. Gaiski
- John Kerschner, AICP\*
- Brian E. Pomeroy
- Joseph Robinson Jr.
- Commissioner George Hartwick III (Liaison)

## 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS —

### Water Resource Enhancement Program (WREP)

In 2025, WREP released a request for proposals for its first major project: a comprehensive BMP Inventory. This GIS-based endeavor will map all active BMPs within the participating municipalities as well as their associated drainage areas, allowing the group to collect consistent data across a large area of Dauphin County. Municipalities can claim the mapping project for credit on their 2028 MS4 permits, which will focus on volume control measures for stormwater runoff.

WREP also gained a new municipal member, bringing total membership up to 12 municipalities. Current membership in the program includes East Hanover Township, Hummelstown Borough, Londonderry Township, Lower Paxton Township, Lower Swatara Township, Middletown Borough, Penbrook Borough, Royalton Borough, Steelton Borough, West Hanover Township and new member Millersburg Borough.



### Countywide Action Plan (CAP)

Dauphin County remains a part of the regional CAP with Juniata County, Mifflin County, and Perry County. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission acts as the staffing body for the program and was awarded approximately \$2.1 million in 2025 to be distributed amongst the four counties for the completion of water quality projects that will reduce the amount of nitrogen and sediment entering local waterways and, through them, the Chesapeake Bay.

In Dauphin County, 2025 CAP-funded projects include the Hershey Buffer Project, a 2.75 acre riparian buffer in South Hanover Township, and the South Crawford Road Stream Restoration Project in East Hanover Township. CAP money was also used to fund visits to several farms in Lykens Township to scope areas for potential agricultural BMPs.

### Local Planning Assistance Program

In 2025, the Local Planning Assistance (LPA) program provided support to municipalities by offering a wide range of planning services, including: attending night meetings, providing GIS mapping services, and conducting research on current planning topics or

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techniques. All 40 of Dauphin County's municipalities are included in the program, which is made possible by the County Commissioners. In total, 456.5 hours of staff time were dedicated to these activities. (Daytime LPA: 195 hours; Nighttime LPA: 261.5 hours). 23 out of the 40 Dauphin County municipalities received assistance beyond the required plan reviews and meeting attendance.

## **Plan Reviews & Development Trends**

The Planning Commission reviewed 124 subdivision and land development plans for the year. A total of 66 plans were residential plans, 25 were commercial and/or industrial plans, and 33 plans were classified as either Agricultural (6), Mixed Use (5), or Public/Semi Public (22). In consideration of the larger developments, 10 of the commercial/industrials plans were greater than 10,000 square feet in size. 17 of the residential plans contained four or more new units or lots.

Tracking development within the Community Service Areas (CSAs) is an indicator of development trends. In 2025, 68 plans, or 55%, of all the subdivision and land development plans occurred inside of these areas. In addition, 34 of the 53 major development plans (64.2%) occurred within the CSA. The Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan aims for most major developments to occur within the CSA. Since the plan's adoption in 2017, 2024 was the only year in which this goal was not met. Over the nine-year period, 66% of all major development plans were located within the CSA.

The Planning Commission reviewed and approved three subdivision plans: Charles & Margaret Polk Foundation (Millersburg Borough); Jay Riege III & Benjamin Scott Gross (Williams Township); and Paul Johns & Noah Crisswell (Williamstown Borough).

## **Other Accomplishments**

- Reviewed and commented on 30 municipal ordinances proposing zoning ordinance revisions and amendments, including significant updates to zoning codes in Lower Paxton, Lower Swatara, Susquehanna, Swatara, Washington and West Hanover townships;
- Reviewed and commented on three municipal ordinances for proposed subdivision and land development ordinance revisions and amendments;
- Provided consistency reviews for 44 projects to confirm they are consistent with county plans or other local plans;
- Reviewed nine sewage facilities planning modules;
- Reviewed comprehensive plans for Londonderry, Lower Paxton and West Hanover townships;
- Reviewed and provided comment on several additional planning projects as per MPC requirements: Act 537 plans for Lower Swatara and South Hanover townships, an official map for West Hanover Township, and one street vacation;
- Performed Conservation District coordination, including agricultural easement database management and mapping;
- Conducted zoning research on data centers for Londonderry, Lower Swatara and West Hanover townships;
- Coordinated DCNR intergovernmental reviews for park, sewer and stormwater projects;

- Explored a multi-municipal SALDO update for northern Dauphin County communities;
- Improved and updated several county GIS data layers;
- Participated in the annual review for the Dauphin County Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- Participated in the review of draft active transportation plans in South Hanover and Susquehanna townships;
- Served on the advisory/steering committee for the West Hanover Township Comprehensive Plan update and official map review;
- Prepared and analyzed subdivision and land development activity, including evaluation of growth and service area development trends and consistency with the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan and Regional Growth Management Plan;

- Prepared 2026 Building Activity Report datasets and maintained planning data quality;
- Provided a presentation on zoning history and applications to the Greater Harrisburg Realtors Association and attended quarterly breakfast governmental affairs meetings;
- Provided planning project updates and briefings to the Dauphin County commissioners;



*Dauphin County Library Elizabethville Branch*

- Presented at the Upper Dauphin COG quarterly meetings;
- Reviewed renewable energy zoning standards in Lykens Township;
- Served as a stakeholder on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program Action Plan update;
- Served as a stakeholder on the Paxton Creek Improvement Project and the Riverfront Park Green Stormwater Infrastructure Project;
- Served on the planning committee and co-chaired the program selection committee for the PA Chapter of the American Planning Association Annual Conference in Harrisburg; also co-presented, facilitated multiple sessions, and served as an event guide for tours and walking programs;
- Served as the Dauphin County representative to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC);
- Supported Dauphin County's participation in the HATS Regional Transportation Plan implementation;
- Supported Upper Dauphin School District's planning for a new technical education facility;
- Assisted Lykens and Williams townships with zoning and ordinance questions;
- Advanced the 2027 Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan (scope, outreach, budgeting, surveys).



*Penn Township farm, Perry County*

# **PERRY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

This annual report fulfills the Perry County Planning Commission's 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 PCPC and staff in 2025.

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## 2025 MEMBERS —

- James H. Turner, **Chairman**
- Thomas A. Graupensperger, **Vice Chair**
- David F. Rice, **Treasurer**
- Danny Kirk, **Secretary**
- Donny Bartch
- Michael Hartley
- Ryan Hostetter
- Suzanne Dell

## 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS —

### Picture Perry Comprehensive Plan

This was the second year of Plan implementation. As part of this undertaking staff has been committed to dialoging with the remaining eight municipalities that have not adopted PICTURE PERRY.

There are five active workgroups established for PICTURE PERRY, each helping with implementing the plan. The workgroups continue to meet adhering to a tri-annual session schedule consisting of sessions. During 2025, there were many items discussed during these workgroup session. The summarized content of these discussions can be found on the PICTURE PERRY website in the first table under the Picture in Motion tab.

Outreach for the plan continues to be handled mostly through the LPA program, TCRPC newsletter articles, presentations at the Perry COG and Perry County Boroughs Association meetings, and the Annual Association of Township Officials Convention. Additional outreach was offered to encourage include and partner with the remaining eight townships that have yet to pass resolutions recognizing the PICTURE PERRY Comprehensive Plan. (Carroll, Juniata, Liverpool, Northeast Madison, Penn, Rye, Toboyne, and Wheatfield)

### Local Planning Assistance Program

In 2025, TCRPC staff attended 15 Local Planning Assistance (LPA) meetings and provided services to seven Perry County municipalities: Bloomfield Borough, Buffalo Township, Marysville Borough, New Buffalo Borough, Newport Borough, Oliver Township, and Spring Township.

### Outreach

In 2025, PCPC staff:

- Attended eight local planning commission meetings, seven borough council meetings, eight township board meetings, and nine county commissioners meetings;
- Provided updates on county and regional planning programs at the joint Perry County Council of Governments and Boroughs Association meetings;
- Provided monthly reports on subdivision and land development activity and shared information on projects with the Economic Development Authority and Local Emergency Planning Committee;
- Presented a planning and zoning session for the Association of Township Officials convention.

## Other Accomplishments

- Reviewed 87 total Subdivision and Land Development plans.
- Reviewed 17 Subdivision and Land Development plans submitted under the jurisdiction of the Perry County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- Reviewed five sewage facility planning modules.
- Assisted New Buffalo Borough officials with final draft preparation of the municipality's first zoning ordinance and zoning map.
- Reviewed and commented on three municipal ordinances proposing subdivision and land development ordinance amendments in Howe, Penn, and Rye Townships.
- Reviewed and commented on seven municipal ordinances proposing zoning ordinance revisions and amendments in Carroll, Howe, Liverpool, Rye and Spring Townships.
- Offered comment on a partial street vacation in Duncannon Borough for a portion of Maple Street.
- Updated the Perry County Community E-Data Booklet and the Subdividers/Developers Guide.
- Finalized work with the County consultant MCM Group, Inc. and the Perry County Emergency Management Agency, on the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Supported the County's participation in the implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan for HATS.
- Received 13 Land Use Consistency Planning (Chapter 102) Forms.
- Reviewed one amendment to a municipal comprehensive plan (Liverpool Township).
- Reviewed 10 intergovernmental/ general consistency reviews under Pennsylvania Acts 67, 68, and 127, providing letters of support for projects deemed generally consistent with the Perry County Comprehensive Plan.
- Logged the receipt of 21 Act 14 notifications for the County.
- Improved and updated several county GIS data layers.
- Provided a CDBG environmental review for Marysville Borough Park Rehabilitation during the Phase II Consultation period.
- Provided outreach at all but one joint Perry COG and Borough Association meetings.
- Conducted outreach and technical support to the Perry County Economic Development Authority, and the Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- Participated in the implementation of Perry County's Countywide Action Plan (CAP) serving as co-lead for Perry County's portion of the four-county project. (Dauphin, Juniata, Mifflin, and Perry Counties).
- Attended to 10 right-to-know requests.



*From the Picture Perry website*



*Camp Hill congestion*

## **HARRISBURG AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

TCRPC serves as the lead staff agency for the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS), a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serving 103 municipalities in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. The MPO is represented by county officials, the City of Harrisburg, Capital Area Transit, and other federal, state and local agencies.

HATS develops a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that documents the current status of transportation projects and programs, identifies long-term needs, and recommends projects to meet those needs. The long-range RTP sets a framework and priorities for the expenditure of federal transportation funds over a 25-year period.

HATS serves 103 municipalities in all, covering almost 1,700 square miles in South-Central Pennsylvania, including Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties.

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## 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS —

### HATS 2050 Regional Transportation Plan

The development of HATS 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) kicked off in early 2024, with an initial focus on public outreach through distribution of an online survey and attendance of public events and municipal outreach focused on collecting transportation needs to eventually be evaluated and prioritized in the Project Pipeline. In 2025, RTP development continued and focused on researching the 9 Focus Areas, drafting plan chapters/narratives, and finalizing the results of the Project Pipeline process. The public comment period was held in July/August and the HATS 2050 RTP was formally adopted in September.

### HATS Regional Active Transportation Plan

The development of the HATS Regional Active Transportation Plan began in 2023 and was formally adopted by HATS in April 2025. Through extensive community engagement, thorough review of relevant plans and documents, and detailed GIS analysis, an updated Regional Backbone was identified to highlight priority connections that support non-motorized transportation. The final plan was delivered as an informational website and StoryMap for improved accessibility and public understanding and is available here. As part of the implementation of the ATP, TCRPC staff hosted our first Active Transportation Summit in November, which drew approximately 60 attendees, including municipal leaders, consultants, and state agency representatives from PennDOT and DCNR.

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## **SusqueCycle Regional Bike Share**

Since October 2022, TCRPC has been operating the SusqueCycle Regional Bike Share system consisting of 60 bikes distributed among 11 locations throughout Harrisburg. In 2025, the system recorded more than 3,300 rides (a 7% increase from 2024) with ongoing monthly monitoring showing a steady increase in ridership and growing demand for this service. SusqueCycle was also featured at two statewide events, providing attendees the opportunity to experience the bikes firsthand. The program's success serves as a regional model for an effective and sustainable bike share system.



## **Safety Planning**

After adoption of the HATS Regional Safety Action Plan in September 2024, safety planning efforts of HATS staff focused on implementation. Held on various holiday weekends throughout 2025, the Sober Ride Home program provided free rideshare alternatives to people who have consumed alcohol at local bars and restaurants. The program was a response to the identification of "impaired driver crashes" as a focus area of the Regional Safety Action Plan and, in total, provided approximately 17,000 ride share vouchers. Analysis of the results and impacts of the Sober Ride Home Program will continue into 2026. Also in 2025, HATS applied for and was awarded supplemental planning funds to continue developing improvements for the 5 priority locations identified in the Regional Safety Action Plan.

## **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 on June 15 of every year 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.

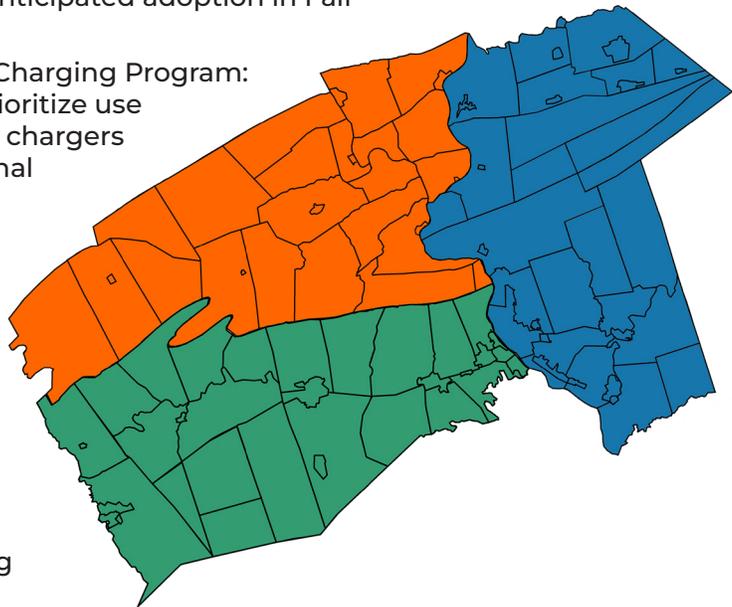
PennDOT assigned 90 traffic counts and 177 HPMS Sample Sections to the HATS region to help complete the Federal-required HPMS report. HATS was reviewed this year by PennDOT for a Traffic Counting Safety and Assistance Program (TCSAP) Field Review for our traffic counting program. All Safety and Quality Assurance checklist items were in compliance.

New in 2025, staff solely utilized AI traffic count cameras to collect all required volume and classification count data. The new technology has proven to be a safer and more efficient method of data collection. In 2024, PennDOT completed an HPMS Quality Review with HATS staff receiving an accuracy rate of 99.71%. The next HPMS Quality review for HATS staff will occur in fall 2026.

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## Other Accomplishments

- Underwent Federal TMA Certification review process lead by FHWA and FTA, in cooperation with PennDOT District 8-0, Central Office, and other regional stakeholders. Official recertification notice was received in December.
- Began development an interactive PM Tracking Hub to assist with Federal Performance Measure Tracking and other metrics identified in the HATS 2050 RTP.
- Developed Project Pipeline “Report Cards” for each transportation need identified in the HATS 2050 RTP, describing the project, its project readiness, how it ranked based on the focus areas, and its regional priority status. The Report Cards will ultimately be sent to the municipality where that need is located.
- Began development of the FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in 2025. “Carry-over” projects, continuing from the previous TIP, constituted nearly all of the region’s proposed investments. The number of carry-over projects along with the uncertainty of future funding meant that the only new projects were county culvert replacements, brought forward by PennDOT District 8. Adoption of the FFY 2027-2030 TIP is anticipated in June 2026.
- Kicked off the update of the region’s Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) with anticipated adoption in Fall 2026.
- NEVI: PennDOT’s EV Community Charging Program: Created a public survey to help prioritize use cases and communities where EV chargers should be placed in our region. Final list of prioritized locations due to PennDOT by April 2026. Held a virtual information session in November, with speakers from PennDOT’s Transformational Technology Office.
- The HATS Public Participation Plan was updated along with the 2050 RTP, went to public comment from July 1, 2025 – August 15, 2025, and officially adopted by the HATS Coordinating Committee in September 2025.
- Updated and revised the HATS Safety Application with 2024 PennDOT PCIT crash data and created an interactive HATS Asset Management Application.
- Participated in development or coordinated implementation of transportation plans for Penn Township, Lemoyne Borough, Lower Paxton Township, City of Harrisburg, Hampden Township, West Hanover Township, Newville Borough, Silver Spring Township, and others.
- Presented recent HATS planning work or participated in panel discussions at PA Trails and Greenways Conference, PennDOT Planning Partners Conference, and PennDOT Planning Day.
- Attended public outreach events, including Tour de Belt, Shippensburg CLUS Warehouse & Freight Summit, Cumberland County Planning Department Outreach Meetings



- Conducted outreach with Mennonite and Amish community representatives to discuss transportation needs and I-81/Exit 37 Study.
- Participated in statewide planning efforts, including the Freight Work Group, Air Quality Work Group, EV Charging Community Engagement Peer Exchange, South Central Pennsylvania 2025 Regional Freight Summit, PennDOT Planning Partners
- Continued partnership with SRTP, PennDOT, and AECOM to finalize the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Hub used by all MPOs in PennDOT's District 8 to understand congestion data in the region.
- Commute PA currently engages with over 60 employers and 40 community organizations in the Tri-County Region to provide resources and education on non-drive alone transportation options. In 2025, commuters from the nine-county region removed just over 2 million miles from local roadways and helped to eliminate 825 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. These commuters saved 84,403 gallons of gas and just over \$1.4 million.
- Commute PA highlights from the HATS Region include hosting transit outreach events at the rabbittransit Harrisburg Transfer Center, continuing to work with Hollywood Casino by incorporating Commute PA information into new hire orientations, and helping Phoenix Contact be recognized as one of the Best Workplaces for Commuters for the third year in a row.



*Bicyclists at Front & Forster streets, Harrisburg*

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Lower Paxton Township horses; Duncannon home construction

**BACK COVER:** Hawk Rock Overlook, Perry County