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OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Huntingdon County Planning Commission to develop and implement a positive vision for Huntingdon County; one that reflects economic prosperity, a rural and small-town atmosphere, protection of natural resources, centers-focused development, greenway corridors, improved highway and communication access, and a high standard of excellence in both personal and community development.

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SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Proper maintenance and implementation of the Huntingdon County Comprehensive Plan requires continuous data collection and analysis. Data collected by the Planning Staff includes: building and subdivision activity, deed transfers, municipal contacts, municipal land use ordinances, and population and socio-economic characteristics.

Subdivision Activity (Lots Sold)

The number of new subdivision lots recorded indicates the level of subdivision activity occurring within Huntingdon County. This information is valuable when determining the need for public services.

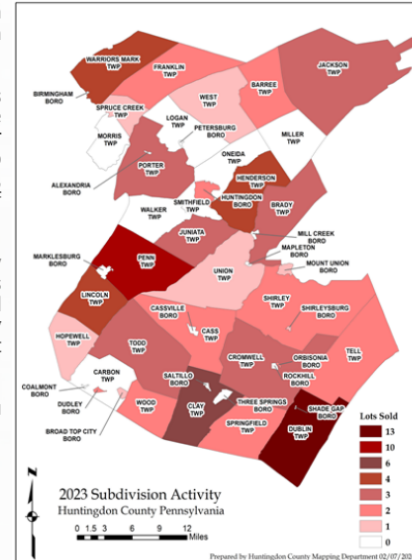
In accordance with Article 1 Section 107 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act 1968, P.L. 805 as amended), the act of subdivision is the division or re-division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land by any means into two or more lots, tracts, parcels, or other divisions of land, including changes to existing lot lines for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of lease, partition by the court for the distribution to heirs or devisees, transfers of ownership or building or lot development.

Subsequent to subdividing land, a deed is prepared demonstrating the new metes and bounds for the lot. After the County Mapping Department completes the Uniform Parcel Identification (UPI) stamping process, the deed is recorded in the Recorder of Deeds Office and the new lot is officially created. In many instances, lots may have been created by subdivision; however, if a deed is not created, then the lot is not officially created.

During 2023, 86 new lots were recorded in Huntingdon County. This is a decrease of 29% from the 121 lots recorded in 2022.

Municipalities with the highest levels of recorded lots in 2023 included:

- Dublin Township, 13 lots
- Penn Township, 10 lots; and
- Clay Township, 6 lots

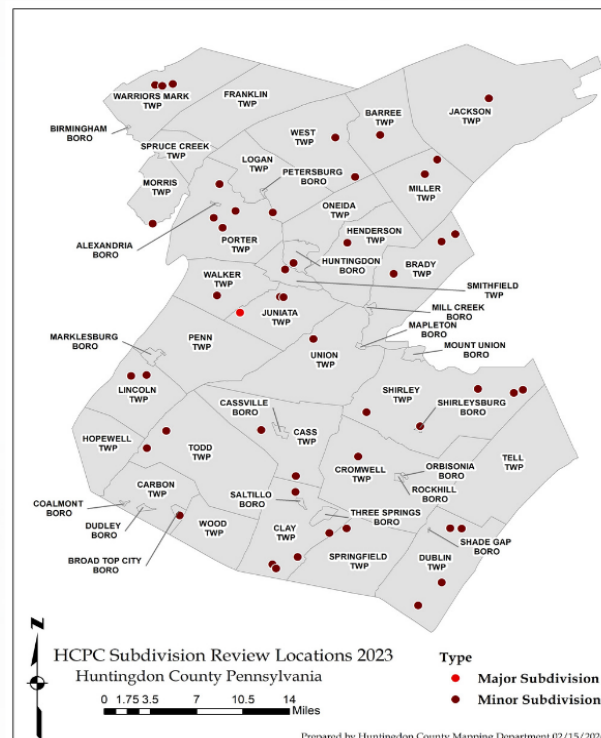
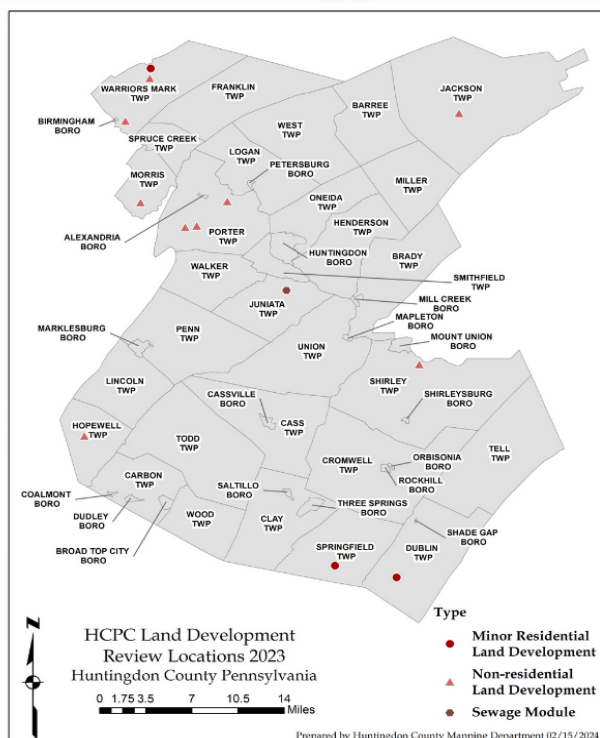


Subdivision, Land Development & Sewage Module Reviews

Section 502 (b) of the PA Municipalities Planning Code requires that the Planning Commission review and comment on all subdivision and land development plans submitted to municipalities that have a subdivision and land development ordinance prior to final municipal action. Additionally, the PA Sewage Facilities Act 537 requires that the Planning Commission review and comment on all municipal Act 537 Plans as well as Component 2 and Component 3 modules.

The Planning Commission reviewed a total of 62 applications in 29 municipalities during 2023, a decrease of 36 applications from the 98 reviewed during 2022. These reviews included, one major subdivision; 48 minor subdivisions; three minor residential land developments; nine non-residential land developments; and zero major residential land developments. This also included one sewage module. These projects encompass a total of 72 new lots and 5,388.1329 acres.

The two maps on this page illustrate the distribution of the 62 proposals reviewed during 2023.

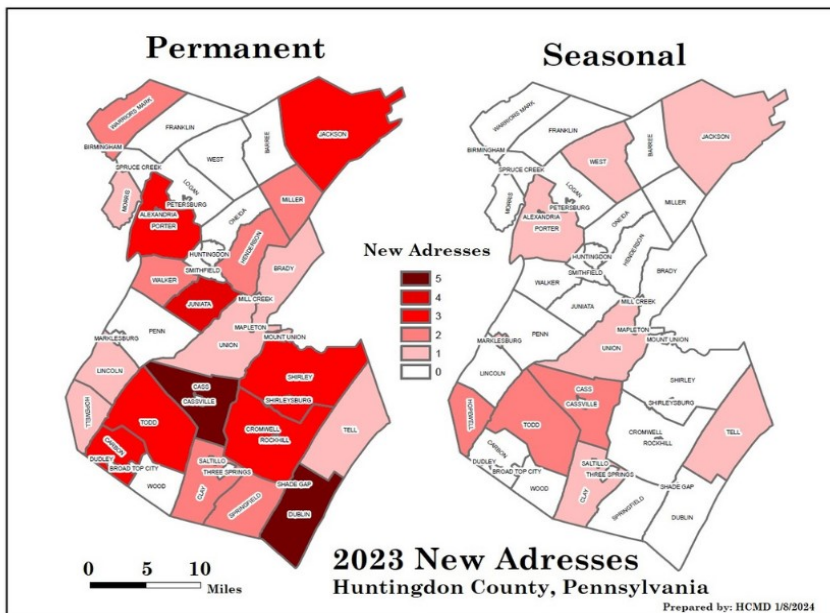


SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Building Activity - Permanent and Seasonal Addresses Issued

For 2023, the Department used new addresses issued by the County Mapping Department to track new permanent and seasonal housing within Huntingdon County. A total of 65 residential addresses in 25 municipalities were issued - 52 addresses for permanent (year round) housing and 13 for seasonal housing.

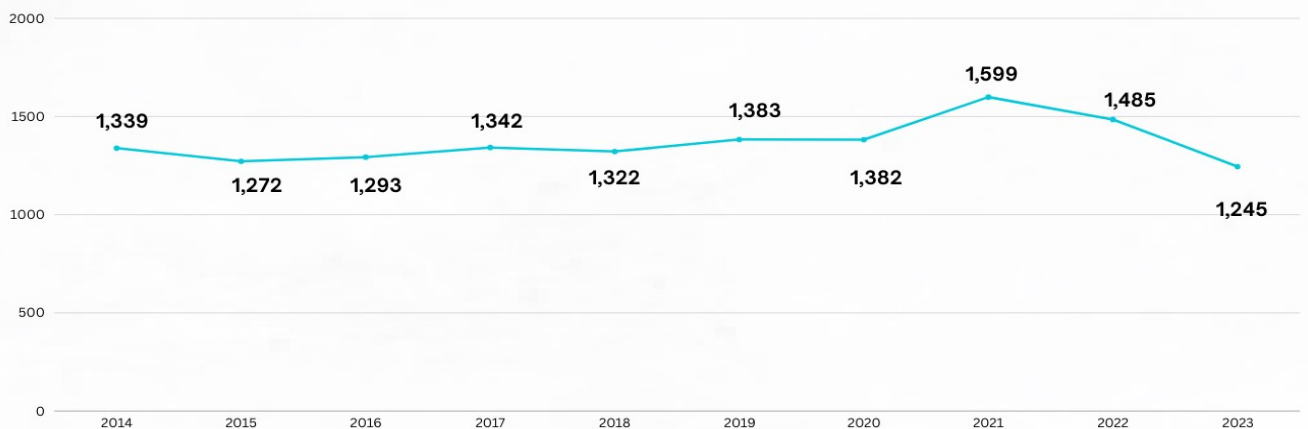
As illustrated in the table to the right and in the map below, the highest total number of new seasonal addresses were issued in Cass Township, Hopewell Township, and Todd Township, while the highest number of new addresses for permanent housing (5) were issued in both Cass Township and Dublin Township.



MUNICIPALITY	PERMANENT	SEASONAL
Brady Township	1	0
Carbon Township	3	0
Cass Township	5	2
Clay Township	2	1
Cromwell Township	3	0
Dublin Township	5	0
Henderson Township	2	0
Hopewell Township	1	2
Jackson Township	3	1
Juniata Township	4	0
Lincoln Township	1	0
Marklesburg Borough	0	1
Miller Township	2	0
Morris Township	1	0
Mount Union Borough	1	0
Porter Township	3	1
Rockhill Borough	1	0
Shirley Township	3	0
Springfield Township	2	0
Tell Township	1	1
Todd Township	3	2
Union Township	1	1
Walker Township	2	0
Warriors Mark Township	2	0
West Township	0	1
Totals	52	13

Deed Transfers

The number of deeds created and transferred for both new and existing properties is monitored as an indicator of the economic well-being of the County. The Huntingdon County Register and Recorder's Office reported a total of 1,245 deeds recorded in 2023. This is a decrease from the 1,485 deeds recorded in 2022.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Department assists municipalities and non-profit organizations in meeting community development needs by applying for and administering various State and Federal grants, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program as well as acting as the responsible entity for environmental reviews.

Grant Administration

While 2022 was a year of learning, 2023 has been a year of settling in and gaining confidence for Jen Bellis and Jayme Reck. They have been busy finding new and creative ways to engage with the local communities, as well as getting involved in more local events and committees. While the first half of 2023 was very busy with on-going CDBG projects, the second half of the year was a lot of "hurry up and wait" in regards to projects, applications and approvals. Throughout 2023, Jen and Jayme attended various CDBG trainings, as well as attending webinars sponsored by DCED and COSTARS; and an in-person PennVest training which were all helpful in the learning process. They also tried a new approach to the CDBG required annual fair housing activity for 2023 by hosting a family movie night at Bryan Park in Huntingdon Borough. The movie was geared toward younger children with the focus on inclusivity and how to overcome discrimination/adversity in the community and workplace. They also took the opportunity to answer questions, hand out some pamphlets and informational literature, as well as coloring books/crayons and some personalized handout items. With a crowd of about 50 people, the activity was a success. Jen and Jayme are happy to be a part of the Planning Department, and continue to look forward to the many funding and planning opportunities they are able to provide for Huntingdon County. Following are descriptions of the CDBG projects that were completed in 2023, as well as ongoing activities.

FY 2020 –HC CV Diven Park Improvements



This County project involved improving some of the facilities within Diven Park located in Mount Union Borough. After bid issues in the spring of 2022, and uncertainty that an extension request would be granted, an extension was received on August 4, 2022 and the project was reopened. The Invitation to Bid was published on August 10, 12 and 16, 2022 and two bids were received. The selected bidder was Glenn O. Hawbaker in the amount of \$255,595.00. A Change Order was immediately requested to change the scope of the work to better fit the budgeted amount allowable for this project. This project involved the elimination of paving of a parking lot, but retained the tennis courts and fencing. The Notice to Proceed was issued on November 29, 2022 with intended construction to begin in the spring of 2023. In April 2023, Glenn O. Hawbaker began work on the tennis court. Work consisted of fence removal and installation of new fencing, asphalt resurfacing, curb-cuts and sidewalk replacement. Substantial Completion was issued May 22, 2023. The final project cost was \$151,398.80



FY 2020 –HB CV Huntingdon Borough Portstown Park Enhancements (previously HB COVID-19 Prevention and Housing/Utility Assistance)

This Borough project involved enhancements to the children's playground equipment at Portstown Park, and the addition of outdoor adult fitness equipment. On August 4, 2022, contract and activity extensions were received for the CV funds for both the County and obo Huntingdon Borough. While there were no applications received for assistance from any residents of the Borough, a modification was completed to the project, and the process of narrowing down additional options for the funds began. With



the help of Huntingdon Borough, it was decided to enhance Portstown Park with some new playground and fitness equipment. A large new piece of playground equipment for young children was added to the existing structures on site, along with the first of its kind outdoor adult fitness equipment. In March 2023, the Borough broke ground on the children's section first, to which the ribbon cutting was held on May 24, 2023. The adult fitness portion of the equipment was completed by the beginning of June 2023. The total amount of funding for this project was \$60,100.00 from CDBG, and the remaining \$8,226.00 was covered by Huntingdon Borough, as well as the installation of both units.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FY 2020

Pump Station #2 Upgrades



This County project was submitted by the Shade Gap Area Joint Municipal Authority (SGAJMA) and involved various improvements to the existing pump station located at the intersection of Main Street and Croghan Pike in Dublin Township. The pump station serves residential users along Main Street and a convenience store adjacent to the facility. The deterioration of the pump station had progressed to the point where if there were a total failure, it would affect all residents that are connected, and potentially result in a raw sewage surcharge event. Bidding for the project was completed in March 2023, and was awarded to Hickes Associates, Inc. In late June 2023, exploratory excavation began on buried lines at the site. The following week, Hickes

Associates, Inc. began work with an estimation of only 2-3 weeks for completion. The manual construction portion of the work was completed by the end of July 2023, however internet connection took another month to

install and train the operators on the alarm system. Substantial Completion of the project was September 6, 2023, with final payment being sent on September 28, 2023. Total amount of funding for this project was \$204,358.00.



FY 2019 & FY 2020 & FY 2021

obo Huntingdon Borough 6th Street Parking Lot Rehabilitation



This Borough project involved rehabilitating the municipal parking lot along Penn Street between 6th and 7th streets, commonly referred to as the 6th Street Parking Lot. This project went out to bid in April 2023 having two different bid specs; General and Electrical. Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. was secured as the general contractor, but no bids were received for the electrical portion. Because of this set back, Huntingdon Borough volunteered their staff to do the electrical portion of the work. A pre-construction meeting was held in June 2023, and construction began

on July 17, 2023. This project included underground electricity for lighting, with the

possibility of adding a charging station for electric vehicles and/or a parking payment toll booth, new light poles and lumens, landscaping, milling/paving, and adjusting the number of handicapped parking spaces to meet requirements. Borough employees worked hand in hand with those of Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. to reach Substantial Completion of the project on September 15, 2023. The final shipment of light poles should be received and installed by the Borough in March 2024, to which final payment can be issued, and the project can be closed. Total amount of funding for this project was \$266,530.40



FY 2018 & 2019

obo Smithfield Township Flood Levee Improvements

This activity involved efforts to keep Smithfield Township's levee certified, and to ensure that flooding risks are minimized to the community. An internal closed circuit television inspection of the existing levee culverts was conducted as a part of the flood control levee system inspection process. An Invitation to Bid was published on July 9 & 15, 2022 to which two bids were received. State Pipe Services, Inc. was the selected bidder, and work was started in December 2022. The project was 70% completed when it was stopped by DEP in late December. In April 2023, DEP sent forth new requirements to which State Pipe Services, Inc. requested a termination of contract. A new set of bid specs were prepared and a contractor was selected via COSTARS. Snyder Environmental Services, Inc. went into contract with Huntingdon County in July 2023, however, the required permit from DEP did not come through until October 31, 2023. Work began on November 13, 2023 and was completed the following day. The project will be closed upon final payment from Huntingdon County, as well as Smithfield Township. The total amount of CDBG funding for this project was \$112,015.62.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ONGOING CDBG CONTRACTS & ACTIVITIES

FY 2018 & FY 2019

obo Huntingdon Borough Town Clock Revitalization



This activity involves repair and restoration (historical preservation) of the town clock located at 508 Mifflin Street, Huntingdon, PA. This project is very involved and includes repair of the Seth Thomas Time and Strike tower clock movement; restoration of the dials; repair of the bell floor, bell cribbing, tolling wheel, and hammer assembly; installation of appropriate dial lighting; and physical structure repairs to eliminate existing water

infiltration. Seiler & Drury Architecture, PC designed the project, which required approval from Huntingdon Borough as well as the Huntingdon Presbyterian Church, as it changes the design of the front entryway to the church and requires annual maintenance of the timepiece. Seiler and Drury selected Balzer-Family Clockworks from Freeport, Maine as the restoration entity. The Balzer family traveled to Huntingdon for on-site

inspection prior to commitment to establish a plan and proposal for the restorative efforts. Once their proposal was approved by all stakeholders, they returned to Huntingdon and removed the clock movement, beveled gears and the bell hammer.

The Balzer family have been busy restoring the timepiece since December 2022 in their Freeport, Maine workshop. They re-visited the site in June 2023 to remove the dials and clock faces to start refabricating the exterior aspect of the clock, as well as provided specs to the architect for relocation of the timepiece to the ground level lobby entrance for viewing by the public, and easier maintenance by the Borough staff.

The Balzer's returned the week of October 9, 2023 which resulted in the removal of the plywood from the clock openings and the new faces and hands were installed. The project had gone out to bid in early August 2023 with the opening date being September 6, 2023, to which there were no bidders. After discussing further with the architect, Borough, Balzer's and internally, it was determined the scope of construction work could be met with an offer from Huntingdon Borough to have their staff complete. The encasement for the timepiece itself will be procured through multiple vendor quotes based upon the dimensions provided in the bid specifications, and installed by the Borough as well. Construction work will commence in early 2024 by the Borough, and completion with the timepiece will take place in spring of 2024, with one final trip by the Balzer's to install and complete prior to May 31, 2023. Because of the Borough taking on the construction scope of the work, the budget of this project changed as well. The project is currently multi-year funded with a total of \$259,635.67 in funding from CDBG, Huntingdon Landmarks and the Huntingdon Presbyterian Church.



FY 2020 & FY 2021

obo Smithfield Township Housing Rehabilitation



On October 25, 2022 a public announcement flyer was sent from the Planning office to all residential addresses within Smithfield Township, which outlined the single-family housing rehabilitation program, defined the income restrictions and provided examples of eligible projects. An agreement was created with SEDA-COG to administer the program, and intake began on one household which went out to bid. After unsuccessfully securing a contract, the project was split into multiple bids, and Hilltop Construction was selected. With SEDA-COG administering this program, there is little to do with the daily upkeep. They are in communication with CDBG staff regarding timelines, progress and payment applications. SEDA-COG is confident the project is on track for completion by the deadline of March 29, 2024. The total amount of CDBG funding for this project is \$158,915.00.

FY 2021

Pennsylvania Ave Restoration

This County project was originally submitted as the restoration of the one-way west bound lane of Pennsylvania Avenue between Franklin Street and Division Street in Mount Union Borough. This section experiences a relatively large traffic volume, including school bus traffic and delivery trucks that enter Mount Union Borough from Kistler Borough and proceed to Division Street or Jefferson Street. The pavement condition of this roadway section is poor, with many areas of base and edge failures. In addition, the sidewalks do not meet ADA requirements for an accessible route, and the crossings at Franklin Street and Division Street are substandard. Much of the vehicle parking in this area is informal, with vehicles regularly parking on the sidewalks, decreasing ADA pedestrian access. After learning about an upcoming sewer project that will be taking place along this same section of roadway, the project location has been relocated. The new corridor will be from Division to Jefferson Streets along Pennsylvania Avenue (just west of the original location) and will not be disrupted by the sewer project. The bid specifications are in the process of being created with the project to go out to bid in the spring of 2024, with completion by fall of 2024. The Environmental Review has been completed on the original sector, as well as a recertification completed for the new section.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT SUMMARY

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS	
FY 2020 CDBG-CV (CARES Act)	Amount
HC COVID-19 Prevention and Housing/Utility Assistance—completed November 2022	\$5,599.81
Diven Park Improvements—completed May 2023	\$151,398.80
Huntingdon Borough Portstown Park Enhancements—completed May/June 2023	\$60,100.00
Total	\$217,098.61
ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS	
FY 2018	Amount
Mount Union Area Municipal Authority - Hill Valley Sewer Improvements Project—completed May 2022	\$87,000.00
Mount Union Area Municipal Authority - West Water Street Waterline Replacement—completed December 2021	\$60,000.00
Mapleton Reservoir Improvement Project—completed November 2022	\$52,358.00
912 Washington Street Rehabilitation—completed December 2022	\$96,948.00
Smithfield Township Spot Blight (913 Pike Street)—completed December 2021	\$40,850.38
Huntingdon Borough Town Clock Revitalization—started December 2022	\$160,418.86
Smithfield Township Flood Levee Improvements—completed December 2023	\$34,776.62
Total	\$532,351.86
FY 2019	Amount
Mount Union Pennsylvania Avenue Linear Park Corridor Retaining Wall Phase 2—completed July 2021	\$200,486.00
Huntingdon Borough Town Clock Revitalization—started December 2022	\$44,216.81
Smithfield Township Flood Levee Improvements—completed December 2023	\$77,239.00
6th Street Parking Lot Rehab—completed September 2023	\$55,335.19
Total	\$377,277.00
FY 2020	Amount
Pump Station #2 Upgrades	\$204,358.00
Huntingdon Borough 6th Street Parking Lot Rehabilitation—completed September 2023	\$102,309.00
Smithfield Township Housing Rehabilitation—intake started October 2022; construction underway	\$78,945.00
Total	\$385,612.00
FY 2021	Amount
Pennsylvania Ave Restoration—ER complete; activity pending	\$206,680.00
Huntingdon Borough 6th Street Parking Lot Rehabilitation—completed September 2023	\$103,964.00
Smithfield Township Housing Rehabilitation—intake started October 2022; construction underway	\$79,970.00
Total	\$390,614.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) defines economic development as creating conditions for economic growth and improved quality of life by expanding the capacity of individuals, firms, and communities to maximize the use of their talents and skills to support innovation, lower transaction costs, and responsibly produce and trade valuable goods and services. Economic development requires effective, collaborative institutions focused on advancing mutual gain for the public and the private sector. Economic Development is essential to ensuring our economic future. The role of the Department is to positively influence economic development policy and promote professional communication among members of key partners.

Partnership For Economic Progress (PEP)

The County Commissioners established the Partnership for Economic Progress (PEP) in 2000, with the vision of "improving the economic health and the quality of life of Huntingdon County residents by fostering and enhancing community education and innovation, agency communication and coordination and promotion of a positive image of the County." To implement this vision, the group works toward a common strategic plan. In 2023, the members of PEP met quarterly to discuss the following strategic priorities:

1. Supply Chain: Support Existing Businesses by Promoting Crossover Businesses;
2. Business Development: Assist Businesses by Providing a Host of Services;
3. Infrastructure: Promote 21st Century Infrastructure Provided to Businesses;
4. Workforce Development: Attract, Retain, and Educate the Workforce; and
5. Marketing: Market the County to Employers, Investors, and Employees.

Huntingdon County Business & Industry Economic Infrastructure Committee

The Huntingdon County Business & Industry (HCBI) mission is "to promote economic development throughout Huntingdon County."

Through the HCBI Economic Infrastructure Committee, members advance and facilitate economic growth by addressing matters regarding transportation (highways, rail development, etc.), public utilities and infrastructure, telecommunications, and economic development incentives. The Planning Director serves on this Committee.

EDUCATION

It is a goal of the Planning Commission to provide information to the public concerning planning and development issues as well as local trends in growth and development. The various methods listed below are ways in which department staff fulfill this responsibility.

Fair Housing Awareness



An annual Fair Housing activity is a requirement for recipients of CDBG funding. For 2023, CDBG staff wanted to try a new approach by hosting a family movie night. Huntingdon Borough graciously offered the use of Bryan Park and Washington Street for the event. To get the word out, a flyer was created and delivered to all the county elementary schools (Mount Union, Southern Huntingdon, Huntingdon, Juniata Valley, as well as Stone Valley Charter School),

as well as promoted through the Planning Department's social media, and postings at Borough buildings and Center for Community Action (CCA.) There was participation as well by multiple food/beverage trucks. After two weather delays, CDBG staff were successful in hosting the event, and with the flexibility of Huntingdon Borough and the food vendors; Britty Rae's Tacos, Little Goody's Scoops of Heaven and The Roast Post, around 50 people gathered in the park at the start of the movie. CDBG staff took the opportunity to answer questions, hand out some pamphlets and informational literature, as well as coloring books and crayons and some personalized handout items. The movie, Disney's "Zootopia," was geared towards



younger children with the focus on inclusivity and how to overcome discrimination/adversity in the community and workplace. A great film for these topics to be absorbed by a younger audience.

PMPEI Course in Subdivision and Land Development Review

The Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute's (PMPEI) Course in Subdivision and Land Development Review deals with the work of planning commissions in the subdivision and land development review process. The course emphasizes the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) as the source of authority to regulate development. Participants learn new skills for administering the review process, reviewing plans, and calculating impacts of development. The course also covers techniques for incorporating internal and external reviews in plan review, and how information sharing can improve local and regional planning.

In late 2023, the Southern Alleghenies Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) collaborated with staff of the Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission to host this course for planning commissions and staff in the six-county Southern Alleghenies Region. This training is scheduled for March 2024.

MUNICIPAL AND AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS

With the approval of the Huntingdon County Commissioners, the Planning and Development Department may provide assistance to municipalities and agencies upon request. Such requests typically involve development of subdivision, zoning, and building permit ordinances; preparation and administration of grant applications; requests for proposals for professional services and various planning studies.

Individual Municipal Assistance

Department staff worked directly with the following municipalities in 2023:

Barree Township, Huntingdon Borough and Shirley Township

Staff provided model solar ordinances in response to request from municipal representatives.

Carbon Township

Staff coordinated with the Township Supervisors to begin a demographic survey to determine eligibility for a proposed entitlement CDBG project. Staff also coordinated a Township bridge repair request for inclusion on the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Clay Township, Three Springs Borough and Saltillo Borough

Staff provided information regarding grants and the benefits of land use planning, including comprehensive plans, subdivisions and land development ordinances and zoning ordinances.

Huntingdon Borough, Mount Union Borough and Smithfield Township

Staff coordinated with Borough staff and engineers to discuss current and future entitlement CDBG projects. A demographic survey started in Smithfield Township to determine eligibility for a proposed CDBG project.

Springfield Township

Staff provided subdivision and land development ordinance administration assistance to Township staff.

Juniata River Blueprint Communities (JRBC)

Formed in 2014, The Juniata River Blueprint Communities (JRBC) was one of only six participants in the Blueprint Communities program within the Commonwealth. The initial "Core Team" of the group was tasked with committing themselves to trainings and focus groups that would aide in creating a comprehensive 5-year plan for the communities of Mapleton, Shirley Township and Mount Union. Their hard work and dedication allowed them to compile a through strategic plan that was organized into the following seven themes: Business and Economy, Housing and Neighborhoods, Image and Identity, Quality of Life, Workforce and Education, Infrastructure, and Social and Political.

Today, the group consists of a mixture of original and new members who all share the common interest to improve the quality of life and support growth in the communities of Mapleton Borough, Mount Union Borough, and Shirley Township.

Jen Bellis and Jayme Reck from the Planning & Development Department are members and are also involved in the Promotions and Marketing sub-committee within JRBC.



ACT 13 MARCELLUS SHALE LEGACY FUND

One provision of Act 13 that directly impacts Huntingdon County is the establishment of a Legacy Fund (Section 2315(a.1)(5)), which allows each county in the commonwealth to receive a share of the Marcellus Shale drilling impact fee based upon county population. These funds are intended for "the planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, natural areas, community conservation and beautification projects, community and heritage parks and water resource management. Funds may be used to acquire lands for recreational or conservation purposes and land damaged or prone to drainage by storms or flooding." These funds may be leveraged with other funding sources to complete a project, and mostly serve as gap financing.

Since September 3, 2013, the Huntingdon County Commissioners have made a total of \$30,000.00 available annually, with a maximum award of \$10,000.00 per project. Six percent of each award is retained for administrative expenses.

On April 20, 2023, the Huntingdon County Planning Commission reviewed eight applications for Act 13 funding totaling \$65,632.14. The Planning Commission's award recommendations were forwarded to the Huntingdon County Commissioners, who awarded a total of \$30,000.00 to four projects on April 25, 2023. The four 2023 Act 13 Legacy Fund awards included the following:

- \$3,273.00 for Commercial Garbage Cans for Woodcock Valley Community Park located in Walker Township
- \$10,000.00 for Backstop and Fence Replacement for the Juniata Valley Youth Baseball Field in Petersburg Borough
- \$6,727.00 for Table Upgrades to the Community Outdoor Activity Pavilion located in Three Springs Borough
- \$10,000.000 for Community Building Renovations (Phase 2), in Broad Top City Borough

COUNTY ASSISTANCE

Many Department activities are countywide in nature and benefit all municipalities equally while other activities assist the Huntingdon County Commissioners in non-planning areas.

Recycling

Nine recycling drop off locations are maintained within the three county region served by the South Central Counties Solid Waste Agency (SCCSWA).

In Huntingdon County, drop off sites are located on/at:

- Fairgrounds Road, in Smithfield Township;
- James Creek Post Office, in Marklesburg Borough; and
- Parks Garbage Service Facility, in Shirley Township

In Fulton County, drop off sites are located on/at:

- Forbes Road School
- McConnellsburg Recycling Center

In Bedford County drop off sites are located on/at:

- Everett Church of the Brethren
- Bedford Township Supervisors Office
- Broad Top Township
- Sandy Run Landfill



Solid Waste Plan Update

The South Central Counties Solid Waste Agency (SCCSWA) consists of the County Commissioners of Huntingdon, Bedford and Fulton Counties. The purpose of the agency is to ensure there is sufficient capacity for the disposal of waste (both household solid waste and recycling) in the three county region.

In September 2021, the draft Municipal Waste Management Plan was advertised for public comment and a copy of the draft Plan was submitted to each municipality for review, as part of the plan revision process. On October 6, 2021, Bedford County, Fulton County, and Huntingdon County held a joint public hearing on the proposed 2021 Plan Update. Resolution 2-2022, approved by the Huntingdon County Commissioners on January 11, 2022 adopted the South Central Counties Solid Waste Agency's (SCCSWA) 2021 Joint Municipal Solid Waste Plan.

Consistent with Act 101, the adopted Plan was sent to Huntingdon County municipalities on January 19, 2022 for ratification. Ten municipalities ratified the Plan by resolution. Since no municipality declined, all other municipalities were deemed to approve the Plan.

The major goals of the Plan are:

1. Securing sufficient capacity for the disposal of municipal waste generated by residents, businesses and institutions within the Region for at least a ten (10) year period;
2. Showing how the Region intends to continue to provide recycling opportunities for residents and businesses in an effort to move toward the thirty-five percent (35%) State recycling goal; and
3. Developing a means to support expanded recycling for residents and businesses of the Region.

In November 2022, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) notified the Planning Department they had received and reviewed the substantial plan revision for the Bedford, Fulton, Huntingdon County Municipal Waste Management Plan. DEP staff recommended the plan be withdrawn until a meeting could be held to discuss deficiencies and the deficiencies could be addressed. The Counties subsequently withdrew the plan by letter dated November 15, 2022.

Following extension coordination with DEP officials and staff, State and County elected officials and planning consultant Barton & Loguidice throughout 2023, an agreement with Barton & Loguidice outlining the scope of work to be completed to address regulatory deficiencies was approved by DEP staff and signed by the SCCSWA on September 27, 2023. Barton & Loguidice staff have requested updated information from each county, revised portions of the Plan and submitting completed chapters to DEP staff for review and comment prior to official plan submission. As of December 19, 2023, Chapters 1, 2, 5, 9, 10 and 12 were completed and submitted to DEP. Work will continue until all chapters and appendices have been revised and reviewed by DEP staff. It is anticipated all revised chapters will be submitted to DEP in early 2024 with final submission and DEP Plan approval to follow.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Section 301.4 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), Act of 108 P.L. 805 No 247, as reenacted and amended requires counties to develop and adopt a comprehensive plan. Section 107 of the MPC defines a county comprehensive plan as “a land use and growth management plan prepared by the county planning commission and adopted by the county commissioners which establishes broad goals and criteria for municipalities to use in preparation of their comprehensive plan and land use regulation.” Comprehensive plans shall be updated at least every ten years, in accordance with Section 302(d) of the MPC.

Alleghenies Ahead

The six south-central counties represented by the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (SAP&DC) - Cambria, Somerset, Blair, Bedford, Fulton, and Huntingdon - prepared an award winning multi-county Comprehensive Plan, *Alleghenies Ahead*. Adopted by the Huntingdon County Commissioners on July 3, 2018, *Alleghenies Ahead* identifies five specific Action Plan priorities for Huntingdon County: Broadband and Cellular Service, Collaboration and Coordination, Business and Workforce Development, Housing and Blight and Recreational Amenities and Natural Assets.

A copy may be found on the County website at:

<https://www.huntingdoncounty.net/departments/planning-and-development/huntingdon-county-comprehensive-plan>



Recreational Amenities and Natural Assets

In 2023, the Planning Commission encouraged preparation and adoption of the Huntingdon County Active Transportation Plan. A regional sidewalk study and sidewalk mapping project finalized by SAP&DC in 2023 will be a great resource to further Lifeway Corridors identified in the Active Transportation Plan.

Housing and Blight

SAP&DC facilitated preparation of *Alleghenies Ahead* on Housing, A Regional Housing Strategy. Completed in February 2023, the Strategy contains a “close up” for each county. Huntingdon County’s indicates there is a “complex and hard to interpret housing market. From 2000 to 2020 there was 0% household growth; a 270% increase in chronically vacant units, 3rd highest in the region; in the bottom half of the region in average sale prices; one of only two counties whose median home value gained against the US median; and second highest growth in value-to-income ratio (2.16 to 2.66), a sign of growing demand.”

The market typology reveals, “the northern half of Huntingdon County generally exhibits above-average levels of market demand, particularly in Warriors Mark along the I-99 corridor and much of the north side of Huntingdon Borough. The historic core of Huntingdon Borough is a mix of market conditions (ranging from below-average to above-average), as is much of the southern portion of the County. Mount Union Borough includes areas of especially low demand, and markets noticeably weaken along the County’s southern border with Bedford and Fulton Counties.”

Tools and implementation guidance in the Strategy include:

- Grants, loans, subsidies, bonds, tax abatements, and/or private investment for...
- Rehabilitation of existing rental units for market rate housing
- Construction of new market rate rental units
- Above-market upgrades for homeowners
- Acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of existing homes
- Infrastructure and amenities
- Purchase commitments for new homes at sufficient prices
- Buy-back agreements for buyers of new homes
- Acquisition, demolition and land banking of obsolete housing
- Construction or rehabilitation of income restricted housing
- Construction or expansion of shelters
- Equity pool for new development
- Rental inspections and regulation
- Land use and development regulation upgrades

Broadband and Cellular Service

The Huntingdon County Commissioner’s Office is the primary office for implementing broadband strategies to serve unserved and underserved areas of Huntingdon County.

Alleghenies Broadband, Inc. (ABI), a non-profit 501c3, serves as a Competitive Access Provider (CAP) and is committed to digital equity in the Southern Alleghenies region by partnering with Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and other stakeholders to provide high-speed internet connections and necessary resources to residents and businesses.

Using a \$20 million National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Grant, ABI intends to construct new towers and retrofit existing towers in the region. The scope of work for Huntingdon County includes building six new towers and updating equipment on three existing towers. Construction is expected to begin in 2024.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Transportation planning exists to facilitate technical information, effective transportation, and efficient movement of people and goods. Transportation planning shapes urban form, affects economic vitality and impacts quality of life. The Planning & Development Department strives to create better communication among Huntingdon County Municipalities, Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (SAPDC)'s Rural Planning Organization (RPO), and with other professional groups. We assess and make recommendations on policies and programs so as to derive the full public benefits of comprehensive and community-based planning that promote personal mobility and travel choices.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Every two years, Huntingdon County participates in the update to the Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission's (SAP&DC) Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP makes up the first four years of the Twelve Year Program (TYP) and is developed in cooperation with Bedford, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset Counties, PennDOT District 9-0, PennDOT Central Office, and SAP&DC.

The RPO prioritizes, reviews and approves the final TIP. The TIP is fiscally constrained by available funding identified by PennDOT, projects expected funding sources to fund the RPO's transportation projects, which include safety improvements, traditional roadway resurfacing and reconstruction projects, major construction projects of new facilities, and the bridge network.

The Huntingdon County Planning Director serves on the RPO's Rural Transportation Technical Committee (RTTC), which makes TIP recommendations to the Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC). The RPO relies on Huntingdon County to solicit for transportation projects, which are reviewed bi-annually by the Huntingdon County Planning Commission (HCPC). The HCPC votes on recommendations to the County Commissioners regarding a list of prioritized projects to be forwarded to PennDOT for consideration and addition to the TIP.

Following the November 10, 2022 submission of prioritized projects for the 2025-2028 TIP, PennDOT requested submission of local bridge projects. After following up with four municipalities and their bridge engineers and receiving written financial match commitments, the following four local bridge projects were submitted for consideration: West Township (T-520), Globe Run Road over Globe Run; Dublin Township (T-316), Appleby Road over Shade Creek; Union Township (T-392), Harmony Church Road over Little Trough Creek; and Carbon Township (T-354), Minersville Road over Shoups Run.

In response to information from the Carbon Township Supervisors and bridge engineer that the Minersville Road bridge in Carbon Township failed inspection and required closure for emergency repairs with the possibility of a longer closure if more extensive repairs are not undertaken, the Huntingdon County Planning Commission recommended reprioritization of the local bridge list since Minersville Road is the only approved access for residents and businesses. The Huntingdon County Commissioners approved the following reprioritization on November 28, 2023:

Carbon Township (T-354), Minersville Road over Shoups Run

Dublin Township (T-316), Appleby Road over Shade Creek

West Township (T-520), Globe Run Road over Globe Run

Union Township (T-392), Harmony Church Road over Little Trough Creek

The Draft 2025-2028 TIP submitted to the RTCC on December 6, 2023 contains the Minersville Road Bridge and a carry over of the Appleby Road Bridge as that project was not completed under a previous TIP. Public hearings and a public comment period on the 2025-2028 TIP are anticipated spring 2024.

Active Transportation Committee (HCATC)

Created by the Huntingdon County Commissioners on November 28, 2017 and reconvened on February 11, 2022, the Active Transportation Committee (ATC) consists of 13 voting members and four ex-officio members that meet on the last Friday of each month.

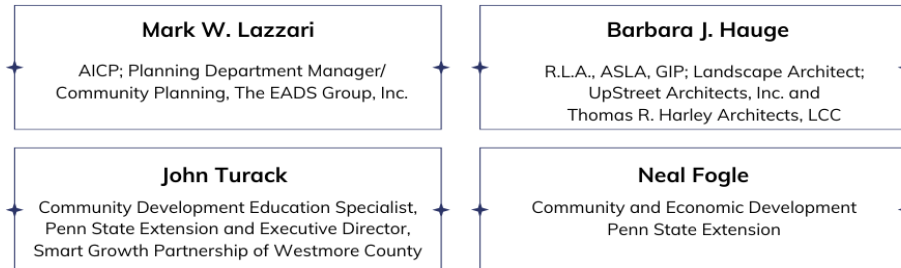
Throughout 2023, the ATC worked closely with a consulting team headed by The EADS Group to develop a Huntingdon County Active Transportation Plan. The \$25,000.00 in grant funding for the Plan was provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health through State Physical Activity and Nutrition Grant and Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Following active involvement by the ATC in Steering Committee meetings, participating in community engagement events and providing input and guidance, the Huntingdon County Active Transportation Plan was completed and adopted by the County Commissioners on September 30, 2023 deadline stipulated by the funding agency. The focus of the ATC is implementing priorities outlined in the Plan.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Huntingdon County Active Transportation Plan

Working closely with the Huntingdon County Active Transportation Committee, a planning team from The EADS Group, Inc. prepared the Huntingdon County Active Transportation Plan. The planning team members included:



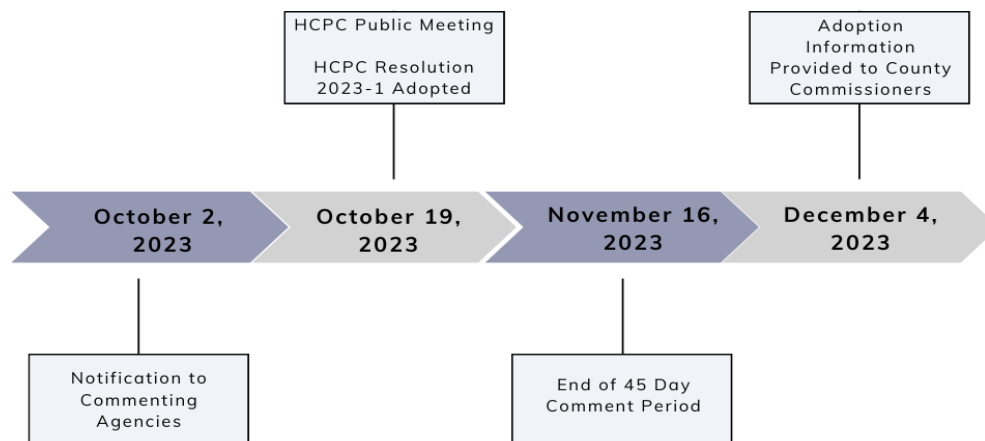
The Plan embodies Huntingdon County's active transportation vision of improving walking, bicycling, wheeling and paddling connections to favorable destinations and increasing safe and accessible opportunities for Huntingdon County residents so they can be more physically active.

The Plan provides transportation equity; supports development of land use plans and policies that allow development of activity-friendly, non-motorized routes connecting to everyday destinations; and incorporates portions of various plans, including the Southern Alleghenies Greenways and Open Space Plan (2007); the September 11 National Memorial Trail - Northern Pilgrimage Trail Alignment Study (2015); the Alleghenies Ahead: Comprehensive Plan for the Southern Alleghenies (2018); the Main Line Canal Greenway Feasibility Study (2019); the Southern Alleghenies Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (2021); the Penn Highlands Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) (2021); and data from the Pennsylvania County Health profiles, United States Census Bureau, PennDOT and various other sources.

The 10 Plan priorities directed at improving walking and biking conditions in Huntingdon County include the three top priorities and seven non-prioritized priorities:

1. Main Line Canal Greenway Trail/September 11th National Memorial Trail - Segment 1
 2. Main Line Canal Greenway Trail/September 11th National Memorial Trail - Segment 13
 3. Main Line Canal Greenway Trail/September 11th National Memorial Trail - Segment 19
- Improving Connections with Priority Corridors
 - Establishing Lifeway Corridors
 - Increasing Collaboration Among Trail Groups/Organizations
 - Local Promotion of Walking, Biking (mountain, on-road, gravel) and Paddling Resources
 - Establishing Connections to Centre, Bedford, Blair and Mifflin Counties
 - Improving Paddling Opportunities - Providing Logical Public Access Points
 - Conducting a Communication Approach to Promote the Value and Benefits of the Plan

On September 12th, 2023, the Huntingdon County Commissioners passed Resolution 6-2023, officially adopting the Active Transportation Plan as a stand alone plan. At the time of their adoption, the Commissioners recommended adopting the Plan as part of the Huntingdon County Comprehensive Plan. Following that recommendation, the Huntingdon County Planning Commission began the comprehensive plan adoption process outlined in Section 302 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The following timeline outlines the Planning Commission's activity for this process in 2023:



The required Huntingdon County Commissioners public hearing was advertised and held on January 16, 2024. During their regularly scheduled public meeting immediately following the public hearing, the Huntingdon County Commissioners passed Resolution 2024-2, officially adopting the Huntingdon County Active Transportation Plan as part of the Huntingdon County Comprehensive Plan.

AGENCY LIAISON AND COORDINATION

Coordinating the implementation of the Huntingdon County Comprehensive Plan, with public and private organizations, is achieved through the following four processes: Agency Liaison, County-Municipal Project Review, Federal-State Project Review, and Subdivision and Land Development Review.

The Planning Commission and its staff coordinate the implementation of planning recommendations with many agencies and units of government. This includes staff participation in many committees and attendance at numerous meetings.

County Planning Director Association of Pennsylvania

An affiliate of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), the County Planning Directors Association (CPDAP) provides input on state policy on environmental and land use issues to both CCAP and the Commonwealth. The County Planning Director is a member of this organization.

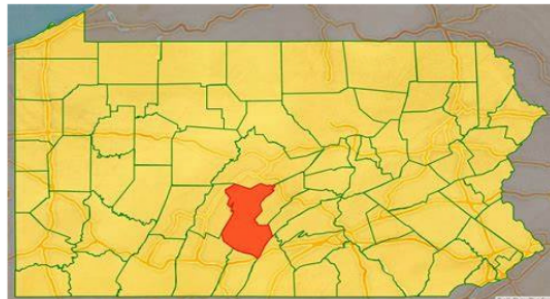
Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (SAP&DC)

The Planning Director represents the County on several SAP&DC committees, including the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Rural Transportation Technical Committee (RTTC). The County Commissioners sit on the Coordinating Committee (RTCC). The RTTC and RTCC have key roles in review and approval of the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Huntingdon County Business and Industry (HCBI)

The Planning Director serves on the HCBI Economic Infrastructure Committee and the HCBI Revolving Loan Committee. The Economic Infrastructure Committee has the goal of advocating, supporting economic issues related to highways, rail, the Riverview Business Center, telecommunication, multimodal transportation, and economic development incentives.

County Municipal Project Review	Federal State Project Review
<p>Article III, Section 303 of the <i>Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code</i> (Act 127) gives the Planning Commission the authority to review and comment on various public facility projects, zoning, subdivision, and other land development ordinances. In addition, Acts 67, 68 and 127 provide an opportunity for local municipalities and counties to comment on the consistency of state-funded projects with county and municipal planning and zoning. In 2023, local government and state agencies submitted 17 projects for review and comment under Acts 67 and 68 and 9 projects for review under Act 127.</p> <p>Other notifications included 7 DEP County Notifications of Planned Land Development for Chapter 102 Permits; five DEP NPDES CAFO Renewal Permits; one DEP Sewage Facilities Planning Module Component 2 Review; one NEPA Section 106 Effect on Historic Property Review; 11 comprehensive plan consistency requests along with 10 letters of support for applications funding sources that included PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership Program; PA DEP Growing Greener; PA Small Water & Sewer; PA COVID-19 ARPA Small Water & Water; PA H20; PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund; Commonwealth Financing Authority Multimodal Transportation Fund; PennDOT Transportation Alternative Set Aside; COVID-19 ARPA Broadband Infrastructure; and Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission Mini-Grant.</p> <p>Act 14 requires those applying for water obstruction permits, water quality permits or air quality permits to notify county Commissioners and municipal officials of all request for state permits. The Huntingdon County Planning Commission received 32 such notices in 2023.</p>	<p>The Planning Commission reviews projects that use federal funds for consistency with the <i>County Comprehensive Plan</i>, under the authority of Executive Order #12372.</p> <p>Under the Intergovernmental Review Process (IRP), 26 funding requests to federal agencies were received in 2023: 17 from the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); one from The Pennsylvania State University to the US EPA; five from the PA DEP to the US Department of Energy; one from the PA DEP to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); one from the PA DEP to US Department of the interior; and one from the PA DEP to the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority (PEDA).</p>

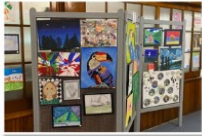


COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AWARDS

The Community Improvement Awards are sponsored by the Huntingdon County Planning Commission, the Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce, and Kish Bank. The Planning Commission and the Chamber's Community Improvement Committee jointly review nominees, with final selection made by the Huntingdon County Planning Commission. Categories for the 2022 Awards were Community Spirit, New Construction, Preservation, and Special Merit.

The five awards were presented when the eighteenth annual Community Improvement Awards were announced during the Planning Commission's March 9, 2023 Annual Dinner Meeting. Recipients of the 2022 Awards included:

Community Spirit Award: Huntingdon County Arts Council



On April 1, 2022 the Huntingdon County Arts Council purchased the former 12th Street Methodist Church. The newly created Arts Center consists of the church building and the parking lot in the back at 313 12th St. in Huntingdon. While the physical appearance of both the inside and outside remain unchanged the usage of the building has become a thriving arts center, benefiting residents from all over Huntingdon County.



With a new building and more space, the Huntingdon County Arts Council's programming has increased dramatically. The new Arts Center offers a regular series of classical, folk, and ragtime concerts; a summer arts camp for kids; a year-round Art Shoppe (providing a venue for local artist to sell their artwork and for the public to purchase that artwork); an expanded list of classes and workshops; and a meeting space for formal and informal community groups.

Community response has been outstanding; and awareness of the arts and arts opportunities have reached new levels.



New Construction Award: Bobcat of Huntingdon



Bobcat of Huntingdon is a new full-line construction and outdoor power equipment dealership owned and operated by Prestows Equipment Group. It was designed by Prestows Equipment Group following the brand standards set by Bobcat Company, and built by Timberline Buildings. The 7,900 square foot pole building was created by remodeling an existing 50' x 60' building and adding 70' x 70' of brand new space. The existing space serves as a garage and the new space is a bright, state of the art showroom with 14' ceilings.

The main exterior feature is the eye-catching 13.5' x 18' orange corner wall with a back-lit white Bobcat of Huntingdon logo. The Bobcat Exterior Identity Wall is a strong brand identifier that makes a bold statement and places focus on the signature color, "Bobcat Orange," and the brand logo. The logo was made and installed by Salix Cabinetry.

Two 12' x 6' LED screens on both sides of the building continuously display store-related information. These screens, installed by Scholar Signs, feature an illuminated Prestows Equipment Group logo underneath the scrolling display area.



This project transformed a blighted property with a mixture of new construction and a modern look. Inadequate and non-functioning septic systems were replaced; curbing was installed; and the building is fully ADA accessible.

Preservation Award: Bluegills Bar & Grill



Bluegills Bar & Grill is a 1,800 square foot Alexandria landmark. Originally known as Main Street Café, the building was closed for three years and required a complete remodel because of neglect. A new roof and new floors were installed. New kitchen equipment was purchased for the enlarged kitchen; new ADA compliant restrooms were constructed; and modernized décor is used throughout the bar and grill areas.

The renovation of this community staple has also brought 20+ jobs back to the area and has given the local community a place to gather. Local vendors are utilized to enhance economic stimulation and a fresh and innovative cuisine is offered.



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AWARDS

PRESERVATION AWARD: 400 PENN STREET (HUNTINGDON LANDMARKS)



The historic building at 400 Penn Street is part of downtown Huntingdon's National Register Historic District, having been erected in 1796. The three-story building is located on the highly visible corner of 4th and Penn Streets and has a street-level retail and café space as well as four residential apartment units on the upper floors. The total square footage of the building is 1,742.

The building was purchased in late July 2021 using funds provided through a grant to Huntingdon Landmarks from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

The first step was replacement of the deteriorating roof, which was causing interior structural damage. Although not visible from the street, this repair was a necessary first step in the preservation process. The next steps included renovation of one apartment followed by similar renovations to other apartments as they are vacated. Signature renovations include repairing masonry work and wooden soffits; repainting the entire building; and sealing the softer brick structure. Softer brick needs to be preserved with an exterior paint to ensure it does not excessively wear. The base color and accent colors

were chosen from the historic palette to not only freshen the corner, but to compliment the surrounding buildings.

Interior work to the renovated apartment included replacing carpeting with floating floor; replacing an old radiator heating system with more efficient base heating; repainting the interior; modernizing the bathroom and kitchen with new appliances, countertops, cabinets, a bath/shower and toilet; and repairing leaking pipes

The soon-to-be occupied retail space will provide tourist information and feature locally available products for sale. It is anticipated that office space will be available for a proposed "Community Leader" tasked with revitalizing the business district. It is also anticipated that the renovated apartments will provide an affordable housing option for the community.

SPECIAL MERIT AWARD: MOUNT UNION AREA COMMUNITY GARDEN

The idea for the Mount Union Area Community Garden first came about at a Juniata River Blueprint Community (JRBC) Meeting. The Mount Union Community Garden project met goals within the JRBC plan by improving both image and identity along with quality of life within the communities. An Act 13 Marcellus Legacy Fund grant from the Huntingdon County Commissioners provided \$10,000.00 toward construction of the garden.

The Mount Union Borough Council offered a 50' x 100' plot of land at Rogers-Newman Park. This site, located near a creek and in an area of open space with lots of sunlight, is perfect for the garden. Borough Council also offered a water source at no cost to gardeners.



Volunteers of the Mount Union Area Community Garden broke ground at Rogers-Newman Park in Mount Union in April of 2021. Forty raised garden beds were constructed, placed, and filled with soil according to the plan. Weed barriers were then placed between the plots and mulched. A fence was installed around the perimeter of the garden. A shed, complete with gardening tools, was installed to allow community gardeners access to tools to aid in successful gardening.

Two of the forty plots were used to temporarily plant blueberry bushes that were donated from the Conservation District. Another two plots were designated to grow food for the local food pantry and the remaining thirty-six plots were quickly assigned to community members that wished to utilize the garden in its first season.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO WORK IN
HUNTINGDON COUNTY WHERE THE
COMMUNITY SPIRIT IS THRIVING
AND THE DEDICATED RESIDENTS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERYDAY.



ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Huntingdon County Commissioners created the Huntingdon County Planning Commission in 1962 and hired the first County Planning Director in 1971. The County Commissioners have directed the Planning Commission to prepare and maintain a comprehensive plan to guide growth and development in the County and to promote public interest in and understanding of planning and the Comprehensive Plan. Volunteers, staff, money and equipment are the resources needed to achieve the objectives of the Huntingdon County Planning Commission.

STAFFING

The Huntingdon County Planning and Development Department encountered several staffing changes during 2023.

James Lettiere, Planning Director resigned effective August 18th. Laurie Nearhood was appointed Interim Planning Director effective August 21st, and officially appointed as Planning Director on October 31st. Jodi Gutshall was hired on January 9th, 2024 to fill the open position for Office Manager/Secretary and assumed her duties on January 16th 2024.

STAFF TRAINING

Planning and Development Staff attended the following trainings in 2023:

- COSTARS Webinar—Simplified Procurement
- PENNVEST Outreach Event (Altoona, Pa)
- CD&H Practitioners Conference (May 1st/2nd, State College, Pa)
- CDBG Workshop (August 1st-3rd, Harrisburg, Hershey PA)
- DCED Project Service Area Webinar
- CCAP Courses - Sexual Harassment in the Workplace and Sexual Harassment for Managers

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024

Begin Hazard Mitigation Planning

Coordinate with the County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) to administer a U.S. Department of Homeland Security FFY 2019 Hazard Mitigation Grant. Work with the Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee to hire a planning consultant and prepare a FEMA - approved Hazard Mitigation Plan by August 5, 2025.

Implement Alleghenies Ahead

Each member of the SAP&SEC Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) will continue to implement *Alleghenies Ahead*.

Complete the South Central Counties Solid Waste Agency's Solid Waste Plan Update

Administer a EDEP 901 Planning Grant and complete the Plan update for Bedford, Fulton, and Huntingdon Counties with the assistance of consultant Barton & Loguidice. DEP approval of the Plan is anticipated for spring 2024.

Implement Alleghenies Ahead on Housing

Participate in the Regional Housing Task Force and coordinate with organizations and stakeholders to form a Huntingdon County Housing Task Force.

Implement PEP's Strategic Plan

Collaborate with PEP member organizations to continue implementation of PEP's strategic priorities.

Implement the County's Active Transportation Plan

Collaborate with the County's Active Transportation Committee to implement the plan, focusing on Segments 1, 13, and 19 of the Main Line Canal Greenway Trail/September 11th National Memorial Trail and establishing Lifeway Corridors.

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

Financial Report

The Department is funded by the County General Fund's Planning and Zoning, as well as Planning Grants (Community Development Block Grant or CDBG) line items. Below are detailed budget reports for 2023 and 2024.

GENERAL FUND TOTALS



PLANNING AND ZONING BUDGET REPORT	2023 BUDGET	2023 EXPENDITURES	2024 BUDGET
PERSONNEL	\$106,500.00	\$84,701.92	\$78,000.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$6,500.00	\$3,350.20	\$6,600.00
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$600.00	\$1,113.22	\$800.00
OTHER	\$3,500.00	\$3,629.09	\$3,500.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,500.00
TOTAL	\$119,100.00	\$94,294.43	\$92,400.00

PLANNING GRANTS AND BUDGET REPORT	2023 BUDGET	2023 EXPENDITURES	2024 BUDGET
PERSONNEL	\$89,500.00	\$87,303.06	\$91,500.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$1,200.00	\$1,656.27	\$1,900.00
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$300.00	\$13.99	\$100.00
OTHER	\$100.00	\$149.90	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$91,100.00	\$89,123.22	\$93,600.00

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