

2006 Annual Report

Huntingdon County Planning Commission

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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

HUNTINGDON BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE

Huntingdon Borough has developed its first new zoning ordinance in thirty-five years with the assistance of the Planning and Development Department and a Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program (LUPTAP) grant. The draft Huntingdon Borough Zoning Ordinance retains the basic zoning district structure of the 1971 Ordinance while correcting deficiencies. The Ordinance has been developed with the assistance of Urban Research and Development Corporation (URDC).

An analysis of the original 1971 Huntingdon Borough Zoning Ordinance revealed several shortcomings. Lot sizes and building setbacks did not match the traditional development pattern of the Borough. Some concern with possible exclusionary zoning existed with regard to adult uses, group homes and mobile homes. An additional concern addressed was the recent surge in student housing throughout the Borough.

Changes made in the draft Zoning Ordinance include reducing minimum lot size and setbacks in all residential zones and adding a new 'college' zone. Changes

were made to the Zoning Map to reflect the location of the 'college' and 'commercial neighborhood' districts. The draft ordinance expanded defined terms and clarified the permitted uses, using a series of tables to define 'permitted,' 'accessory,' 'special exception,' and 'conditional' uses.

An ad hoc zoning committee, including members of the Borough Council, Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board, and Borough citizens worked with the consultant throughout the drafting process. The joint initiative was kicked off in November 2005, with the bulk of the work occurring in 2006. The Huntingdon Borough Planning Commission held a public meeting on the draft ordinance on September 27, 2006, and Huntingdon County Planning Commission review of the draft Zoning Ordinance was conducted in November 2006 with comments submitted to the Borough.

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AGENCY ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Huntingdon County Commissioners created the Huntingdon County Planning Commission in 1962 and hired the first 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

Richard Stahl, the current Planning Director, is the third person to hold this position in Huntingdon County. James Lodge was hired as the first director in 1971, followed by Harry Knudson in 1977.

In addition to the Planning Director, the current staff includes Planner/Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; GIS Coordinator, Brian Young; Bookkeeper, Peggy Wilson; Secretary, Laurie Nearhood; and Addressing Technician, Cinnamon Bair.

One significant staff change occurred in February when Sally States, Planning Technician, resigned to take a position in the County Commissioner's Office.

During 2006, major conferences included the Pennsylvania Planning Association Annual Conference, the GIS Annual Conference, the Community Development and Housing Practitioners Annual Conference, the CCAP GIS Pro's Workshop, and an Intermediate ArcView 9.X Workshop.

WORK PROGRAM

Municipal Waste Management Plan

Development of a revised solid waste management plan for Bedford, Fulton and Huntingdon Counties has not yet been completed. It is anticipated that staff will coordinate with the other counties on a grant application and Plan update. Work on the Plan had been started by Gannett Fleming in 2004.

911 and Rural Addressing

It is expected that 2007 will see the completion of all aspects of the addressing project, including the issuance of addresses in all remaining regions. Remaining areas to be addressed include: Broad Top Area, Cassville, Calvin, Mapleton, Mill Creek, Robertsdale and Three Springs.

Community Development

Staff expects to focus on obtaining additional discretionary grant funding for County projects in 2007, including applications for additional HOME funds for housing rehabilitation, emergency shelter grant funds and CDBG Competitive funds for priority water and sewer projects.

Comprehensive Plan

Planning staff expects to complete an update of the Huntingdon County Comprehensive Plan, funded, in part, through Pennsylvania Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance (LUPTAP) funds. The project includes development of an updated land use inventory, Infrastructure Investment Strategy, updated Land Use Plan and Municipal Ordinance development.

Geographic Information System

The Department expects to apply for funding in support of a new Map Book this year. Investigation into an upgrade of GIS software and development of a web mapping application will also be done. These data products are an important way of sharing street data with emergency service providers and the public.

IT Coordination

It is the goal of Phase IV of the County's Information Technology Strategy to network seven county offices (Courthouse, Elks, Annex I, Annex II, District Attorney, Jail and Sheriff) and the 911 Dispatch with a fiber optic network. Department staff will continue to coordinate implementation of the Strategy with the County's IT consultant and County Commissioners.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Planning staff will work cooperatively with the Emergency Management Department to update the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Work will focus on a survey of county infrastructure vulnerabilities, public input and development of a geographic information system database of vulnerable areas.

Tax Parcel Mapping

The Department will coordinate the implementation of digital parcel mapping for the County with the Tax Assessment Office. A third and final grant through the Department of Agriculture has been obtained for this purpose.

FINANCIAL REPORT

During 2006, the operation of the Department was funded through the County General Fund (\$110,320.00) and through several state and federal government grant programs (\$223,558.00).

The 2007 General Fund budget increased by 3.36% from 2006; and the 2007 budget for Grants and Special Projects decreased by 13.85%. Overall, the 2007 budget is 7.57% lower than it was in 2006.

General Fund Budget Report

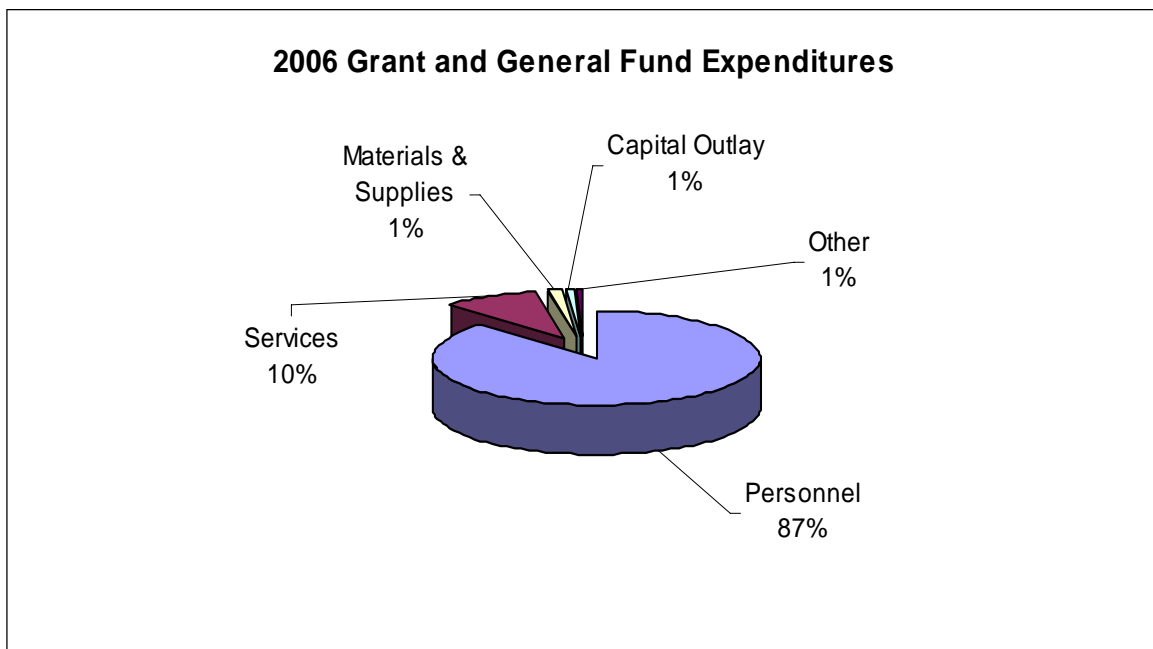
Grants and Special Projects Budget Report *

| | 2006 Budget | 2006 Expenditures | 2007 Budget | | 2006 Budget | 2006 Expenditures | 2007 Budget |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Personnel | \$88,970.00 | \$88,971.06 | \$91,222.00 | Personnel | \$128,908.00 | \$126,843.14 | \$112,059.00 |
| Services | \$17,050.00 | \$17,797.19 | \$18,300.00 | Services | \$51,050.00 | \$5,570.06 | \$42,200.00 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$2,500.00 | \$2,287.97 | \$2,500.00 | Materials & Supplies | \$3,800.00 | \$781.38 | \$2,800.00 |
| Capital Outlay | \$1,800.00 | \$1,968.09 | \$2,000.00 | Other | \$39,800.00 | \$1,470.35 | \$39,300.00 |
| Total | \$110,320.00 | \$111,024.31 | \$114,022.00 | Total | \$223,558.00 | \$136,670.93 | \$196,359.00 |

Grant & General Fund Totals

*Grants and Special Projects include Community Development Block Grant funds used for administrative purposes.

| 2006 Budget | 2006 Expenditures | 2007 Budget |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| \$333,878.00 | \$247,695.24 | \$310,381.00 |



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Greenway Plan Proposes Significant County Projects

The Huntingdon County portion of “The Southern Alleghenies Greenways and Open Space Network Plan” proposes significant new greenway corridor and trail improvement projects. This Plan, also known as “Connections in Our Landscapes,” was recently completed by Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission and a consultant team headed by Pittsburgh-based Environmental Planning and Design, Inc. “The Plan will be adopted as part of the Huntingdon County Comprehensive Plan,” said Richard Stahl, Planning Director.

“Greenways are linear corridors of open space, including both public and private land, which provide linkages between natural and manmade features,” according to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Of the 340.4 miles of greenway corridors proposed in Huntingdon County, 146.2 miles or 43 % have been secured. This “secured” greenway land consists of existing public lands and recreational trails.

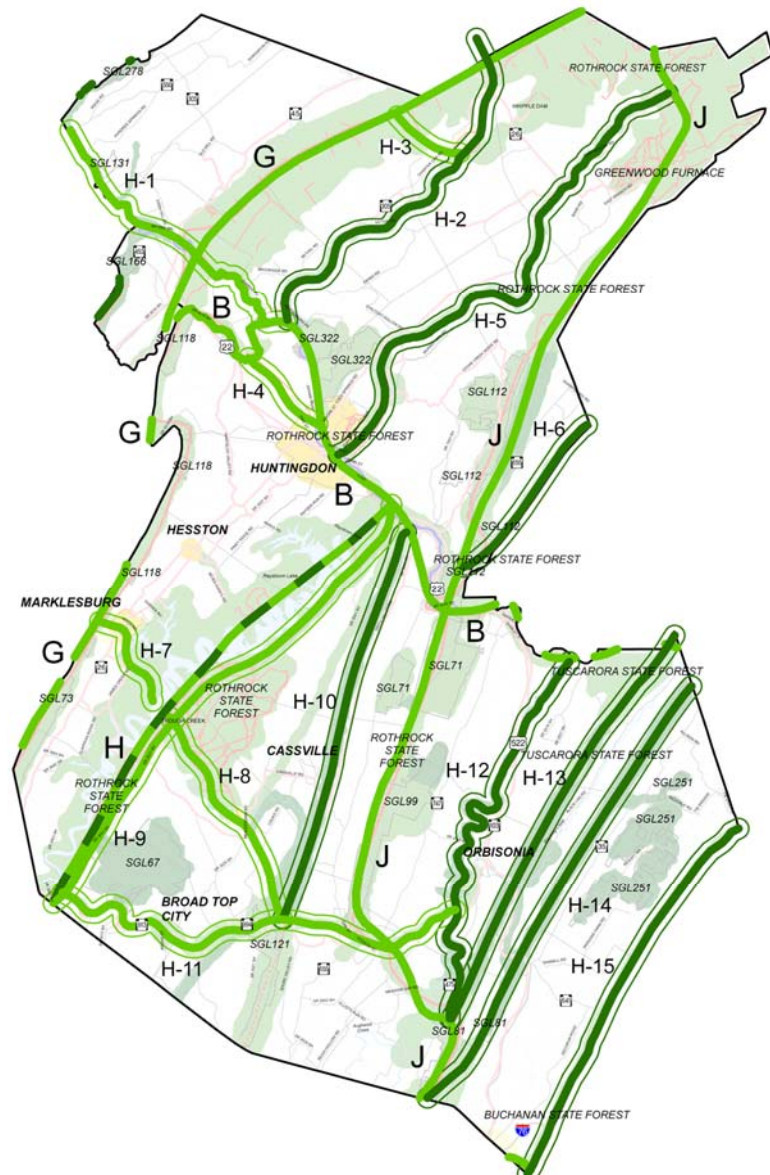
The Plan divides greenway corridors into “regional” and “county,” denoting whether the greenway corridor is multi-county or whether it serves a single county. Huntingdon County’s Regional Project Corridors include the Main Line Canal Greenway, Mid-State Greenway, Potomac to Raystown Greenway and Tuscarora Greenway. The Main Line Canal Greenway houses both the 16 mile Lower Trail and the 23 mile Juniata River Water Trail.

County greenway corridors and projects include the Mid-State Trail and Standing Stone Trail (formerly Link Trail) as well as numerous conservation greenways designed to protect wildlife habitat, riparian areas and ridge tops. The Mid-State Trail extends 286 miles from New

York to Maryland and the Standing Stone Trail, part of the Great Eastern Trail, extends 70 miles from Greenwood Furnace State Park to the Tuscarora Trail near Cowans Gap State Park.

The Southern Alleghenies Greenway and Open Space Plan took shape during the past year, embracing an ambitious vision for preserving 107,456 acres of open space. In addition, the Plan envisions an additional 434 miles of trails linking the region’s principle

population centers and parks. The Greenway Plan is seen as a key element in promoting ‘The Alleghenies’ principle tourism resource, outdoor recreation. Protection of existing open space and development of trail linkages are directly tied to development of tourism. Boating, camping, bicycling, hunting, fishing and hiking are important economic generators in Huntingdon County and the Southern Alleghenies region.



Comprehensive Plan Update Nears Completion

The Planning Commission embarked on an update to the Huntingdon County Comprehensive Plan, *Continuity Through Conservation II*, in 2006 with the help of consultant David Miller and Associates and financial support from a LUPTAP Grant and County Commissioners. This update focused on five tasks: land use element, infrastructure investment strategy, water supply plan, plan consistency policy and multi-municipal ordinances. It is anticipated that a public meeting on this plan update will be held and the Plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners in mid 2007.

The Land Use Element includes a land use inventory, development of policies on land use of regional significance, a natural resource element, agriculture policy, growth area policy and a review of goals, objectives and policies. Amendments to the Municipalities Planning Code in 2000 included a requirement that counties develop policies on determining consistency between municipal and county plans as well as new requirements for forestry, mining and agriculture.

The map on this page identifies possible developments of regional significance in the County, large residential subdivisions, commercial development of over 25,000 square feet, employment centers housing over 200 employees and subdivisions of over 25 homes. Traffic and stormwater are two of the principle impacts of these

large developments. The Comprehensive Plan urges municipal officials to involve neighboring communities in reviewing and permitting development of regional significance.

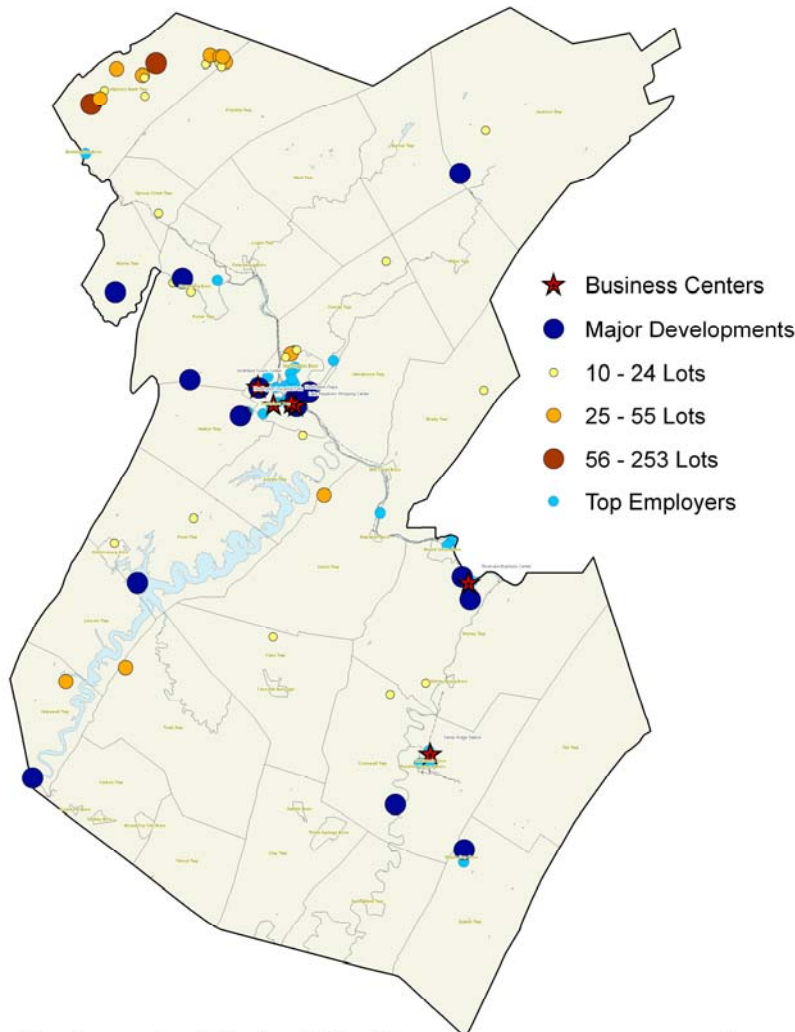
Planning and Development staff and consultant staff split the job of developing a new inventory of existing land use. This inventory is being developed using 2003 aerial photography, parcel, and addressing data. Land use categories include:

residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, mining, transportation, water, park and recreation, and agriculture and forestry.

Declining federal funding and new environmental regulations have placed local communities in a difficult situation where financial needs are increasing and resources to meet the needs are in short supply. The Infrastructure Investment Strategy is designed to develop criteria for prioritizing critical infrastructure,

including development of both short and long range investment strategies. A survey of the infrastructure concerns and needs of County municipalities and municipal authorities was conducted to measure infrastructure needs. One related element is the Water Supply Plan. This Plan contains policies for protecting watersheds and aquifers vital for supplying potable water to the entire County.

The multi-municipal ordinance element includes an update of Huntingdon Borough's Zoning Ordinance, development of a model zoning ordinance and review and update of the Model Subdivision Ordinance. A Model Zoning Ordinance is being developed from the draft Huntingdon Borough Ordinance. This ordinance will be offered to municipalities interested in either updating an older ordinance or in developing a new zoning ordinance.



Developments of Regional Significance

Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania

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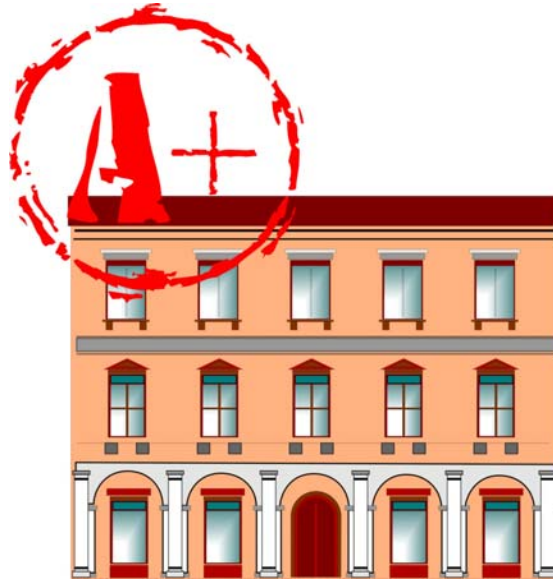
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Community Improvement Awards

In order to promote excellence in design, the Huntingdon County Planning Commission partnered with the Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce in establishing several Community Improvement Awards. Kish Bank provided financial support for the 2005 Community Improvement Awards.

The first of these awards were presented at the Planning Commission's Annual Meeting on March 22, 2006. Recipients of the first awards were Bonney Forge in the Commercial Category, Huntingdon Borough in the Public/



Non-profit Category and Juniata College in the Special Merit Category.

Bonney Forge, a manufacturer of high pressure valves and fittings, has shown exceptional care for the exterior landscaping at its Mount Union Plant. Portstown Park has earned Huntingdon Borough Community Improvement recognition for reclamation of a visible entrance to the community; and Juniata College was recognized for development of the County's first certified "Green" building at the Raystown Field Station.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

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. Staff fulfills this responsibility through the various methods listed below.

HUNTINGDONCOUNTY.NET

Planning and Development staff continued to maintain the County web site with the support of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP). In mid-2006, the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission was no longer able to host the website and it was transferred to CCAP. Huntingdon County's web address will continue to be www.huntingdoncounty.net.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Planning Director spoke to the Huntingdon Rotary Club regarding the Regional Greenways Plan; gave a presentation on Sustainable Development at a Chamber of Commerce "Coffee Connection"; participated in a "Low Impact Development Workshop" co-sponsored by the Huntingdon County Planning

Commission and the Juniata Clean Water Partnership (JCWP); attended a workshop sponsored by the JCWP on implementing the Spruce Creek Watershed Plan, presenting information on land use trends; conducted the first workshop on the Huntingdon County Growing Greener II Program; coordinated the presentation of a workshop titled "Attractive and Sustainable Communities" with Huntingdon Borough, the Allegheny Ridge Corporation and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; assisted in facilitating an all-day leadership workshop (Y.O.U., Inc.) for high school sophomores at the Raystown Field Station; attended a workshop for Conservation District staff on Act 247; and attended a presentation of the Huntingdon Shoppers Survey by Juniata College students to learn more about the potential impact of Wal-Mart on local shopping habits.

The GIS Coordinator and Addressing Technician gave a GIS and 911 addressing presentation at a Mapleton Community event, and the Recycling Coordinator gave "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" presentations at several school districts, senior centers, and health fairs; and

distributed recycling information at the Huntingdon County Fair and Huntingdon Borough's May Fest and Healthy Harvest Festival.

WALK-IN REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

The Department receives an average of four inquiries per day concerning:

- ⇒ Census Data
- ⇒ Municipal Contacts and Ordinances
- ⇒ Flood Plain Data
- ⇒ Planning Studies
- ⇒ Grant Availability
- ⇒ Recycling Information
- ⇒ County and Municipal Maps
- ⇒ GIS Data
- ⇒ 911 addresses

Most of these requests came from municipal officials, realtors, professional market analysts, residents of Huntingdon County, and those interested in relocating to Huntingdon County.

PUBLICATIONS

In 2006, the Planning and Development Department published the *2005 HCPC Annual Report* and the *2006 Huntingdon County Land Development Guide*.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

With the approval of the Huntingdon County Commissioners, the Planning and Development Department may provide assistance to municipalities 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.

MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE

Barree Township - Planning Department and Conservation District staff met with the Township Supervisors to discuss a proposed Agricultural Security Area. Planning staff also recommended that the Township consider adopting the Model Subdivision Ordinance.

Carbon Township - During 2006, FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant funds were used to purchase 3 of the 7 properties targeted for flood mitigation in Carbon Township. Work will continue through 2007 to purchase the remaining 4 properties and clear the ground of all improvements.

Franklin Township - Staff attended a meeting of the Township Supervisors to discuss adoption of the Model Subdivision Ordinance.

Penn Township - Staff continued to provide extensive assistance with the Hesston sewage issue, including: attending meetings with Walker Township and Huntingdon Borough to discuss the possible interconnection of both systems, preparing and submitting application to RUS and to DCED for CDBG Competitive Grant funding, completing an Environmental Review in cooperation with USDA staff, attending a Court ordered negotiation between Penn and Walker Townships, and touring the Hesston Area with DCED staff reviewing the CDBG Competitive application.

Porter Township - Staff met with the Township Supervisors and a developer to discuss appropriate regulations for a 30-year old development that was never completed and met with the Township Supervisors and Planning Commission to discuss concerns regarding the sketch plans for a proposed indoor/outdoor athletic complex. Staff also prepared and submitted a Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant application to DCNR for improvements to the Juniata Valley Recreational Area.

Shirley Township - In response to an accepted proposal by the Planning Department, staff prepared an Access Database for the Township's on-lot sewage management system and met with the Supervisors and Sewage Enforcement Officer to present the Database. Staff also met with the Township Planning Commission to offer technical assistance.

Todd Township - Staff met with the Township Supervisors and a developer to facilitate the submission and review of a proposed phased development.

All Municipalities - Staff surveyed municipal officials to prepare an Infrastructure Investment strategy and to update a municipal contact database; provided an opportunity for participation in the Huntingdon County CDBG Entitlement and Growing Greener II Environmental Initiative Programs; and requested municipal financial support for a PA Council on the Arts Local Government Grant.

GRANT ASSISTANCE

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. Due to reductions in the federal CDBG budget, the Huntingdon

County CDBG Entitlement declined from a high in 2004 of \$302,088, to \$271,759 in 2006. This was a loss of 10%, or \$30,329.

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development awarded two competitive Community Development Block Grants to Huntingdon County during 2006, providing \$500,000 in FY 2005 funding for the Hopewell Township Sanitary Sewer Collection System, and \$500,000 in FY 2006 funds for the Reeds Run Reservoir Rehabilitation Project on behalf of the Petersburg Borough Water Authority.

The County prepared two grant applications on behalf of Penn Township for the purpose of replacing the existing wastewater treatment facilities in the Village of Hesston with a conveyance line and interconnection with Walker Township. Grant applications included a Competitive CDBG request for \$475,000 and a request for \$795,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service Program. The CDBG request was not funded in 2006. Notification of an award of the RUS funding is pending as of the end of 2006.

Administration of the following CDBG activities was completed in 2006: Coalbank Run Stormwater Project, Huntingdon House Emergency Shelter at Baxter House, Mount Union Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project, and Dudley-Carbon-Coalmon Phase II Sewer Lateral Construction. The Competitively funded activities of Reeds Run Reservoir Rehabilitation and Hopewell Township Sanitary Sewer Collection System both achieved substantial completion in December of 2006.

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 Reviews.



AGENCY LIAISON

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.

Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (SAPDC)

The Planning Director represents the County on several Southern Alleghenies committees: Planning Advisory Committee (PAC); Greenway Steering Committee; and Transportation Technical Committee (TTC). The Planner/GIS Coordinator is a member of the GIS Users Group (GUG) and the County Commissioners sit on the Executive Committee.

The Planning Director sits on the Greenway Steering Committee. This Committee includes major stakeholders in the six county greenway plan now under development. A planning team headed by Environmental Planning and Design (EPD) of Pittsburgh has prepared an innovative multi-county greenway plan, funded by both the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and PennDOT.

Juniata College Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (JCEL)

Staff works closely with JCEL to implement the *Huntingdon County Economic Development Strategy*. JCEL serves as Enterprise Zone Coordinator for the County Commissioners and serves as staff for HCB&I. The Planning Director serves as liaison between the Commissioners and JCEL.

Juniata College has taken a proactive approach to business and community development through JCEL partnering with the Huntingdon County Commissioners and HCB&I.

Huntingdon County Business and Industry (HCB&I)

The Planning Director serves on the HCB&I Business Development and Infrastructure Committees. One of the principle goals of the Business Development Committee is developing the Riverview Business Center. During 2006, two additional businesses had made commitments to Riverview land, Bonney Forge and IFC MH & MR Services.

Agricultural Land Preservation Board

The Planning Director serves on the Agricultural Land Preservation Board as an appointee of the County Commissioners. Planning staff works closely with the staff of the Huntingdon County Conservation District who administer the program.

Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce

The Planning Director participates in the Chamber's Community Improvement and Technology Committees.

During 2006, the Technology Committee secured the assistance of Juniata College I4I students to update two web sites, www.huntingdonchamber.com and www.huntingdonarea.info.

Huntingdon County Heritage Committee

The Planning Director continued to co-chair the Huntingdon County Heritage Committee along with Historical Society Director Sandy Carowick, assisting in setting Committee goals, securing a summer intern and advancing the implementation of the Huntingdon County Heritage Plan. David Barlow served as Heritage Intern.

County Planning Association

For several years the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania has supported the County Planning Directors as an affiliate organization. Meeting quarterly, this organization has an opportunity to provide input on state policy on environmental and land use issues.

COUNTY-MUNICIPAL PROJECT REVIEW

Section 303 of the PA Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247) 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 of 2000 provide an opportunity for local municipalities and counties to comment on the consistency of state funded projects with county and municipal planning and zoning.

Local government and state agencies submitted the following 41 projects to the Commission for review and comment in 2006:

1. New Enterprise Stone and Lime Company, Inc., placement of construction fill material on private property, Morris Township - DEP NPDES Permit Application;
2. St. James Lutheran Church, construction of a new church building, church offices, multipurpose facility and parking, Huntingdon Borough - DEP NPDES Permit Application;
3. PennDOT, rehabilitation of two structures over a tributary to Mill Creek, Brady Township - DEP Water Obstruction Permit Application;
4. PennDOT, rehabilitation of one structure over Crooked Creek, Smithfield Township - DEP Water Obstruction Permit Application;
5. PennDOT, highway maintenance facility, Jackson Township - DEP NPDES Permit Application;
6. Petersburg Borough Sewer Authority, wastewater treatment plant upgrades - DEP WQM Part II Permit Application;
7. PennDOT, SR 0994 pipe replacement for unnamed tributary to Three Springs Creek, Clay Township - DEP Waterway Encroachment Permit Application;
8. Windy Aire Farms, Union Township - DEP NPDES CAFO Permit Renewal Application;
9. Douglas Grier (Grier School), construction of a new horse riding rink, Warriors Mark Township - DEP NPDES Permit Application;
10. Wood-Broad Top-Wells Joint Municipal Authority, Wood Township - DEP NPDES Permit Renewal Application;
11. PennDOT, rehabilitation of Million Dollar Bridge, Henderson and Smithfield Townships - DEP NPDES Stormwater Permit;
12. St. Mary's Covered Bridge (Huntingdon County Bridge No. 8), correction of stream hydraulic problems related to Route 522 upgrades in 1969, Cromwell Township - DEP Joint Permit Application;
13. New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co., Inc., Tyrone Blacktop Plant, Warriors Mark Township - DEP General Permits Renewal Application;
14. DCNR, pipe culvert replacement, Rothrock State Forest;
15. PennDOT, bridge replacement over East Branch of Standing Stone Creek - DEP Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit Application;
16. Huntingdon Borough - DEP NPDES Permit Renewal;
17. Spring Ridge Club, construction of 12 single-family homes, a 5,000 square foot clubhouse and retail facility, Spruce Creek Township - DEP NPDES Permit Application;
18. Torron Group, LP (Oneida Woods Subdivision), Huntingdon Borough - DEP NPDES and GP-7 Permit Applications;
19. D.W. Miller, Inc. (Meadowcrest Subdivision), Walker Township - DEP, NPDES Permit Application;
20. PennDOT, pipe replacement projects, Springfield and Wood Townships - DEP, Waterway Encroachment Permit Application;
21. Link Trail Hiking Club, DCNR Grant Application;
22. PennDOT, removal and replacement of bridge deck and barrier, Cass and Clay Townships - DEP Water Obstruction Permit Application;
23. Pennsylvania Army National Guard Stryker Brigade, Smithfield Township - DEP NPDES Permit Application;
24. Richard Keller Boat Storage, Penn Township - DEP NPDES Permit Application;
25. Ashley Acres, Warriors Mark Township - DEP NPDES Permit Application;
26. PennDOT, corrugated pipe replacement for unnamed tributary to Great Trough Creek, Todd Township - DEP Waterway Encroachment Permit;
27. PennDOT, culvert rehabilitation, Brady Township - DEP Water Obstruction Permit Application;
28. Narehood Quarry Expansion, DEP Permit Revision;
29. Barree Township Proposed Agricultural Security Area;
30. Shirley Township Agricultural Security Area Addition;
31. Warriors Mark Township Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan;
32. Spring Creek Joint Sewer Authority Act 537 Plan Update Revision;
33. Mount Union Borough Zoning Amendments;
34. Bureau of State Park, Recreational Trails Grant;
35. Lower Trail Extension, Feasibility Study, JCWP Grant Request ;
36. Mapleton Community Park Expansion, JCWP Grant Request;
37. Warriors Mark Township Act 537 Plan;
38. Draft Huntingdon Borough Zoning Ordinance;
39. Bedford County Comprehensive Plan;
40. Muddy Run Watershed Stormwater Management Plan; and
41. Juniata Valley Recreation Area, basketball court resurfacing, replacement of play equipment, and installation of accessible walking path, picnic tables and a site sign - DCNR Grant Application.

Additionally, 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 requests for state permits. The Commission received 50 state permit activity notices in 2006.

FEDERAL-STATE PROJECT REVIEW

The Planning Commission reviews projects that use federal funds for consistency with the *County Comprehensive Plan*, under the authority of Executive Order #12372, in cooperation with the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission.

Under the state-based Intergovernmental Review Process (IRP), the Commission reviewed 2 projects in 2006:

1. Southern Alleghenies Conservancy,

This project involved a USDA funding request for the Southern Alleghenies Conservancy Revolving Loan Fund.

2. Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program

This project involved an EPA Grant funding request for the development of a statewide classification system for seasonal pool ecosystems (\$137,630 total project cost).

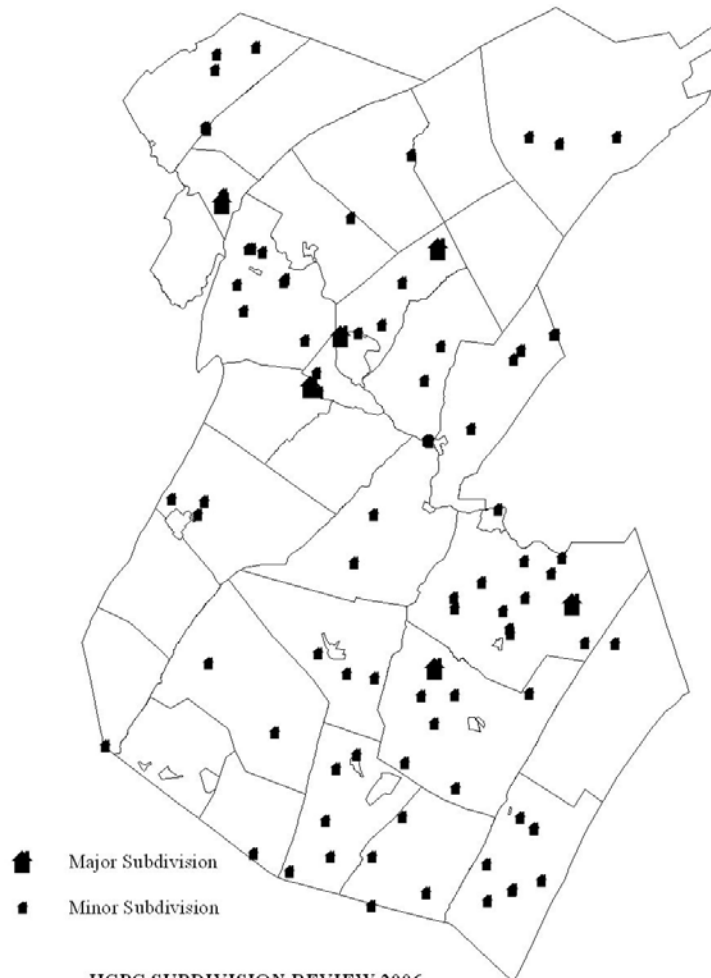
SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

Section 502 of the *PA Municipalities Planning Code* gives the Planning Commission authority to review and comment on subdivision and land development proposals submitted to local municipalities. The Commission also comments on consistency with *Act 537, the PA Sewage Facilities Act*.

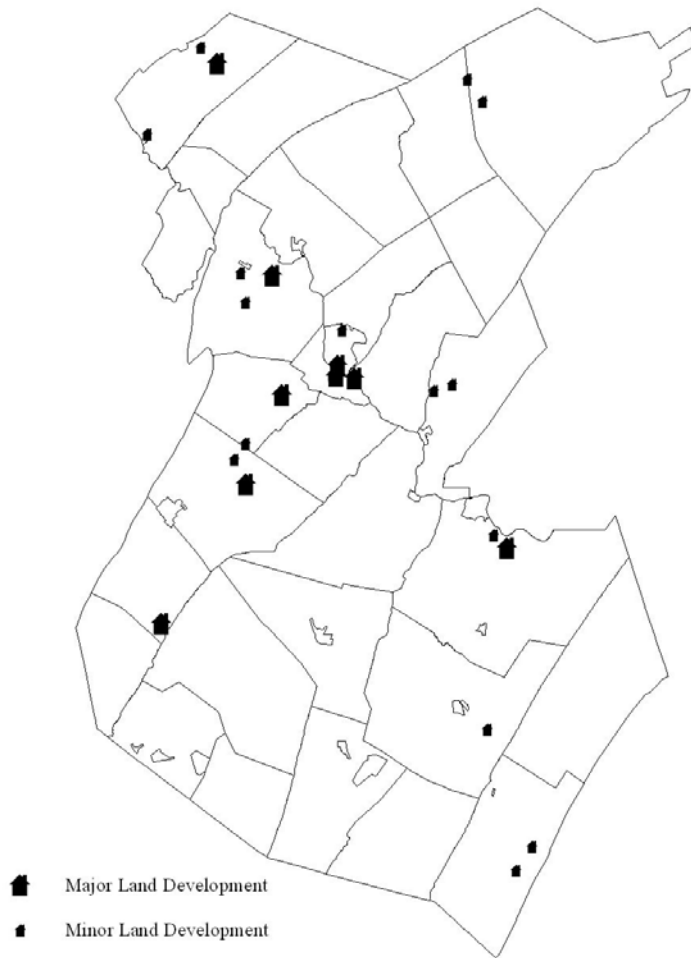
The Commission reviewed 113 subdivisions in 27 municipalities in 2006, up by 32 since 2005. These included 6 major subdivisions, 82 minor subdivisions, 9 major land developments, and 16 minor land developments encompassing 223 lots and 2,105.1331 acres. Maps illustrating distribution of these proposals are located on pages 10 and 11.

The largest subdivisions reviewed in 2006 were:

- the Highlands Phase VII Subdivision with 13.097 acres and 29 lots in Huntingdon Borough;
 - the Huntingdon Country Club Subdivision with 164.149 acres and 16 lots in Walker Township;
 - the Spring Ridge Club Subdivision with 128.627 acres and 13 lots in Spruce Creek Township;
 - the Shehan Subdivision with 17.729 acres and 11 lots in Cromwell Township;
 - the Walnut Acres Subdivision with 47.95 acres and 10 lots in Oneida Township; and
 - the Do-Right Partnership Subdivision with 82.299 acres and 7 lots in Shirley Township.
- The 9 major land development reviews conducted in 2006 included:
- Lake Raystown Resort Expansion, Lincoln Township - construction of a 29,000 square foot conference center and 21 new cabins;



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HCPC LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW 2006

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- Bonney Forge Warehouse, Shirley Township - construction of a 60,000 square foot warehouse and parking facilities;
- LOTRAB Recreational Vehicle Parking Facility, Henderson Township - construction of a 163 space RV parking facility;
- Meadowcrest Condominium Community, Walker Township - construction of a 42-unit, 21-building duplex development;
- Rite Aid, Smithfield Township - demolition of existing hotel and construction of a 14,564 square foot store and parking facilities;
- Baseball Heaven Sketch Plan, Porter Township - development of a baseball training complex to include indoor batting, pitching, fielding, dormitories, offices and storage spaces and five outdoor fields.

- St. James Lutheran Church, Huntingdon Borough - construction of a 31,891.7 square foot church building, offices and parking;
- Town and Country Animal Clinic, Warriors Mark Township - construction of a 2,112 square foot building addition and lot line adjustment;
- Richard Keller Boat Storage Building, Penn Township - construction of an 8,640 square foot storage building and access road;



St. James Lutheran Church

COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

Many Department activities are countywide in nature and benefit all municipalities equally. Some activities are done to assist the County Commissioners in non-planning areas. Major Planning projects in 2006 included:

PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS

The Planning Director and Secretary continued to provide support to the Partnership for Economic Progress (PEP) during the year. The County Commissioners chair this committee.

According to the PEP Strategic Plan: *"It is the vision of the Huntingdon County Partnership for Economic Progress to improve 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."*

LEADERSHIP HUNTINGDON COUNTY

Leadership Huntingdon County was developed as a result of the PEP Strategic Plan to develop leaders and support a positive vision for the County. Department staff again applied for Appalachia funding for Leadership Huntingdon County. The Planning Director is a member of the Leadership Steering Committee and manages the finances for the program. The Class of 2007 has 22 members.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Huntingdon County Planning and Development Department maintains maps of over 100 features such as roads, streams and municipal boundaries (known as coverages) as part of the Huntingdon County Geographic Information System (GIS). These maps range from county and municipal boundaries to the

detailed location information used in 911 addressing.

In 2006, the following GIS mapping projects were completed: created digital zoning maps and updated zoning districts in conformance with Huntingdon Borough's proposed amendments to the current zoning ordinance; conducted assessments and created maps for parcels offered for the Agricultural Easement Program; collected trail locations for the J.C. Blair Hospital Trail System as a proposed expansion of the Flagpole Hill Trail System; and prepared land use mapping for the Huntingdon County Comprehensive Plan update.

Department staff receives many requests for GIS data from other GIS professionals, engineers, realtors, and state, regional and county agencies. Typically, the data requested includes street centerline files, tax parcels, soil mapping, land use and other files that are unique to Huntingdon County. Staff provides this digital data via CD or email. In the upcoming year, the Department intends to create a distribution policy for data and a standard data set that can be shared with any agency, private party, or entity.

In addition, staff prepares custom and standard maps for a variety of clients. Available map sizes range from 8.5" x 11" to 34" x 44". In 2006, the following custom projects were created: maps of the Juniata Valley Recreational Area to apply for a DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant, updated maps for the Huntingdon Fairgrounds for use at the 2006 County Fair, various GIS maps for the Emergency Management Department, and a variety of other maps for the 911 addressing project.

BROADBAND & IT ASSISTANCE

Planning and Development staff worked closely with County Commissioners in improving the County's Information Technology infrastructure in 2006. The Planning Director developed and advertised a

request for proposals for an Information Technology consultant and for a broadband network connecting all County buildings.

The County Commissioners awarded a three year contract for Information Technology services to New Age Consulting. Broadband bids were to be received in early 2007. It is hoped that this network will facilitate a reduction in the number of computer servers and reduce annual Information Technology cost. The connection will also facilitate maintenance of mapping needed by the County 911 System's new computer aided dispatch software.

COUNTY BUILDING PROJECTS & PARKING

Planning staff continued to assist the County Commissioners in coordinating details for the expansion of County office space. Staff developed an application for zoning approval for the proposed Domestic Relations Office Building for submission to Huntingdon Borough, focusing on parking requirements. During the year the County Commissioners awarded bids for a new two story Domestic Relations Office Building and parking lot and purchased the Elks Building adjacent to the Courthouse. The Board of Commissioners is committed to expanding County offices to resolve longstanding needs.

PA MAP

PAMAP is a statewide initiative to create a common digital GIS base map for Pennsylvania. This cooperative program provides counties with regularly updated aerial photography in return for sharing various county GIS layers such as road centerlines and tax parcels

Planning staff participated in reviewing data standards created for PAMAP. The draft standards are currently under review by state and local government agencies.

DIGITAL PARCEL MAPPING

The Department applied for and received a \$5,000 grant to continue to refine digital parcel data. These funds, along with matching County funds, will be used to improve the positional accuracy of parcel maps.

Approximately 26,636 tax parcels in Huntingdon County have been mapped in a seamless GIS coverage. The GIS Coordinator serves as a liaison with the Tax Assessment Office on GIS issues.

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION BOARD

The Department supports the Huntingdon County Agricultural Preservation Program by assisting with a GIS-based evaluation of each farm. Applications were received from six farms to participate in the land preservation program in March 2006. Following is a brief description of the six farms: Earl Lake Farm, Franklin Township, 170 acres; Sam & Fred Conrad, Warriors Mark Township, 273 acres; Wayne Friling, Warriors Mark Township, 151 acres; David E. Campbell, Warriors Mark Township, 221 acres; John E. McMath, Tell Township, 184 acres; Matthew M. Metz, Brady Township, 99 acres.

The Huntingdon County Geographic Information System was used to evaluate agricultural soils, development potential, farmland potential and clustering on each farm. After the completion of the evaluation, the data is reviewed by the Huntingdon County Conservation District staff and the Agricultural Preservation Board. To date, Huntingdon County has purchased conservation easements on three farms totaling 265 acres. Two of these farms are in Brady Township and one in Warriors Mark Township. A fourth farm easement is pending on a 150 acre farm in Warriors Mark Township.

911 AND RURAL ADDRESSING

The year marked the release of 2,715 new 911 addresses in the Huntingdon Zip Code for residents

of Oneida, Miller, Juniata, Porter, Barree, Logan, and West Townships and parts of Jackson, Union, and Henderson Townships. The new physical addresses identify the exact location of each structure for emergency services.

There have been three previous releases of 911 addresses in Huntingdon County. These releases were known as Addressing Regions One, Two and Three and Six. Region One, Warriors Mark area, saw the release of 2,532 addresses in the northwestern end of the County during November of 2001. Region Two, which included the Alexandria and Petersburg Zip Code Areas, witnessed the release of 4,750 new addresses during October 2003. In 2005, 2,470 addresses were released in Regions Three and Six for residents of the following municipalities: Shirley Township, Shirleysburg Borough, Cromwell Township, Rockhill Borough, Orbisonia Borough, Shade Gap Borough, Dublin Township, Tell Township and Springfield Township. The Zip Code areas included Blairs Mills, 17213; Burnt Cabins, 17215; Hustontown, 17229; Mount Union, 17066; Neelyton, 17239; Orbisonia, 17243; Rockhill Furnace, 17249; East Waterford, 17021; and Shade Gap, 17255.

Addresses in the Allensville, Mapleton Depot, Mill Creek and Saltillo Zip Code areas are to be released in March 2007. These Zip Code areas include Brady Township, Mill Creek, Mapleton, and Saltillo Boroughs, and parts of Henderson, Union, Cass, and Clay Townships. This release will provide addresses for 1,139 Huntingdon County residences.

It is anticipated that physical addresses for the remaining portions of Huntingdon County will be released in 2007.

GRANT ADMINISTRATION

In 2006, Huntingdon County entered into contracts for grants totaling \$1,223,474. Tables on page 14 detail each miscellaneous grant awarded and CDBG usage and planned allocations.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT

In cooperation with the Huntingdon County Arts Council, the Department administered a \$3,281 Local Government Grant for art activities in 2006. Matching grant contributions were made by the County and many municipalities for a \$6,562 program.

RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE

The Recycling Coordinator provides educational programs for all Huntingdon County Schools and major events that occur within Huntingdon County.

During 2006, the Recycling Coordinator prepared several reports and grant applications: the County's Solid Waste Annual Report, a DEP 903 Grant for Recycling Coordinator expenses, a 902 Grant for educational programs and materials, and a DEP 904 Grant for materials that were recycled in 2005 through the Bedford-Fulton-Huntingdon County Recycling Program.

The Recycling Coordinator coordinated three special events during the year: Spring and Fall Special Collections and a Fall Household Hazard Waste Collection.

The Spring and Fall collections of clear, green and brown glass, #1 and #2 plastics and cardboard resulted in the collection of 5.44 tons.

County residents continued to strongly support the collection of Household Hazardous Waste. The Fall collection netted 18,960 pounds, including 60 auto batteries, 1,150 gallons of oil, and 10 gallons of antifreeze.

The year brought a major change in the Tri-County recycling program with the elimination of several drop-off locations. Despite this reduction, the program marketed 383.75 tons of recyclables with only 5% contamination versus the previous rate of 25%.

In addition to these activities, 10.54 tons of office paper was recycled from various County offices.

The Recycling Coordinator continues to be an active member of the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP), serving on their Educational Committee; and is an active member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Huntingdon County Chapter of PA Cleanways.

OTHER COUNTY ASSISTANCE

The Grant Administrator continued to serve as Chairman of the County Safety Committee through 2006. Planning and Development staff provided assistance to the Huntingdon County Library in evaluating future library space needs. The Planning

Director serves on the Library Property and Planning Committee.

| Miscellaneous Grants | | |
|---|---|-----------|
| FEMA | 2006 - Carbon Township Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant | \$497,350 |
| Pennsylvania Council on the Arts | 2006 - Local Government Grant - Huntingdon County Arts Council | \$3,281 |
| Competitive CDBG | 2006 - Petersburg Borough Reeds Run Reservoir Rehab | \$500,000 |
| Competitive CDBG | 2005 - Hopewell Township Sanitary Sewer Collection System | \$500,000 |
| Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance (LUPTAP) | 2005 - Huntingdon County Comprehensive Plan and Huntingdon Borough Zoning Ordinance Updates | \$48,655 |
| Competitive CDBG | 2005 - Cromwell Township Sewage System | \$500,000 |

| CDBG Usage—Past Three Years | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Huntingdon House Shelter* | \$37,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Broad Top City Well Development* | \$48,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Dudley Area Well Development* | \$48,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Orbisonia-Rockhill Homecoming Assoc. Facility Improvements | \$58,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Petersburg Borough Sewer Pump Replacement | \$55,788 | 0 | \$37,000 |
| Shirley Home for the Aged Stair Ramp* | 0 | \$20,000 | 0 |
| Habitat for Humanity | 0 | \$20,000 | 0 |
| Juniata Valley Senior Center** | 0 | \$38,000 | 0 |
| Puttstown Sewer Laterals* | 0 | \$25,000 | \$53,843 |
| Cromwell Sewer Laterals | 0 | \$117,000 | \$14,000 |
| Dudley Area Phase II Sewer Laterals** | 0 | \$20,627 | 0 |
| Mill Creek Sewer Laterals | 0 | 0 | \$118,000 |
| Past Three Years Totals | \$247,788 | \$240,627 | \$222,843 |

** activity complete * activity underway

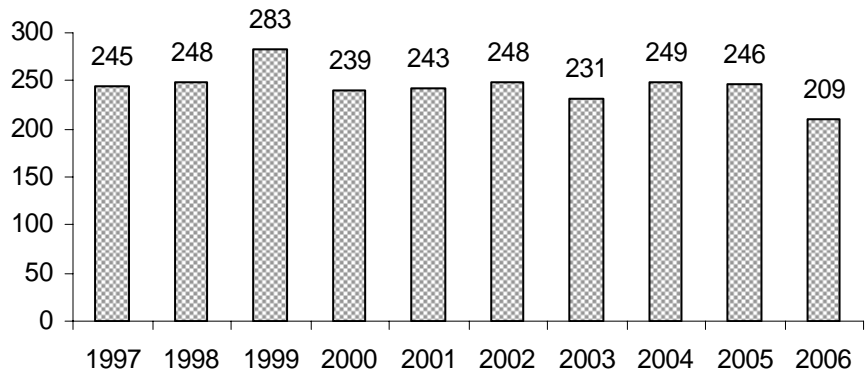
| CDBG Usage - Next Three Years | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Orbisonia-Rockhill Water Tank | \$159,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Mapleton Water Line Replacement | \$51,000 | \$29,000 | 0 |
| Cromwell Township Sewer Laterals | 0 | \$131,000 | 0 |
| Affordable Housing Sites | 0 | \$50,000 | 0 |
| Shirley Home for the Aged Heating System Upgrade | 0 | 0 | \$60,000 |
| Penn Township Sewage Collection System Rehab | 0 | 0 | \$50,000 |
| Huntingdon House Bridge Housing Rehab | 0 | 0 | \$40,000 |
| Spring Creek Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade | 0 | 0 | \$30,000 |
| Rockhill Borough Stormdrain Replacements | 0 | 0 | \$30,000 |
| Next Three Years Totals | \$222,843 | \$210,000 | \$210,000 |

DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS

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
- ◆ Population and Socio-Economic Characteristics

SUBDIVISION ACTIVITY 1997- 2006



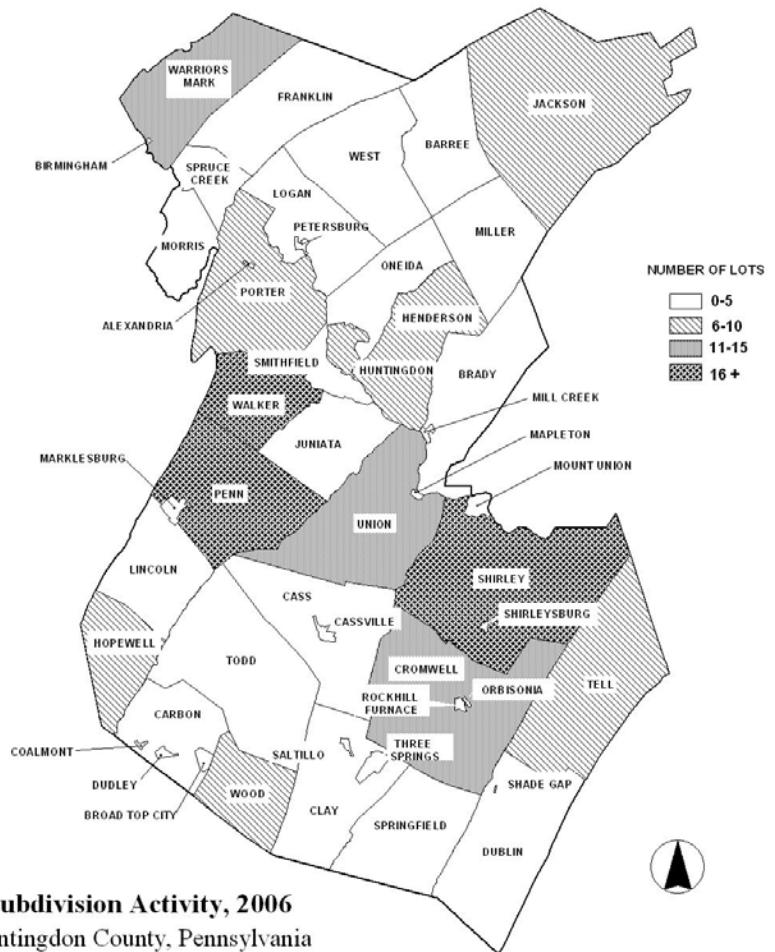
SUBDIVISION ACTIVITY

The number of new subdivision lots recorded indicates the level of land development occurring within the County. This information is valuable when determining the need for public services. Subdivision activity reflects the actual number of deeds recorded in the Courthouse (sale of lots) rather than the platting of lots referenced in the Coordination section.

During 2006, 209 new lots were recorded in Huntingdon County. This is a decrease of 15% from the 246 lots created in 2005.

In 2006, the highest level of activity, 30 new lots, occurred in Penn Township. The table below shows the highest levels in 2006 and the map on this page illustrates the intensity of development experienced in each municipality in 2006.

| Municipality | New Lots |
|------------------------|----------|
| Penn Township | 30 |
| Shirley Township | 28 |
| Walker Township | 16 |
| Warriors Mark Township | 14 |
| Cromwell Township | 11 |
| Union Township | 11 |



Subdivision Activity, 2006

Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania

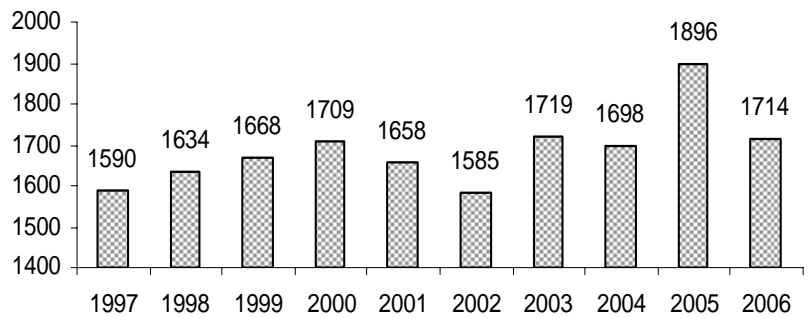
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DEED TRANSFERS

The number of deeds transferred for both new and existing properties is monitored as an indicator of the economic well being of the County. The chart on this page illustrates the number of deeds transferred over the past ten years.

The Huntingdon County Register and Recorder's Office reported that the total number of deeds transferred in 2006, both existing and new, showed a 9.6% decrease from 1,896 in 2005 to 1,714 in 2006.

DEED TRANSFERS 1997 - 2006

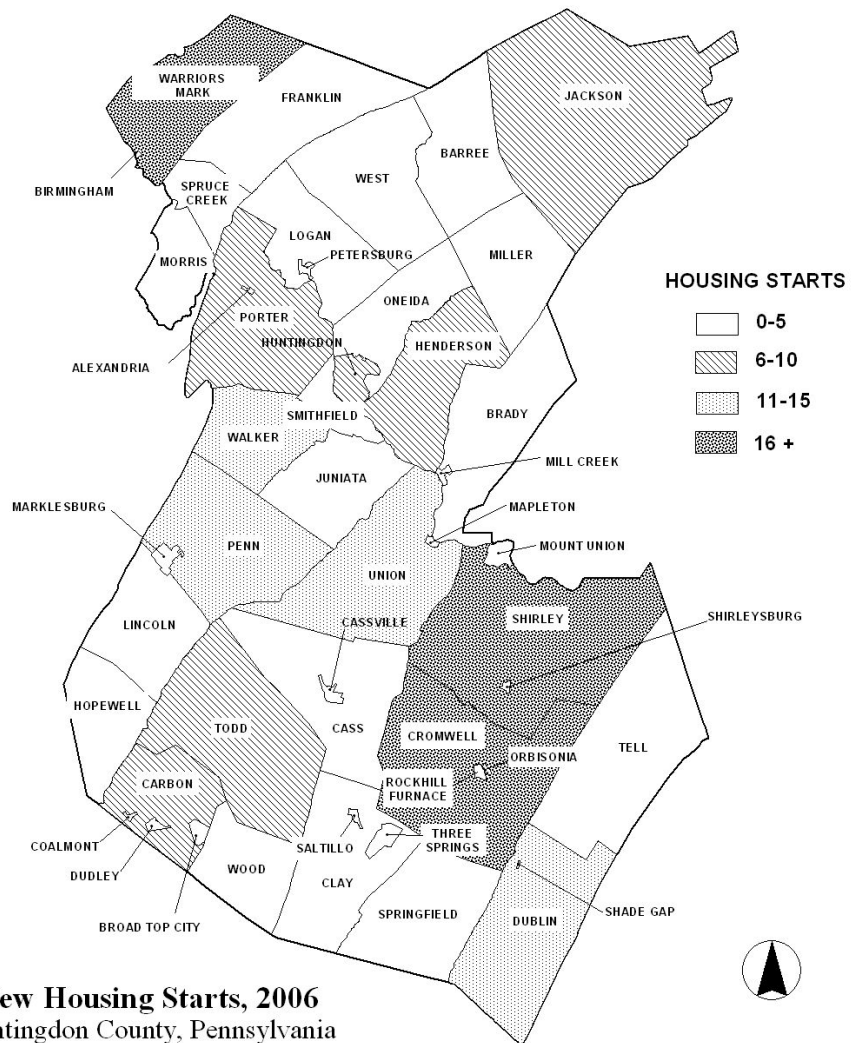


BUILDING ACTIVITY

In 2006, the construction of new houses increased 6.7% over 2005, with 191 versus 179 in 2005. The number of new houses constructed is measured annually. The Department uses electrical permits, from Valley Rural Electric Cooperative; building permits; and permitting data from municipal permitting agencies, to estimate new housing starts.

The map on this page illustrates the level of building activity in each municipality in 2006. A ten-year housing starts trend is illustrated in the chart on page 17. Following are the municipalities that led the County in new housing starts:

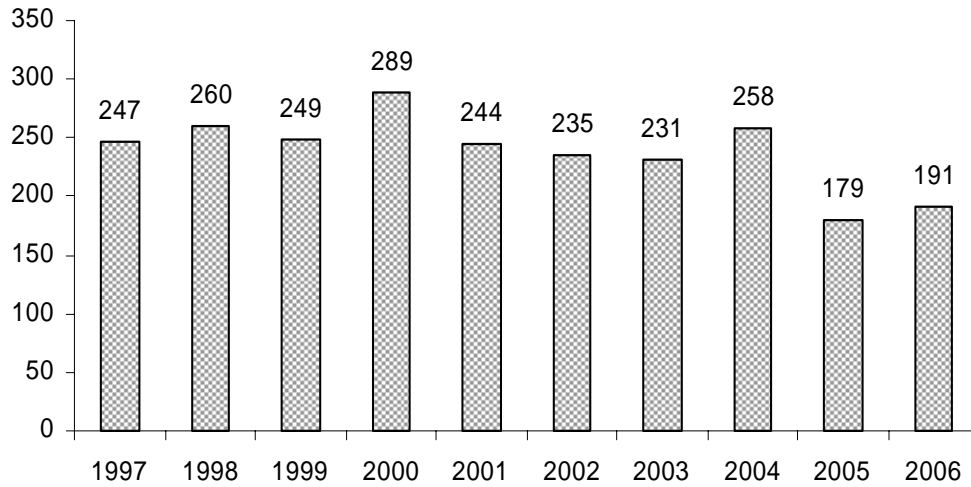
| Municipality | New Homes |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Shirley Township | 19 |
| Cromwell Township | 18 |
| Warriors Mark Township | 17 |
| Union Township | 14 |
| Walker Township | 12 |
| Dublin Township | 11 |
| Penn Township | 11 |
| Porter Township | 8 |
| Carbon Township | 7 |
| Huntingdon Borough | 7 |



New Housing Starts, 2006
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New Housing Starts 1997 - 2006



SEASONAL AND YEAR-ROUND HOUSING

The housing data also allows a comparison between seasonal and year-round housing starts. Based on Valley Rural data, 22 units, or 28.5% of new housing activity in 2006 involved seasonal housing. This is a decrease of 15% from 26 seasonal units in 2005. Year-round housing activity decreased by 20%, from 69 units in 2005 to 55 units in 2006.

Following are the municipalities that led the County in seasonal and year-round housing starts:

Seasonal Housing:

| Municipality | New Homes |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Union Township | 5 |
| Penn Township | 4 |
| Hopewell Township | 3 |
| Juniata Township | 3 |
| Todd Township | 3 |

Year Round Housing:

| Municipality | New Homes |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Shirley Township | 19 |
| Cromwell Township | 18 |
| Warriors Mark Township | 17 |
| Union Township | 9 |
| Walker Township | 12 |

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