



Cumberland County Land Partnerships Update

Committee Meeting #5 Notes

Date / Time: 2:00 PM Thursday October 11th, 2012

Location: 18 North Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA

In Attendance:

Geoffrey Clymer - Cumberland County Agricultural Land Preservation Board
Shireen Farr - Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau
Robert Fisher - R.J. Fisher and Associates
Bill Forrey - Former Chief, Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks
Larry Hatter – Greater Harrisburg Association of Realtors
Justin Keller – Simone Collins (SC)
Jay Schreibman – PA DCNR
Kirk Stoner - Cumberland County Planning Department (CCPD)
Jeff Williams - Silver Spring Township Parks and Recreation
Stephanie Williams – CCPD
Rebecca Yearick – Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority
Anna Yelk – Central PA Conservancy

Meeting Agenda:

1. Ongoing Survey Results
2. Draft Plan Review/Q&A
 - a. Discussion on removal of Livable Communities as stand-alone chapter
 - b. Chapter 2 Needs Assessment
 - c. Chapter 4 Goals & Objectives
 - d. Chapter 5 Agricultural Preservation (*note name change*)
 - e. Chapter 6 Natural Resource Protection
 - f. Chapter 7 Parks, Trails & Greenways
 - g. Chapter 8 Implementation
 - i. Prioritization of Strategies**
 - h. Mapping
 - i. Pending Chapters
 - i. Chapter 1 Introduction
 - ii. Chapter 3 Public Participation

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General Comments:

1. Bill F. asked for clarification on the statement at the bottom of Page 2, Natural Resource Protection Chapter 4, "implementation will be achieved through voluntary land acquisition". Stephanie W. stated that the word "voluntary" is intended to imply that the County will only pursue the acquisition of open space lands if there are willing participants.
2. Robert F. mentioned that storm water offset credits should be given to municipalities that that implement riparian buffers on farms in lieu of more costly sewer plant upgrades. He mentioned that this was not a specific recommendation of the plan. Stephanie W. pointed out that Farmland Preservation recommendations FP5 and FP6 are intended to encourage and support best management practices on farms to ensure compliance with the PA erosion, sedimentation, stormwater control and manure management requirements.
3. It was suggested that FP5 and FP6 be considered for combination since they encompass similar subjects.
4. A committee member stated that the Audubon Society will soon release draft report findings on the value of conservation. Facts from this study should be incorporated into the *Land Partnerships* report.
5. It was suggested that a strategy be added to the Natural Resource Protection Chapter to assist municipalities in complying with Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction requirements.
6. It was suggested that the public presentation should summarize the variety of strategies employed by the *Land Partnerships* plan and give examples of possible outcomes.
7. The committee then voted for their preference for the top 3-4 implementation strategies in each category. The strategies viewed most important by the committee are as follows:

Farmland Preservation:
FP1, FP2, FP5, FP6

Natural Resource Protection:
NRP1, NRP3, NRP5

Parks, Trails and Greenways:
PGT1, PGT4, PGT6

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 2:00 PM December 4, 2012.

Topic: Discuss and reach agreement on any final revisions to the DRAFT plan.