



Cumberland County Land Partnerships Update

Notes: Public Meeting #1 - East

Date / Time: 7:00 PM Wednesday May 23rd, 2012

Location: New Kingstown Fire Company,
277 North Locust Point Road, New Kingstown, PA 17072

In Attendance: See attached sign-in sheet

Background:

Cumberland County Planning Department Staff and the consultants conducted a brief presentation to summarize the plan benefits, previous plan accomplishments and the process for the plan update. After the presentation, those in attendance cycled through four listening stations to facilitate a focused discussion on the four main elements of the Land Partnerships Plan. County staff and consultants recorded the following goals, concepts and opinions for the project:

Farmland Preservation:

1. Outreach and education is needed to frame the costs associated with agriculture production versus the average income of a farmer.
2. More outreach is needed to educate children who have lost touch with food sources.
3. Farmland preservation is #1 priority in Silver Spring Township.
4. Maintain and improve agricultural zoning to keep more land in agricultural uses.
5. Look to Lancaster County for examples of farmland preservation.
6. Build / rehabilitate Boroughs instead of farmland.
7. Saving land is important.
8. Low interest loans are available for agriculture.
9. The public does not realize how volatile farming can be.
10. Schools can get grants to have working farms and teach hands on farming to students. More information on farm to school grants can be found here:
http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/F2S/f2_grant_program.htm
http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Policy-Memos/2009/SP_32-2009_os.pdf
11. Form more partnerships between farms and schools.
12. Land should be preserved in the event it is needed to replace farmland affected by unforeseen diseases or pollution.
13. Farming practices should seek to preserve water quality.

Natural Resource Protection:

14. Preserve more land along the Susquehanna River floodplain.
15. Development is restricted on slopes of 15% or greater. This should be revised to only protect slopes 25% and greater.

Livable Communities:

16. Take advantage of Treevitalize to assist municipalities to plant street trees.
17. New Kingstown – is an example of a livable community.
18. Greenway along Conodoguinet in Silver Spring Township.
19. Sample Bridge – boat ramp is needed to access water trail.
 - a. Land on West side of road may be an opportunity.
20. Like Carlisle Road Diet example (complete street)
21. Lemoyne Bike Racks are a good example.
22. Bike racks are needed in Mechanicsburg.
23. Truck/through traffic needs to be removed in downtowns/small towns.
24. Reduce speeds in small towns for increased livability.
25. Trails should tie into towns.
26. Bike lanes need to connect to destination.
 - a. Recreational trails – different than commuter trails.
 - b. Commuter trails – should be higher speed, paved facilities.
27. Businesses need to provide places to:
 - a. Shower
 - b. Store bikes
28. Bike sharing concept should be encouraged in existing towns (example: Paris, Bike Pottstown - <http://www.bikepottstown.com/index.htm>).
29. Rain gardens not preferred in New Kingstown.
 - a. Trash collects in them
 - b. Weeds
 - c. Water in peoples homes
30. TreeVitalize program a good resource

Parks, Trails and Greenways:

31. Implement a rail with trail - especially in more developed areas.
32. Extend the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail to the west shore.
33. Identify the status of trail links.
34. Greenways should promote walkways and bikeways.
35. Use the Cumberland Valley railroad bridge as a pedestrian/bike connection to Dauphin County.
36. Use deteriorated buildings to create new green spaces or pocket parks.
37. Implement the Eastern Cumberland County trail plan.
38. Update the Simply Moving guide.
39. Peace of mind and lower blood pressure is cited as a benefit of parks.
40. Implement the Newville to Carlisle section of the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail.
41. Create a trailhead for the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail at Big Spring High School.
42. Create more trail connections in towns and between towns.
43. The Tuscarora Trail has a view shed of farmsteads.
44. Provide wider shoulders on roads to accommodate bicycles.
45. A New law mandates a 4' separation distance for a car passing a bike. Design roadways to accommodate this.
46. Trails = health and wellness.
47. **The next public meeting - east is scheduled for 7:00 PM October 25th, 2012.**
48. **Please refer to the project website periodically for updates**
www.ccpa.net/landpartnerships



Cumberland County Land Partnerships Update

Notes: Public Meeting #1 - West

Date / Time: 7:00 PM Thursday May 24, 2012

Location: Southampton Township Building
200 Airport Road, Shippensburg, PA 17257

In Attendance: See attached sign-in sheet

Background:

Cumberland County Planning Department Staff conducted a brief presentation to summarize the plan benefits, previous plan accomplishments and the process for the plan update. After the presentation, those in attendance cycled through four listening stations to facilitate a focused discussion on the four main elements of the Land Partnerships Plan. County staff and consultants recorded the following goals, concepts and opinions for the project:

Farmland Preservation:

1. Factory farms = pollution of waterways

Natural Resource Protection:

2. Big Spring – more efforts for preservation
3. Strict environmental regulations for corporate farms
4. Ground water pollution concern

Livable Communities:

Parks, Trails and Greenways:

5. AT Corridor – Farmland preservation for scenic value between 81 & 76 in Silver Spring and north of the Yellow Breeches in Monroe
6. Resource Concern-Hikers on AT using springs for water supply
7. Gap of AT corridor between White Rock and Michaux, corridor narrows