

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - User Selected Survey

What best describes the amount of the following in Cumberland County?

Answer Options	Too much		About the right amount		Not enough		Response Count
Farmland	14	1.7%	436	54.2%	354	44.0%	804
Natural Areas	9	1.1%	307	38.1%	489	60.7%	805
Parks	21	2.6%	384	47.6%	401	49.8%	806
Trails	19	2.4%	239	29.8%	545	67.9%	803
<i>answered question</i>							810
<i>skipped question</i>							34

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What best describes the amount of the following in Cumberland County?

Answer Options	Too much		About the right amount		Not enough		Response Count
Farmland	1	1.9%	25	46.3%	28	51.9%	54
Natural Areas	0	0.0%	15	27.8%	39	72.2%	54
Parks	0	0.0%	28	51.9%	26	48.1%	54
Trails	0	0.0%	23	43.4%	30	56.6%	53
<i>answered question</i>							54
<i>skipped question</i>							1

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - COMBINED

What best describes the amount of the following in Cumberland County?

Answer Options	Too much		About the right amount		Not enough		Response Count
Farmland	15	1.7%	461	53.7%	382	44.5%	858
Natural Areas	9	1.0%	322	37.5%	528	61.5%	859
Parks	21	2.4%	412	47.9%	427	49.7%	860
Trails	19	2.2%	262	30.6%	575	67.2%	856
<i>answered question</i>							864
<i>skipped question</i>							35

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What is your opinion on the amount of growth in Cumberland County?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Too much development	66.0%	530
Amount of development is about right	29.6%	238
Not enough development	4.4%	35
<i>answered question</i>		803
<i>skipped question</i>		41

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What is your opinion on the amount of growth in Cumberland County?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Too much development	77.8%	42
Amount of development is about right	20.4%	11
Not enough development	1.9%	1
<i>answered question</i>		54
<i>skipped question</i>		1

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What is your opinion on the amount of growth in Cumberland County?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Too much development	66.7%	572
Amount of development is about right	29.1%	249
Not enough development	4.2%	36
<i>answered question</i>		857
<i>skipped question</i>		42

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Is enough being done to address the following issues in Cumberland County?							
Answer Options	More needs to be done		Current efforts are fine		Less needs to be done		Response Count
Farmland Preservation	528	66.4%	235	29.6%	32	4.0%	795
Natural Resource Protection	549	69.0%	220	27.6%	27	3.4%	796
Parks, Trails, & Greenways	548	68.9%	197	24.8%	50	6.3%	795
Creation of Livable Communities	453	57.1%	243	30.6%	98	12.3%	794
<i>answered question</i>							800
<i>skipped question</i>							44

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Is enough being done to address the following issues in Cumberland County?							
Answer Options	More needs to be done		Current efforts are fine		Less needs to be done		Response Count
Farmland Preservation	38	71.7%	14	26.4%	1	1.9%	53
Natural Resource Protection	40	75.5%	12	22.6%	1	1.9%	53
Parks, Trails, & Greenways	37	69.8%	16	30.2%	0	0.0%	53
Creation of Livable Communities	29	54.7%	20	37.7%	4	7.5%	53
<i>answered question</i>							54
<i>skipped question</i>							1

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Is enough being done to address the following issues in Cumberland County?							
Answer Options	More needs to be done		Current efforts are fine		Less needs to be done		Response Count
Farmland Preservation	566	66.7%	249	29.4%	33	3.9%	848
Natural Resource Protection	589	69.4%	232	27.3%	28	3.3%	849
Parks, Trails, & Greenways	585	69.0%	213	25.1%	50	5.9%	848
Creation of Livable Communities	482	56.9%	263	31.1%	102	12.0%	847
<i>answered question</i>							854
<i>skipped question</i>							45

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How important are the following to you?

Answer Options	Very Important	Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Response Count
Farmland Preservation	413 54.4%	248 32.3%	80 10.2%	23 3.1%	796
Natural Resource Protection	491 64.4%	216 28.3%	42 5.6%	11 1.8%	792
Parks, Trails, & Greenways	418 54.1%	236 31.1%	75 9.9%	34 4.9%	795
Creation of Livable Communities	322 42.0%	235 30.8%	129 17.6%	73 9.6%	790
<i>answered question</i>					796
<i>skipped question</i>					48

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How important are the following to you?

Answer Options	Very Important	Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Response Count
Farmland Preservation	27 50.0%	23 42.6%	3 5.6%	1 1.9%	54
Natural Resource Protection	40 74.1%	13 24.1%	1 1.9%	0 0.0%	54
Parks, Trails, & Greenways	34 63.0%	17 31.5%	3 5.6%	0 0.0%	54
Creation of Livable Communities	25 47.2%	18 34.0%	9 17.0%	1 1.9%	53
<i>answered question</i>					54
<i>skipped question</i>					1

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - COMBINED

How important are the following to you?

Answer Options	Very Important	Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Response Count
Farmland Preservation	440 51.8%	271 31.9%	83 9.8%	24 2.8%	850
Natural Resource Protection	531 62.8%	229 27.1%	43 5.1%	11 1.3%	846
Parks, Trails, & Greenways	452 53.2%	253 29.8%	78 9.2%	34 4.0%	849
Creation of Livable Communities	347 41.2%	253 30.0%	138 16.4%	74 8.8%	843
<i>answered question</i>					850
<i>skipped question</i>					49

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Do you think the following are an appropriate use of public funds?							
Answer Options	Yes		No		Undecided		Response Count
Farmland Preservation	595	75.1%	113	14.3%	84	10.6%	792
Natural Resource Protection	696	87.9%	60	7.6%	36	4.5%	792
Parks, Trails, & Greenways	652	82.4%	81	10.2%	58	7.3%	791
Creation of Livable Communities	464	58.5%	226	28.5%	103	13.0%	793
<i>answered question</i>							793
<i>skipped question</i>							51

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - Random Sample Survey

Do you think the following are an appropriate use of public funds?							
Answer Options	Yes		No		Undecided		Response Count
Farmland Preservation	37	68.5%	6	11.1%	11	20.4%	54
Natural Resource Protection	48	88.9%	2	3.7%	4	7.4%	54
Parks, Trails, & Greenways	45	83.3%	5	9.3%	4	7.4%	54
Creation of Livable Communities	31	58.5%	12	22.6%	10	18.9%	53
<i>answered question</i>							54
<i>skipped question</i>							1

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - COMBINED

Do you think the following are an appropriate use of public funds?							
Answer Options	Yes		No		Undecided		Response Count
Farmland Preservation	632	74.7%	119	14.1%	95	11.2%	846
Natural Resource Protection	744	87.9%	62	7.3%	40	4.7%	846
Parks, Trails, & Greenways	697	82.5%	86	10.2%	62	7.3%	845
Creation of Livable Communities	495	58.5%	238	28.1%	113	13.4%	846
<i>answered question</i>							847
<i>skipped question</i>							52

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Would you be willing to pay an additional amount to preserve farmland, natural areas, park, trails and greenways, and help create livable communities in Cumberland County?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, another \$10/year	19.0%	150
Yes, another \$20/year	17.6%	139
Yes, another \$35/year	7.3%	58
Yes, another \$50/year	31.1%	246
No	15.8%	125
Other (please specify)	9.2%	73
<i>answered question</i>		791
<i>skipped question</i>		50

YES
593
75.0%

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - Random Sample Survey

Would you be willing to pay an additional amount to preserve farmland, natural areas, park, trails and greenways, and help create livable communities in Cumberland County?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, another \$10/year	13.0%	7
Yes, another \$20/year	24.1%	13
Yes, another \$35/year	5.6%	3
Yes, another \$50/year	25.9%	14
No	20.4%	11
Other (please specify)	11.1%	6
<i>answered question</i>		54
<i>skipped question</i>		1

YES
37
68.5%

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Would you be willing to pay an additional amount to preserve farmland, natural areas, park, trails and greenways, and help create livable communities in Cumberland County?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, another \$10/year	18.6%	157
Yes, another \$20/year	18.0%	152
Yes, another \$35/year	7.2%	61
Yes, another \$50/year	30.8%	260
No	16.1%	136
Other (please specify)	9.3%	79
<i>answered question</i>		845
<i>skipped question</i>		51

YES
630
74.6%

If we could do one thing to improve the quality of life in Cumberland County through farmland preservation, natural resource protection, parks, trail & greenways and creation of livable communities what would you want that one thing to be?

Farmland Preservation (78 comments)

1. More support for local farmer's markets and pick-your-own farms possibly through co-op or public service ads. Listings in CC township/community newsletters of current farm markets and produce operators with contact info or hours of operation would be helpful.
2. Farmland preservation
3. Quit taking money from people that don't owe it and giving it to those that don't earn it, to make those that pay little, if any, feel better. I doubt any of you have the I.Q. to grasp this concept, but your preservation scheme is only increasing the price of farms, thereby decreasing the affordability for real, sustainable, multi-generational, non-government funded farmers. I'm preserving my farms in what's becoming an unheard of idea in this county.....I'm not selling them....at least not until you (Cumb. Co.) Steal too much, forcing me and my family to cash out (not for preservation pennies either) and move to a free county/state. Hopefully you Looters can grasp the damage you're causing this county and end all of these job placement for the unneeded, feel-good programs.
4. Preserve more farms....
5. Allocate more funds to purchasing development rights from farmers.
6. Put more resources into farmland preservation efforts.
7. Stop the spread of cookie cutter housing developments in prime farm lands. I know it generates more tax revenue, but when people can't afford to buy the house it wastes valuable resources.
8. Farmland preservation deserves our highest priority. Farms once lost will never be reclaimed; the time is short. Continuing action is needed.
9. You should not build anything unless something is torn down and built in its place. Absolutely no additional farmland should be built upon. Where will food come from generations from now?
10. Preserve farmland. It cannot be replaced. Our SOIL is very good soil in this county - Cumberland Loam - and MUST be preserved. Thank you.
11. I resent the fact that you take my tax money and spend it to enhance the value of another's property. That is not the role of government and money should not be spent for that. S. Middleton surveyed their residents a few years back and we told them no on farmland preservation. Why do you people keep pushing for it? Oh wait, I know, every time you buy a farm it raises property values and hence more tax money for you to spend. Do we need a park on every corner?
12. Make it more difficult for farmland to be converted to developments.
13. farmland preservation through encouragement of conservancy efforts with farmland owners
14. Treat farmland as a national treasure that is vital to Homeland Security. The world economy, environment, weather catastrophes, human population must be considered in farmland preservation. We, the US, are no longer at the top of the food chain. Worldwide conditions have us at extreme risk of food shortages in probably the not so distant future.
15. Increase the number of acres of farmland conserved each year before this land use is permanently compromised.
16. Would like to see farms preserved in the western end of the county.
17. Assist more farmers to be able to add farmland to the preservation system. STOP building more shopping centers - use the empty buildings we have now!
18. Preserve farmland.
19. Farmland preservation
20. I like the idea of farmland preservation but I do believe if taxpayer dollars assist with this then at least a portion of the farm should be available for public use IE: hunting, fishing, biking, hiking, etc.
21. Continue to preserve farmland
22. Put additional restrictions on the development of farm land.

23. Farmland preservation. It costs the least amount, the rest are more easily accomplished with the cost savings
24. Help farmers stay put and NOT sell off all their land to developers.
25. More efforts in establishing Preserved Farmlands, like Lancaster County or Heritage Farmland areas, similar to Berks County. Mandating future large scale residential development set aside natural areas, trails, etc. Most of Cumberland County is an overdeveloped mess.
26. Preserved farmland needs to be farmed - not become a weed factory.
27. Stop residential and commercial development on farmlands and preserve our historic buildings located on these lands.
28. We need to stop turning farmland into developments. We also need to make public transportation a priority. Our roads are becoming unbearable!
29. Do not take away the freedom of its citizens. Give opportunities to do some of the desirable things through tax incentives. Do not reduce the value of farmers land through legislation that takes away the freedom of farmers to sell their land by placing too many restrictions on its use in the future OR pay them with the tax dollars of others for the amount you are reducing the value of their land, so that the farmers are not the ones who take the full brunt of all the restrictive policies!
30. preserve farmland
31. Please help make farmland preservation a local endeavor by helping local farmers retain ownership of their land and prohibit nonresident / non-farmer ownership of the farmland.
32. Create a county fairgrounds facility where the 4H kids and others could compete in horse shows and exhibit farm animals. Stop spending money on stupid things like the illogical road diet in Carlisle. That type of thing drives people away from businesses. Invest in purposeful projects and preserve farmland so we can grow and eat our own food--not food from other countries. Wise up before our farmland is destroyed and extinct. You cannot grow crops on macadam.
33. Let farmers do what they want with their land.
34. Less commercial development taking over the farmlands.
35. Farmland set aside- permanent tax abatement for permanent designation
36. Stop doing things like building brick crosswalks and use the money to purchase land or easements.
37. Create financial and policy incentives, such as tax or fee waivers, transferable development rights and increased density in subdivisions, to preserve prime farmland in smaller amounts throughout the county.
38. Stop raising property taxes by limiting land for development by spend tax dollars on Farm land
39. Give farmers the respect they deserve. Tell the new developments that they need to adjust to the farmer and not the other way around. Tell the neighborhood that they shouldn't complain about the smells or noises since the farmer was there first. Our food is going to cost us more because we are so selfish and disrespectful to the farmers. Don't let the builders and neighborhood individuals dictate the farmer. Tell them to shove their complaints and move!
40. Preserve farmland by buying up farms for sale and keep the land from being developed for more housing.
41. Farmland preservation.
42. More education in the impact of local farming and how hard local farmers work to sustain & put food on everyone else's tables
43. Less Cumberland County Involvement. County experts have created most of the situations they now wish to spend even more money and exercise even more control to supposedly "fix". Example.....Farmland preservation programs have increased the cost of farmland to actual, non-government funded farmers.
44. Prevent further development on agricultural land
45. Farmland preservation is key - ability to buy local products
46. Stop tearing up farmland for developments and strip malls!! We have enough residents in our area, traffic is getting ridiculous. Plus we have plenty of strip malls, stores, and car dealerships along the Carlisle Pike (some of which sit completely empty and unused) that we don't need any more. How about rebuilding abandoned buildings, instead of using farmland?! I know that residents and businesses bring in tax revenue for our townships and county, but if we keep building, we are going to be completely land locked. No farms, no food! That is the long and short of it.

47. Those people who have struggled for years as farmers and are now old and ready to retire have the right to sell their property for a decent amount so that they do not have to live in poverty throughout their retirement. To restrict their ability to sell because someone wants a nice view is wrong.
48. Allocate more of our tax money for farmland preservation.
49. Protect our farms and acreage from over development. How many car dealerships do we need eating up valuable land resources?
50. Need state law to change to enable communities to have greater control over development. Plus need education of citizens and elected officials. Farmland preservation is a definite must. Thank you.
51. Allow farmers to continue their way of life which provides for all in pa. Taxing them, regulations upon regulations is threatening their way of life and creates issues for all.
52. More stringent controls on municipal commercial and retail development areas. Provide incentives for farms to be handed down to future generations. Tax incentives for farmers. Limit what appears to be unchecked commercial land development in Cumb, Co.
53. More encouragement of farmland preservation. I came from Schoharie County, NY and saw what happens to an area when farming is no longer the thriving business and nothing is done to replace the income and jobs in the area. Prosperous farms are essential to the well being of the whole area. As more people become aware of the need for quality safe food, the farms will need to be economically sound and not sold to developers at inflated prices.
54. Stop building. They can't even sell or rent a lot of the real estate that's being built for the last 10 - 15 years. We have seen too many of our favorite natural habitat and farms taken away in order for them to build more homes and stores, etc. They always use the excuse that building these new homes and businesses will generate more jobs. Bull! Only for about the first two months. Then they cut back the jobs. Usually to the bone, but by then they've gotten what they want to pad their pockets. Guess what. We still truly do not have more jobs. We need more farming to help save money and ensure that our food is safe. We need the animals to have a safe place to live. Believe it or not. We need to have animals. We can't pave everything.
55. While farmland preservation is needed, shifting taxes to non-farm residents is quickly becoming unsustainable. The current property tax structure is not fair to farmers, but it is not fair to shift those taxes either.
56. Tax breaks for farmers and farm land. Developers required to contribute to farmland and natural preservation funds in order to "develop" land in Cumberland County. Various fines that support farmland/natural resources added to criminal fines (speeding tickets, drug charges, D.U.I. disorderly conduct, etc.). Developers and businesses that have a high impact on environment and the county (air pollution, hazardous waste, fuel, traffic congestion, road way fatigue, etc.) must make additional compensation to the county. Environmental protection services and monitoring to be actively and effectively enforced with fines and costs going to Cumberland County.
57. Preserve undeveloped land such as farmland and natural resources. Once these areas are developed, they are lost forever.
58. Provide tax-free transfer of farmlands to next generation, pledging to keep land open and natural as it is.
59. Create a high transfer tax when farmland is purchased by a developer
60. Help people who want to preserve their family farms by continuing to farm with ways & means to do so.
61. Farmland preservation, because the biggest loss seems to be there.
62. Preserve more farmland.
63. More agricultural easements along the base of Kittatinny Ridge and South Mountain.
64. Farmland preservation
65. Attract additional family sustaining wage jobs, while preserving those that are already here; support our active farm community by allocating additional dollars for farmland preservation and create additional natural areas
66. Create more opportunities for farmer's market so citizens are able to more easily support farmers.
67. We enjoy Farmers on Market in Camp Hill. What about a market in Hampden Township?
68. Create a market and incentive for locally grown produce to be sold in town centers so that both farmers and consumers benefit. Encourage the State to tax fast food and high sugar foods and use the proceeds from the tax collected to provide incentives for local produce and reduced prices of healthy fresh food for consumers. I know you said one thing; however, restricting the growth of the trucking/warehousing industry would help

- with our clean air. I think we are at saturation point with trucks and exhaust. Develop a farm in the valley to showcase gardening techniques for homeowners. Don't forget historical preservation
69. There must be a very high bar to be able to change existing zoning - We also need a better way to involve more of our citizens to secure their input. Assuming the Comprehensive Plan is accurate and consistent, the County must be able to resist local actions to rezone. Particularly changes to the agricultural zoning - regardless of the project. # 4: Information is not easily available
 70. Stop taking away open spaces/farmland to build housing developments with many homes on small pieces of property. It creates too much traffic congestion on already tight roadways in the county.
 71. Bike trails, keep the farmland we have, and limit the building of single family homes in farm land.
 72. A tough choice. #1 Farmland Preservation #2 Parks Trails and Greenways #3 Natural Resource Protection #4 Livable Communities # 6: (Circled: particularly forested ridges and streams) Hope more can be done by zoning and enforcement than by acquisition. # 7: Compared to what a round of golf typically costs, I'd be willing to pay at least as much to improve year round livability in our community.
 73. Keep Agriculture and our Natural Resources at the top of the list. These two things contribute to making Cumberland County what and who we are.
 74. Stop the development in Cumberland County and encourage more farming! So many farm fields are being destroyed for developments. So many houses stand vacant.
 75. Help the farmers with the ever increasing property tax increases for school district and other wasteful spending which is making it hard for us to even keep in business.
 76. Create markets for farmers. Require protection of water resources for anyone receiving public funding We need a strong, well-financed land trust with strategic direction and staffing. Help land-rich folks pay for easements to nonprofit land trusts.
 77. Increase farmland preservation as a way to protect natural resources and long term...give townships the opportunity to create parks, trails & greenways. etc.
 78. Continue to emphasize the preservation of farmland and create more trails and greenways. We have more than enough car dealerships but far too few Rails to Trails. Open spaces are one of the main attractions in Cumberland County. The over development of commercial businesses on Carlisle Pike are starting to make the area look like Jonestown Road.

Natural Resource Protection (80 comments)

1. Keep fresh air and open fields and open land that kids can grow up knowing what it's like to be outside in true nature.
2. Better control the destruction of open / farmlands to build shopping centers and townhouses. Rainwater runoff is very important to the surrounding homeowners. Often the plan submitted by the developers is not comprehensive enough and by the time the courts step in, the damage is done to our creeks, streams, and yards.
3. Restrict the clean sweeping of trees when new developments are being built.
4. Preserve mountain ridges & natural areas
5. Allow cleaning woodlands of downed trees for fire wood. As constituted it is a fire hazard.
6. More trees and encourage natural ground cover instead of grasses.
7. Ensure there is not over-development. Essential to maintain farmland and natural resources that make Cumberland County such a beautiful place to live.
8. Create large buffer zones (minimum of 300 ft.) along all waterways to protect and improve water quality and provide natural areas
9. Increase the number of people who understand that the health of the forests, streams, farms, air, water and the rest of nature (i.e. the "outdoors") are directly connected to the quality of human health and human life. I personally have been working on this for decades, and still am amazed at how little the general population understands.
10. More clustered housing surrounded by greenbelts, repeal tax incentives and zoning that encourage the development of acres of turf. Instead support native gardens, backyard gardens, and tree planting to improve infiltration and to reduce stormwater flow and subsequent flooding
11. Plant trees, trees, trees, and more trees and stop paving

12. Preserve South Mountain and Yellow Breeches watershed
13. Just to preserve everything that you could.
14. Maintain a balance between development and preservation.
15. Natural resource protection
16. Protect our water
17. Educate people on the importance of protecting our air, keeping our water clean and not being wasteful.
18. Link all of these goals with protection of our water resources -- educate residents on what they can do to protect water resources and reduce future costs in drinking water treatment, waste water treatment, and storm water treatment.
19. Stop the destruction of woodlands & the natural habitat for wildlife. Maintain Country Residential zoning & prevent rezoning that allows builders to increase housing density. Wildlife is being destroyed because they are being forced out of their habitat & have nowhere to go.
20. Riparian buffers ~ residential & industrial/commercial properties that border our waterways need buffer zones ~ meaning leaving the natural areas off limits to destruction by land clearing, and use of herbicides and pesticides ~
21. Continue to develop public awareness and provide the resources to conserve green spaces.
22. Natural resource protection
23. Protection of natural areas; reduce air and water pollution.
24. Support for municipal ordinances preventing land development on the basis of preservation of quality of life with a view toward the County performing its due diligence in regard to quality of life, impact on natural resources such as wetlands, traffic flow, etc. before rubber stamping land development plans presented by residential and commercial developers.
25. Promote and coordinate more projects with the Nature Conservancy to acquire natural areas (ownership, restriction or easement) in perpetuity
26. Limit development and instill community pride in maintaining natural areas where healthy biodiversity can be achieved. Educate residents so they know why these areas are important and will do their part to protect lands in our community.
27. Natural resource protection followed closely by farmland preservation as once these areas are gone they are gone.
28. Stop loss of land whether farmland, green areas, trails and from development of housing communities
29. More should go into natural resource protection. Creating parks just adds to the local government cost for up keep of these facilities. Often we hear that grant money created a park or trail, but who pays for maintaining these once they are made? The tax payers.
30. PRESERVE THE STATES FOREST IN ITS NATURAL STATE. NO HARVESTING TIMBER FOR LITTLE OR NO MONEY, KEEP POLITICAL FAVORS OUT OF OUR STATE OWNED PROPERTIES.
31. Reduce development growth and save our wet lands, mountain and forest land.
32. Protect the population while developing natural resources!
33. Curb development encroaching on wetlands and streams -- too much sly maneuvering on the part of developers to get around existing "protections." The quality of life issues for both humans and animals are suffering as a result of too many houses and too many cars (not to mention too many mini- and maxi-shopping malls!). Thanks for your efforts.
34. natural resource protection - protect our water resources
35. Cumberland County is rich in natural beauty. Keep it lush, beautiful and accessible.
36. Do more natural resource protection.
37. Natural resource preservation.
38. Natural resource protection would be the most important quality of life improvement
39. Watershed protection
40. Protection of the waterways from development.
41. I grew up at the foot of South Mountain and hunted, hiked, and lived within it's boundaries for 40 years. With increased limited human habitation the wildlife here increased tenfold as opposed to 60's and 70's when woodlands were barren of both. A great amount of South Mountain woodlands are privately owned properties, where you now have targeted most heavily for proposed "greenways". Further, our grandparents already provided greenway protection of South Mountain as indicated by 86,000 acres of

already established Michaux state forest. This program reeks of socialistic opportunism at tax payer and landowner expense, along with cleverly disguised taking by eminent domain shadow programs, only slightly less similar to latest zoning laws. All those enable control without paying for property. You want control of these lands; buy them, like the current owners had to.

42. Provide greater tax advantages to property owners who are willing to take part in preservation projects, natural resource protection etc. Expand on Clean and Green with major (big time) tax breaks to participants!
43. Clean waterways
44. A century ago, the City of Harrisburg embraced the Cities Beautiful movement at a time in which much of its municipal acreage still was undeveloped. Government and individuals helped to designate for posterity a coherent 'green belt' and the important natural habitat of Wildwood Park. Both have durably survived and are likely to ensure a place for green space and the wild inside the City limits, come what may. It is nearly too late for the West Shore, far more richly endowed in farmland and habitat than Hbg. in 1912, to belatedly do the same. I would want your help in strongly promoting a consciousness and strategy toward preservation of sustainable tracts of agriculture and wild habitat within largely 'built out' municipalities, while there still is time.
45. Focus on conservation and not on expensive, unrealistic design
46. Curtail clear-cutting of forests for housing developments and prevent sprawl.
47. Natural resource protection
48. Protect our streams better - Letort and Big Spring the most
49. More trees and wooded areas.
50. Protect our waterways and surrounding riparian buffer areas --tributaries, streams, and creeks. Support a strong CC Stormwater Ordinance that gives credit for trees, rain gardens, rain barrels, etc.
51. Protecting our natural resources, this is the center of the other 3 areas. Without this the others cannot be sustained.
52. Natural resource protection
53. Marcellus Shale Project is polluting our PA waters and the process needs to be improved especially now with many small farms springing up. Cumberland County is downstream from these operations and it is imperative we preserve our fresh water supply.
54. Develop more methods to avoid pesticide, fertilizer and home chemical runoff to protect Cumberland County's incredible water resources.
55. plant more trees along Interstate 81....not cut them down
56. Help communities mitigate storm water runoff, help and encourage individual property owners to use rain barrels, rain gardens, permeable spaces to deal with it.
57. Make the townships stick to their rules and regulations, and not permit developers to bend the laws with the help of their lawyers, and develop land/ wetlands/ agricultural/ that should be preserved.
58. Stop the destruction of woodlands & the natural habitat for wildlife. Maintain Country Residential zoning & prevent rezoning that allows builders to increase housing density. Wildlife is being destroyed because they are being forced out of their habitat & have nowhere to go. (NRP too)
59. County-wide land use planning and zoning; sustainable and significant funding to secure the development rights of natural areas and development/maintenance of trails & greenways.
60. Insure that townships do not accommodate developers with zoning changes and other concessions at the expense of the community - in particular, enforce the intention of PRD's to preserve the natural landscape. UAT has approved a PRD plan that calls for a wooded area with some of the oldest trees in the township to be completely cut down - how is that preserving natural landscape?
61. Protection of streams and waterways, while allowing access to such through trails and proper water access (ramps). Money should be provided to assist in the re-opening of Opossum Lake.
62. Use the corridors of the Yellow Breeches and Conodoguinet for model conservation practices, land protection and recreational trails implementation.
63. We have precious little farmland and natural land left in Cumberland County, and I fear that it is quickly disappearing. The meadow across from/under the jurisdiction of the Camp Hill State Correctional Institution, and the adjoining natural forestland, is a very special area--one in which abundant wildlife resides. If something could be done to preserve this stretch of land in its current capacity--or perhaps even

to delineate it as a sort of wildlife preserve, this would be very good for sustaining the beauty and natural richness of the community.

64. Natural resource protection and more parks, trails and greenways...
65. Prevent urban sprawl. Employ passionate, knowledgeable planners to develop a comprehensive plan for the county. Farmland and natural resources preservation are essential to a healthy community.
66. Devote less land to commercial areas and keep it in agriculture or natural resource protection. Create a trail or greenway that allows people to bike or walk cross across the county safely without having to travel by car.
67. Further stream protection, especially along the Yellow Breeches, Green Spring, and Letort. Farmland will continue to decline over time, maintain established farms areas outside of town. (Predominantly west of Carlisle). We have a lot of parks in Carlisle as it is. No more are needed in town. A nice designated or 'suggested' trail to walk between them would be nice, especially for the health nuts that want to walk 4 or 5 miles a day. Old towns like Shippensburg, Carlisle, and Mechanicsburg can use all the help they can get to create/update livable communities. Tree planting, downtown restoration, and other upgrades are highly needed to continue to attract people to live "In Town":
68. Given the sensitivity of private landowner rights and the questionable belief at the local government level that development leads to greater tax revenues, I believe the preservation of farmlands and natural areas must continue to focus on buying development rights for perpetuity (conservation easements) in targeted areas and maintaining the viability/attractiveness of older, existing communities (including both incorporated communities like Camp Hill Borough and unincorporated areas like Enola).
69. I think natural resource protection and farmland preservation are most important. I think we need to curb the sprawl before we find ourselves living in Northern NJ congestion and traffic problems.
70. Prioritize natural Areas and farmland to be protected and work across municipal boundaries to protect those areas
71. Help stop using lands that are 'seasonal wet lands' for development and being filled in. Also, help in stopping so many zoning classifications being changed so development can be done.
72. Buy natural resource areas. Make park creation a part of the building permit of any tract of land that is developed for housing. Make contributions to the development of trails and greenways a part of any permit that is issued for commercial development.
73. Add community green spaces utilizing (at minimum, Mid-Atlantic States) native plants.
74. Focus and reward the use of natural energy, wind, solar, etc. Encourage the use of recycling manure into energy on local farms. Make trail and greenways a joint effort between local municipalities, and hopefully connect the trails without leaving the trails. Build up instead of out. Try to use existing paved lots and empty buildings before paving more ground and causing more rain runoff, increasing flooding. Give rewards to companies coming into the area that are willing to do this. Make new buildings coming into area "fit in" with local landscape and limit excess night light pollution. Require "native" plants and trees in landscaping requirements.
75. Integrate natural areas into the development plans of communities so that residents would have access to natural areas within the immediate vicinity of their place of residence.
76. Put preserving the rural nature of our County first by utilizing housing that already exists and protecting natural resources from development. Also - find a way to 'encourage' South Middleton Township from developing on the edges of Carlisle, instead of 'in' their own district and the same with West Pennsboro. They develop right on the edges of their boundaries so that neighboring communities have the wear and tear (not to mention congestion) of traffic without effected neighbors reaping the tax benefits AND they maintain the quaintness if their areas, free from light pollution, air pollution, road maintenance, etc.
77. We can have none of these unless the air quality improves in these areas. Please limit or only allow sustainable clean and green efforts in the building codes it can be done and made a requirement limit warehousing as well way to many trucks
78. Purchase land for open space near developing areas in the county.
79. Improve water quality;
80. Lobby for more Game Commission funds for natural area and improved use of Game Lands.

Parks, Trails & Greenways (160 comments)

1. Have small community parks, running/walking trails.
2. The addition of parks with trails, exercise structures and sports fields. The trails could be done in an undeveloped area and require little maintenance.
3. Bike paths
4. Create a system of interconnected trails and work towards promoting commuter rail system in the future that focuses on connecting urban cores such as Mechanicsburg Borough with suburban areas.
5. I would like to see the Letort trail extended south to route 34 with a parking area.
6. More greenways for biking, walking...safe places to bike and walk/run
7. Create more spaces for children to safely play and for other activities like bikes and running.
8. More parks, greenway protection
9. More football playing fields for kids
10. Please provide more fields for the kids to use for sports, especially baseball/softball fields and some much needed football fields. We need to add these fields now before all the land is being used for other things. Thank you.
11. The establishment of new and the networking of new/existing trails suitable for walking and biking along with the mapping and advertisement of these trails to all. Not only would this be beneficial in and of itself, it would increase the awareness of the nature and beauty of our county and its streams, woods and other natural/near-natural areas as well as conservation in these diminishing areas.
12. In suburban area having safe areas to walk and for kids to play. Something needs to be done with Carlisle Pike. Traffic is normally too heavy but esp. Friday's and something on weekends. With so much development moving west a lot of pass through traffic. Must be a way to channel traffic around the Pike. Not sure many of the cars passing ever stop to shop along the Pike.
13. More "road safe" bicycle and walking trails from neighborhoods to commercial locations.
14. More hiking/biking trails and access to the waterways. More access along private roads along the creek for bikers and hikers. Support for Appalachian Trail. More mixed use communities. More bike paths and drive education to "share the road". Allow chickens in residential areas.
15. County wide ordinances that require smart development, to include pedestrian spaces, sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, aesthetic standards, and the like. Similarly, I want to see more monetary investment in said areas. The county would also do well to educate the public about how such investments increase property values
16. Trails linking residential areas to shopping and work areas for recreation and transportation
17. Safer bike trails
18. Increase the number and length of bike paths. Establish trails to assist bicyclists in getting from one place to another in the more built-up areas of the county.
19. Extend the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail eastward as far as possible.
20. I would like to see more bike pathways along our roads. I feel as if my life is in jeopardy when I ride on Pine Road or 174.
21. Creation of more paths to link outlying/rural areas to towns (downtown Boiling Springs, Carlisle, etc.)
22. More bike trails
23. County Park with swimming, picnicking, trails, ball fields, skating rink, golf course
24. We need more trails along streams to encourage physical fitness, fishing and enjoyment of our water resources. Our streams are beautiful but it's difficult to enjoy them without a boat.
25. I support the bike trails, walking trails and parks portion.
26. I'd like to see more trails that connect to other trails - there are old railroad beds running through South Middleton. Some have been converted into trails, but then they just dead end. Over time, people build driveways or incorporate that land into their own land. Is it their own land after a certain amount of time or does the railroad or township still retain the rights? Nobody knows. It's better to clear this up and make the trails now instead of letting this continue on and get more built up and not be able to build the trails later.
27. Comb. Co. Rail/Trail finished from Newville to Carlisle
28. Connection of trails across the county as a safe recreation effort
29. Trails & Greenways

30. More linear parks.
31. Create more natural trails to get people out to see the beauty of the local area.
32. Trails for bikes and hikes.
33. creation of more trails throughout the area
34. Create a new park with kid-friendly activities/equipment
35. Trails and greenways
36. Safe updated parks for children to play and be active!
37. More parks, hiking/biking/walking paths, more emphasis on cleanliness of our waterways.
38. Public trails that can be used for walk, hike, jog, bike, horse riding.
39. Increase the trail and greenway allocations.
40. additional walking, hiking, biking trails
41. Come out in strong support of extension of Cumberland County Rail to Trail Create programs that educate the public on the value of protection of natural resources Continue to maintain and improve the many beautiful existing parks and greenways Promote and support state parks in Cumberland County
42. Rail trail
43. Provide a trail system from Carlisle to Harrisburg for commuters to ride bikes, or walk to work without using motor vehicles.
44. Create trail systems for walking/hiking between housing developments and nearby retail/commercial land uses.
45. Development of more parks, trails & greenways in the eastern part of the County & development of a system for public access to parks and greenways in the western part as housing development takes off there.
46. Work to connect parks, greenways, open space with existing communities and future development. While Cumberland County has many parks, I feel like they often exist as islands. This necessitates driving to these destinations.
47. Added bike trails
48. trail connections to communities tie economic viability to natural assets protect open space
49. A large scale and integrated walking/biking trail system which connects all communities in the county and does not rely on existing roads or bike share lines but is separated from other modes of transportation.
50. More trails and greenways.
51. Develop more walk/bike trails ... should not have to drive a car to go on short trips. More roads quickly fill up with an average of one person per vehicle.
52. Promote local agriculture and improve the parks trails, etc. that we already have
53. Trail and greenways expansion - This is a hard choice because of the importance of all of these areas.
54. Tie communities together with non-motorized trails for biking, hiking and walking. Create simple public access sites to waterways running through the county. Find local organizations (churches, civic groups, conservation groups, etc.) to adopt and maintain these trails, waterway access sites and other public sites. Perhaps a partnership of these organizations and corporate sponsors could also pay for the expenses. Provide tax breaks to land owners if they allow minimal impact public use trails, simple picnic stop sites along the waterways. More access = more activity = better health = more livable communities.
55. More bicycle friendly roads and trails.
56. Create more trails that link our communities together.
57. Dog walking trails.
58. More bike routes and more space for bikes to ride on established roads such as Rt. 114.
59. The Family and I love the Middlesex area; however we feel there is strong need for more outdoor recreation like a running trail/path to promote fitness within the community. The Trail at Carlisle Barracks is nice, but it's not conducive to all types of runners. Thanks for this opportunity!
60. More bike lanes and more bike trails (which accommodate walking and sometimes horse-riding also). Hard to be forced into just one!
61. Keep dogs out of the parks
62. Help small municipalities preserve streets and enhance parks.
63. Move toward a countywide park system, hiring college educated individuals to manage the system, rather than uneducated friends of township managers/supervisors.

64. More trails so residents can walk, run or bike.
65. I would say parks, trails and greenways to better the family experience of the county.
66. Greenway Trail, Rail/trail
67. We need more trails. It would be wonderful to have a non-paved trail that connects all of the natural features in our county for biking, hiking, running, and walking.
68. Expand state parks. Local governments stay out of parks and rails to trail. Do not use Penn DOT money for rails to trails!
69. Attempt to connect all of the present trails and greenways in the county. Establish sidewalks in areas of limited space.
70. Living in an aging society, the preservation of parks, trails and greenways helps to promote physical activity. I would like to see more group activities for 55+ people.
71. Expand the rail trail and create other areas that horse people can use as well as hikers and bikers.
72. Would like to see some sort of county wide park system established.
73. walking trails
74. Emphasis on parks and public green spaces for families.
75. More parks that aren't totally dominated by sports fields.
76. Create a county parks system
77. We need dog parks in Cumberland County. There aren't enough places to take your dog off-leash!
78. Finish a continuous all-purpose biking/hiking (non-motorized) trail from Central Penn College/Summerdale in East Pennsboro to the most south/western end of the Shippensburg University Campus
79. The cessation of needless land development at the cost of parks and greenways.
80. Support and encourage local markets and business. Re-structure the tax code and make the state funding income based not real estate ownership based. You burden the real estate owner when you should put the onus on the users of the parks, trails, greenways, community services: the public. Let the public pay and support their own communities. I am tired of the County trying to usurp the municipalities. It just adds more expensive layers of bureaucracy. The County already forfeited a huge amount of money for recycling because the Solid Waste Authority did not act in time. That is just one example of the efficacy of "County Planning". The County seems incapable of good planning.
81. Creation of a County Park System.....
82. Biking trails. Safe areas to ride and walk to work. Less poorly planned shopping areas.
83. Create trails that connect different parks and natural areas so that they are all reachable by foot or by bicycle. Limit, to the extent possible, new development on raw land -- require or incentivize redevelopment of existing structures. Create pedestrian areas to avoid the need to drive everywhere.
84. Hiking trails
85. Connect the trails
86. More trails and greenways so people can SAFELY walk or bike ride throughout their community.
87. More short trails with an easy to use online resource to find them.
88. Create more walking and hiking trails
89. Create a map of all of the trails and post it on a website so people could find them
90. Improve and enhance bike/walking trails, and provide more bicycle lanes on roads throughout the county -- especially in more populated areas around Camp Hill/Lemoyne/Mechanicsburg. This would provide incentives for people to walk/bicycle, rather than drive, to destinations, reducing overall traffic congestion. We still have time to make Cumberland County a more pedestrian/bicycle friendly place, rather than just another case of suburban sprawl with highways separating our communities.
91. Work on improving the areas we have, and not adding areas for the sake of adding them.
92. Parks trails and greenways that are safe.
93. Hold informational fairs/events (fun stuff) at the parks and trail areas to increase interests.
94. Connecting various parks with trails would be something I would really like to see.
95. I don't know that I can speak intelligently to specifics since I haven't been engaged with your efforts directly. However, I think a premium on parks/trails/greenways should be a focus since it immediately garners a focused constituency of supporters (i.e.: the families and individuals who benefit from their existence). As well, continuing to partner with other organizations and stakeholders may make your job easier. I know you've had the support of the Carlisle Area Health and Wellness Foundation - deepening those relationships

and expanding into new ones can hopefully augment your efforts. So too, ensuring that the county economic development team tries to coordinate their efforts to attract commerce that is compatible would be helpful. On this point - and relating to my previous comments - if we simply go for the "easy wins" - another warehouse, another Wal-Mart - we're not creating the types of jobs that truly attract and keep a diverse population. Nor are we attracting the kinds of good paying jobs that replace the ones we lost (such as Masland/Lear/IAC). Your piece of the puzzle is very much linked to smart economic development, in my opinion.

96. I would like to see more trails for cycling and walking so there would be more alternatives to the public streets.
97. Create a trail system! The CVRTT in the western end of the county is wonderful, and Dauphin County now has extensive RTT (the Conewago, Ned Smith, Lykens RTT, etc.)! It is unbelievable and a shame that the wealthy east end has NO trail systems for recreational walking, running and biking, especially given the increased congestion.
98. Integrating more trails to connect communities/ business. More passive/ natural park area.
99. I think we could use a dog park in the Camp Hill, Mechanicsburg, Hampden Township Area. It brings the community together. It also preserves land and trees. It can be a green place without more buildings and concrete in its place. It is good to have outdoor areas that people can use and a dog park is pretty much free after a fence is put in place.
100. Multi-use trails suitable for both hiking and mountain biking.
101. Create more parks connected by trails for bicycles and walking, including at least some handicap accessible trails.
102. Create more bicycle friendly roadways.
103. Start with bike lanes and walking and running paths, connecting communities.
104. We need to add more nature trails to encourage public to go out and exercise.
105. more trails and more sidewalks to allow for more biking opportunities
106. Better places for our kids
107. Extend Cumberland Valley Rail-Trail link from downtown Carlisle to downtown Shippensburg/Dykeman Park
108. More safe walking, biking trails
109. Uninterrupted hiking and biking trail along the Yellow Breeches. Property owners would have to be required to have a strip of their property along the creek be available to such trail construction. It is unfair that property owners "claim" Yellow Breeches' shore as theirs when it should be available for the public. Make it a State Park!!!
110. More repurposing of old railroad beds to bike and hiking trails. Interconnecting trails from community to community. Wider roads for road bikers.
111. Parks and trails
112. Maps of local bike and walking trails available at Township offices or web
113. More parks for kids where it's safe for them to play
114. More public natural areas, near water.
115. Bike/pedestrian paths, not just for recreation, but for actual transportation.
116. Create more bicycle trails through all communities. Thank folks who are trying to do their part of creating and sustaining green spaces, recognizing the efforts of public citizens. Create the linkages between the park systems in Cumberland County that have been proposed.
117. Create an accessible trail network throughout the county which allows for bike and pedestrian usage.
118. I would love to have more trails to walk and bike on.
119. Newville to Carlisle Rail Trail
120. Connect trails from one end of the county to the other.
121. Finish current trail projects (for hikers and bikers) connecting communities in the county.
122. More bike/walk trails that could link communities both for community and recreation
123. Build more parks for the enjoyment of families.
124. Marked Bridle Paths on State Forests.
125. More trails.
126. More trails and camping options.

127. It's hard to prioritize, these are all so important, but I'd say that more trails and greenways go far in improving quality of life for many on a daily basis.
128. Provide more equestrian trails
129. There is no one solution to improve quality of life. Creation of trails and greenways that link communities and encourage their use can enhance communities and the health of people.
130. Bike / Walking trail from Carlisle to Pine Grove Furnace. Cabins to rent at Pine Grove Furnace Impact fees on all new build on green space, no fee for buildings on brown space
131. Invest in our county's core communities, borough's etc. with parks, trails and quality of life amenities.
132. More connected bike and running trails
133. Finish the trail system so that folks can hike, bike, jog, walk dogs, etc. more safely.
134. Replace the trash cans that have been removed from certain parks!! I don't understand why they were removed in the first place. The "budget cut" reason I was told makes no sense. Borough employees still come around to maintain the parks, but now they now have to take extra time to walk through the entire park and pick up the loose trash and litter that people leave behind. To me, this is basically shooting yourself in the foot -- you wanted to save money, so you eliminated the trash cans, but now you have additional payroll to cover for the amount of extra time it now takes the employees to comb the entire park for trash. It would be a lot more cost and time effective to simply replace the trash cans. This way, the trash is all in one place, and it will require less time and money to be spent on payroll. Just my two cents' worth. I'll step down from my soap box now! Thank you for your time and consideration.
135. Extensive network of bike trails
136. More and easier access to biking/hiking trails.
137. Create more biking trails.
138. Improve amount and connectivity of multi-use trails, for both transportation and recreation use.
139. More land that is publicly accessible.
140. Bring a Recreation Center to the Community
141. Higher level of promotion for parks, trails and greenways including information to volunteer for creating and maintaining same. Do we have an online map showing existing and proposed areas? EP does occasionally request volunteers for cleanup work, but I have no idea where most of the trails, etc. are. I have no idea if there is a school program in place to encourage youngsters to help (or would that be too much of an insurance liability?).
142. For the Eastern part of the county work with Capital Area Transit to improve mass transit options and create trails and pathways that will allow more people to walk or take transit to work to help relieve traffic congestion.
143. Projects that are accessible and beneficial to all members of the community like parks, trails, and greenways should take precedence over more specifically targeted projects such as farmland preservation and livable community initiatives
144. Significant, serious efforts to promote cycling by constructing trails and paths, by restricting truck access to residential and light commercial areas, by installing bike racks, and by visible police efforts to promote safe, responsible cycling and road-sharing awareness. Air quality is terrible here - and if we can find any way to cut emissions by using gasoline & diesel vehicles less, we'll make a dent. Also: enforce idling laws!
145. Connecting trails and bike paths through some of the farmlands and rural routes. They have these in Germany and it's wonderful! We could do something similar here. More incentives for other than dairy, corn or soy farming would be great too.
146. Bike lane on Orr's Bridge Road that allows access to Carlisle Pike for biking, walking, probably would be part of a bigger trail system in eastern Cumberland County. With the new bridge coming for Orr's Bridge why not incorporate a trail with steps up to the Pike.
147. I would like to have pedestrian access to the Carlisle Pike. We live so close to Carlisle Pike but unable to walk there as the current road (Orr's Bridge) is very steep and dangerous
148. A walking trail from Orr's Bridge to Market Street in Camp Hill. Orr's Bridge is too busy to walk on.
149. Pedestrian and bicycle access from Orr's Bridge Road to Carlisle Pike!!! It is extremely dangerous to try to bike or walk in this area.
150. The proposed replacement bridge on Orr's Bridge Road will hopefully be pedestrian-friendly and maybe even have make a walkway constructed up to the Carlisle Pike. At present there is very little berm to walk

on when walking up that Orr's Bridge Hill. Bikers, walkers and runners are increasing in numbers and their safety is important to our active community.

151. I live in the Pinebrook Development in Hampden Twp. Crossing the Bridge on Orr's Bridge Road on foot or on bike is treacherous and there is no safe way to get up to the Carlisle Pike. People should be able to run, walk, bike across the creek and up that hill without putting their lives at risk. I know that many neighboring communities use our neighborhood via the Armitage Bike path to get to Carlisle Pike, so I am advocating for them as well. If proper sidewalks (wide!!!!) were added I firmly believe that the better health of residents would be greatly promoted. People would walk to the store (or send a kid) to get a gallon of milk from Hess...instead of driving for every little errand. People could walk to have a cup of coffee at the Hard Bean, a sandwich at Sophia's. Runners would have a safe way to navigate the hill. I personally could walk to work every day! Thanks!
152. Develop more dedicated trails/greenways for non-motorized use that would connect all communities. I am a transportation bicyclist and would like to be able to bike between Lemoyne and other areas of the County without having to bike in motorized traffic most of the time.
153. Curb suburban sprawl so that our farms can be preserved, places for parks will exist, and trails and greenways can be expanded.
154. Trail connections and safe walking areas that provide connections between parks, schools, churches, libraries, and from one community to another.
155. Trail, park and farmland connectivity
156. Trails that take you safely And enjoyably to shopping and entertainment areas by bike or foot instead of driving a car.
157. Better fly bug control at lower allen park
158. Build a "Greenbelt" similar to the one in Dauphin County that connects parks, trails etc.
159. A biking / running / walking trail to connect our cities, communities, and natural assets. Preserve farmland and slow the purchase of farmland for development purposes.
160. Demand that the governor's office increase the DCNR budget!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Livable Communities (53 comments)

1. Restaurants, big box stores, banks--how many of these do we really need? In addition, it seems that so much open space is used to build more housing developments. I would like to see a greener approach to all of this development and focus of preserving what remains of farmland, parks, trails, etc. That will create livable communities for all of us.
2. Develop the roads and pedestrian walkways around Carlisle Productions' car show fair grounds to accommodate the traffic generated by the car shows. Revenue for this development should come from the Carlisle Productions and property owners receiving income from leasing parking to show patrons.
3. I think - and this might not count - keep the road maintained and more sidewalks. I think the County's efforts are great!
4. For example, in my community, I would like to have more space on the sides of the roads for people to walk, run, and bike safely. The area is so beautiful and people use it for these things but it is not safe. I would also like trail access to the park. Our neighborhood is so close to the park but it is not very safe to walk there via the road. The Messiah College kids are always running on the local roads in Upper and Lower Allen and it is just so dangerous. Let's provide some health and safety for our communities.
5. SIDEWALKS
6. Creation of livable communities
7. More pedestrian and bike friendly routes between neighborhoods and communities
8. More nontraditional transportation and recreational alternatives.
9. I feel we need to build communities, not just developments that end up being bedroom communities. Mandate that a developer leave common green-space, build a play area/picnic area into this green-space. Make the community a walkable community and don't put developments out in the middle of nowhere or on an inadequate road.
10. I would like to see more pedestrian walkways and safe crossing of those paths through heavy traffic areas. (I would like to be able to walk to work, but don't due to a very busy intersection that would make it difficult.)

11. More bicycle friendly roads and trails. Less housing and commercial property development
12. Stop taking land and making it into livable communities and dog parks. More livable communities make more taxes, not less costly living. Also, if people have pets, let them take care of them on their own property, not existing nature or farmland. If they can't take care of them and need a place or park for them to run, let them buy a yearly permit for \$1000 per animal.
13. More sidewalks. Less fast pace. More of a personal community feeling. Housing that is actually affordable!!
14. More promotion of alternative commuting options such as more bike lanes, walking trails, and more CAT buses in Cumberland County. Also, more emphasis on parks, outdoor activities to promote healthier living. Some communities are currently NOT pedestrian friendly.
15. Bike lanes on all or most roads would greatly increase bike use and decrease the number of cars on the road.
16. Alternative, safe from vehicular traffic, transportation pathways (bikes, small electric vehicles, walking).
17. Make our communities and roadways friendlier/safer for biking and walking by adding bike lanes, slowing traffic, and reducing the number of cars on the roadways with improved & expanded public transit and incentives to use public transit and/or car pool.
18. control urban expansion by creating town centers and livable communities
19. Connect subdivisions via trails/sidewalks to encourage a connected community feel
20. There are many livable communities in Cumberland County. We need to limit the development of new housing and focus on repairing and maintaining existing housing areas.
21. Walk/biking trails b/w developments and shopping areas.
22. Connect more of the communities with bike lanes, improve existing bike lanes.
23. Continue with livable community projects and decrease the amount of new commercial construction- offer incentives for new businesses to occupy existing retail spaces!
24. The creation of livable communities. Utilizing PennDOTs SMART Transportation themes. More mixed-use development where I don't have to get into my car and drive everywhere. Connect communities through sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes. Promote mass transit or light rail throughout the Harrisburg Metro area. Mixed-used development should be deployed in small communities such as New Cumberland, Lemoyne, Camp Hill, etc. to promote growth and sustainability. County planners need to consider these themes when developers come instead of just worrying about an increase in tax revenue. Promote SMART growth.
25. Create workable, realistic, plans for growth of livable communities that allow the county to continue to develop, but not in a patchwork, property by property pattern. Preserve property rights by using tax money to make improvements that are beneficial to the community, but create fair, realistic expectations for developers that makes them accountable to pay for necessary infrastructure improvements and pass on those true costs to their consumers.
26. Create pathways (such as bike paths) that connect towns and commercial/business districts. It would be nice to be able to walk/bike safely to these locations instead of dodging cars/trucks and/or climbing into a car and sitting in traffic jams.
27. It would be nice to have a more walkable community, without the acres of asphalt and parking lots that currently exist. Carlisle Pike in Camp Hill and Hampden Twp. needs some major streetscaping and should have all overhead power lines buried underground.
28. Livable communities.
29. 9. "Livable" communities must be included in developers plan & cost absorbed by the home buyer 10. -Have homeowner responsible for their property -Volunteers clean up dump sites on public property -Enforce laws on private, illegal dumps & have property owner bear the cost
30. Livable communities.
31. Sidewalks and bikeways to improve access to provide better access to school, church, shopping and community
32. Re: livable communities--Require absentee owners & landlords to maintain their properties
33. Connect communities w/ greenways so kids can ride their bikes safely. Create communities that you can walk to get to the store w/out taking a car. I would also like to see new business put their parking in the rear of the buildings so we have store fronts closer to the street creating more of a community effect rather than parking lot after parking lot.
34. More sidewalks and bike paths

35. Educate local officials about the value and importance of livable communities to the people, the environment and local commerce. The ones I've talked to and been involved with don't seem to have the slightest grasp of the concept, perhaps because they live in suburban type developments and believe that's the ultimate in progress and wellbeing.
36. I feel the greatest effort should be placed on creating sustainable/livable communities where people can work, play and live. We should be developing where we already have development and we should reuse what we already have. This will decrease the dependence people have on their automobiles and will ultimately facilitate the preservation of farmland and natural and historic resources.
37. Parks trails and greenways are very important to those of us in eastern Cumberland County. Farmland preservation and natural resource protection are probably more important in the central and western parts of the county. Creation of livable communities should occur in underdeveloped parts of the county.
38. Less new shopping centers, restaurants, etc. and more focus on cleaning up/making the current buildings more livable. I don't mind driving 10-15 minutes to get to my favorite stores or to get dinner. I don't need a Wal-Mart next door. The preservation of trees, parks, farmland and the improvement of the natural areas around businesses are far more important to me than a little gas money.
39. It's hard to answer questions on a county wide basis... most people respond based on their own township. Also, how can "livable communities" be grouped with the other options? Aren't livable communities the opposite of open public spaces? Finally, we're taxed enough. Open spaces increase property values and better the way of life for everyone. That should be done with existing funds because everyone (and I mean everyone) benefits from parks/open spaces.
40. Add green space, less concrete/stormwater runoff Repurpose existing buildings, large and small, instead of building new (same with houses). # 8: Farmland Preservation (Added: But Limited) - I would say they all should be mutually funded with public and private \$'s - All need both, deserve both
41. Use trails and greenways to connect livable communities
42. I would continue to address the blight of traffic flowing through towns - traffic whose destination is another place other than the town its flowing through. We need more pedestrian only areas in our towns. And we need to stop selling farmland for developments that end up with a huge cement footprint or houses that are in the middle of nowhere requiring cars to do the simplest errands. We also need more bike lanes that connect towns and parkland.
43. Encourage the use and reuse of property that has already been developed, and limit additional suburban sprawl.
44. Incentives to in-fill build within existing core community and not waste/develop green space.
45. I think it's important to focus on our older communities to preserve them so that we don't become like a lot of areas where they become rundown as people just abandon them and move farther away from cities. We all benefit if we maintain the viability of them (and I don't live in one of them).
46. Downtown redevelopment...which will draw people to the area and hopefully have an effect on the areas above.
47. Protect & preserve our infrastructure which in the long run creates economic development for our county. Bring together infrastructure, farmland, natural resources and parks & trails. Link & support each other! Eliminate farmland phosphates and nitrogen!
48. 4. Farmland - We keep losing prime farmland to devel. Natural Areas - We need to protect the land north of 944 Parks/Trails - We need to keep and maintain what we have. PA Conservancy could give you good input. 6. Livable Communities - You could learn a thing or two from southern communities which do not clear cut when designing communities. 9. PS. I already give to organizations which are conservation advocates 10. We need to better understand the importance of trees in controlling stormwater runoff. The forested buffers, wetlands, open space, & farmlands absorb & filter nutrients. New construction & housing should not clear cut but clear just what is needed to build structure. PS I noticed Historical Preservation is missing: Peace Church, Ironmaster's Mansion, Greystone (Gen. Jenkins Monument), etc.
49. This may be available already, but not to my knowledge. As you are well aware, the central PA area is growing. It is an ideal place to raise a family and watch your children grow. To this end, we as a community need to be more aware of the individuals and families who are moving into the area. The world today is so commuter oriented; the creation of "park and drive" lots could be implemented. Ones where people could

leave their cars for the day while they commute into work with someone else. They have these in NJ and eastern PA, but have not seen any here in this area. They may be there and I just haven't noticed.

50. Develop a long overdue public mass transit system to reduce the car and truck traffic, congestion and environmental degradation that has resulted from unplanned and unrestricted growth. Require that corporations be more responsible, financially and policy-wise, for the environmental and social impact they have on communities.
51. Streetscaping
52. Greener, cleaner downtown
53. Preserve more green space. There is an abundance of developed ground which is in decline, it is time to start revitalization of these areas and vacant or abandoned properties. INTELLIGENT REUSE of previously developed property is a key first step. One way to do this is to create incentives for builders/developers who redevelop existing communities.

Land Use Planning/Regulations (31 comments)

1. STRONGER regional planning (county level and regional) to coordinate efforts on these fronts vs. individual Twp. and boroughs trying to piecemeal various solutions.
2. Multi-community planning coalitions, which can better target development throughout the county.
3. Use a planning process to try to look at big picture to develop achievable goals and tasks that link together and build on items over the years
4. Leave us Alone! Let us be Free! Stop Planning!
5. Better zoning to slow down the explosion of trucking firms in the county.
6. Zoning.....business and residents are all intermixed.....semi-trucks drive down every road.
7. More regional cooperation and coordination, planning and implementation of plans through land use ordinances. Cumberland County is doing a great job of supporting communities and keeping land use and community development on everyone's radar. Please keep up your good work.
8. MORE ZONING! AND HOW CAN YOU EVEN THINK OF SELLING A PARK FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT?
9. Coordinate land use planning and zoning across municipal lines to achieve the broad goals of the County Comprehensive Plan and to focus growth in and around established communities.
10. Protective zoning
11. Create some guidelines for development. Stop hodge podge building of new housing and apartment complexes. Require developers to tear out empty warehouses, strip malls, auto dealerships. Let them build where the environment has already been compromised. Put a freeze on zoning changes.
12. Common planning across all municipalities. There seems to be some friction among adjoining townships.
13. Develop more appropriate zoning and building codes that mandate land preservation, natural resource protection and livable community enhancements as a pre-condition for future development approval. Eliminate existing conflict of interests between local policy makers (township and county levels) and local real estate businesses.
14. Get consistency among the local political entities on plans and goals supported by reasonable funding.
15. A greater degree of code enforcement particularly in the rural areas to limit (eliminate) individual (very small) junk heaps.
16. Better regulate builders developments to increase green space in new communities.
17. Coordinate municipal efforts
18. If developing, make them adhere to strict regulations, so that you don't have a hodge-podge of businesses like they are putting along Trindle Road in Carlisle!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It looks awful, no consistency in planning.
19. Get the various municipalities to work together to a common goal.
20. Adopt zero growth strategies and open space practices similar to New England and Oregon. Require all establishments to use down lighting to reduce light pollution. Create communities that are walkable, multi-use facilities, reduce building footprints, etc... I have lived here for 33 years and have seen this area go downhill since the early 90's. It is sad to see all the beauty replaced with traffic and "big box" stores.
21. Reward/incentivize proper land use planning and implementation to concentrate and centralize development that would also incorporate walkable/bikable community design features.
22. Require more green space for new developments.

23. Every time a road is put in, or worked on, a bikepath/walkpath should have to be added. People are overweight, but they can't go walking because the small roads are dangerous, there should be walk/bike areas next to EVERY road.
24. Work with an Environmental Planner, not a city planner, to help find a way for the current development and future preservation to coexist. Also, we should find ways to may our current and future development more in tune with the natural & rural environment it is put in. Lets make them conform to our surroundings, not the other way around!
25. Control development and subdivisions in the sense of taking wetland protection seriously, requiring parks and open areas, prohibiting "clear cutting" of every single tree on the land before they even start, taking density of housing seriously, and preserving something of the character of the land. For instance, fence rows of trees are beautiful - why do they have to cut them all down to put up some houses? Thank you for doing a survey!
26. Make any effort to coordinate development in a smart way. I'm getting out of Silver Spring Township because there isn't any sense of community, you need a car to get anywhere and it's developing over most open spaces.
27. Create more protected architectural historic districts and more incentives and support for main streets.
28. Reduce the size of lots in rural areas rather than having 5 acreage lots. Then you wouldn't be eating up land so fast.
29. Provide incentives to developers to rehabilitate already existing vacant or inefficient structures and properties with newer more efficient or sustainable properties before allowing development of farmland and natural areas. Require developers to plant trees or provide some other natural preservation of parks, trails, greenways and farms before new development can begin.
30. Continue to cluster development (residential, commercial and industrial) in current locations that have public water and sewer.
31. Get needless regulators out of our pockets/pocketbooks. So much waste of time and money, everybody thinks that if the government does something its free. The nanny state philosophy prevails.

Development (74 comments)

1. Cut down on the Urban Clutter in Hampden Township and Camp Hill area. The road system is not designed to support the amount of commercial traffic in this area. It is becoming overcrowded and in some cases dangerous due to these condition.
2. Stop building communities without increasing street infrastructure the roads are too busy already
3. I would restrict the amount of land being developed for residential and commercial use.
4. Stop building
5. Cease the development of strip malls (do we really need more Subways?), and encourage developers to focus more on the community feel of our commercial areas - cafes, outdoor seating spaces, walkability between stores (we can do better than a barren sidewalk), attractiveness of buildings, lots of native plantings. We can do much much better than what we have now.
6. Make sure existing shopping centers and strip malls are fully occupied before breaking ground on new malls. Also, building "up" instead of sprawling out.
7. Re-use buildings or land plots for construction. Do not create any more new buildings. I believe that there is too much construction going on. There are plenty of unused, empty buildings up for sale that could be used or refurbished or torn down and a new building erected on the site.
8. Stop the sale of our land to developers
9. Redevelop existing, abandoned buildings, shopping centers etc. instead of paving over and destroying more farmland, forests and open spaces!!!
10. Limit the amount of new construction
11. Cut down on the number of sites being approved for construction. Commercial builders and companies should be required to use existing empty buildings rather than being allowed to destroy green space to erect new buildings. Residential builders should be required to add on to existing communities rather than destroy undeveloped areas

12. Stop building new communities everywhere! They are being built off of roads that are too small to handle all of the new traffic these communities create and thus will undermine any and all plans for preservation. The roads will have to be widened and expanded and to do that means that undeveloped land and/or existing homes must be destroyed. Improve what is here - parks, trails, greenways - and leave the construction/destruction to plague other counties.
13. Curtail new housing developments
14. Keep on top of it all. Don't let it slip under pressure to develop the land.
15. To control development, and the density of the developed land
16. Stop building large shopping centers/developments. We don't need any more of these. Stop cutting down trees for additional housing developments. Both of these items are taking away nature's beauty and overcrowding our areas.
17. Make developers pay for infrastructure upgrades to help the impact that their development has on the surrounding infrastructure and community. PA American Water turns up the water pressure to 200% higher than what most plumbers would consider "high" pressure because developers don't provide the infrastructure to support water distribution in what used to be farmland miles away from town. There's always seems to be one more residential development or shopping center going in but the quality and quantity of roadway still appear the same in most cases..Some roads haven't been updated in 50 years and are buckling under the traffic load. Big secret, we really don't NEED another shopping center or residential development - retailers can't lease the building space they have now. We need natural land that our families can visit and enjoy. I am very grateful that the state parks in PA are still free.
18. Stop new development. We are already overcrowded and each expansion raises taxes.
19. Slow down development in a HUGE way.
20. We need to re-use where possible as much Brownfield development before we go and destroy the farmland to build new subdivisions and warehouse storage facilities.
21. Develop an attitude that continued business and residential expansion is not necessary for a successful community.
22. A greater focus on requiring companies/businesses to refurbish existing buildings/businesses instead of building new ones across the street from unused/vacant ones
23. Limit residential development in Upper Allen Township.
24. Control development because once land is developed it can never be reclaimed and open space is lost forever.
25. Limit development of housing using existing green spaces. Very concerned with the amount of trucking in our county and the air pollution, trucks following 114 in Mechanicsburg just don't make any sense to me at all.
26. Limit the amount of land used by developers. Put building codes into effect which limit the number of commercial establishments allowed in an area - we certainly do not need two or three banks within a mile of each other, or competing drug stores, grocery stores, etc. across the street from each other.
27. Keep the Wertzville Road exit from being developed more than it already has been. I love where I'm at and now there is a hospital coming and it is going to make that area even more congested. I heard that there is another grocery store plaza planned there among other things as well. My now quiet exit is getting crowded and I want it to stay quiet. I'm close to everything and I don't need it less than a mile from my house. You could easily keep that area as farmland or turn it into a park or biking trails with nice trees, etc. Something, anything other than more business, more cars, more people, and who knows what else now that a hospital is going in down the street.
28. Make developers more responsible for controlling water drainage when developing a large development, with large houses on small lots. They overdevelop areas until basements start to take on water that have been bone dry for 12 without a sump pump. (sump pump installed and working, for now)
29. Stop building mega developments.
30. Curtail developments where housing is on less than 1/2 acre lots and turning existing farm land into commercial property.
31. Stop building both commercial and residential buildings
32. Really look at building as it happens. You can drive past several half-filled malls and strip malls just to see two or three more being built. I know that trucking is important in this area, but the trucks need routed

around communities and the hulking warehouses need to include green spaces, noise and light barriers, and off sets to their functioning (like solar, wind, water run off management). Slow the building of multifamily complexes to stay on pace with our roads.

33. Stop turning the wide open fields into strip malls and developments. We have enough of both and all they do is cause too much traffic.
34. Please stop approving housing developments (e.g., Autumn Chase on Hertzler Drive) on land that is currently farmland or in a natural state.
35. Discourage the building of high density housing, e.g. condos, or too many houses in a tightly packed area.
36. More of all of these, and stop all of the building of houses and businesses. The area has enough homes and buildings. It is sad how much has been built!
37. Stop developing open space versus the empty stores and lots already developed
38. Stop the development of apartment complexes, housing developments and the invasion of strip malls, Wal-Mart's, etc.
39. Be very careful how future land development is planned, with reuse of developed areas having preference over developing over farms and natural lands, and when land development is recommended in these areas to try to make sure they are respectful of agricultural and natural lands and incorporate them into the development plan when feasible. In Central PA in general, there seems to be a lot of development spreading out into agricultural or undisturbed lands while existing buildings in towns are abandoned.
40. Find ways to combat the loss of open space, especially to monster warehouse operations that simply are BLIGHT! We have certain pockets of historic structures that will benefit from careful preservation and/or restoration. I believe livability in our communities can turn on this and densification.
41. Work with both the private and public sector to ensure that housing demands are met in a way that strengthens our existing built communities. We need to find way to ensure that builders and developers create jobs and make a profit, but we shouldn't be subsidizing new development on our high-quality farmland and natural areas. And, we should ensure that community leaders understand the long-term benefits and costs of development and preservation. We need a way to show decision-makers today what the long-term financial performance of their land-use decisions are. (Sorry, I guess that's two things...)
42. When a developer removes all vegetation from an area where homes will be built, it is a disgrace--it only leads to flooding problems. Developers need to maintain a certain 'green space' in any new housing or industrial areas.
43. Make it illegal to tear down historic buildings, farms or farmhouses over 100 years old in Cumberland County. We have lost way too many 1700's and 1800's era farmhouses to development, along with natural waters and historic lands.
44. Do not allow new commercial buildings to be built - if a business wants to open, have them use an existing space... give them a tax credit or something. Stop tearing up fields and laying asphalt when there is a vacant building 5 miles away that can be retrofitted.
45. Slow down the building of housing developments. We have way too many new communities built with a great deal of vacant houses in them.
46. Stop letting the developers buy up farmland to create another shopping center, mall, medical facilities and homes. Also stop Wal-Mart from putting another store in Cumberland County we need other businesses to come into the county.
47. Less building of homes. Less stop lights on every corner to "stop" traffic to let a few whiny people get access to roads intended for 50% less vehicles.
48. Stop building new houses and putting in businesses on rural roads.
49. Limit the development of apartment complexes, increase single family home lot size and require more trees and shrubs plantings by developers.
50. All the farmland and empty fields are becoming car dealerships and developments...some developments are fine, but too much, making too much traffic, then roads have to be redone and more red lights added, and so on and on...
51. Stop the development of so many new homes and developments being constructed (i.e. the construction of Meridian on the West has destroyed major farmland in Lower Allen Township).
52. instead of all the new building - see if there is an empty building that can accommodate the needs - we have too many empty buildings - and a lot of sprawl going on

53. Roads are what hamper our quality of life.
54. I think that the amount of new housing and developments is out of control and takes too great a toll on our roadways and existing public utilities (parks, trails). I would love to see the rehabilitation of existing homes and center of towns take a priority to urban sprawl. Doing so would help the natural areas, preserve farms and create more livable communities, not siding farms where everyone is inside their homes except when mowing then chemical laced lawn yards. This would be a better quality of life for all involved.
55. Townships should require developers to set aside green space and to provide stricter codes to prevent storm water runoff from flooding adjacent properties and to conform to comprehensive plans developed by townships. Number One priority-Natural Resource Protection
56. Have communities built to LEED standards.
57. Stricter regulation of sprawl.
58. Reduce or at least maintain current levels of development of the rural areas rather than trying to build as many new structures for the alleged boom in population of the local area that is forecast for the coming decade. Use vacant, existing buildings by remodeling them rather than using more land to build new ones.
59. That's a tough question. I believe there needs to be a balance achieved in our efforts regarding all their projects. One huge issue for me is the rapid eating up of land for housing developments which have out lived their usefulness. Mixed use village-type development with more efficient use of land, different types of housing, retail, restaurants, banks included - setting stage for park and ride or station location for light rail. # 5: Residential/type need mixed use village-type development # 7: You've identified our major challenges # 9: And I'm not wealthy - it's just worth it!
60. Slow development # 5: Too much development in east end and central # 6: Remove/reduce traffic, eliminate some structures
61. Encourage existing communities to build taller rather than wider (e.g., subsidize parking garages, do not support out-parcel and parking lagoon development) at/near highway interchanges. Encourage historic home updating and/or preservation (but not tear-downs); street tree; and loft development programs to encourage a broader spectrum of residents to live in existing communities. Stop the isolated 2-story apt/condo builds with parking lagoons (i.e., make updating an existing house cheaper than building a new one - same construction - just different skills and locations). In short, if you remove the incentive the convert ag land into crappy low-res development, then you'll preserve farmland and open spaces.
62. Land Use encouraging densified development of existing communities, natural area creation, light rail transportation/mass transit, improvement in air quality. Get the 18 wheelers off of I-81 - Enhance freight rail - I-81 is unsafe and getting worse!! All part of a balanced plan. I know this is a lot but it is overdue. We should have been doing this in the wake of the Glynnen(can't make out spelling) Report that was completed in 1994!!!
63. Tear down all the ugly, unused buildings and plant grass, not parking lots. This area has no character.
64. Make the large developers pay to enhance our lives since they take are the ones responsible for destroying it. Developers show up exploit our county make a large sum of money and leave and we are left to pay for enhancements.
65. No more new housing developments, particularly in North and South Middleton Townships.
66. Fewer developments, fewer shopping centers, fewer big box stores, more revived downtowns, more trees.
67. Reduce suburban sprawl----both residential and commercial
68. Limit and better manage development. (Require that a high occupancy rate before new construction is approved. Require green open space, conservation landscaping techniques, and storm management BMPs for all new development.)
69. LESSEN residential and commercial development. The many developments in the Carlisle and Boiling Springs areas are making these places lose their character. It pains me to see the large expansion of Indian Hills or whatever the new development will be called between Indian Hills and Spring Meadows Park. Similarly for the proposed or rumored developments off of Forge and Ridge (at least in that area, forgot the exact locations). I would gladly pay higher taxes to keep this sort of thing from happening.
70. Get local officials to understand the real costs (hidden and otherwise long term maintenance) associated with (new) development and actually get them to take action to address.
71. Avoid problems with traffic, including noise, air pollution, commute times, road safety, public expense, recreation facilities and construction, by strongly restricting all growth outside of concentrated cores and

involved. It is too easy to build and then move on leaving an empty shell. Focus on manufacturing jobs not service jobs. Get voter approval on distribution complexes prior to construction.

15. Stop allowing so much development, esp warehouse which brings more truck traffic which brings more air and noise pollution
16. Do not approve any more distribution center permits. We already paid extra for emission inspection which is unnecessary anyway. The large trucks are the cause of poor air quality and vehicles are already equipped with sensors if emission equipment is not operating properly.
17. Prevent more large trucking companies to move to Carlisle.
18. Control future development of new trucking firms, warehouses that add to the pollution of present natural resources and make do with creation of ongoing care to our present needs such as those mentioned in the survey.
19. Stop warehouse building explosion
20. Restrict the development of new warehouses.
21. Stop future trucking hub development.
22. Stop the influx of warehouses in our area! This creates so much truck traffic and translates into deterioration of highways and air pollution!
23. Stop developing flat, rich farmland into warehouses & parking lots & residential developments. Farmers can't farm the rocks. Housing developers should plant less grassy areas, build among the rocks with the flow of the land, and directed to incorporate more natural green areas. OK. You said ONE thing. That would be to stop covering fertile land with parking lots, grass and warehouses. Thanks for asking.
24. Limit / stop / warehouse development Limit / stop development of acres of land for these townhouse "communities". Monroe Township is a Wonderful place to live because of the limited development over the past 20 years!!!!
25. Don't create one more warehouse!!!!!! Enough concrete boxes and trucks stealing the richest farmland in Cumberland County.
26. no more ware house buildings
27. Stop building warehouses!!! The truck traffic the warehouses create is insane and half of the warehouses sit empty for years!! I am looking at houses out of Cumberland County because of this.
28. Keep Cumberland County rural by not allowing further building of warehouses or residential housing.
29. No more warehouses
30. Stop expanding and building warehouses; and stop creating "bedroom" communities for Dauphin County person/families to move into. Let's take of our own first!
31. STOP ALLOWING MONSTER WAREHOUSES TO BE BUILT AND DESTROY OUR COUNTY'S RICH HERITAGE AND BEAUTY!
32. I think that would be to limit the amount of warehouses that are encroaching on our farm land and the overall landscape of our countryside. HUGH warehouses mean more truck traffic, which means more diesel fumes in the air which decreases the air quality probably more than all of us are aware, not to mention the wear and tear on our streets and roads. We've got to put a stop to this use of our land and the devastating affects it's having on our community and its people. Thank you.
33. Somehow stop the creation of additional warehouses in Cumberland County which gobbles up valuable farmland. Warehouses have done more harm to this region than any other single situation.
34. I don't even know if this applies, but figure out a way to stop the spread of trucking warehouses.
35. Better manage the loss of open space due to development, especially warehouses.
36. Limit new warehouses and the attendant truck traffic.
37. Less warehouses.
38. Stop the construction of new warehouses- too many already sit empty.
39. Stop building..... I am sick of big empty warehouses that eat up farmland.
40. STOP the development of Warehouses and McMansions throughout our county. Livable communities are a responsibility of that localized community, not the entire county.
41. Stop marring the countryside and adding to accompanying traffic problems with construction of the Super warehouses.

42. Quit treating outside land speculators as if they were landowners that actually live and reside in our communities and care. They don't care, and their speculation on empty trucking warehouses and unneeded development to make a buck is killing and uglifying the county
43. NO MORE WAREHOUSES! NO MORE 500K plus homes taking up 10 acres or more!
44. Stop building monster warehouses.
45. Stop the truck terminals, they are blight on our county
46. Stop Truck Depot Development. There are too many trucks, which damage the roads, create air pollution, destroy green areas & are safety hazards. We have reached the saturation point for trucks. Look for other areas for economic development.
47. # 5: Too Much Development: Especially of warehouses/asphalt
48. A moratorium on truck distribution centers and zoning to protect open space from sprawl.
49. Eliminate truck traffic, 18 wheelers...they foul the air, do not pay their fair share, destroy our highways, are a public safety hazard.
50. Stop approving every request for new warehouses.
51. Limit the growth of warehouses along the I81 corridor; they take up valuable farmland, they make our roads congested, they add to air pollution; and -- other than tax money -- they give nothing back to the local community.
52. Halt now & forbid for the future any more construction of monster warehouses.
53. No more warehouses in Silver Spring Township.....
54. Stop the influx of truck and warehouse terminals! Thanks for offering this survey. Remember Big Yellow Taxi by Joni Mitchell? "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got until it's gone?"
55. Don't destroy vacant land and kill wildlife to build enormous warehouses that still sit empty while allowing other farmland to turn into additional unneeded warehouse space that the roads are not designed to handle (I-81, exit 38 for example). Townships should not be suckered into be raping natural resources and "creating" jobs (by stealing them from neighboring municipalities) based upon empty promises of international corporations.
56. No more large housing developments or shopping centers (use already empty buildings!!!!!!) Save what we have in Monroe Twp....the farms, creek, mountain is too precious to be destroyed. Love all the little parks and sports fields.

Miscellaneous (68 comments)

1. Provide financial incentives for farmland preservation, natural resource protection, parks, trails, green ways, and livable communities by partnering with our municipalities.
2. Be more vocal when an issue arises. Many times citizens are not aware of issues until it is too late. Set up borough/township email alerts for residents to subscribe to. Many residents are not able to attend meetings or even know what the agendas are. The emails would let them know agendas and any upcoming changes proposed or areas that may be neglected.
3. Preserve and protect private property rights. This means protecting individual right to use, enjoy, and dispose of their property as they wish to their own benefit. Individual rights must always take priority over the collective. This is not the Soviet Union.
4. Let individual citizens decide what is important and determine the best way to accomplish those things.
5. Bring back a recycling program for paints and chemicals.
6. Can't think of anything right now.
7. Ensure residents take pride in their land and keep it clean, not overgrown, etc. Keep the garbage from piling up on properties.
8. Unsure
9. To make sure the residents of Cumberland County are fully aware of all of the options available to them.
10. Keep in mind the balance of demand for all of the above.
11. Better management of sewage systems at the municipal level. Costs should not be prohibitive as they are in Monroe Township.
12. We're doing outstanding work at present....
13. Let supply and demand take care of itself

14. Take action.
15. Create a beautiful Senior Club facility designed for our older generation that would include a gym, a kitchen, large open space for dances and other events, and a computer training room.
16. Get the leadership of smaller communities such Wormleysburg fully on board with county-wide efforts, and provide education and guidance to those communities to think and act outside of the box.
17. Use the unemployed and public assistance individuals to pay forward by using them to do things to help with our environment. It would be helping in both situations.
18. More interest and involvement by the citizens
19. Education... people don't know it's there so they don't see the point
20. Undecided at this time
21. Involve citizens and interest groups to actively promote these efforts and seek solutions.
22. Stop promoting Agenda 21. Property ownership rights and personal freedom are far more important than imposing the views of a few as to what looks nice upon the rest of society. Mandated beauty isn't very beautiful.
23. Improve public safety efficiency.
24. Improve the highway system, rather than allowing townships and boroughs to turn them into parking lots - which in turn, create pollution. If somebody lives along a state (or U.S.) highway and they complain about the speed or need for a red light, kindly ask them to buy a house that is NOT located along our highways. History has proven that when the infrastructure goes, so goes the society. We try to bring too many new businesses and people into the area, but fail to create an efficient transportation system.
25. Unsure would consider several options
26. Get rid of the good old boys.
27. You should rethink attempting to implement your "sustainability". Have you read the book: Beyond Interdependence? Have you read the book Behind the Green Mask? We know what your agenda is. The public opinion means nothing. There is no voice to your plans from the people unless they are on your side. We can't wait to expose this as a fraud.
28. Stop allowing the County Planning Commission to meet at unreasonable times when the community cannot attend. Why are they allowed to hold their meeting during the week from 7:30am to 9:00am when most people are either on their way to work or at work already? What has happened to open meetings?
29. Nothing new or in particular just keep doing what you're doing.
30. I have a lot of ideas but I think this is just another way for you to get paid without doing any work. It is already known that The State House & Congress worker's only work 45%-47% of the time, but get paid for working 100%. I think that needs fixed 1st.
31. Educate the Public so they have a better understanding of these programs
32. Tours of what there is now so we can learn!
33. More cowbell.
34. Thank you for paying attention to this important issue.
35. Encourage public transportation so that there are less cars on the road and that our community is dominated by highways
36. Enforcement
37. Protect property rights of land owners
38. Light rail
39. Initiate a public awareness campaign on the values of all of these issues.
40. Better public transportation. Trolleys maybe.
41. More affordable senior communities.
42. Continue to seek public involvement and support with continuing communications activities about CC work on these quality of life issues. Keep up the good work.
43. The majority of the people should be served, i.e. not limited users such as bikers, trail lovers, farmers, etc.!
44. Continue educating the population about the importance of each of these strategies. Too many people take them for granted - they just happen. Higher levels of interest and engagement are the only means to preservation and enhancement of these efforts.
45. Lift the ban on replacing trees which have died/been removed from grassy areas between sidewalk & street. Our neighborhood was built in the late 1960s, and many of us have lost trees to disease or storms but are

not allowed to replace them. Also, STOP approving new housing developments and apartment/condo/townhome complexes... I have lived in Hampden Twp. my entire life and have seen traffic increase exponentially in the past 15-20 years, and winter maintenance is suffering due to the number of neighborhoods which must be plowed. Snow plows used to come through our development beginning in the middle of the night, but now often our streets are not plowed until the end of the workday following an overnight snowstorm. Hampden and Silver Spring Townships are growing faster than the municipal resources to maintain them.

46. Maintain what we have
47. Give a discount on taxes for those that are going green including business that helps the environment.
48. Cut Township expenses by 1/2. Freeze all land at this time and leave as is. 10 years - decide how traffic bike laws and all is a plan on drugs, or simply put, going toward Silver City. I believe Mr. Fry, Wayne Stevenson, Ron Soulders, should be planners with a vote. 1 vote = 1 acre. I control as above 100 votes simple to some, but landowners should control! They built this city. Long ago. Max and all! #6. Too much effort and \$ wrongly applied. One extra, why Willow Mill Park closes at dusk, or 8:30. This is time parents and children fish. Disc golf - whatever, nice touch until a car gets hit. How do undesirables stay at park (Willow Mill) after dark and good people leave. Personals - It's our stream, we pay for all upkeep. Taxpayer! Why close it at all to adults!
49. Question 8 ---public funds - need to be considered TAX DOLLARS question 9 --- to much is being spent on administration question 10 ----- LESS GOVERNMENT
50. Stop property tax
51. Creation of public-private partnerships to address specific issues, with involvement of volunteer so that the tax payer does not pay the entire burden for something they may not think they benefit from.
52. Abolish property taxes so people can afford to re-urbanize
53. Eradicate the property taxes!
54. Be smart with the money that we already have. No point in tax increase if the money is going to be wasted.
55. Budget more funds. Work with public and private partnerships to development more of all areas
56. Provide more public funding for the above mentioned items
57. Ensure that funding is available -- on an equal basis -- to all municipalities -- not just boroughs!
58. Leave it to private resources.
59. Stop spending other people's money.
60. Spend money on facilities, upkeep, etc. Stop wasting money on endangered species that are everywhere.
61. Keep in mind the government which governs the best, governs the least. With this in mind make sure public money is being spent responsibility and not just at the will of those living in Camp Hill.
62. We have enough problems dealing with the real things govt should do to spend dollars on these items.
63. Less regulations and mandates. Utilize existing resources more efficiently. Government needs to be more responsive and efficient. Throwing money at problems/issues does not always provide a resolution. Work more with less.
64. Clearly define the resources in most threat of loss and target funding to those areas.
65. To use the funds allocated for each and every one of the above for this very purpose instead of re-directing it somewhere else. The taxpayers do not trust the stewards of our money to do the right thing!!!!
66. Try to manage revenue better for everyone.
67. We need more public/private partnerships. Funding by taxation is not the answer.
68. Ensure the funds you already have are not used for overhead. Place a minimum of 85% against the use to improve the quality of life.

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - User Selected Survey

What is your gender?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Female	46.9%	392
Male	53.1%	443
<i>answered question</i>		835
<i>skipped question</i>		9

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - Random Sample Survey

What is your gender?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Female	47.3%	26
Male	52.7%	29
<i>answered question</i>		55
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - COMBINED

What is your gender?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Female	47.0%	418
Male	53.0%	472
<i>answered question</i>		890
<i>skipped question</i>		9

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - User Selected Survey

Which category below includes your age?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
18-24	1.9%	16
25-49	44.6%	374
50-64	36.5%	306
65 or older	17.0%	143
<i>answered question</i>		839
<i>skipped question</i>		5

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - Random Sample Survey

Which category below includes your age?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
18-24	1.8%	1
25-49	43.6%	24
50-64	36.4%	20
65 or older	18.2%	10
<i>answered question</i>		55
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - COMBINED		
Which category below includes your age?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
18-24	1.9%	17
25-49	44.5%	398
50-64	36.5%	326
65 or older	17.1%	153
<i>answered question</i>		894
<i>skipped question</i>		5

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - User Selected Survey

What is the name of the municipality where you live?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
(01) Camp Hill Borough	3.8%	31
(02) Carlisle Borough	9.7%	80
(03) Cooke Township	0.5%	4
(04) Dickinson Township	2.5%	21
(05) East Pennsboro Township	3.3%	27
(06) Hampden Township	15.3%	126
(07) Hopewell Township	0.5%	4
(08) Lemoyne Borough	3.6%	30
(09) Lower Allen Township	14.1%	116
(10) Lower Frankford Township	0.4%	3
(11) Lower Mifflin Township	0.4%	3
(12) Mechanicsburg Borough	2.7%	22
(13) Middlesex Township	2.9%	24
(14) Monroe Township	3.5%	29
(15) Mt. Holly Springs Borough	0.5%	4
(16) Newburg Borough	0.0%	0
(17) New Cumberland Borough	1.8%	14
(18) Newville Borough	0.4%	3
(19) North Middleton Township	3.5%	29
(20) North Newton Township	0.8%	6
(21) Penn Township	1.1%	9
(22) Shippensburg Borough	0.8%	6
(23) Shippensburg Township	0.4%	3
(24) Shiremanstown Borough	1.7%	14
(25) Silver Spring Township	7.0%	58
(26) Southampton Township	0.6%	5
(27) South Middleton Township	8.4%	69
(28) South Newton Township	0.2%	2
(29) Upper Allen Township	5.5%	45
(30) Upper Frankford Township	0.7%	6
(31) Upper Mifflin Township	0.4%	3
(32) West Pennsboro Township	2.7%	22
(33) Wormleysburg Borough	0.8%	7
<i>answered question</i>		825
<i>skipped question</i>		19

Cumberland County Land Partnerships -Random Sample Survey

Please select the municipal code displayed on the front of the postcard that was mailed to you.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
(01) Camp Hill Borough	1.8%	1
(02) Carlisle Borough	3.6%	2
(03) Cooke Township	0.0%	0
(04) Dickinson Township	3.6%	2
(05) East Pennsboro Township	9.1%	5
(06) Hampden Township	12.7%	7
(07) Hopewell Township	0.0%	0
(08) Lemoyne Borough	3.6%	2
(09) Lower Allen Township	5.5%	3
(10) Lower Frankford Township	1.8%	1
(11) Lower Mifflin Township	1.8%	1
(12) Mechanicsburg Borough	7.3%	4
(13) Middlesex Township	3.6%	2
(14) Monroe Township	0.0%	0
(15) Mt. Holly Springs Borough	3.6%	2
(16) Newburg Borough	1.8%	1
(17) New Cumberland Borough	1.8%	1
(18) Newville Borough	0.0%	0
(19) North Middleton Township	5.5%	3
(20) North Newton Township	1.8%	1
(21) Penn Township	0.0%	0
(22) Shippensburg Borough	1.8%	1
(23) Shippensburg Township	0.0%	0
(24) Shiremanstown Borough	0.0%	0
(25) Silver Spring Township	1.8%	1
(26) Southampton Township	1.8%	1
(27) South Middleton Township	12.7%	7
(28) South Newton Township	0.0%	0
(29) Upper Allen Township	9.1%	5
(30) Upper Frankford Township	0.0%	0
(31) Upper Mifflin Township	1.8%	1
(32) West Pennsboro Township	0.0%	0
(33) Wormleysburg Borough	1.8%	1
	<i>answered question</i>	55
	<i>skipped question</i>	0

Cumberland County Land Partnerships - COMBINED

What is the name of the municipality where you live?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Camp Hill Borough	3.6%	32
Carlisle Borough	9.3%	82
Cooke Township	0.5%	4
Dickinson Township	2.6%	23
East Pennsboro Township	3.6%	32
Hampden Township	15.1%	133
Hopewell Township	0.5%	4
Lemoyne Borough	3.6%	32
Lower Allen Township	13.5%	119
Lower Frankford Township	0.5%	4
Lower Mifflin Township	0.5%	4
Mechanicsburg Borough	3.0%	26
Middlesex Township	3.0%	26
Monroe Township	3.3%	29
Mt. Holly Springs Borough	0.7%	6
Newburg Borough	0.1%	1
New Cumberland Borough	1.7%	15
Newville Borough	0.3%	3
North Middleton Township	3.6%	32
North Newton Township	0.8%	7
Penn Township	1.0%	9
Shippensburg Borough	0.8%	7
Shippensburg Township	0.3%	3
Shiremanstown Borough	1.6%	14
Silver Spring Township	6.7%	59
Southampton Township	0.7%	6
South Middleton Township	8.6%	76
South Newton Township	0.2%	2
Upper Allen Township	5.7%	50
Upper Frankford Township	0.7%	6
Upper Mifflin Township	0.5%	4
West Pennsboro Township	2.5%	22
Wormleysburg Borough	0.9%	8
<i>answered question</i>		880
<i>skipped question</i>		19