



Land Partnerships Update

Committee Meeting #6 Notes

SC#: 11100.10

Date / Time: 2:00 PM Tuesday, January 29th, 2013

Location: 18 North Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA

In Attendance:

Shireen Farr - Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau
Bill Forrey - Former Chief, Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks
Justin Keller - Simone Collins (SC)
Kirk Stoner - Cumberland County Planning Department (CCPD)
Jeff Williams - Silver Spring Township Parks and Recreation
Stephanie Williams - CCPD
Rebecca Rosser Yearick, Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Meeting Agenda:

1. Summary of Fall 2012 Public Meetings
2. Draft Plan review - Q&A
3. Distribution of Act 13 Funding
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Final public comment period - January 30-February 2 8
 - b. DCNR review - underway
 - c. Presentation of final plan to County Commissioners - February 4 and 28 at 9:00 AM
 - d. Anticipation of Plan adoption - March 4
 - e. Distribution of executive summary & adopted plan - March

Meeting Notes:

1. Stephanie Williams provided an update on the above agenda items.
 - a. Item #1 - The fall public meetings where successful and overwhelmingly positive input was received. There were approximately 5 attendees at West meeting and 30 attendees at the East meeting. The meetings where taped and are available on YouTube.
 - b. Item #3 - An estimated total of \$400,000 in Act 13 funding will be coming to Cumberland County for the 2011 and 2012 annual allocations. The Commissioner's allocated \$50K to the farmland preservation program. In total, the farmland preservation program will have approximately \$1.3M in state and county funding for 2013. Additional Federal funding is a possibility. The remaining \$350,000 is under consideration for the Land Partnerships Grant Program. This program

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has been inactive since 2006, but was very successful in its pilot form. The Land Partnerships grant program would fund acquisition, development and planning for parks, trails, greenways and open space. The Planning staff is encouraging the Commissioner's to align a County grant offering with the DCNR grant program deadlines to maximize opportunities to match funding streams.

2. Jeff W. indicated the Hidden Creek Park trail in Silver Spring should be revised to .5 miles.
3. Justin K. stated that the final report will incorporate numerous statistics on the economic value of open space, parks, trails, greenways and farmland preservation in support of the report narrative. SC will provide that info to Stephanie.
4. Shireen F. mentioned that outdoor recreation is one of the top three draws (outdoor recreation, history, car show) according to Cumberland County Visitor's bureau statistics. She added that more marketing for outdoor activities is needed.
5. Shireen F. pointed out that the Randall study cites access to water as desired amenity.
6. Shireen F. noted that completion of the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail can be a catalyst for development for towns accessible to the trail. Professor Paul Taylor at Shippensburg University recently completed a study of the existing trail and estimates that 40,000 trail users annually.
7. **Shireen F. to send facts from the studies mentioned above to Stephanie W.**
8. The final study will be forwarded to the municipalities and various stakeholders by the end of this week. The final deadline for comment will be February 28.
9. Stephanie W. will review the plan with the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners on February 4 and 28, with adoption anticipated on March 4.
10. For the final plan presentation to the commissioners, Rebecca recommended a press packet.
11. Committee member attendance is appreciated for the February 28 Board of Commission meeting.
12. Stephanie W. thanked the committee for their time and service to the steering committee.