



Cumberland County Planning Department Program Overview

The Cumberland County Planning Department's mission is to partner with our urban, suburban, and rural communities to implement plans that promote economic development, provide more housing and transportation choices, and protect clean air, land, and water.

In pursuit of this mission statement, the CCPD administers a variety of programs that are described in more detail below.

Program	Description
Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State required plan that considers all elements of the community including land use, transportation, historic preservation, housing, environmental resources and community facilities • CCPD prepares updates to the plan and implements its recommendations through our other program offerings
Technical Planning Reviews	State required function whereby CCPD must review and provide comment to our municipal partners on every subdivision/land development application, ordinance amendment and sewage module submitted in the county.
Municipal Technical Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCPD provides direct staff assistance to municipalities to work on local and regional planning projects. • Ordinance writing, comprehensive plan preparation, GIS mapping, data collection and grant writing are common tasks.
Farmland Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCPD provides staff support to this state enabled program to preserve development rights on the best agriculture soils in the county. • Funded using federal/state/county sources • Oversight provided by separate 7-member, Commissioner appointed Farmland Preservation Board
Open Space Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation and implementation of state recommended open space plan via technical assistance or grant funding. • Implementation activities include park/trail development, natural resource protection, land acquisition and support for Mt. Holly Marsh Preserve
County Bridge Maintenance and Replacement Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage the annual inspection, maintenance and replacement of the 23-county owned bridges and 5 bridges jointly owned with York County. • Prepare and implement a capital improvement plan designed to replace the county's structurally deficient bridges before the end of their lifespan.
Blighted Properties Reinvestment Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCPD staffs this federally enabled program aimed at removing spot blight via rehabilitation agreements with property owners or by eminent domain • Municipalities refer properties to the county • Redevelopment Authority assumes eminent domain actions on properties that progress through the program • Oversight provided by 5-member, Commissioner appointed Blighted Properties Reinvestment Board
Hazard Mitigation Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCPD (with Department of Public Safety support) staffs this federally required program aimed at mitigating to damage through natural disasters • Flood avoidance is a major program focus area



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Energy Efficiency and Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the county's \$2.2 million stimulus energy grant funds through the Department of Energy (DOE) • Preparation of an energy conservation/efficiency element of the county comprehensive plan.
Transportation Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying transportation needs in the county via the comprehensive plan. • Participate on HATS Technical Committee and other regional transportation planning initiatives • Assist municipalities in identifying transportation needs and pursuing funding • Partner with Capital Area Transit to review operational system performance in the county and monitor associated funding agreement. • Provide technical assistance to the Cumberland County Transportation Department for the coordination of regional shared ride service.
Municipal Advisory Board	Coordinate agenda, logistics, and facilitation services for Commissioners quarterly Municipal Advisory Board meetings