

# 2013 Annual Report



Cumberland County  
Planning Commission  
&  
Agricultural Land  
Preservation Board

## Cumberland County Board of Commissioners

Barbara Cross, Chairman      Jim Hertzler, Vice-Chairman      Gary Eichelberger, Secretary

## Cumberland County Planning Commission

### ► Overview

The Cumberland County Planning Commission is comprised of nine members who serve terms of four years. Appointments to the Planning Commission are made by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners. Staff support for the Planning Commission is provided through the Cumberland County Planning Department. The Planning Commission meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. The meetings are held at 310 Allen Road, Conference Room B, Carlisle, PA.

### ► Planning Commission Members

Debi Ealer, Chairman	Chris Knarr, AICP, Vice-Chair	John Brosious	John Epley
Robert Fisher, PLS, PE	Rajesh Jain	Jack Showley	Rick Trynoski
Barbara Wilson	Gary Eichelberger, Commissioner Liason	Ben Mummert, Student Member	

## Agricultural Land Preservation Board

### ► Overview

The Cumberland County Agricultural Land Preservation Board is comprised of seven volunteer members who serve terms of three years. Appointments to the Board are made by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners. Representation includes three active farmers, one contractor/developer, one township supervisor and two at large members. In addition to the seven regular members, the Agricultural Land Preservation Board has three advisory members representing the Board of Commissioners, Conservation District and Penn State Cooperative Extension. Advisory members may not vote. The Agricultural Land Preservation Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. The meetings are held at 310 Allen Road, Conference Room B, Carlisle, PA.

### ► Board Members

Vince DiFilippo, Chairman	Donald Mowery, Vice-Chair	Diane Stamy, Secretary	Kingsley Blasco
Geoffrey Clymer (Jan-May)	Adam Dellinger (Sept-Dec)	Denny McCullough	Boyd Weary

### ► Advisory Members

Jim Hertzler, Board of Commissioners	Carl Goshorn, Conservation District	David Swartz, Penn State Cooperative Extension
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### ► Cumberland County Planning Commission & Agricultural Land Preservation Board Staff

Kirk Stoner, AICP, Executive Director	Jeff Kelly, AICP, Deputy Director
Stephanie Williams, Greenway & Open Space Coordinator	Rebecca Wisner, Farmland Preservation Coordinator
James Bennett, Community and Hazard Mitigation Planner	Jodi Sheppard, Planning Coordinator

# Planning Program

## Countywide Planning Projects

The Cumberland County Planning Commission (CCPC) conducts a variety of countywide planning activities that have broad application to the county’s 33 municipalities. The following countywide projects were conducted in 2013.

- **Education and Outreach** – CCPC staff developed and delivered a third consecutive year of *Planning Commission University*, the training session aimed at improving the planning capacity of local planning commission members. In addition, the CCPC staff partnered with the Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS (GHAR) to develop and deliver an all-day professional development seminar for their members on smart growth practices and implementation.
- **MS-4 Stormwater Management Assistance** – CCPC staff worked with 13 municipalities in the county to identify opportunities for countywide assistance to efficiently comply with new stormwater management requirements from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. CCPC staff worked in concert with our municipal partners to develop a website ([www.stormwaterpa.org/cumberland-county.html](http://www.stormwaterpa.org/cumberland-county.html)) that provides municipalities with a common base of public education and outreach materials that every municipality can use to meet its respective stormwater permitting requirements.
- **Urban Agriculture Model Ordinance** – CCPC staff prepared a model ordinance to guide the development of urban agriculture practices, including farmers markets, which have begun to emerge in the county.
- **Municipal Readdressing for Public Safety** – The CCPC, Public Safety and GIS Departments continued their ongoing collaboration to identify and resolve regional addressing issues in the county that result in confusion for the traveling public and delay of emergency service response.

## Municipal Technical Assistance

In addition to completing projects with a countywide focus, the CCPC staff provided technical assistance to individual municipalities through the Local Planning Assistance Program (LPA). Participating municipalities received staff support to undertake projects that the municipality may otherwise not have had the time or financial resources to pursue. The following table summarizes the municipal technical support provided in 2013.

Municipality	Plan Updates (Comp Plan, Special Plans)	Ordinance Updates (Zoning, SALDO)	Special Projects
Carlisle Borough		T	T(3) T(4)
East Pennsboro Township			T(1)
Hampden Township	T	T	T(1)
Lower Allen Township			T(1)
Lemoyne Borough			T(1)
Mechanicsburg Borough		T	
Middlesex Township		T	T(4)
Monroe Township		T	T(1)
Mt. Holly Springs Borough		T	
New Cumberland Borough			T(1)
Newville Borough		T	T(2)
North Newton Township		T	
Penn Township	T	T	
Shiremanstown Borough			T(1)
Silver Spring Township	T	T	T(1)
Southampton Township		T	
South Middleton Township			T(4)
Upper Allen Township			T(1)
Upper Mifflin Township		T	
West Pennsboro Township			T(2)
Wormleysburg Borough		T	T(1)

### Key:

**T = Technical Assistance**

**T(1) = Stormwater Management Planning**

**T(2) = Big Spring Master Plan**

**T(3) = Urban Redevelopment Plan**

**T(4) = Carlisle Circulator Study**

# Planning Program

## Land Partnerships Plan Update

On March 4, 2013, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners adopted a revision to the County's 2006 Land Partnerships Plan. Land Partnerships is a countywide strategy designed to maintain and improve the quality of life in Cumberland County through agriculture preservation, natural resource protection, and parks, trails and greenways.

The Plan revision included an update to the inventory and mapping, reassessment of public opinion, vision and goals as well as development of revised strategies and action plan for the next five years. To learn more about the new 2013 Land Partnerships Plan visit, [www.ccpa.net/landpartnerships](http://www.ccpa.net/landpartnerships).

## Act 13 Marcellus Shale Legacy Funding

Act 13 of 2012 authorized the creation of impact fees on the natural gas drilling industry. As a county without gas wells, Cumberland County is eligible for an annual distribution of funds under the Statewide Legacy Fund. In 2013, the County allocated its 2011 and 2012, Act 13 allocations, totaling nearly \$400,000, to implementation of the Land Partnerships Plan. \$50,000 was dedicated to the County's Agricultural Conservation Easement Program and \$350,000 was allocated to the Land Partnerships Grant Program. Land Partnerships grants were awarded to the following projects:

Grantee	Description	Grant Award
Carlisle Borough	Playground equipment - Butcher Tot Lot	\$19,000
Cumberland County	Forest management plan for Mt Holly Marsh Preserve, Water trail guide reprinting	\$7,000
Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club	Park Benches - Childrens Lake	\$9,810
Cumberland Valley Rails To Trails Council, Inc.	Phase 1 of Newville to Carlisle Trail Extension - CV Rail Trail	\$75,000
Dickinson Township	Trail development - Lindenwood Park	\$9,300
East Pennsboro Township	Playground equipment - Adams Ricci Park	\$15,530
Hampden Township	Playground equipment - Hampden Park	\$32,500
Lower Allen Township	Phase 1 & 2 park development - Cedar Spring Run Park	\$32,500
Lower Frankford Township	Benches, Picnic tables & Swing set - Opossum Lake	\$5,760
Mechanicsburg Borough	Improvements to baseball fields (dugout, fencing, backstop) - Memorial Park	\$26,000
Monroe Township	Land acquisition to expand Monroe Township Park	\$13,000
Mount Holly Springs Borough	Pavilion - Butler Park	\$9,650
Newburg Borough	Walkway & lighting - Newburg Family Garden	\$3,850
Newville Borough	Playground equipment - CVRT Trailhead	\$9,350
Shippensburg Township	Dugouts, Picnic tables, playground equipment - Shippensburg Township Park	\$11,900
Silver Spring Township	Playground equipment, Pavilion & Trail - Hidden Creek Park	\$25,000
South Middleton Township	Trail development - South Middleton Township Park	\$11,250
Upper Allen Township	Playground equipment - Winding Hill Park	\$32,500
	<b>Total Land Partnerships Grants</b>	<b>\$348,900</b>

# Growth Trends

## Building Permits Issued in 2013

The Cumberland County Planning Commission conducts a building permit survey each year to monitor growth trends. The number and type of building permits issued by municipality is shown below.

- Silver Spring Township issued the most Residential permits for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row: 2010 (173), 2011 (183), 2012 (253), 2013 (276).
- Carlisle Borough issued the most Commercial/Industrial permits for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row: 2010 (12), 2011 (11), 2012 (21), 2013 (15).

Building Permits Issued 2013													
Municipality	New Residential Units								Dwellings Demolished	Net Total Residential	New Commercial Establishments	New Industrial Establishments	New Public/Semi-Public Establishments
	Single Family	Semi-Detached	Multi-Family Apts.	Town-houses	Apartment Conversions	Mobile Homes	Rehabilitated Dwellings	Total New Residential					
Camp Hill Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlisle Borough	4	0	0	0	5	0	8	17	4	13	15	0	0
Cooke Township	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Dickinson Township	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	0
East Pennsboro Township	13	10	96	0	0	0	0	119	6	113	0	1	0
Hampden Township	86	57	0	0	0	3	0	146	11	135	10	0	0
Hopewell Township	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0
Lemoyne Borough	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	11	0	0	0
Lower Allen Township	11	9	116	36	0	0	0	172	3	169	2	0	0
Lower Frankford Township	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	-4	0	0	0
Lower Mifflin Township	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	5	0	0	0
Mechanicsburg Borough	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	5	0	0
Middlesex Township	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	5	0	0	0
Monroe Township	13	0	0	5	0	0	1	19	2	17	0	0	0
Mt. Holly Springs Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Cumberland Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newburg Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newville Borough	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	0
North Middleton Township	14	10	0	3	0	14	0	41	0	41	0	0	0
North Newton Township	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	2	5	2	0	0
Penn Township	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0
Shippensburg Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	2	0	1
Shippensburg Township	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	6	0	6	0	0	0
Shiremanstown Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silver Spring Township	189	18	0	69	0	0	0	276	4	272	6	0	3
South Middleton Township	49	0	0	6	0	7	0	62	13	49	0	2	0
South Newton Township	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Southampton Township	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	1	28	0	0	2
Upper Allen Township	106	0	4	80	0	0	0	190	0	190	0	0	0
Upper Frankford Township	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Mifflin Township	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0
West Pennsboro Township	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Wormleysburg Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
<b>COUNTY TOTALS</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1147</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1091</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>

Source: Municipal Building Permit Survey 2013

# Growth Trends

## Residential Building Permits - 2003 - 2013

The number of residential building permits issued by each municipality during the last 11 years is shown below. During that period, the greatest number of permits was issued by Hampden (2,115), Silver Spring (2,015), and Upper Allen (1,528).

Total New Dwelling Units 2003-2013											
Municipality	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Camp Hill Borough	3	1	1	3	17	31	1	6	1	6	0
Carlisle Borough	611	128	59	106	27	82	102	94	10	9	17
Cooke Township	5	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2
Dickinson Township	46	59	40	41	18	15	9	16	7	12	7
East Pennsboro Township	207	118	65	77	56	40	45	13	116	110	119
Hampden Township	197	229	288	241	253	188	132	123	129	189	146
Hopewell Township	*	9	7	6	10	9	9	6	7	2	5
Lemoyne Borough	*	20	14	4	18	20	0	11	33	0	11
Lower Allen Township	42	32	31	36	78	34	20	23	23	186	172
Lower Frankford Township	4	4	6	6	7	2	2	3	3	2	2
Lower Mifflin Township	21	8	12	13	9	6	3	4	5	6	5
Mechanicsburg Borough	3	12	3	8	2	4	4	2	10	25	3
Middlesex Township	25	35	31	49	57	44	6	41	31	39	6
Monroe Township	28	21	27	21	16	18	18	22	7	20	19
Mt. Holly Springs Borough	2	3	4	6	5	6	1	3	0	0	0
New Cumberland Borough	0	18	0	0	7	3	16	5	4	2	0
Newburg Borough	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newville Borough	0	2	0	0	2	3	2	2	7	10	2
North Middleton Township	78	96	138	134	75	43	40	46	21	30	41
North Newton Township	11	16	21	12	16	11	14	5	4	5	7
Penn Township	12	12	29	22	10	12	5	2	5	8	5
Shippensburg Borough	10	11	5	11	14	3	12	30	1	20	0
Shippensburg Township	57	5	7	6	194	114	4	4	4	3	6
Shiremanstown Borough	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silver Spring Township	261	162	125	101	151	203	127	173	183	253	276
South Middleton Township	154	99	119	114	112	66	59	49	41	35	62
South Newton Township	4	5	1	8	2	3	4	5	3	3	1
Southampton Township	94	117	101	102	199	152	49	69	9	17	29
Upper Allen Township	188	19	263	148	184	124	71	93	66	82	190
Upper Frankford Township	15	24	29	36	13	10	12	13	6	7	6
Upper Mifflin Township	6	9	7	3	8	3	4	5	1	1	5
West Pennsboro Township	31	27	62	31	19	17	3	13	6	6	1
Wormleysburg Borough	2	0	2	2	0	11	0	1	2	0	2
COUNTY TOTALS	1569	1407	1502	1351	1583	1277	774	882	745	1091	1147

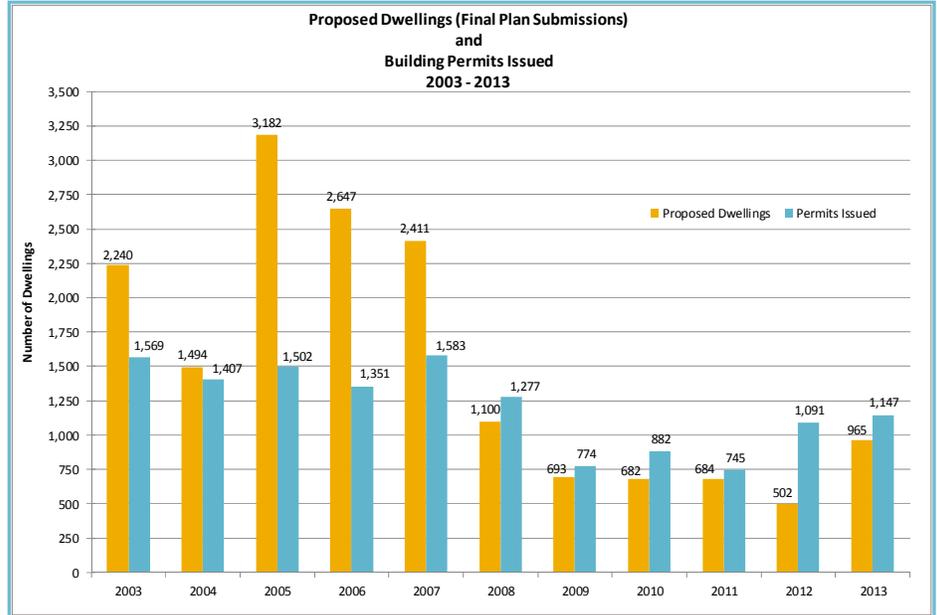
\* No Data Provided Source: Municipal Building Permit Surveys 2003 - 2013

# Growth Trends

## Residential Development Activity

The graph compares the number of proposed dwellings (final subdivision and land development submissions) with residential building permits issued for each year. Between 2005 and 2012 the number of proposed new dwellings generally declined, with 2012 being the lowest on record. In 2013, the number of proposed dwellings almost doubled the 2012 number which may indicate a renewed confidence in the housing industry.

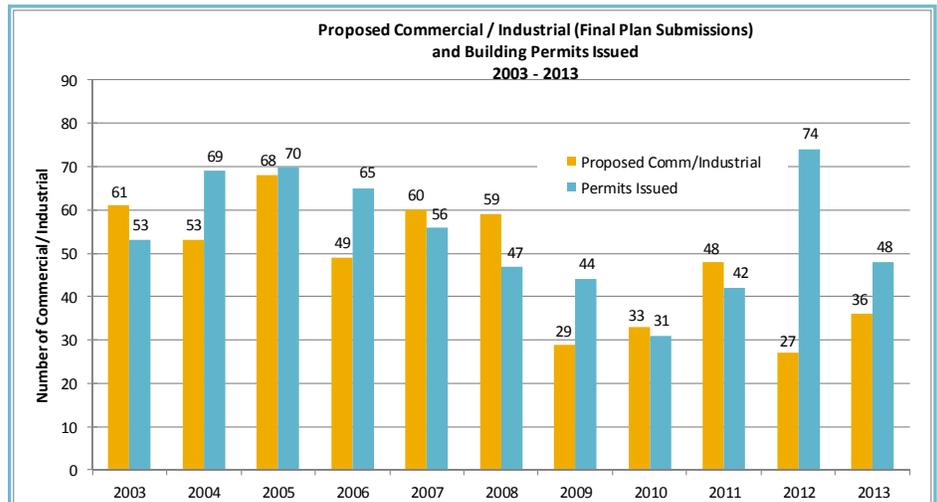
The number of building permits has shown a similar pattern but has remained higher than the proposed dwellings for the last 6 years. This may be attributed to the high number of proposed dwellings from 2005 - 2007 that has allowed a consistent level of building permits to be issued during development phases. 2012 and 2013 show consistent increases and the highest number of residential building permits since 2009.



## Commercial and Industrial Development Activity

The graph compares the number of proposed commercial and industrial developments (final land development submissions) with commercial and industrial building permits issued for each year. Since 2009, the number of proposed establishments has been low compared to previous years with 2012 being the lowest on record. In 2013, the trend reversed showing a 33% increase in commercial and industrial proposals.

The number of permits issued in 2013 (48) continues to be strong after the jump in the number of permits in 2012. This increased number of permits, issued during the last two years, is similar to the development activity before the recession. It continues a trend since 2010 and appears to indicate more confidence in the economy.



# Growth Trends

## Plan Submissions

Growth trends are monitored through the submission of final subdivision and land development plans to the County Planning Department. Municipalities with the highest number of Residential and Commercial/Industrial units proposed:

- Residential units – (1)Hampden Twp; (2)Upper Allen Twp; (3)Lower Allen Twp.
- Commercial/Industrial – (1)Hampden Twp; (2)Lower Allen Twp; (3)Silver Spring & Southampton Twps.

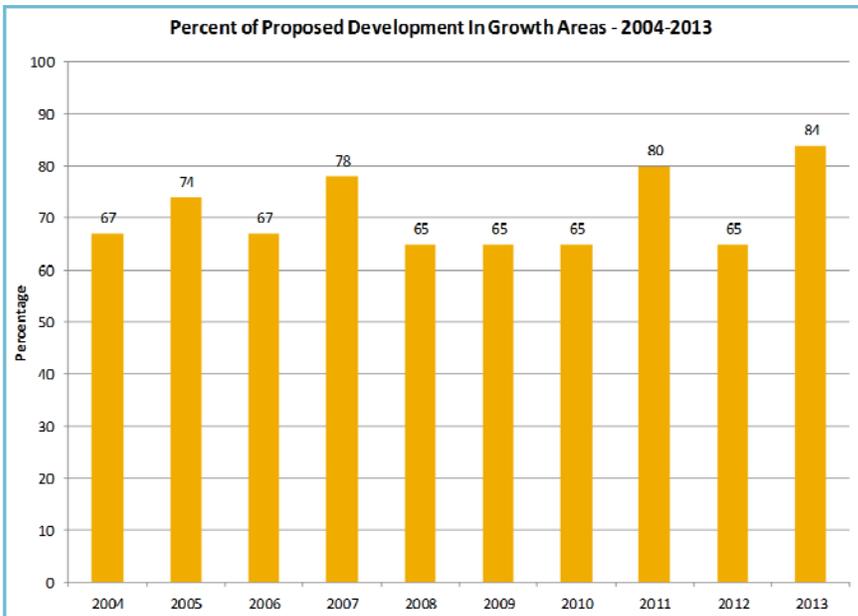
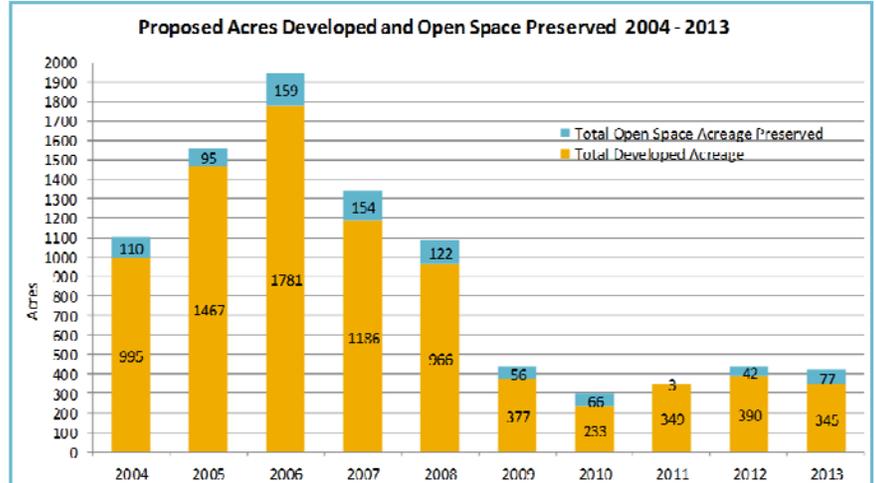
Proposed Lots/Units by Land Use Type in 2013										
Municipality	LOTS	SF	MU-F	TH	CM	IND	AG	P/SP	ADD	ACREAGE
Camp Hill Borough	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	.36
Carlisle Borough	8	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	8.37
Cooke Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Dickinson Township	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9.21
East Pennsboro Township	8	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3.92
Hampden Township	158	58	196	128	8	1	0	9	3	119.58
Hopewell Township	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.79
Lemoyne Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Lower Allen Township	12	0	150	0	7	0	0	1	3	36.27
Lower Frankford Township	6	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	39.84
Lower Mifflin Township	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	119.16
Mechanicsburg Borough	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.86
Middlesex Township	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	62.53
Monroe Township	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	16.25
Mt. Holly Springs Borough	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1.6
New Cumberland Borough	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.24
Newburg Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Newville Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
North Middleton Township	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	21.93
North Newton Township	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	21.01
Penn Township	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	34.83
Shippensburg Borough	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2.16
Shippensburg Township	9	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	50.87
Shiremanstown Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Silver Spring Township	104	84	0	53	3	0	1	5	9	214.50
South Middleton Township	30	24	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	23.18
South Newton Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Southampton Township	19	4	0	0	3	0	1	2	7	96.92
Upper Allen Township	112	70	32	127	2	0	0	4	1	37.62
Upper Frankford Township	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4.23
Upper Mifflin Township	11	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	197.06
West Pennsboro Township	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	125.70
Wormleysburg Borough	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.72
County Totals	535	274	380	311	30	6	12	31	52	1274.71
SF=Single Family, MU-F=Multifamily, TH=Townhouse, CM=Commercial, IND=Industrial, AG=Agriculture, P/SP=Public/Semi- Public, ADD=Lot Addition										

# Growth Trends

## Proposed Acres Developed and Preserved

Approximately 345 acres were proposed for development in 2013, based on final plan submissions. This is a decrease of 45 acres from 2012 (11% decrease) even though there was an increase in proposed residential and commercial/industrial activity in 2013. This is a result of more multi-family and townhouse units proposed in 2013, which provided more units on less acreage.

Approximately 77 acres of preserved open space was proposed in 2013 through final plan submissions. This is a significant increase from 2012, which proposed 42 acres. A large portion of this dedicated open space is from a residential development in Silver Spring Township. The 2013 figure is the highest amount of open space preserved since 2008. In 2013, 1 acre of open space was proposed for preservation for every 4.5 acres proposed for development.



## Proposed Acreage in Growth Areas

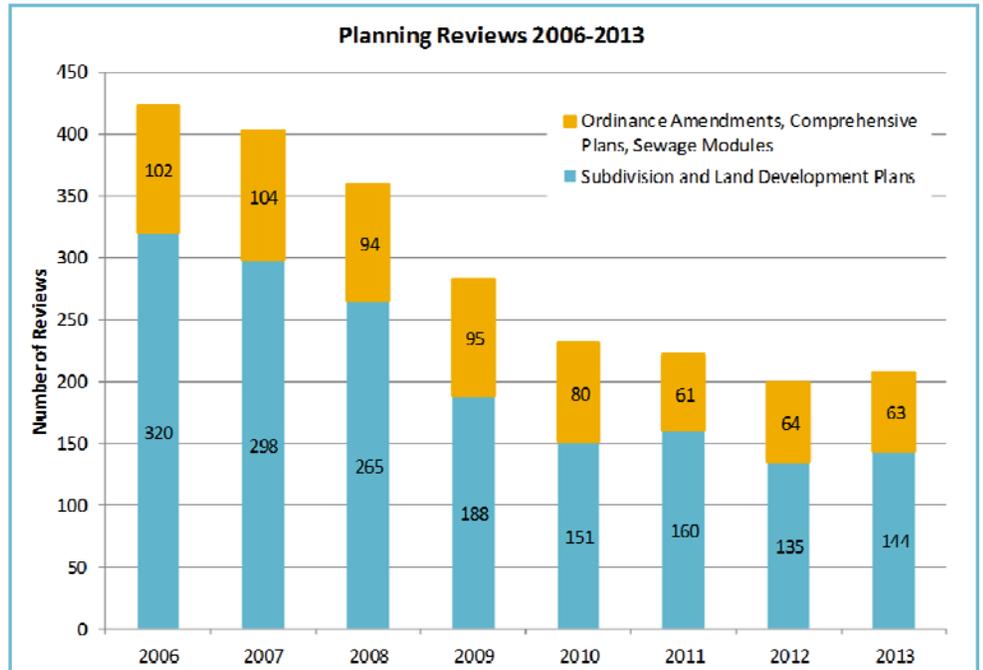
Growth Areas are regions targeted for development which provide public services such as sewer, water, transit, and highway access.

In 2013, 84% of the acres proposed for development occurred in Growth Areas, as designated by the County Comprehensive Plan. This is a significant increase from last year and the highest percentage on record.

# Growth Trends

## Total Plan Submissions

Cumberland County has experienced a steady decrease in the amount of subdivision and land development plans between 2006 and 2009; and a consistent number of plan submissions during the last 4 years. Similarly, the number of ordinance amendments, comprehensive plan updates, and sewage modules has also generally declined over the same time period and remained consistent over the last 3 years. The national recession has led to a marked decrease in development activity which is reflected in the decreased number of subdivision and land development plans and sewage modules.



The Cumberland County Planning Department moved in September of 2013 to 310 Allen Road, Suite 101, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Other County offices in the Service Center include: Conservation District, Recycling & Waste, Vector Control/Weights & Measures, and Penn State Agriculture Extension.



Jeff Kelly at the 98th Annual Convention of the Cumberland County Association of Township Officials (CCATO). The convention allows second class municipalities to come together and discuss municipal issues and problem solving techniques.

# Agricultural Land Preservation

## Cumberland County Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program

The Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program was developed to strengthen Pennsylvania's agricultural economy and to protect prime farmland. The Program incorporates the use of county, state, federal and local funds to purchase agricultural conservation easements on prime agricultural land from willing landowners. The Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program works by paying the farmer to place certain restrictions upon the land to maintain and permanently preserve high quality, functional farmland. The land continues to be the farmer's private property and the farmer retains all privileges of land ownership, except the ability to sell the land for non-agricultural development or to develop the land for non-agricultural purposes. Participation in the Program is completely voluntary and very competitive. In order to be eligible for the Program, the farm must contain at least 52 acres and be enrolled in an Agricultural Security Area. Then, farms are ranked using a Farmland Ranking System, each property is given a numerical score, and the farms with the highest score receive funding for easement purchase.

## 2013 Program Funding

Funding for the Cumberland County Agricultural Conservation Easement Program totaled \$1.4 million in 2013. This amount includes \$128,386 from the County, which was derived from the interest collected from 2012 Clean and Green rollback tax penalties and Act 13 funding. The remaining funds were a combination of state and federal funds. In 2013, \$33 million was available from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for distribution statewide. State funds are derived from cigarette tax revenues and the Environmental Stewardship Fund. Federal funds were awarded from the Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP).

## 2013 Application Round

Applications for the 2013 round of funding were received by staff between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012. Fifty-one applications, totaling 5,733 acres of farmland, were submitted for consideration. From the 51 applications, four farms totaling 436 acres were selected by the Board for appraisal and easement purchase consideration.

The Deitch, Reiff and Biddle Farms were offered and accepted 97.9% of the appraised easement value and entered the Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program. The Shively Farm was a Bargain Sale purchase at 50% appraised value. The Board has the authority to preserve farms out of ranking order when the landowner is willing to accept 50% or less of the appraised easement value. The table below summarizes the Board's 2013 offers.

Summary of 2013 County Board Offers					
Name	Township	Acres	Board Offer/Acre	Total Easement Value	Application Status
Deitch	Middlesex/South Middleton	138.75	\$3,446.08	\$478,143.60	Settlement Pending/ FRPP
Reiff	South Middleton	129.10	\$3,201.33	\$413,291.70	Settlement Pending/ FRPP
Biddle	Silver Spring	113.36	\$3,318.81	\$376,220.30	Settlement Pending/ FRPP
Shively	Southampton	55.71	\$1,732.50	\$96,517.58	Settlement Pending/ Bargain Sale
		Total Acres Preserved 436.92	Average Offer/ Acre \$2,924	\$ 1,364,173	

# Agricultural Land Preservation

## County Program Status

Between 1989 and 2013, 15,564 acres of farmland have been preserved countywide through 131 easements. An additional six easements, containing 650 acres of farmland, are pending settlement. A total investment of \$40.5 million in federal, state, county and local funding was utilized to purchase these easements with an additional \$2.0 million pending settlement on six farms. Refer to Figure 1 for a location map and table of all final and pending easements.

Summary of Preserved Farms by Municipality		
1989-2013		
Municipality	Acres Preserved	Acres Pending
Dickinson Township	2,092.54	0
Middlesex Township	378.04	0
Monroe Township	1,905.76	0
North Middleton Township	247.23	0
North Newton Township	608.01	0
Penn Township	3,205.34	146.72
Shippensburg Township	83.81	0
Silver Spring Township	128.44	113.36
South Middleton Township	1,395.12	267.85
South Newton Township	102.67	0
Southampton Township	2,272.00	122.64
Upper Allen Township	300.01	0
West Pennsboro Township	2,845.12	0
Total Countywide	15,564.09	650.57
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$40.5 M</b>	<b>\$2.0 M</b>

## Program Amendments

The County Board and State Board approved the following changes to the program guidelines for 2013:

- Amend Section 102 definition of “contiguous acres” to include railroads
- Amend Section 103 to add a County Minimum Criteria requiring a conservation plan to be submitted at the time of application stage
- Amend Program Application to include conservation plan requirement and to match current ranking questions, obtain additional information, and provide greater administrative clarity.

**Figure 1**  
**Cumberland County**  
**Agricultural Land Preservation Board**  
**Preserved Farms & ASAs**

