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Cumberland County Seeks Public Input on Future of the County

Cumberland County, PA- The Cumberland County Planning Commission (CCPC) released a survey today to gather resident input on the future of Cumberland County. The survey asks residents to provide their opinions on the importance of conservation initiatives, preferred future growth patterns and transportation needs facing the County in the future. The survey and more information on the Comprehensive Plan can be found online at www.centerforlanduse.org/survey. Paper copies can be obtained by contacting the Cumberland County Planning Commission at 717-240-5362. Residents can complete the survey anytime through April 30, 2017.

A grant from the Greater Harrisburg Association of Realtors (GHAR) enabled the County to conduct the survey effort. The County partnered with the Shippensburg University Center for Land Use and Sustainability to prepare, host and analyze the online survey. Survey responses will be used by the CCPC to update the Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan which was last updated in 2011.

Pennsylvania state law requires the County to prepare a Comprehensive Plan that serves as a long-range policy guide for the orderly development of the County. Comprehensive plans typically consider a wide variety of topics including land use, housing, economic development, public facilities, transportation and natural resource protection. A Comprehensive Plan is not a zoning ordinance that has legal authority. Rather, the Comprehensive Plan is a guidance document that establishes goals and objectives for a community to achieve. Other planning tools that have the force and effect of law, such as a zoning ordinance, are used to implement the goals and objectives found in the Comprehensive Plan. The County works in cooperation with its constituent 33 municipal governments to achieve the goals and objectives found in the County's plan.

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