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Commissioners Adopt County Comprehensive Plan

Cumberland County, Pa. - The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners adopted the County's Comprehensive Plan today during their public meeting. The Comprehensive Plan is a long range planning tool for organized growth and development within the County and covers a range of topics, including land use, housing, economic development, public facilities, transportation and natural resource protection. Pennsylvania state law requires every county prepare a comprehensive plan. Cumberland County last updated its Comprehensive Plan in 2011.

"Our Planning Department tackled a big project and delivered an excellent product," said Commissioner Vince DiFilippo. "The Comprehensive Plan provides targets for the County and ways to address some of our largest challenges. This plan demonstrates that conservation of natural resources and smart growth can both be achieved for the benefit of our residents."

"We are the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth, which can be a double edged sword," said Commissioner Jim Hertzler. "This plan, which was developed in house, takes into account not only our growth, but also the quality of life which makes Cumberland County a great place to live and work."

"This plan addresses our land use issues by providing for open spaces and continued business growth," said Commissioner Gary Eichelberger. "It delivers a strategic direction, coordination with our many partners and serves the needs of current and future residents of our County."

"A lot of people were involved in the development of our Comprehensive Plan and we're very pleased with the outcome," said Kirk Stoner, director of the County's Planning Department. "This plan gives us a

road map for sustainable growth, while also preserving the natural resources found throughout the County.”

The County’s Planning Department worked with various organizations representing recreational, environmental, residential and business development areas when developing the plan. A public survey, conducted in partnership with the Center for Land Use and Sustainability at Shippensburg University, was also conducted earlier this year for resident feedback.

Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth, with a current population of more than 248,000 residents. With its prime location, high quality of life and diverse landscapes, the County’s growth is anticipated to continue for years to come.

For more information on the Comprehensive Plan, visit www.ccpa.net/planning.

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