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Silver Spring Township Tops Growth Trends in 2017

Carlisle, Pa. – Silver Spring Township once again topped the charts for the most residential growth for 2017. According to its annual [Growth Trends Report](#), the Cumberland County Planning Commission reported Silver Spring Township had 238 residential building permits issued in 2017. The second highest was Hampden Township with 165 permits.

“Silver Spring and Hampden Townships have been our top two fastest growing municipalities for the past 10 years,” said Jeff Kelly, assistant director with the Cumberland County Planning Department. “Silver Spring has been number one for eight of those years.” Kelly added that Silver Spring Township has more available land than Hampden and residents are in the Cumberland Valley School District. From 2007 – 2017, a total of 2,322 residential building permits were issued for Silver Spring. During that same time, Hampden saw 1,798 permits.

Commercial growth also continued to see a steady trend in 2017. The Planning Commission reports that Carlisle Borough far outpaced the other municipalities in Cumberland County with 34 commercial building permits issued. The next highest was seven permits in both Hampden and South Middleton townships. Kelly added more permits were issued than plans submitted, which is a strong indication of redevelopment.

“If a commercial establishment goes into an existing building, they generally don’t need to submit a land development plan, they just need a building permit,” said Kelly.

Other highlights from the Growth Trend Report include:

- Upper Allen Township had the most proposed residential units 2017 proposing 331 units.
- Multi-family and townhouse units accounted for 75% of proposed residential units.
- Silver Spring Township had six commercial plans submitted, the most for 2017.
- Since 2007, 68% of the plans and 62% of the permits have been in the same five municipalities – Upper Allen, Silver Spring, Hampden, Lower Allen and South Middleton.
- The 2018 plans and permits are on trend with 2017 rates.

The full 2017 Growth Trends Report can be found online. The Cumberland County Planning Commission helps build strong urban, suburban, and rural communities by promoting responsible economic development, providing transportation choices, encouraging housing diversity, and conserving natural and historic resources. More information on the work of the Planning Department can be found at www.ccpa.net/planning.

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