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Two Local Residents Appointed to Ag Preservation Board

Carlisle, Pa. – Two new members were recently appointed to the Cumberland County Agriculture Land Preservation Board. The Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the recommendation to appoint [Michael Klinepeter](#) and [Kate McGraw](#) to the board.

Klinepeter is the executive vice president of Pyramid Construction Services, Inc. and has more than 20 years of commercial construction experience. He has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Gettysburg College. In his current role, Klinepeter is responsible for overall project operations, risk management, staffing, quality control, owner relations and ensuring project needs are met. In addition to the land preservation board, Klinepeter has also served on the Board of Managers and as chair of the Facilities Committee for the West Shore YMCA; as a board member for the ACE Mentor Program for Central Pa.; a youth baseball coach for the Upper Allen Baseball Association; and as a board member for the Susquehanna valley Credit Union. Klinepeter is a lifelong resident of Cumberland County and lives in Upper Allen Township with his wife, Dana, and their two children.

McGraw, who comes from a long line of dairy farmers, is an award-winning visual artist and currently has her own studio in Boiling Springs. She has a Bachelor's degree from Penn State and a Masters of Fine Arts from the Brooklyn College – City University of New York. McGraw is very active with the agriculture preservation efforts. She most recently partnered with the Pennsylvania's Center for Dairy Excellence to raise funds for a scholarship program. This summer, McGraw will have her artwork featured in an exhibition at Penn State University's Robeson Galley, which will include drawings of the farmland in Monroe Township. McGraw is also an active member of the Cumberland County Historical Society, the Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society, the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association and the Washington Project for the Arts.

Cumberland County's Agricultural Land Preservation Board oversees the County's Agriculture Conservation Easement Purchase Program, which works to strengthen Pennsylvania's agricultural economy and protect prime farmland. Using private, local, county, state and federal funds, the program pays willing farmers to place certain restrictions upon their land, permanently preserving the County's high quality, functional farmland. Learn more about this program at www.ccpa.net/farmland.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the State, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.