

Susquehanna County Planning Commission



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OVERALL GOAL OF THE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Maintain and improve the general quality of life for county residents by developing and implementing plans to deal with problems from all facets of local life including the environment, land use and development, government services, the economy, transportation, and recreation.

ORGANIZATION

The Susquehanna County Planning Commission has been in existence since August 10, 1964, created by resolution of the Susquehanna County Board of Commissioners to direct all County planning programs.

On December 3, 1992 the Board of Commissioners adopted an ordinance creating and establishing a Department of Planning and Development and a Planning Commission under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247 as amended by Act 170 of 1988. Under this ordinance overall direction is given by the County Commissioners with the Planning Commission acting in an advisory capacity to both the Department and the Commissioners. The Planning Commission is comprised of nine members appointed by the County Commissioners. The Department is headed by a Director of Planning and Development and is required to include sufficient staff to carry out the provisions of the ordinance which created the department.

The ordinance outlines work areas in which both the Department and the Planning Commission shall function. It is intended that the scope of activity of both the Department and the Planning Commission be expanded to provide for the coordinated development of the County, to protect the general welfare and prosperity of its residents, and to uphold the goals and objectives of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission meets once each month, on the last Tuesday of the month. Occasionally the Commission will meet to accommodate special business of the County or to participate in training sessions. Also, separate committees of the Commission meet, as needed, to attend to their duties. Formal action can only be taken at the regularly scheduled meeting unless otherwise advertised.

The Department of Planning and Development, housed in the County Office Building at 81 Public Avenue, Montrose, was staffed during 2021 by the Director and Deputy Director. Office hours are from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. Those seeking information on any facet of planning and development may visit at any time. No appointment is necessary.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

2021

Commission Officers

Rick Franks, Chairman
Nancy Harvatine, Vice Chairman
Robert Housel, Secretary

Commission Members

Chris Caterson
Matthew Curley
Nancy Hurley (January – September)
Loren Salsman (resigned)
John Ramsay
Katherine Shelly

Department of Planning and Development Staff

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Forest Lake Township
Friendsville Borough
Little Meadows Borough
Middletown Township
Rush Township

Bridgewater Township
Brooklyn Township
Jessup Township
Montrose Borough

Great Bend Borough
Great Bend Township
Hallstead Borough
New Milford Borough
New Milford Township

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Forest City Borough
Gibson Township
Herrick Township
Uniondale Borough

Clifford Township
Harford Township
Lenox Township

Harmony Township
Lanesboro Borough
Oakland Borough
Oakland Township
Susquehanna Borough

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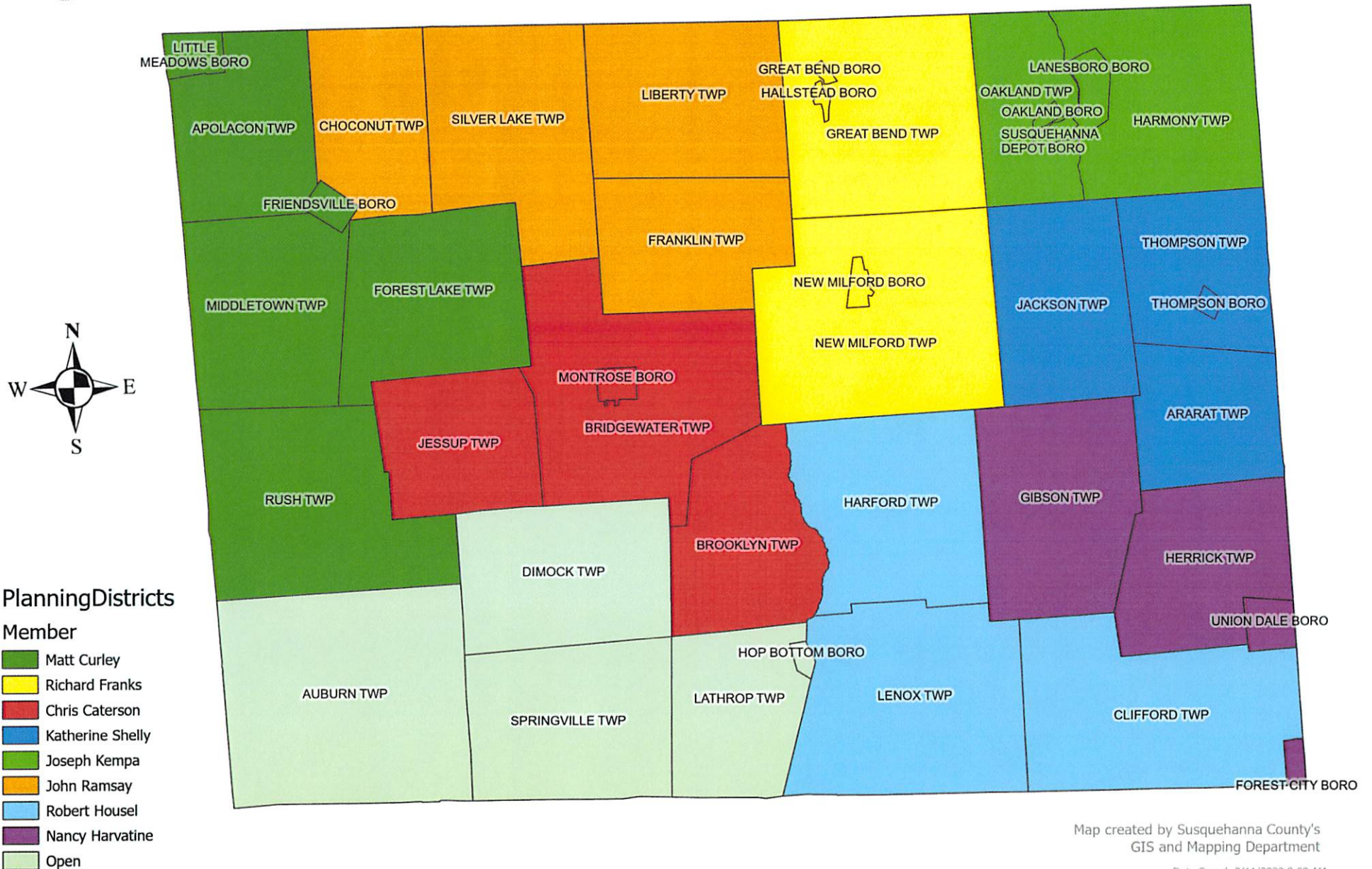
Auburn Township
Dimock Township
Lathrop Township
Springville Township
Hop Bottom Borough

Choconut Township
Franklin Township
Liberty Township
Silver Lake Township

Ararat Township
Jackson Township
Thompson Borough
Thompson Township



Susquehanna County Planning Commission Districts and Members



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POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Susquehanna County Planning Commission is made up of nine volunteers from throughout the County, appointed by the County Commissioners. The members of the Planning Commission provide a voluntary service to the community and receive no compensation for their time and effort. They can be reimbursed for any necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

The Planning Commission meetings are advertised each year in January. All of the regular meetings are open to the public. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the County's web site (www.susqco.com) one week prior to each meeting. In accordance with Section 102.4 of the Susquehanna County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, the Planning Director has been authorized, by resolution, to take action on certain types of subdivision and land development plans. These actions are then reported to the Planning Commission at the next regular meeting. All industrial or commercial development plans, major subdivision plans, land development plans, and any plan where the applicant is requesting a waiver of a requirement of the Ordinance are reviewed and acted upon at the regular monthly meeting. Every subdivision or land development plan is sent, as soon as it arrives in the Planning Department office, to the local municipality for their review and comments. No official action is taken by the Planning Commission on a plan until the Commission has received and considered the comments of the municipality or after 30 days following transmittal of the plan to the municipality.

An application for a subdivision or land development becomes public information upon receipt at a Planning Commission meeting. The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance details the method of accepting subdivision plans, which is consistent with Pennsylvania State law (the Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247 of 1968 as amended). By law, the Planning Commission has 90 days from the date of official receipt to take action on a complete plan. The Ordinance contains a specific format to follow to determine when a plan has been officially submitted.

The County's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is available on the County's web site or on CD. It is available in printed form for a small fee to cover the cost of reproduction.

The Susquehanna County Planning Commission is charged with protecting the rights of all citizens and landowners of Susquehanna County with regard to their enjoyment and use of their land as they see fit, as long as it is done legally. This includes a landowner's right to subdivide or develop their land.

The single land use regulation tool that the County Planning Commission has available at this time is the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, which is governed by Pennsylvania State law (the Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247 of 1968 as amended).

A planning commission assists the governing body in and assumes primary responsibility for developing the ordinances necessary to guide future growth. A planning commission can merely act as an advisor to the governing body (County Commissioners) in defining how the community should grow. However, the governing body may, by ordinance, delegate approval authority to a planning commission for subdivision and land development applications.

In practice most of a planning commission's time is devoted to administration of the subdivision and land development ordinance.

A County may enact a zoning ordinance. In Pennsylvania all but a few zoning ordinances are enacted at the municipal level which provides the greatest local control over land use.

The difference between subdividing and zoning is often misunderstood. Zoning regulates the specific types of uses allowed in a given area. A subdivision is the act of dividing land into 2 or more lots or parcels. Land Development regulations control how a particular use (such as a retail store or manufacturing plant) is physically placed on that particular parcel of land. Because the County has a Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance only, the Planning Commission cannot, under its Ordinance, tell someone they cannot propose a specific type of development on a specific piece of land. The Planning Commission may only regulate how that specific piece of land might be developed with the proposed type of development, such as through setbacks and buffers, in order to mitigate the effect, it would have on neighboring property.

The Planning Commission invites and encourages all citizens and landowners of the County to attend its meetings. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the County Office Building, 81 Public Avenue, Montrose. For more information you can call the Susquehanna County Department of Planning at (570) 278-5950, daily from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

MEETING ATTENDANCE 2021

The commission held eleven public meetings. Commission members had an average of 67% attendance at all meetings, amounting to 47.75 hours contributed to the County for this work. Not included in these hours is travel time to and from meetings and time spent at any separate committee meetings or site visits.

Meeting Attendance 2021

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Chris Caterson	x	x		x	x		x	x		x		x
Matt Curley	x	x	x			x	x	x				x
Richard Franks	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x
Nancy Harvatine	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Bob Housel	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Nancy Hurley*												
John Ramsay	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Loren Salsman	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Kathie Shelly		x	x	x	x	x	x					
Length of Meeting	0.50	0.50	0.75	0.50	1.25	0.75	1.25	1.25	0	0.50	1.25	.50
Public Attendance	0	1	1	2	5	0	2	1	0	0	1	0
Hours – Meeting	3.50	3.0	5.25	3.50	8.75	3.75	8.75	8.75	0	2.50	6.25	2.50

Total Hours contributed by Planning Commission members = 47.75 hours

* Nancy Hurley resigned her position 9/29/2021
x = Attended Meeting

2021 - MEETING CHRONOLOGY - 2021
(Including items of interest brought forth during the meetings)

January

- No citizens attended the Commission's online meeting
- Reorganization / Election of officers for 2021
- 3 Subdivision / Land Development plans were reviewed
- 1 Act 170 Review and Comment plan was reviewed
- 3 Staff approved plans were reviewed/concurred by Commission

February

- 1 citizen attended the Commission's online meeting
- 4 Subdivision / Land Development plans were reviewed
- 1 Act 170 Review and Comment plan was reviewed
- 6 Staff approved plans were reviewed/concurred by Commission
- The staff presented the 2020 Annual Report at the County Commissioner's regular meeting

March

- 1 citizen attended the Commission's online meeting
- 4 Subdivision / Land Development plans were reviewed
- 6 Staff approved plans were reviewed/concurred by Commission
- Staff attended the Economic Development Board monthly meeting
- No Act 170 Review and Comment plans were reviewed

April

- 4 citizens attended the Commission's meeting
- 2 Subdivision / Land development plan was reviewed
- No Act 170 Review and Comment plans were reviewed
- 9 Staff approved plans were reviewed/concurred by Commission
- Staff attended the Economic Development Board monthly meeting
- The Commission discussed online versus in-person meetings, and decided to return to in-person meetings starting in May.

May

- 6 citizens attended the Commission's regular meeting
- 5 Subdivision/Land Development plans were reviewed
- 2 Staff approved plans were reviewed/concurred by Commission
- 1 Act 170 Review and Comment plan was reviewed
- Staff attended the Safety Committee monthly meeting

June

- 2 citizens attended the Commission's regular meeting
- 1 Subdivision/Land Development plans was reviewed
- 1 Act 170 Review and Comment plan was reviewed
- 3 Staff approved plans were reviewed/concurred by Commission
- The Commission discussed stormwater requirements.

July

- 2 citizens attended the Commission's regular meeting
- 2 Subdivision/Land Development plans were reviewed
- 9 Staff approved plans were reviewed/concurred by Commission
- 3 Act 170 Review and Comment plan was reviewed
- The staff attended the Conservation District's Countywide Action Plan and Clean Water meetings.
- Staff toured Williams Central Compressor Station site
- Staff visited Brooklyn Township Building - Commercial Land Development, for inspection prior to final approval

August

- 1 citizen attended the Commission's meeting
- 2 Subdivision/Land development plans were reviewed
- 1 Act 170 Review and Comment plan was reviewed
- 4 Staff approved plans were reviewed/concurred by Commission
- The staff attended the monthly meeting of the Susquehanna County Economic Development Board
- The Staff attended the Conservation District meeting

September

- No Planning Commission meeting was held, not enough members for a quorum
- Staff toured Eureka Wastewater Treatment Facility in Wysox
- The Staff visited a Telecommunications Tower Land Development in Harford Township, for inspection prior to final approval
- The Staff visited a Telecommunications Tower Land Development in New Milford Township, for inspection prior to final approval
- The Staff attended Susquehanna County Economic Development meeting

October

- No citizens attended the Commission's regular meeting
- 1 Subdivision/Land Development plan was reviewed
- No Act 170 Review and Comment plans were reviewed
- 7 Staff approved plans were reviewed/concurred by Commission
- The Staff attended the Convention of the Susquehanna County Township Officials.

November

- 1 citizen attended the Commission's regular meeting
- 2 Subdivision/Land Development plans were reviewed
- 5 Act 170 Review and Comment plans were reviewed
- 15 Staff approved plans were reviewed/concurred by Commission
- Staff attended GIS meetings
- Staff attended Susquehanna County Outreach meeting

December

- No citizens attended the Commission's meeting
- 1 Subdivision/Land development plan was reviewed
- 10 Staff approved plans were reviewed/concurred by Commission
- The staff visited the Susquehanna County Public Safety Facility Commercial Land Development for inspection prior to final approval
- The Staff visited the Endless Mountain Resort Commercial Land Development for inspection prior to final approval
- The Staff visited Blue Ridge School District Commercial Land Development for inspection prior to final approval
- The Planning Commission named a nominating committee for the proposed slate of officers for 2022

**PURPOSE OF THE
SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY SUBDIVISION AND
LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE**

103 Purpose*

This Ordinance has been adopted to protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Susquehanna County by establishing regulations to allow for the proper and controlled development of the County, to provide for environmental protection and to insure the proper provision of community facilities. Regulations for specific types of development for which additional standards have been deemed necessary are intended to protect the rights of the residents of the County to enjoy clean air, pure water, and the natural, scenic, historic, and aesthetic value of the environment, and in particular to preserve and conserve the rural and natural features of the County. The basic tenet of subdivision and land development in the County is basing design on land capability and encouraging flexibility of design via the *conservation subdivision design* process. This will provide larger areas of open space within subdivisions and result in interconnected open space areas throughout the County.

* Susquehanna County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, adopted January 26, 2011, Page I-3

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ADMINISTRATION

The Susquehanna County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance governs all subdivision and land development activity in 33 of the 40 municipalities in the county. The Planning Director may approve minor subdivision plans and certain land development plans that do not include requests for waivers and are found to be in conformity with the ordinance. A report of those approvals is made each month to the Planning Commission for their concurrence. Major subdivisions, non-residential subdivisions and land developments, and any plan which includes a request for a waiver from one or more of the requirements of the ordinance are reviewed by the staff and presented for consideration to the Planning Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

When a plan is submitted to the planning department a copy of the map and application is immediately sent to the municipality in which the development is taking place. A "Municipal Report Form" is included in the package so that any comments on the plan can be easily submitted by the municipality to the planning department.

7 municipalities, listed below, govern subdivisions and land developments through their own ordinance and a municipal planning commission.

Clifford Township	Forest City Borough
Liberty Township	Montrose Borough
Silver Lake Township	Susquehanna Depot Borough
Thompson Township	

Subdivisions and land developments that occur in those municipalities having their own ordinance are submitted by that municipality to the County Planning Commission for review and comment.

Certain municipalities have established their own planning commissions for a variety of reasons but do not govern their own subdivisions. Listed below are those municipalities having active planning commissions.

Herrick Township	Hop Bottom Borough	New Milford Borough
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When reviewing a subdivision or land development plan local regulations must be taken into consideration, including zoning ordinances and building code regulations. Six municipalities have established zoning ordinances in order to further regulate development:

Forest City Borough	Montrose Borough
Hop Bottom Borough	New Milford Borough
Herrick Township	Susquehanna Depot Borough

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

During 2021, the Commission processed 157 subdivision and land development plans. These plans created 66 new lots/parcels of land given final approval. This represents an increase in new lots compared to 21 new lots in 2020.

Minor subdivisions decreased slightly this year over last year. Major subdivisions increased 33% while land developments decreased by 50% compared to last year.

TYPES OF SUBDIVISIONS / DEVELOPMENTS

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Addition Subdivisions	54	36	23	19	19	30	24	26	22	25	25	25	3	30
Land Developments (includes Commercial & Industrial)	27	16	19	27	40	45	38	36	23	25	33	28	16	8
Major Subdivisions	4	8	4	8	10	8	17	15	10	11	9	10	2	3
Minor Subdivisions	73	42	42	33	42	38	36	33	48	28	37	42	59	50
Mobile / RV Parks	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SUBDIVISION ACTIVITY BY MUNICIPALITY 2021

TWP. / BOR.	LAND DEV.	MAJOR SUB	MINOR SUB	ADD- ONS	NEW LOTS	OTHER PLAN	R & C ACT 170
					2		
Apolacon Twp.			2	1	4		
Ararat Twp.			1		3		
Auburn Twp.			3	2	6		
Bridgewater Twp.	1	1	6	4	1		
Brooklyn Twp.			2	2			
Choconut Twp.				3	3		
Clifford Twp.			3	2	2		5
Dimock Twp.			2	1			
Forest City Bor.							
Forest Lake Twp.		1		1	2		
Franklin Twp.			1		1		
Friendsville Bor.							
Gibson Twp.	1		1	1	1		
Great Bend Bor.							
Great Bend Twp.			3		4		
Hallstead Bor.			1				
Harford Twp.			3	1	4		
Harmony Twp.			1		3		
Herrick Twp.			1	1	4		
Hop Bottom Bor.							
Jackson Twp.			1	1	1		
Jessup Twp.				1			
Lanesboro Bor.			1		2		
Lathrop Twp.			1		2		
Lenox Twp.	1		3	2	3		
Liberty Twp.							
Little Meadows Bor.							
Middletown Twp.							
Montrose Bor.			2	1	1		3
New Milford Bor.	1	1			2		
New Milford Twp.			4	3	5		
Oakland Bor.							
Oakland Twp.				2			
Rush Twp.	1		2		4		
Silver Lake Twp.			4		4		4
Springville Twp.	3		2	1	2		
Susquehanna Bor.							
Thompson Bor.							
Thompson Twp.							
Uniondale Bor.							
TOTALS	8	3	50	30	66		12

Land Development includes Commercial and Industrial
Add-ons (Additions) include Lot-Line Adjustments

Minor Subdivision includes Minor Non-Residential
Other Plan - Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Total Subdivision Plans Reviewed = 157

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & INSTITUTIONAL PLANS REVIEWED

American Tower	New Milford Twp
Andre & Son Warehouse	Bridgewater Twp
Blue Ridge School Distict	New Milford Twp
CBH Investments	Harford & New Milford Twps
Cellco Partners d/b/a Verizon Wireless	Great Bend Twp
Cingular Wireless/AT&T	Harford Twp
Clearwater Technology, LLC	Jessup Twp
Dollar General	Clifford Twp
Endless Mountain Resort	Herrick Twp
Eureka Wastewater Treatment Facility	Dimock Twp
Goose Ranch	Ararat Twp
Gorick Ice Cream Trailer	Great Bend Twp
Springville Twp Cinder Building	Springville Twp
Susquehanna County Housing Development Corporation	Hallstead Borough
Susquehanna County Public Safety Facility	New Milford Twp
UGI Anderson Compressor Station Expansion	Auburn Twp

LOT SIZES

The average size of new lots created during 2020 was 17.42 acres which is once again larger than the past 30 years' average lot size (14.12 acres). One new lot over one hundred acres skewed the average lot size for the year. The average lot size without the 100+ acre lot was 15.81 which is still larger than the average size of all lots created in the past 30 years.

In the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance adopted in 2005 and amended in 2006, 2008 and 2011, the minimum lot size for new lots served by on-lot sewage and on-lot water was set at 1.00 acre, having been previously set at 2.00 acres in 1990. Since 1999 we have been tracking the percentage of 2 acre lots and since 2006 the percentage of 1 acre lots. The number of 2 acre lots in 2021 decreased (11) from 2020 (15). 2020 was greater than the number in 2019 (10). While the number of 1 acre lots in 2021 (14) also decreased from 2020 (24) which was twice the number of 1 acre lots in 2019 (12).

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Agricultural	6576	6584	6592	6604	6622	6624	6633	6690	6705	6711	6753	6783
Commercial	1098	1105	1118	1113	1118	1130	1123	1077	1095	1112	1361	1356
Industrial	25	24	23	22	22	21	21	25	27	27	33	33
Lots (<10 ac)	2584	2843	2853	2834	2829	2826	2824	2811	2794	2739	2718	2704
Mining	9	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential	13240	13237	13231	13223	13217	13222	13206	13208	13206	13225	13216	13205
Trailers	796	778	758	752	735	736	734	736	734	726	678	649
Vacant (>10ac)	3270	3279	3287	3296	3309	3324	3322	3326	3309	3313	3384	3374
Totals	27868	27858	27870	27844	27852	27883	27863	27863	27839	27806	27767	27724

TYPES OF PARCELS (AS ASSESSED)

CLEAN AND GREEN PARCELS (AS ASSESSED)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Agricultural	5653	5679	5706	5720	5747	5766	5788	5854	5871	5885	5921	5928
Commercial	48	48	47	48	55	56	55	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial												
Lots (<10 ac)												
Mining												
Residential												
Trailers												
Vacant (>10 ac)	2,633	2643	2660	2673	2686	2697	2706	2716	2707	2715	2754	2752
totals	8334	8370	8413	8441	8488	8519	8549	8570	8578	8600	8624	8653

Susquehanna County Public Safety Complex

Although 2021 was a challenging year with the pandemic, the County Commissioners were pleased that the new Public Safety Complex was headed for completion.

This is a quick overview of the facility which has taken ten years of research to develop a complex that meets the needs of today and tomorrow. This facility needed to not only meet standard building codes, but needed to also meet requirements from AOPC, FEMA, PEMA, Center of Public Safety, and State requirements for continuing operation of Government.

This complex is approximately 42,000 square feet within three buildings covering 17 acres of land.

Building A which is the larger of the three will house several departments. The District Magistrate will move from New Milford to the new location. This space is over double the current location which offers the use as a Central Court and the backup facility for the main Courthouse. There is a large instructional area that can seat up to 150 people in a classroom setting. Many training events will be scheduled for employees as well as seminars on everything from mental health to EMS and firefighting. This area also gives the public access to a shelter in time of a disaster. Building A is the location of our 911 center which is completely updated to meet all the new regulations and requirements. The Emergency Operations Center is also located here with state-of-the-art technology to make sure we are prepared for any disaster.

Building B will be the home for the County Coroner with an expanded office, a private viewing room, as well as, additional capacity. Building B also has office space for the undercover detectives and a laser training room. The laser training room will be used for firearms training for multiple departments in the county government. The savings alone on ammunition will pay for the room in the first year. We also have had several inquiries for outside agencies to use the facility which will create an additional revenue stream to the County. Building B will also have a live scan fingerprint machine that will allow for improved efficiency and cost savings on processing fingerprinting. Finally in Building B, there are garages for the Emergency Operations, 911, and maintenance equipment to ensure operations in winter months and to protect the County's assets.

The third building is a 40 x 60 climate-controlled PPE storage facility. (Personal Protective Equipment, commonly referred to as "PPE", is equipment worn to minimize exposure to hazards.) The PPE building will hold over 125 skids of PPE material. This will allow the County to be a supplier to our first responders and has the possibility to be a location for the Northeast Task Force for a distribution center.

In 2021 the Commissioners received the PACA (Pennsylvania Aggregates & Concrete Association) award for excellence for the leading commercial building construction in Pennsylvania, submitted by Masters Concrete. This project was completely done without the use of local tax dollars. We received grants from the State and used Act 13 funds to pay for the project. The location was chosen for many reasons. In addition to meeting disaster recovery regulations, the County was also able to secure the 17 acres of land by donation. We were able to get a local business man to donate the 17 acres that was appraised at over 1.7 million dollars. This facility serves everyone from cradle to grave. As the County moves forward with the changing times and technology, projects such as the new Public Safety Building become necessary. This project was proudly done with no tax increases or debt creation for Susquehanna County residents!

We thank everyone involved in this much needed project for our community.

Written by:

Susquehanna County Commissioner Alan Hall