

PLANNING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE

SUMMARY OF COMPREHENSIVE & MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING



HIGHLIGHTS

- The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) 53 P.S. § 10209.1(a) (1) authorizes communities to plan for their future.
- Planning should not be boilerplate but tailored to the interests and capacity of your community.
- County Planning makes every effort to assist communities that request help.
- The County will cover the cost of conducting studies, facilitating meetings, and preparing the plan.
- Participating municipalities are expected to cover the cost of mailings, surveys, and plan copies.

MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING 101

Multi-municipal planning involves more than one municipality to...

- Study community conditions to identify assets and areas of concern,
- Provide a record of the planning and public involvement conducted to form the community's vision and development objectives, and
- Create a "roadmap" of strategies and recommendations to achieve the future vision for the involved communities.

Multi-municipal planning **IS NOT**...

- A disguise to consolidate communities,
- A method for one municipality to dictate over another,
- A process that takes away local control, or
- A method to force new regulations onto local communities.



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BENEFITS OF PLANNING

- Opportunity for structured, open communication and cooperation.
- Strengthens the ability for municipalities to collaborate, which can lead to lower costs and the ability to share resources.
- Presents the ability to plan together in the context of shared economic circumstances and environmental resources.
- Can make local projects more competitive for County and State funding.
- Allows for greater legal protection against ordinance challenges in some cases.
- Enables communities to take advantage of new planning tools.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

- Each interested municipality must submit a formal letter of interest to the Planning Office to request assistance and confirm participation.
- If accepted, each municipality must pass a resolution appointing a representative to serve on the plan's steering committee.
- The appointed person must serve as a point of contact and be able to communicate via email and phone and attend regular meetings (some in-person, some over the phone).

EXAMPLES OF COMPREHENSIVE + MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING

- West Mead's Comprehensive Plan outlined the paving of Townline Road. This project not only improved its roadway system but also resolved dirt and dust issues for the neighboring landowners. This project was funded by multiple public and private/non-profit sources.
- The Conneaut Lake Region Plan envisioned plans for Water Street (traditional main street) commercial revitalization and new infrastructure. Local officials leveraged this Plan to receive over \$3 million in funding.
- The Oil Creek Region Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan focused on recreation and attracting jobs through a project-based approach that resulted in development of the Titusville Opportunity Park, Oil Creek Trail, and Myer Recreation Complex as regional assets.



Townline Road Paving



Water Street Revitalization



Titusville Opportunity Park



Oil Creek Trail



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