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Cumberland County Finance Meeting

August 6, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.
Commissioners Hearing Room
Courthouse, Carlisle, PA

Phone (717) 240-6150 Website: www.cumberlandcountypa.gov

Present: Commissioners Kelly Neiderer, Jean Foschi, and Gary Eichelberger.

Staff Present: Stacy Snyder, Chief Clerk, Angela Smyser, Deputy Chief Clerk; Desirée Diaz-Ortiz, Executive Assistant.

Department Staff Present: Jill Kurutz, IMTO; Samantha Krepps, Communications; Kirk Stoner, Stephanie Williams, Planning.

Department Staff Present via Zoom: Annie Strite, MH/IDD; Dana Best, Finance.

Other Agencies Present: Julia Chain, Katie Hess, South Mountain Partnership; Anna Yelk, Cumberland Conservation Collaborative; Peggy Fogarty, Central PA Conservancy.

Other Agencies Present Via Zoom: Tyler Fairchild, Silver Spring Township; Tim Johnson, Chair of Cumberland County Planning Commission.

Media Present: Charlie Thompson, PennLive.

Call to Order: Commissioner Neiderer called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Commissioners Neiderer, Foschi and Eichelberger were present.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 30, 2025. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Discussion and Approval of the Contracts for **MH/IDD** as Listed

- Big Spring School District – Letter of Agreement
- Camp Hill School District – Letter of Agreement
- Carlisle School District – Letter of Agreement
- Cumberland Co, Commonwealth of PA, Goodwill Keystone Area Inc – Administrative Memo
- Cumberland Valley School District – Letter of Agreement
- East Pennsboro School District – Letter of Agreement
- Greenwood School District – Letter of Agreement
- Mechanicsburg School District – Letter of Agreement
- Newport School District – Letter of Agreement
- Shippensburg School District – Letter of Agreement
- South Middleton School District – Letter of Agreement
- Susquenita School District – Letter of Agreement

- West Perry School District – Letter of Agreement
- West Shore School District – Letter of Agreement

Annie Strite presented the contracts above as listed. She explained the agreements with the school districts are for services that we do not charge the schools for. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Eichelberger made a motion to approve the above contracts for MH/IDD as listed. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Discussion and Possible Approval to Place the Land Partnerships Plan on View

Kirk Stoner requested approval to place the Land Partnerships Plan on view which is the county's plan for farmland preservation, parks, trails and natural resource protection. He explained it's an affiliate plan to our county comprehensive plan. Stephanie Williams presented an overview of the Land Partnerships Plan Update. (see attached)

Stephanie Williams called on members of the Land Partnerships Steering Committee to provide comments.

Anna Yelk stated that the land partnership is such an important part of the comprehensive plan and contains really helpful information for the municipalities to receive.

Julia Chain stated that this plan offers a blueprint to ensure residents have opportunities for a healthy lifestyle, economic growth, and a high quality of life.

Tyler Fairchild stated that this plan helps to mold what the municipalities do as well as provides critical insight into what county residents desire, lays out the core goals and mission, and provides the ideas and the thought process to be able to accomplish those goals.

Tim Johnson expressed his gratitude and support for all the work that went into the plan, all the people that contributed, the outreach, the coordination, and the writing. He shared that this plan is well thought out and really well done.

Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve placing the Land Partnerships Plan on view. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Discussion of the Planning Department Bid Results and Recommendation to Award the County Bridge Maintenance Project to JDI Site Solutions, LLC, and Approval to Issue Notice of Award, Award of Contract, and Execution of the Contract Upon JDI Site Solutions, LLC Meeting All Conditions of the Award

Kirk Stoner recommended JDI Site Solutions for the County Bridge Maintenance Project and requested approval to execute the contract.

Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve the bid results and recommendation to award the County Bridge Maintenance Project to JDI Site Solutions, LLC, and approval to issue notice of award, award of contract, and execution of the contract upon JDI Site Solutions, LLC meeting all conditions of the award. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Other Business: None.

Adjourn: With no additional business to come before the Board, Commissioner Neiderer made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Desirée Diaz-Ortiz, Executive Assistant

Land Partnerships Plan Update



PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Cumberland County

2025 Plan Update

- Cumberland County's plan for farmland preservation, natural resource protection and parks, trails & greenways
- Affiliated plan to County Comprehensive Plan
- Plan last updated in 2013



Success to Date: Land Partnerships Grants



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Land Acquisition



92

Park/Trail



31

Planning



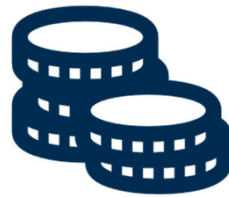
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Water

Success to Date: Land Partnerships Grants



Total Investment
\$15.9 M



County Funds
\$3.2 M



Each County \$1 Leveraged
\$5 in Matching Funds

Success to Date: Farmland Preservation

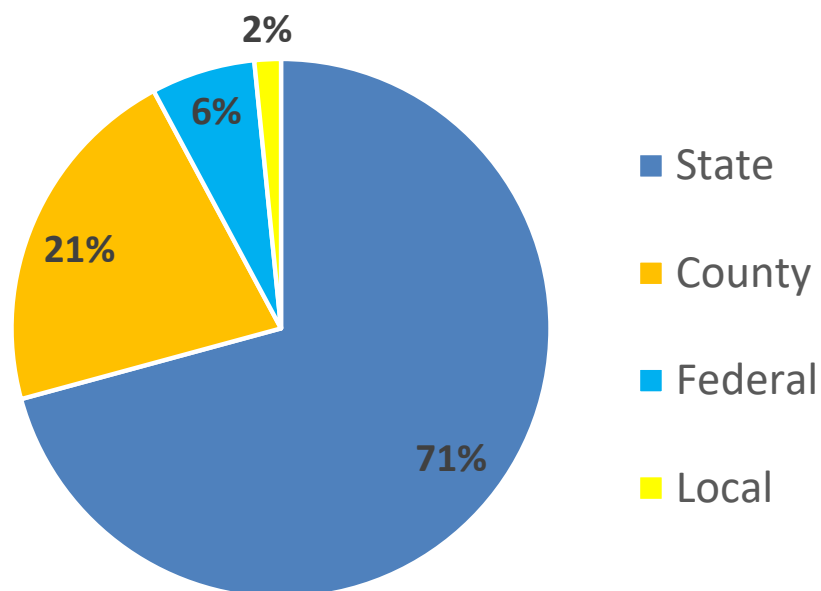


25,000 ACRES



230 FARMS

Farmland Preservation Funds Leveraged



- \$71M Total Investment
- Each County \$1 leveraged ~\$4.60 in Federal, State & Local funds

Plan Process

- Guided by Steering Committee
- Outreach to various stakeholder groups
- Public survey completed as part of comp plan
- Municipal / nonprofit organization survey
- Goals, strategies, and actions developed for each focus area

What We Heard...

- Farmland preservation is a proven, successful model with visible results
- Increasing interest in open space preservation
- Demand for parks and outdoor recreation growing commensurate with population
- More trail connections needed in and to public lands
- The County should continue and expand its leadership role

Notable Strategies

Focus Area	Proposed Strategies
Farmland Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue program execution• Promote program to secure new participation
Parks and Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steward the Mount Holly Marsh Preserve• Create countywide trails network
Natural Resource Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and voluntarily preserve priority conservation areas• Partner with SRBC to preserve critical aquifer recharge areas

Plan Implementation

- Substantial progress has been made
- Opportunities to do more with additional resources
 - Funding
 - Technical assistance
- Leverage partner resources
- Avoid competition between conservation needs
- County cannot do it all...need active participation of other stakeholders

CUMBERLAND COUNTY'S CURRENT CONSERVATION INVESTMENT

PROGRAM AREA	ANNUAL INVESTMENT	FUNDING SOURCE	TYPICAL ANNUAL OUTCOMES
Farmland Preservation	\$850,000	County General Fund	790 acres preserved
Land Partnerships Grants Parks, Trails, and Natural Resource Protection	\$250,000	Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund	6-8 small grants
Mount Holly Marsh Preserve	\$0	County General Fund	No progress on the Master Plan, unless Land Partnerships Grants are awarded internally
COUNTY INVESTMENT		\$1,100,000	
ESTIMATED LEVERAGED FUNDS		\$2,562,182	
TOTAL INVESTMENT		\$3,662,182	

Future Considerations

Program Area	Future Needs	Cost Per Acre / Project	Leverage Opportunity
Farmland Preservation	47 applications or 4,600 acres	~\$4,000/acre	\$1 county = \$2.72 State funds
Parks and Trails	51 projects	Total Project Costs Vary between \$50K-\$7M	\$1 county = \$5 Federal, State, local or private funds
Natural Resource and Open Space Preservation	18 projects	~\$1,000/acre County contribution	\$1 county = \$1-\$3 State, local, or private funds
Mount Holly Marsh Preserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated annual maintenance funding 14 improvement projects in master site plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$25,000 annual maintenance \$500,000 for Master Site Plan improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No match on maintenance \$1 county = \$1 state funds for master plan implementation

Future Considerations

- Public polling to establish priority of farmland/parks/trails/natural resources with other county services
- Evaluate dedicated revenue stream
- Organizational capacity of partner organizations
- Investments in county staff deliver results

Land Partnerships Grant Program Relaunch

- \$650,000 currently available, plus pending 2025 allocation
- Focus on high priority projects = open space preservation and trails
- October 1 relaunch
- Rd 1 Deadline = December 12
- Rd 2 Deadline = June 26

Proposed Next Steps

- Release Plan to Public - August 6
- 30 Day Public Comment - August 6 -September 5
- Final Plan Edits - September 8 - 10
- Plan Adoption - September 11