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Commissioners Release 2024 County Comprehensive Plan for Resident Input

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Commissioners today voted to release the 2024 County's Comprehensive Plan for a 45-day public review period. The plan serves as the foundational document for the county's land use, transportation, economic development, housing, and natural resource protection policies. State law requires the county to prepare and review the plan at least every 10 years. The last comprehensive plan was adopted in 2017.

The plan is organized around eight principles known as the "Cumberland Principles," which define how the county can responsibly grow in the future, while conserving its natural resources. The plan includes goals and actions that the county and its partner organizations can implement to effectively put these principles into practice.

A 2023 survey revealed that participants expressed a strong preference for the county's small-town feel, natural resources, and proximity to major urban areas and schools. The county developed the plan with extensive input from residents, businesses, local governments and other stakeholders.

"As you would imagine, residents liked the diverse commercial amenities, low crime rate, the balance of development and open space, and the natural features of the county, including farmland, streams, and lakes," said Cumberland County Planning Director, Kirk Stoner. "They also cited the county's rapid growth rate, housing affordability, and transportation safety as changes to consider for the future."

Residents can access the plan and submit comments at cumberlandcountypa.gov/120/Planning-Department. For a paper copy contact the Cumberland County Planning Department at 717.240.5362. The review period ends Oct. 26.

The Cumberland County Planning Commission (CCPC) is the agency charged with preparing the Comprehensive Plan. The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners appoints the nine

members of the board. CCPC is supported by the Cumberland County Planning Department (CCPD) that includes county staff members who provide professional planning services. The Planning Department and the Commission prepare and implement the 2024 Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan at the direction and approval of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners.

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