



# CUMBERLAND COUNTY 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Cumberland County

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## Cumberland County Planning Commission Overview

The Cumberland County Planning Commission (CCPC) is comprised of nine members who serve four-year terms. Appointments to the CCPC are made by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners. Staff support for the CCPC is provided through the Cumberland County Planning Department (CCPD).

The CCPC is charged with a variety of responsibilities as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) or as assigned by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners including:

- ✓ County Comprehensive Plan preparation and implementation
- ✓ Municipal subdivision and land development plan review
- ✓ Municipal ordinance amendment review
- ✓ Municipal comprehensive plan review
- ✓ Municipal technical assistance
- ✓ Transportation planning
- ✓ Farmland preservation

### Mission and Vision

Mission: The Cumberland County Planning Commission partners with our urban, suburban, and rural communities to implement plans that promote economic development, provide housing and transportation choices, and protect clean air, land, and water.

Vision: Securing Cumberland County's future through collaboration, innovation, and planning excellence.

### Core Values

Accountability – Every project is completed according to established performance standards and demonstrates clear value to County residents.

Integrity – Our primary obligation is to serve the public interest through the transparent, honest, and ethical execution of our responsibilities.

Competency – We pursue planning excellence through continuous professional development and certification maintenance opportunities that expand the capacity and improve the quality of our planning services.

Partnerships – Building strong relationships with municipal governments, the public, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector; creates a collaborative environment that broadens the reach and impact of our planning initiatives.

Be Present – Successful planning requires local familiarity and experience that can only be gained through our personal presence in every community throughout the County.

Respect Local Autonomy – We support the local government structure in the County and commit to working cooperatively with communities to develop “grass roots” solutions tailored to meet local needs.

### 2024 Planning Commission Members

**Timothy Johnson, PE, Chairman**  
**Tracey Vernon, AICP Vice Chairwoman**  
**Heather Sweitzer**  
**George Tyson**  
**Matt Fisher, PE**  
**Fred Reddig**  
**Edward Franco**  
**Brandon Weary**  
**Jeanna Som**  
**Kelly Neiderer, Commissioner Liaison**  
**Ian Thompson, Student Member**

### 2024 Planning Department Staff

**Kirk Stoner, AICP, Director of Planning**  
**Stephanie Williams, Senior Planning Manager**  
**Steve Hoffman, Planning Manager**  
**Elizabeth Grant, AICP, Planning Specialist**  
**Nathan Bard, Planning Analyst**  
**Jessica Cohick, Office Manager**

## CCPC Goals

1. Plan for the future of Cumberland County by developing, maintaining, and updating required countywide planning documents.
2. Achieve success through active implementation of countywide planning documents.
3. Engage with residents and partner organizations with a shared interest in executing the planning department's mission.

The following table summarizes the major accomplishments of the CCPC in 2024 organized by goal area. The projects listed below are organized by goal area and reflect the actions taken by the professional staff of the CCPD with the guidance of the CCPC.

Plan	
Projects	2024 Actions
Comprehensive Plan	The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners adopted the 2024 Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan on December 19.
Land Partnerships Plan	A new land partnerships plan was under development in 2024. The anticipated adoption of the new plan is the first quarter of 2025.
Hazard Mitigation Plan	The current hazard mitigation plan was updated in 2021. The next update is due in 2026. CCPD has been working with residents, municipalities, and other stakeholders to update the hazard mitigation plan. The anticipated date of adoption is January of 2026.
Climate Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cumberland County was awarded grants to purchase electric vehicles and charging infrastructure.</li> <li>• CCPD led an initiative to install solar panels on county owned property in 2024. The project could offset 80%-100% of the county's energy usage.</li> </ul>
Bridge CIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The county launched its small bridge program that focuses improvements on municipally owned bridges between 8 and 20 feet long. 22 municipalities are participating in the program.</li> <li>• The county started design for 4 poor conditioned municipally owned bridge. The county is leading the project where several bridges are bundled into a single contract to achieve delivery and cost efficiencies.</li> </ul>

## Achieve

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Projects	2024 Actions
Hopewell Township	CCPD assisted Hopewell Township by writing the Hopewell Township Comprehensive Plan. The plan should be adopted in early 2025.
Lemoyne Borough	The West Shore Gateway Trail Feasibility Study was initiated in 2024 in partnership with Lemoyne Borough and the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study. The study will evaluate West Shore trail connection opportunities to the Capital Area Transit Bridge over the Susquehanna River.
Mechanicsburg Borough	CCPD provided financial and technical assistance to update the Mechanicsburg Borough Comprehensive Plan. The anticipated adoption date is summer of 2025.
Middlesex Township	CCPD provided financial and technical assistance to update the Middlesex Township Zoning Ordinance. The anticipated adoption date is early 2025.
Monroe Township	CCPD county provided technical and financial assistance to Monroe Township to update its zoning ordinance that was finalized and adopted in October of 2024.

Shiremanstown Borough	CCPD and Borough Council met in late December to discuss transportation, economic development and zoning changes that would improve the borough.
South Mountain Partnership	Field work is underway to update the 2005 Natural Areas Inventory Report.
South Newton Township	CCPD is currently writing the South Newton Township Comprehensive Plan with an anticipated completion date of summer 2025.
West Pennsboro Township	CCPD provided financial and technical assistance to update the West Pennsboro Township Zoning ordinance. The anticipated adoption is early 2025.
Wormleysburg Borough	CCPD provided financial assistance for a comprehensive plan update.
Cumberland Plans Grants Program	In 2024, the county awarded \$10,000 to the Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority and \$17,500 to Lower Allen Township to support a housing plan and zoning ordinance update.
Land Partnerships Grant Program	The Land Partnerships Grant Program was paused in 2024 while the Land Partnerships Plan was updated. A new program is expected to launch in summer 2025.
	The county preserved 900 acres of the former Camp Tuckahoe property that is in Cumberland and York Counties. The county used its American Rescue Plan funding to match funding from other partners including York County and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The land will be added to Michaux State Forest and open to public use.
Planning Reviews	Cumberland County reviewed a total of 224 submissions in 2024. These submissions include plans, ordinance amendments, sewer modules and agricultural security areas.
Clean Water Cumberland Plan	56 Conservation Plans were funded in 2024. Funding was also received for agricultural stormwater, exclusion fencing, cover crops and urban stormwater projects.
Harrisburg Area Transportation Study	CCPD partnered with HATS and PennDOT on studies for I-81 widening and improvements at Exit 37 in Penn Township.
Farmland Preservation	A total of 223 farms covering 24,282 acres have been permanently protected since 1989. The program had 32 applications for preservation 2024. 3 farms totaling 312 acres were selected in 2024.

Engage	
Projects	2024 Actions
Social Media	At the end of 2024, the CCPD Facebook page included over 2,800 followers.
Municipal Outreach Meetings	Four municipal outreach meetings were held in 2024. The meetings are held in-person with a virtual option.
Training Sessions	Several training sessions were held in 2024. The trainings included topics such as historic preservation, housing, broadband, climate action, and farmland preservation.
Partner Organizations	CCPD is currently partnering with 14 organizations throughout Pennsylvania on policies or projects that implement the county comprehensive plan.

**For More Information** The CCPC's website and social media accounts provide more detailed information on the activities of the CCPC as well as a wealth of data on County and municipal growth trends. The images below have live links to the CCPC webpage and Facebook account.



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