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Dear Commissioners:

The Wayne County Planning/GIS Department is pleased to present to you the Wayne County Planning Commission 2019 Annual Report.

Act 247, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (PMPC), requires all planning agencies to prepare a written report annually to the governing body. We have traditionally used this opportunity not only to fulfill this State law requirement, but also to inform the public of planning topics and geographic information system (GIS) resources in Wayne County. The report also helps share information with our local governments for whom we are a resource in assisting them with their daily planning related tasks.

Throughout 2019, our office provided geographic information system (GIS) mapping support to various local governments, other County departments and the general public upon request. We are also responsible for the assigning and verification of physical 911 addresses, telephone updates and tax assessment parcel changes. Office GIS mapping support was provided for the required update of the County Solid Waste Management Plan. Another GIS related project completed was a 10-year update to the County's Land Use/Cover data based upon our 2017 spring aerial photography. This detailed acreage information is summarized on page 14 of this report. Municipal zoning ordinance amendment reviews were also completed for Honesdale Borough, Palmyra and Paupack Townships.

In 2019, our office reviewed a total of 130 subdivision and land development applications. These applications resulted in the creation of 58 new lots and 116 lot additions (lot improvements). The largest total of these new lots occurred in Sterling with 11 new lots, Mount Pleasant with nine and Damascus Township with seven. Of the 116 lot additions, Salem Township had a total of 24, Paupack had 13 and Damascus with 11. A total of 12 land development applications were also reviewed last year. The 2019 County-wide subdivision activity was consistent with the past few years.

The Wayne County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance covers Dyberry, Prompton, and South Canaan. The other 25 Wayne County municipalities have adopted their own ordinance and in those, the Planning Department's function is that of review and comment only, as required by the PMPC (Act 247).

This annual report is also available on the County's website (Planning/GIS link) at www.waynecountypa.gov.

We look forward to working with you in 2020.

Sincerely,

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Planning Director

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