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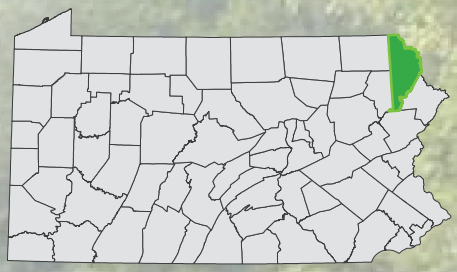

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Dear Commissioners:

The Wayne County Planning/GIS Department is pleased to present to you the Wayne County Planning Commission 2014 Annual Report.

Act 247, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, requires all planning agencies to prepare a written report annually to the governing body. We have traditionally used this opportunity to not only fulfill this State law requirement, but also to inform the public of planning issues 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 issues.

The past year was a year of transition within the Planning/GIS department. With the retirement of Edward J. Coar on March 7th, 2014 after serving as director since May of 1990, the remaining staff members took on new assignments and responsibilities to maintain consistency through this transitional period. Ed represented the planning profession well and will be deeply missed by our staff and the community. Our goal is to continue this level of professionalism that he had established.

In 2014, our office reviewed a total of 124 subdivision and land development applications. These applications involved the creation of 71 new lots and 144 lot additions (lot improvements). Twelve new lots were created in Cherry Ridge Township, which was the highest within the County for the year. A thirty-six lot combination subdivision into nine resulting lots was also approved by the Wayne County Planning Commission in Bethany Colony, a residential development in Dyberry Township, which was originally planned with the expectation of central sewage which never took place.

The Wayne County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is in effect in 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, as required by Act 247.

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

We look forward to working with you in 2015.

Sincerely,

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