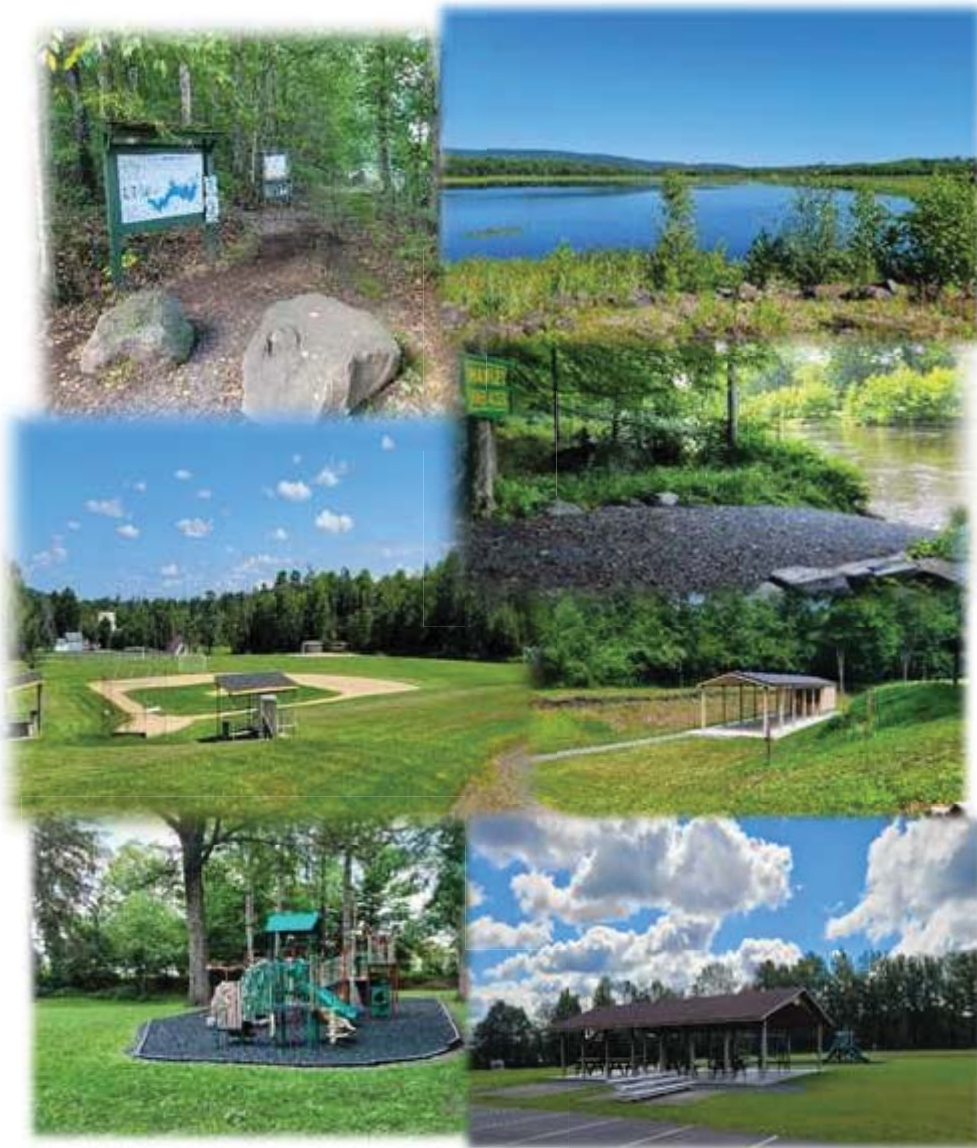


WAYNE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



ANNUAL REPORT

2021



Craig E. Rickard
Director of Planning



Wayne County Department of Planning/GIS

BOARD MEMBERS

William F. Troop, *Chairman*
Alfred K. Bucconear
Kurt Caruth
Kathy Enslin
Robert Flynn
Richard B. Henry
Alan J. Highhouse
Paul Meagher Jr.
Peter Ridd

February 24, 2022

Wayne County Commissioners
Brian W. Smith, Chairman
Joseph W. Adams
Jocelyn Cramer

Dear Commissioners:

The Wayne County Planning/GIS Department is pleased to present to you the Wayne County Planning Commission 2021 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 2021, our office provided GIS mapping support to various local governments, other County departments and the general public upon request. Our office is also responsible for the assigning and verification of physical 911 addresses, telephone updates and assisting with tax assessment parcel changes. During 2021, the Planning/GIS Department continued assisting Woodland Design Associates with the preparation of a County Recreation, Parks and Natural Resources Plan. The County also executed a contract with Shepstone Management Company and Woodland Design for an update to the County Comprehensive Plan. Municipal ordinance and subdivision/ zoning amendment reviews were also completed for Dreher, Lehigh, Mount Pleasant, Paupack and Sterling Townships.

During 2021, our office reviewed a total of 164 subdivision and land development applications. These applications resulted in the creation of 87 new lots and 145 lot additions (lot improvements). The largest total of these new lots occurred in Damascus and Dreher Townships with 11 and 10 new lots, respectively. Of the 145 lot additions, Paupack had 27, Salem with 25 and Damascus with 16. These three townships combined accounted for nearly half of the total additions in the County. A total of six land development applications were also reviewed. The 2021 County-wide subdivision activity can be viewed in detail starting on page seven (7) of this report.

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 technical 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 during 2022.

Sincerely,

Craig E. Rickard
Planning Director

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Planning Commission Members and Staff

Planning Commission Members	1
Past Planning Commission Members	4
Department Staff Members	5

Subdivision Activity and Administration

2021 Municipal Application Reviews	7
2021 Total Applications by Municipality	8
2021 Total New Lots by Municipality	9
Applications and New Lots Created 2002-2021	10

County Topics

Wayne County Recreation, Parks & Natural Resources Plan	13
Wayne County Comprehensive Plan Update	14
Wayne County GIS	15

Local Topics

Municipal Ordinance Reviews	19
Wayne County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan Consistency Reviews	21

State Topics

Wayne County Transportation Planning	25
Wayne County Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)	26

Pennsylvania County & Municipal Census Information

29

Wayne County Demographic & Economic Dashboard	34
-----------------------------------------------------	----

Municipal Index

MI-1

Zoned Municipalities	Appendix A
Municipalities with Comprehensive Plans	Appendix B

**The cover photos were taken for the Wayne County Recreation, Parks & Natural Resources Plan, and were provided courtesy of Woodland Design Associates, Inc.*