

# Wayne County, Pennsylvania

## Planning Commission

## Annual Report



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Dear Commissioners:

The Wayne County Planning/GIS Department is pleased to present to you the Wayne County Planning Commission 2015 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.

Throughout 2015, our office provided geographic information system (GIS) support to other County departments through the assigning and verification of physical 911 addresses, telephone updates, tax assessment parcel changes and aerial photography printing requests to other offices and the public. We also reviewed proposed local subdivision and zoning ordinance amendments as required by Act 247. A GIS based County Recreational Guide was also completed and printed for public distribution.

In 2015, our office reviewed a total of 105 subdivision and land development applications. These applications involved the creation of only 50 new lots and 140 lot additions (lot improvements). Thirty-one of these lot additions involved one subdivision application located on the eastern side of Lake Cadjaw involving Cherry Ridge and Texas Townships. Another 21 additions occurred in Paupack Township. Of the 50 lots created, Damascus had seven new lots, more than any other municipality. Berlin and Sterling each had five new lots created followed by Lake and Salem with four each. A total of nine municipalities had no new lots created in 2015 including all six Boroughs.

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](http://www.waynecountypa.gov).

We look forward to working with you in 2016.

Sincerely,

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