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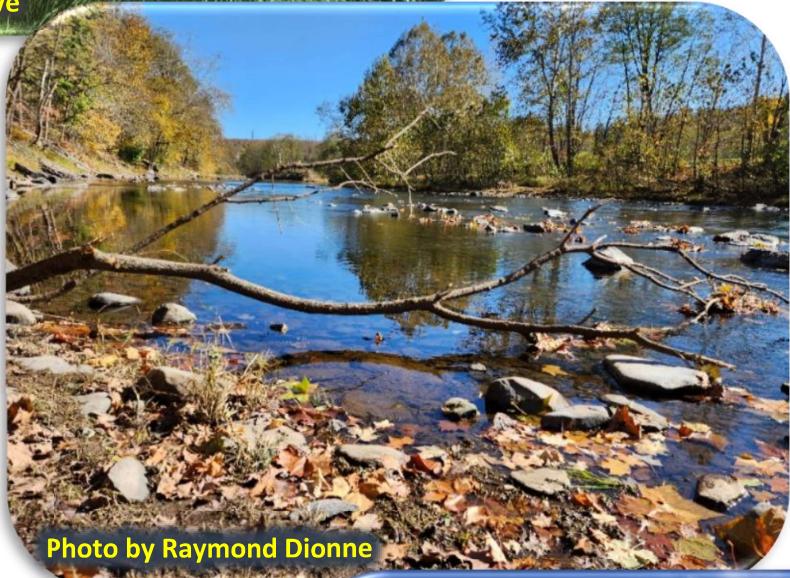


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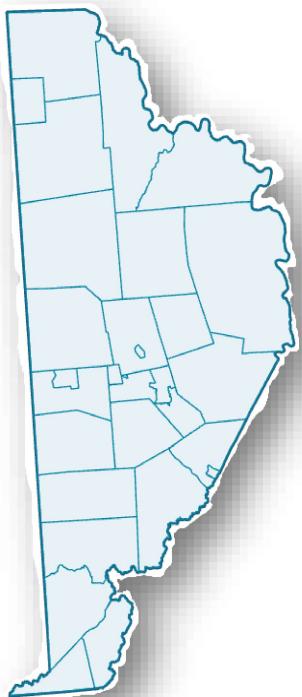


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Dear Commissioners:

The Wayne County Planning/GIS Department is pleased to present to you the Wayne County Planning Commission 2023 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 2023, 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 2023, the Planning/GIS Department assisted Woodland Design Associates and Shepstone Management Company with the 10-year update to the County Comprehensive Plan, which was formally adopted by the Commissioners on February 22nd, 2024. This updated Plan was preceded with the completion of the County Recreation, Parks and Natural Resources Plan in 2022, which is acknowledged as part of this required update. Local municipal ordinance and subdivision/zoning amendment reviews were also completed for Damascus, Lake, Mount Pleasant, Palmyra, Paupack, Preston and Texas Townships.

During 2023, our office reviewed a total of 154 subdivision and land development applications. These applications resulted in the creation of 47 new lots and 159 lot additions/improvements. The largest total of these new lots occurred in Damascus Township with eight new lots. Of the 159 lot additions, Salem had 33, Lake had 21, and Paupack and Preston with 16 each. These four municipalities combined accounted for over half of the total additions in the County. A total of 14 land development applications were also reviewed. The 2023 County subdivision activity can be reviewed 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 ordinances 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 throughout 2024.

Sincerely,

Planning Director

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