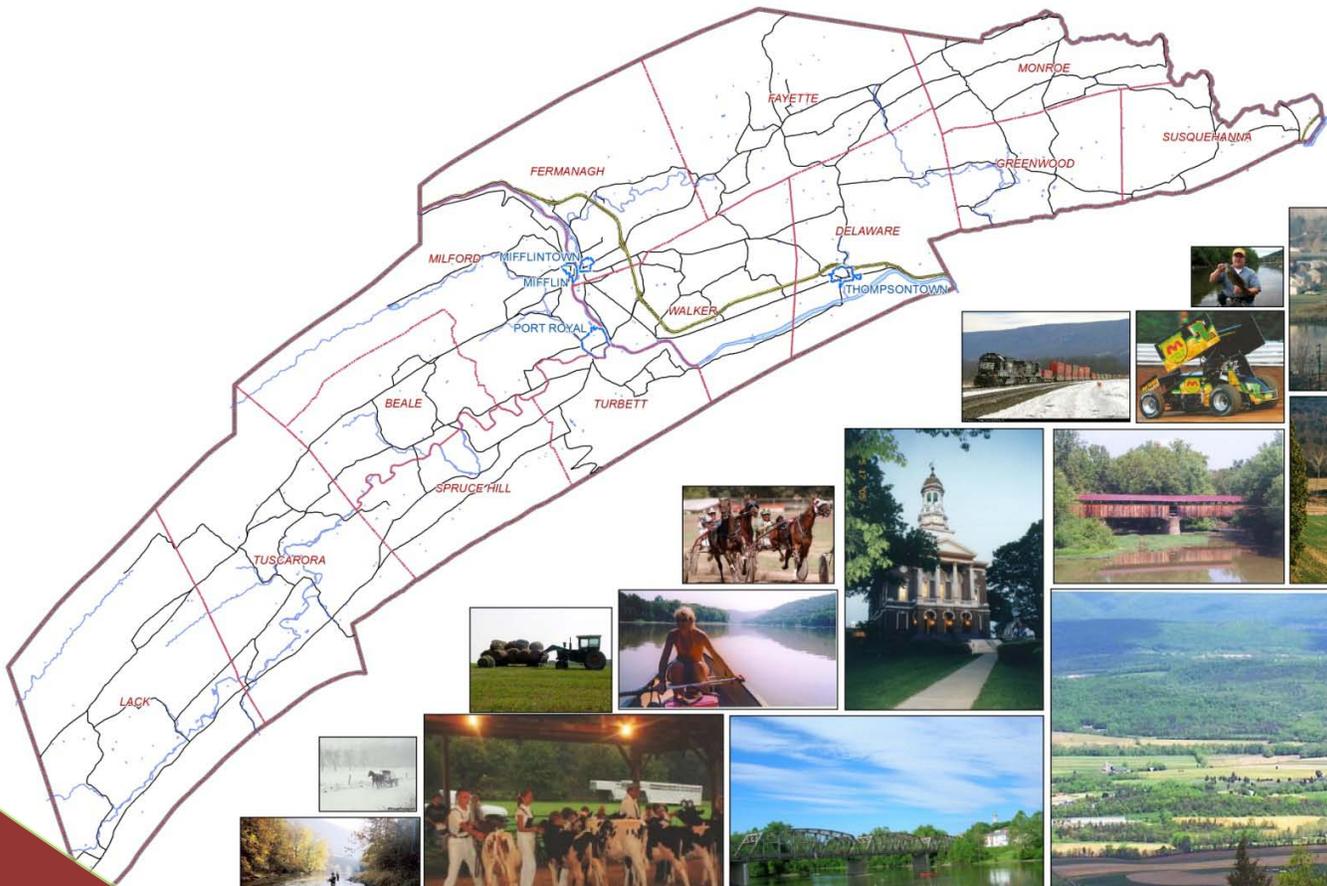


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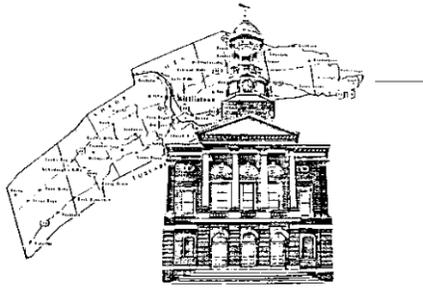
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Dear County Commissioners:

We are pleased to submit to you and the citizens of Juniata County the Juniata County Planning Commission's 2010 Annual Report. For more than 30 years the Juniata County Planning Commission has been active in planning and community development activities throughout Juniata County and the surrounding region, and 2010 was a busy year for new and continuing projects.

During the past year, we have partnered with diverse groups to advocate sound land use, sustainable economic development, responsible environmental stewardship, and a better quality of life for the residents of Juniata County.

As always, our accomplishments would not be possible if it were not for the continued support and assistance of the County Board of Commissioners. In consideration of this, and in fulfilling our obligation under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247, as amended, it is with great pleasure that we present to you the 2009 Annual Report.

Thank you again for your invaluable help throughout the year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry J. Becker, III".

Harry J. Becker, III
Chairman

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Mission Statement

The mission of the Juniata County Planning Commission is to provide strategic, coordinated, and objective guidance and oversight to the growth, planning, and development activities of Juniata County. In doing so, it is the goal of the Commission to ensure Juniata County's future is characterized by a healthy environment, economy, and society achieved through proactive planning, citizen representation, effective communication, and the provision of professional services from the Juniata County Planning Department.

1.2 Juniata County Board of Commissioners

Jeffery M. Zimmerman, *Chairman*

Dale S. Shelly, *Vice-Chairman*

Teresa J. O'Neal, *Secretary*

Sherlyn Mosebey, *Chief Clerk*

1.3 Juniata County Planning Commission

Purpose

Through its activities and those provided by the Mifflin County Planning Department, the Juniata County Planning Commission's purpose is to:

- Provide the orderly growth, development and redevelopment of Juniata County in accordance with the long-term objectives, principles and standards in the best interest and welfare of its citizens and political subdivisions
- Coordinate and integrate plans for orderly growth, development and redevelopment of Juniata County
- Improve the social and economic climate and well-being of the County

Section 1: Introduction

- Encourage appropriate land use and the efficient use of fiscal resources through implementation of the County Comprehensive Plan, which was completed in 2008
- Encourage the maximum utilization of the existing infrastructure and plan for new infrastructure, including housing
- Promote the conservation and effective use of energy, land, water and air in Juniata County, as well as the preservation of unique historic, cultural and natural features and resources
- Promote and assist in achieving improved traffic and transportation flow
- Collect and distribute relevant County and regional data and information
- Ensure that citizens and municipal officials are well informed of their responsibilities regarding effective planning and development in Juniata County
- Ensure consistency, coordination and communication between and among the County's municipal planning entities
- Encourage the continued support of a fully staffed Planning Department
- Encourage effective coordination and communication between all County entities, agencies and organizations whose activities either influence or are influenced by the effective planning and development of Juniata County

Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Begun Service</u>	<u>Current Term Ends</u>
Harry J. Becker III, <i>Chair</i>	Jan. 01, 1999	Dec. 31, 2014
George L. Hackenberger, <i>V. Chair.</i>	Jan. 01, 2000	Dec. 31, 2013
Harry F. Leach, <i>Secretary</i>	Jan. 01, 1999	Dec. 31, 2014
John M. Hepner	Jan. 01, 2005	Dec. 31, 2013
William D. Fulton	May 18, 1995	Dec. 31, 2013
Barbara Foster	Jan. 01, 1993	Dec. 31, 2011
Christopher Snyder	Jan. 08, 2008	Dec. 31, 2011
James S.G. Thompson	Jan. 01, 1977	Dec. 31, 2012
John F. Shirk	Jan. 01, 2009	Dec. 31, 2012

1.4 Juniata County Planning Department

Responsibilities

The Planning Department is responsible for:

- carrying out the duties set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (PA Act 247 of 1968, as amended by PA act 170 of 1988)
- providing staff assistance to the Juniata County Planning Commission
- maintaining the Juniata County Comprehensive Plan
- coordinating with other agencies in the areas of transportation, housing, economic development, solid waste and tourism
- providing design guidance and reviewing subdivision and land development plans
- helping guide public policy and land use decisions related to growth and development
- providing assistance to the Counties' Municipalities on a variety of issues and subjects

Staff

Mark A. Colussy, *Associate Planner*

David C. Bardell, *Planning Director*

1.5 Planning Committees

Model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Steering Committee

The Model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Steering Committee was formed to advise the County Planning Commission during the development of the Model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The committee is comprised of the following members:

Harry Becker, III, County Planning Commission Chair

Christopher Snyder, County Conservation District
Tony Neimond, Monroe Township Resident
Barb Foster, Lack Township Secretary
Marian Casner, Fermanagh Township Secretary
Gary Zeiders, Juniata County School Board
George Campbell, PLS, Tuscarora Land Surveying
Bob Kratzer, Juniata Sewage Committee

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee was formed to advise the County Planning Commission during the development of the Juniata County Solid Waste Plan Update. The committee is comprised of the following members:

Dave Bardell, Juniata County Planning Director
Keith Mingle, Juniata County 911 Services
Rich Fisher, Juniata County Maintenance Supervisor
Chris Snyder, Juniata County Conservation District
Mark Partner, Former Commissioner
Glen Supplee, Walker Township Planning Commission
George Sheaffer, Monroe Township Supervisor
Denise Troyer, Mahantango Enterprises Tire Recycler
Polly Digon, School District & Mifflintown Borough Council
Wendy Elsasser, Cocolamus Creek Disposal

SECTION 2: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

2.1 Planning

Greenway, Open Space and Rural Recreation Plan

The Juniata-Mifflin Counties Greenway, Open Space and Rural Recreation Plan was adopted on March 9, 2010 by the Juniata County Commissioners and February 4, 2010 by the Mifflin County Commissioners. The Plan represents a collaborative comprehensive approach to greenway, open space and rural recreation planning in the two counties. The Plan explores the status of parks, recreation, greenways, trails and open space and recommends strategies and actions to enhance these assets for current and future generations.

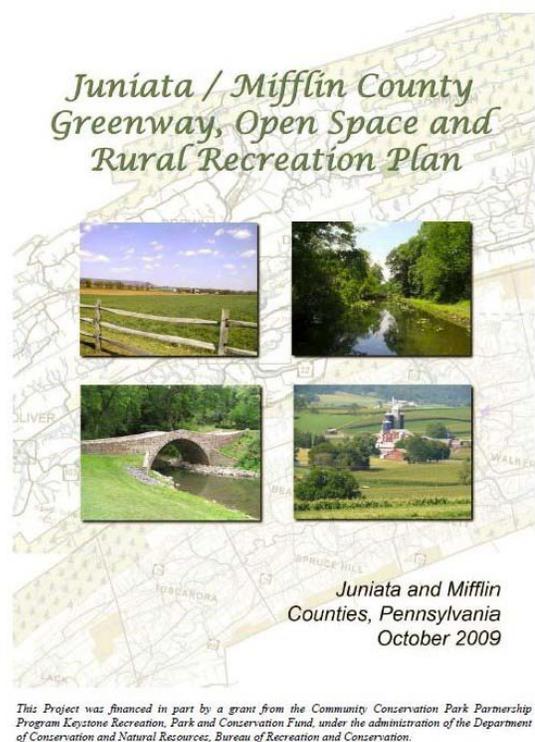


Figure 1 –Juniata and Mifflin County's Greenways, Open Space, and Rural Recreation Plan

The planning process consisted of an inventory of resources, an assessment of strengths and challenges, a development of a vision and goals and an implementation strategy. An important component of the project was public input, which included advisory committee meetings, key stakeholder interviews, public meetings and a random citizen opinion survey in both counties. During the process, targeted forums were held with local farmers and bicyclists, who expressed concern over preserving agricultural resources and enhancing better options for cyclists in the two counties. A trail and bikeway map was developed as part of the Plan. Another important facet of the Plan was its presentation of the potential economic benefits of parks, recreation and open space to our area.

The project was financed primarily by the Community Conservation Partnerships Program under the administration of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR), Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, as well as matching funds by Mifflin and Juniata Counties.

Model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance

In 2010, the Planning Department initiated work on the Model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The objective of the ordinance is to formalize uniform standards and processing procedures for subdivision and land development throughout Juniata County. Municipal officials, real estate developers, financial institutions, surveyors, engineers, landscape architects, planners, and property owners will benefit in this effort to guide community development in an orderly manner.

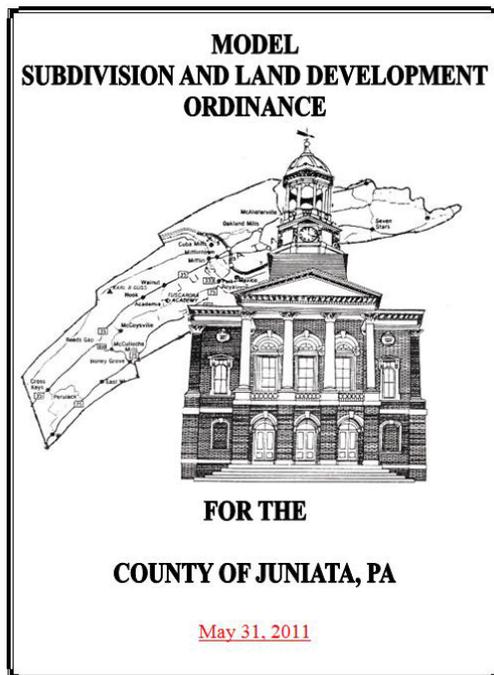


Figure 2 – Juniata County Model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance

In the preparation of this model subdivision and land development ordinance, the Juniata County Planning Commission strongly encourages municipal officials within the County to consider the model either if officials are looking to adopt an ordinance or if officials are considering amendments. Local officials will find this Model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance most helpful in these efforts. Public officials are however, cautioned to seek competent legal and planning counsel in the use of this Model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Moreover, municipal officials are advised to consider the regional and local recommendations from the Juniata County Comprehensive Plan, Juniata County Greenways Open Space and

Rural Recreation Plan, and local Comprehensive Plans in the preparation or amendment of a municipal subdivision and land development ordinance.

The Commission believes that the best way to encourage better subdivision and land development in the County is to encourage the local municipalities to adopt local subdivision and land development ordinances containing regulations designed to fit the particular needs of the municipality. The municipality in developing such an ordinance should attempt to secure citizens' opinions, including those of landowners, developers, and subdividers, during the preparation of such an ordinance. Municipal officials are also encouraged to seek competent legal and planning aid in the use of this Guide.

Any municipality in Juniata County interested in preparing a new subdivision and land development ordinance, or amending an existing one, and needs assistance may contact the Juniata County Planning Department. The Department's staff is available to provide such assistance. A public meeting for elected officials is to be held in the spring of 2011, and thereafter is expected to be adopted by the Juniata County Commissioners in the summer of 2011.

Municipal Waste Management Plan

The Planning Department continued its ongoing relationship with the Mifflin County Planning and Development Department in 2010 by beginning the process of updating the Juniata County Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan that was adopted by the Juniata County Commissioners on March 26, 2003.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) requires the plan to be updated every ten years, and the planning process to update the plan must begin three years before the ten year update. The planning process

will be slightly different from that of 2003 in that Juniata County is undertaking the project jointly with Mifflin County. Mifflin County had received grant funding to update their plan too, which was also adopted in 2003. The project is being funded primarily by PA DEP Municipal Waste Planning Grants awarded to both Mifflin and Juniata Counties.

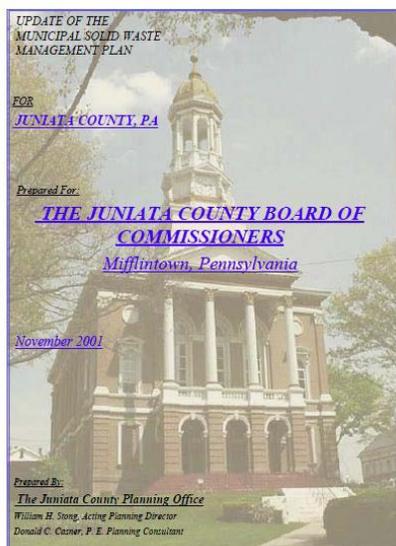


Figure 3 – Juniata County's Solid Waste Plan

Part of the planning process was the establishment of the Solid Waste Advisory Committees (SWAC), which is comprised of representatives of local government, businesses, school districts, and the solid waste community. In September 2010, the Juniata County SWAC met once, and the Mifflin County SWAC met twice. A joint SWAC meeting was held in November 2010.

The Juniata and Mifflin SWACs have been discussing waste deliveries to the transfer station, flow control, joint planning opportunities for both

Counties to address common needs, and enhancing recycling services in Juniata County. These discussions led to the SWACs conducting a site visit on October 26, 2010 to review the food recycling operations of Penn State and the Borough of State College. These operations will be fully reviewed in terms of feasibility in the development of the update of the Municipal Waste Management Plans.

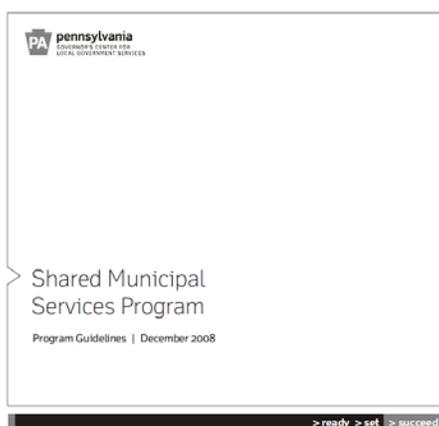
Barton & Loguidice, the project consulting firm, developed a project webpage for people in the community to better understand the process. The project webpage is available at:

<http://tinyurl.com/JuniataSolidWaste>

Drafts of the Municipal Waste Management Plans for Juniata and Mifflin Counties are expected to be completed in 2011, which will initiate the plan review process for the community and PA DEP. Plan completion and adoption is anticipated in 2012.

Shared Municipal Services Program

In October of 2006, the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) approved a Shared Municipal Services Program (SMSP) grant between Juniata and Mifflin Counties. The initial year's grant total was for \$30,800. The grant was intended to be a three year grant, requiring two more grant requests. The second grant total was for \$19,500, and the final grant was for \$10,300, in which was set to be expended by June of 2010 and closed out in 2011. The Shared Municipal Services grant was a grant intended to share planning assistance between municipalities. A portion of the grant funds the Associate Planner's salary and benefits and allowed Juniata and Mifflin counties to fill the Associate Planner position. The position was meant to be a shared position between the Juniata County Planning Department and the Mifflin County Planning and Development Department.



Since 2010 marked the final year of eligibility for the grant, Mifflin and Juniata Counties, through a memorandum of understanding, continued to share the Associate Planner position for the remainder of 2010 and into 2011. The original grant was used to hire Andrew Hartwell, who then moved onto another position later that year. In October of 2007, after interviewing several candidates for the Associate Planner position, Mark Colussy was hired to replace the departed Andrew Hartwell.

Figure 4 – DCED's Shared Municipal Services Program

In Juniata County, the Associate Planner was tasked with reviewing subdivision and land development plans, assist with the development of the Juniata County Comprehensive Plan, assist with the

development of the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan, assist with the development of the Greenways, Open Space, and Rural Recreation Plan, as well as maintain the Planning Department's website. Also, since the Acting Planning Director retired in 2007, Mr. Colussy helped fill the vacancy by helping with several other tasks to maintain and operate the Planning Department office until the Planning Director position was filled by Mr. Bardell in 2009.

Park and Ride Program

The Juniata County Planning Department and SEDA-COG identified need in Juniata County for Park and Ride lot in Juniata County. The Park and Ride Program is a program established by PennDOT to help commuters find other commuters to carpool. This is done by establishing a Park and Ride lot, which people can use to leave their vehicles to participate in car or vanpools. The lots

are typically located in convenient locations throughout most of the state. These lots help facilitate the reduction of parking and traffic congestion. Lot users make their own arrangements for transportation to and from the lots.

Once this need was identified in Juniata County, specific sites throughout the County had to be identified. Once this was done, Mr. Bardell assisted PennDOT with data acquisition to then be used to assess the feasibility of the program. The project is currently in the Engineering stage.

Scenic Byway

The National Scenic Byways Program is a grass-roots program through the U.S. Department of Transportation. The program was established to help recognize, preserve and enhance selected roads in the United States. The idea is to preserve scenic areas of the county that provide breathtaking vistas.

In Juniata County, Dave Bardell set out to assist PENNDOT in designating Route 22/322 and Route 333 a scenic byway. Milford Township and Fermanagh Township have already passed the ordinance. Turbett and Delaware Townships were still working on adopting the ordinance in the beginning of 2011. Walker Township is targeted to work on an ordinance in the second half of 2011 to complete the route. You can find out more information on the byways website:

www.byways.org

Juniata County Promotional Video

Dave Bardell assisted CGI Communications, a promotional video firm, to create a free promotional video of Juniata County. Dave assisted the firm with providing pictures from areas around the county for the video project entered into by the Commissioners. This video was produced free of charge to the county and highlights county attributes in five selected areas, Quality of Life, Real Estate, Education, Economic Development and Recreation. These brief segments, filmed on-site, highlight the unique community strengths that are most likely to drive business, tourism, and population growth. This video is hosted on the county web site. You can go to the county's website to see the video, or directly at the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/JuniataVideo>

2.2 Subdivision and Land Development

Description

An important function of the Juniata County Planning Commission is to review and provide comments for subdivision and land development plans, as authorized by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), Act 247 as

amended. In cases where municipalities have a Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, plans must be submitted to the Juniata County Planning Commission for review to provide comments to the municipality within 30 days. All municipalities in the county have their own Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance with the exception of Monroe Township, Mifflin Borough, and Mifflintown Borough.

The Planning Commission reviewed 64 plan submissions in 2010. Though this is one more plan than 2009 numbers (63 plans), it is still significantly lower than the previous four years. The 2010 total is down 52% from the 2008 total of 97 plans reviewed. Of the 2010 plans that were reviewed, 26 plans, or 41 percent of the plans were minor subdivisions (9 lots or less), 31 were Lot Additions (48%), 3 were Land Developments (5%), and 4 other types of plans. There were zero land development plans submitted for review in 2010. Refer to Chart 1 for percent of plans reviewed by type.

The plan submissions were not also equally geographically spread. Walker Township had the most plans reviewed 11, followed by Fermanagh Township with 10 plans. Fayette Township followed with the top two with 7 plans. Nearly half of the County's plan submissions (44%) occurred in the aforementioned three townships. Though it may seem surprising since the county has seventeen (17) municipalities, this high percentage of plans reviewed in this area can be explained. All three townships are in the core, or center of the county. Most of the services of the county are located at the core of the county. However, the boroughs are not seeing much activity. There was only 1 plan reviewed for all four of the county's boroughs, with the lone plan submission being in the Borough of Thompsontown. Refer to Chart 2 for plans reviewed by Municipality.

Totals

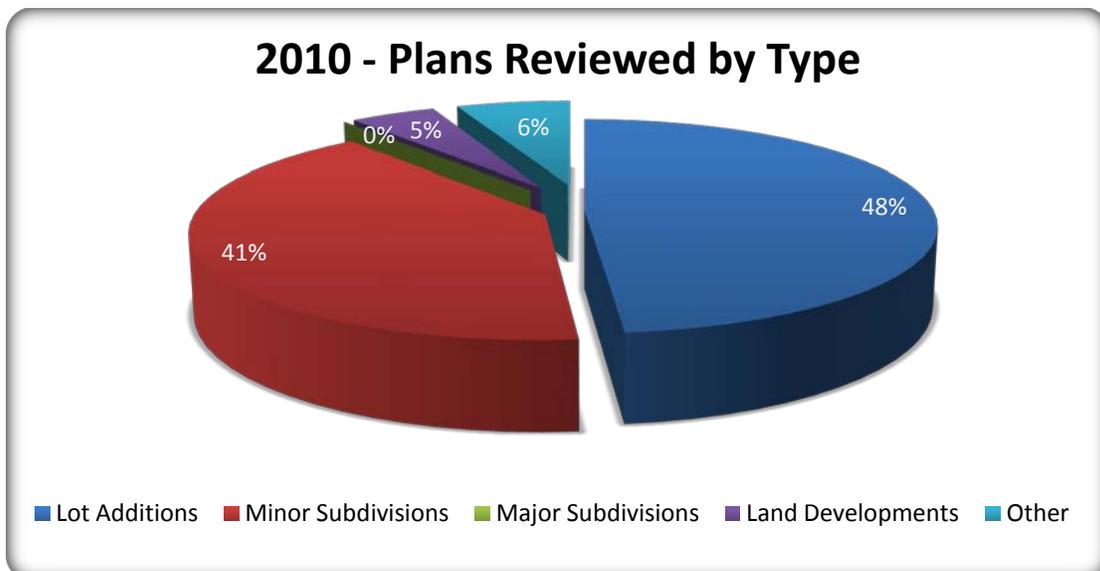


Chart 1 – 2010 Subdivision & Land Development Activity Totals by Type

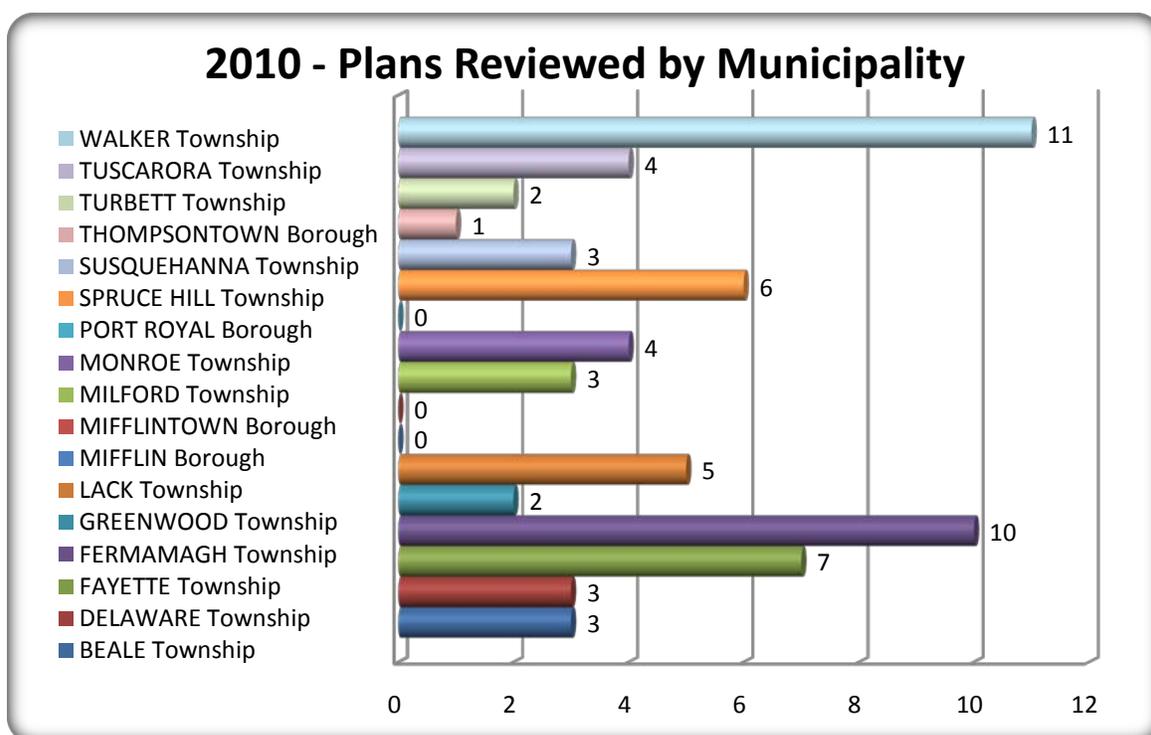


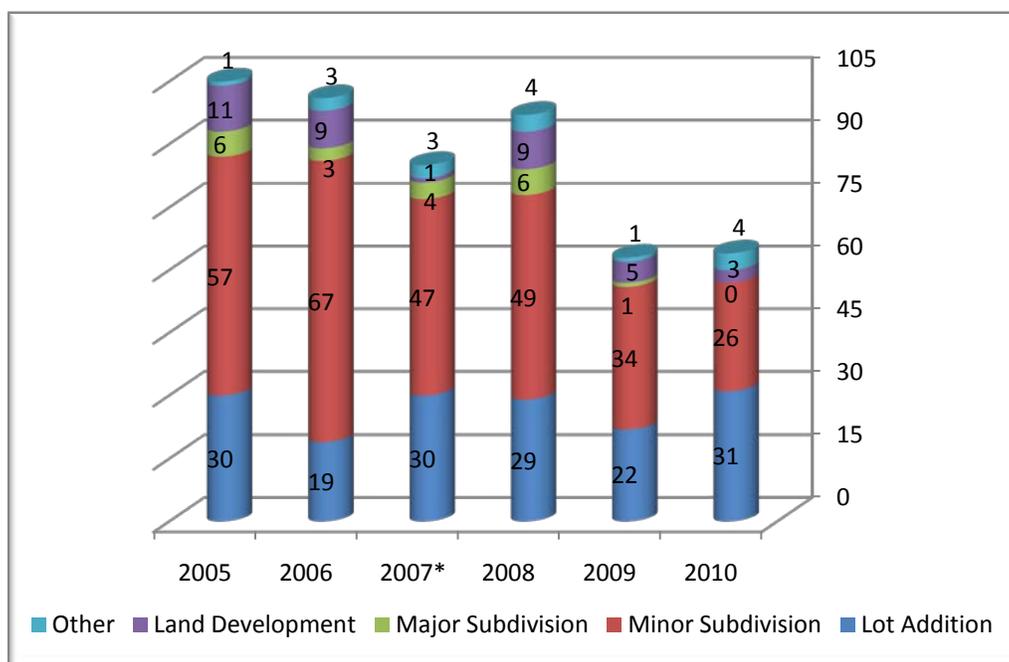
Chart 2 – 2010 Subdivision and Land Development Activity Totals by Municipality

The Planning Commission has reviewed a wide range in plan numbers over the past several years. The average over the past 6 years is 86 plans. The total for both 2009 and 2010 is significantly less than the average over the past 6 years. It seems apparent that the assumption can be made that the worldwide recession that still continues to occur has affected plan review totals in Juniata County. Refer to Table 1 for plan review totals over the past 6 years.

Year	Lot Addition	Minor Subdivision	Major Subdivision	Land Development	Other	Total
2010	31	26	0	3	4	64
2009	22	34	1	5	1	63
2008	29	49	6	9	4	97
2007*	30	47	4	1	3	85*
2006	19	67	3	9	3	101
2005	30	57	6	11	1	105
Average	26.8	46.7	3.3	6.3	2.7	86.0

*Note that 2007 does not include October totals due to the absence of staff and records

Table 1 – Subdivision and Land Development Activity Totals by Year



*Note that 2007 does not include October totals due to the absence of staff and records

Chart 3 – Yearly Subdivision and Land Development Activity Totals by Type

2.3 Community Development Block Grant Program

Description of CDBG Program

Juniata County utilizes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to benefit low and moderate income citizens by alleviating serious and immediate threats to the health and welfare of community residents by improving neighborhood infrastructure. Projects typically funded by this program are improvements to water and sewer systems, housing rehabilitation for qualified families, road resurfacing, ADA modifications to public facilities, and playground improvements. In addition, a portion of the funds may be spent on improving or adding new public services. Juniata County received \$259,569 for FY 2010 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). These funds are used for County-wide projects or distributed to local municipalities, authorities, and non-profit organizations on a competitive basis.

Fundable Activities

All CDBG projects must benefit a majority (over 51%) of low-to-moderate income persons. If a community-wide activity is funded, then over 51% of low-to-moderate income persons. If a community-wide activity is funded, then over

51% of the residents in the community must meet the low to moderate income limits.

In addition to Census data and County-wide survey data, other methods can be used to document the fundability of a particular project:

1. A survey of the households in the service benefit area be conducted that demonstrates that over 51% of the individuals benefiting from the project have low-to-moderate incomes.
2. The project is designed specifically to serve low-to-moderate income individuals. An example of such a project is housing rehabilitation, where assistance is provided only to those families that meet income guidelines.
3. The project is designed to benefit individuals who are presumed to have low-to-moderate incomes, i.e., senior citizens and handicapped individuals.

Eligible Activities

Many types of projects are eligible including:

1. Construction and reconstruction of public facilities. Public facilities can include, but are not limited to: roads, storms and sanitary sewer systems, water, recreation improvements, firefighting equipment.
2. Acquisition of land, economic development, housing rehabilitation, removal of architectural barriers that restrict the movement of handicapped persons, historic preservation, conservation and other activities
3. Establishment of new, or expansion of existing public services. Examples of this could be child care, health care, job training, education programs, recreation programs, drug abuse counseling and/or treatment, services for homeless persons, etc.

Activities that are NOT generally eligible include the construction or improvement of municipal buildings (except with the removal of architectural barriers), the purchase of municipal equipment (i.e. snow plows), and general operating and maintenance expenses.

The next page will show the projects that were still ongoing (Table 2), as well as the new projects approved in 2010 (Table 3).

Section 2: Planning and Development Projects

Project	Remaining	Project Description
Emergency Service Tower	\$12,212	Erect a public safety communications tower, gravel access roads, generator, and electric lines to serve the site to provide increased emergency communication capabilities in the region between Reeds Gap and Black Log. (2009 Funds)
Public Service – Mifflin Juniata Dental Clinic	\$8,119	Dental Clinic Staff Salaries (2009)
Village of Walnut Sanitary Sewer	\$716,015	Design and installation of a lagoon based wastewater treatment facility in the Village of Walnut, Beale Township. This project has been underway since 2003 and should be complete in 2010. (Total includes 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2006 Competitive Monies)
SEDA-COG Administration	\$20,800	2007, 2008, 2009, and 2006 Competitive Monies
Juniata County Administration	\$23,795	2007, 2008, and 2009 Monies
Total	\$780,940	Unspent Funds from Previous Grant Years

Table 2 – Projects with Remaining Funds to be Spent

Project	2010 CDBG	Description
Emergency Service Tower	\$215,019	Erect a public safety communications tower, gravel access roads, generator, and electric lines to serve the site to provide increased emergency communication capabilities in the region between Reeds Gap and Black Log.
SEDA-COG Administration	\$38,250	Grantees are entitled to use 18% of the grant for administration
Juniata County Administration	\$6,300	Grantees are entitled to use 18% of the grant for administration
Total	\$259,569	Total 2010 CDBG Allocation

Table 3 - New Projects Selected on Juniata County 2010 CDBG Application

SECTION 3: MEMBERS AND STAFF

3.1 Staff Training

Staff members of the Planning Department have participated in conferences, workshops and other events throughout the year to continue their training and professional development.

FEMA and PEMA Hold Mitigation Planning Seminar

On July 28 and 29, 2010, Mark Colussy attended a Mitigation Planning for Preparing and Reviewing Local Plans seminar held by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). The focus of the seminar was hazard mitigation and the necessary steps for an effective Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Areas covered during the workshop were organizing resources and assessing risks, as well as developing, reviewing and implementing the HMP.

PEMA introduced a new approach for converting HMPs to digital format to create a standard format for more consistency statewide. Consultants are testing this approach for FEMA standards. FEMA wants new HMPs to implement more projects, which will be considered when approving plans. PEMA encourages counties to watch for yearly grants to apply for funding to implement projects and prepare the required five year HMP updates.

Alternative Energy Workshop Held

On September 2, 2010, Mark Colussy attended an Alternative Energy and Regulation in PA Communities workshop sponsored by the Central Section of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). The workshop educated planners on the menu of alternative energy sources and their impacts on communities. Approximately 70 planners and engineers attended the workshop.

Session topics included an overview of the role of energy in Pennsylvania, solar and geothermal energy, other energy alternatives (wind energy and outdoor burning boilers) and how energy sources shape communities with discussions on green building technology and energy provisions in the MPC. A panel discussion on how local communities were regulating or trying to regulate the alternative energy sources was also part of the workshop.

PA Chapter of APA Holds Annual Conference

From October 3-5, 2010, Mark Colussy attended the Annual PA Chapter of American Planning Association's (APA) Annual Conference in Lancaster. More than 550 planners and planning officials attended the conference.

Sessions available to attend provided diverse information on ethical dilemmas faced by many planners, floodplain management, affordable housing and housing choice, farmers markets serving low-income households, land use law, designing streets to serve all users (not just automobiles), integrating transportation and land use planning, web technology to engage the public in the planning process, legislative updates, new approaches to comprehensive planning, farmland preservation alternatives, innovative approaches to transportation planning, funding opportunities and how to engage the Amish in the planning process. The PA Chapter of the APA always does a good job of providing sessions on hot button topics facing planners in Pennsylvania.

PMPEI Subdivision and Land Development Review Course

On November 3, 10 and 17, 2010, Dave Bardell and Mark Colussy attended the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI)'s Subdivision and Land Development Review Course. PMPEI coordinated with the Mifflin and Juniata County Planning Commissions to hold 10 hours of training on subdivision and land development review. Stan Lembeck, AICP and Bill Elmendorf of Penn State instructed the course on the subdivision and land development process, spanning from pre-application meetings through project completion. The three sessions were broken down in the following sections: 1) the principles of subdivision and land development regulation and ordinance requirements, focusing on key provisions of the MPC; 2) subdivision and land development review procedures; and 3) design and technical standards of subdivision development.

Course topics included the MPC requirements governing subdivision and land development regulations; the importance of regulations to municipalities and to developers; a procedure for reviewing applications; requirements for approving and denying plans; project completion and follow-up; design considerations; density and open space criteria; and new approaches to better project design.

All Hazard & Mitigation Training/Damage Assessment

On May 20 and 21, 2010, Dave Bardell attended a workshop that discussed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. This Act amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by, among other things, adding a new section on Mitigation Planning (Section 322). Section 322 requires local

governments to prepare and adopt jurisdiction-wide hazard mitigation plans as a condition of receiving Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds to “brick and mortar” mitigation projects. The Mitigation Planning Workshop for Local Governments assisted representatives of local communities or multi jurisdictional planning areas to develop a mitigation plan that meets community needs. It also assisted them to meet the Section 322 local government planning requirements as described in 44 CFR Section 201.6. This workshop explained each of the requirements, demonstrates how FEMA's Mitigation Planning How-to-Guides can be used to address each requirement, and provides opportunities to begin the planning process in group activities with representatives of the same community or planning jurisdiction.

Roadway and Safety Improvement Training

On May 27, 2010, Dave Bardell attended a Roadway and Safety Improvement seminar. This course discussed road safety basics, as well as instruction on the process, tools, data, analysis and effort necessary for development of a Roadway Safety and Improvement Program (RSIP). This course also included information on methods for improving safety, including identifying and implementing safety counter-measures, as well as typical costs.