

## Chapter 1: Introduction

### Plan Organization

*The plan is designed to be easy to read, focused and emphasize implementable actions that can be accomplished over the next twelve years.*

This document incorporates a review of the 2006 Comprehensive Plan for Lycoming County, PA – Phase II with emphasis placed on developing a strategic list of priorities and projects for the County to focus on over the next ten to twelve years. This review is organized into five (5) sections.

The Introduction presents an executive summary highlighting the notable concerns, opportunities and discussion points covered in this plan. It includes both rural and urbanized area highlights.

The Topical Area Updates capture the significant or notable changes that have occurred in Lycoming County in four categorical areas: *Community and Economic Development, Community Facilities and Infrastructure, Land use and Resource Management, and Transportation and Mobility*. This section looks at the status of each topical area, what has changed since 2006, and what relevant trends are worthy of being reported.

The County Priorities section identifies eight (8) countywide priority issues. These (8) were determined to be the most important, throughout the County, out of the top 14 thematic issues commonly identified across all multi-municipal and rural planning areas during the 2015-2018 comprehensive planning process.<sup>1</sup> Following each priority issue are the “Projects of Countywide Significance” with a brief description of the project’s intention and partners who should be involved. It is intended that a specific Project Delivery Teams (PDT) will be created to begin implementation of each project, program or initiative.

The Growth Area and Future Land Use Maps section provides a detailed look at any areas of the County for which there has been changes in the designated growth area boundaries, future growth area boundaries, and/or future land uses.

The Appendices are the final section of this document and include the following items:

- A. Plan Process
- B. Meeting Summaries and Reports
- C. Research and Analysis
- D. Reference Maps
- E. Plan Consistency and Plan References
- F. Acronyms

<sup>1</sup> See Thematic Issues List at the end of Appendix A