

MEETING SUMMARY

Lycoming County 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update
Rural East PAT
February 29th — Meeting #2
6 – 8:00 pm, Hughesville Public Library



Attendees:

Kurt Hausammann, Jr., AICP, PCD Director
Christine Weigle, LCWSA
Victor Marquat, Frankltn Twp
Robert Puderbaugh, Jordan Twp

Chris Keiser, LCPC
Brett Taylor, LCPC
Luther Lunt, Upper Fairfield Twp

Agenda Item #1 – Welcome and Introductions

Kurt Hausammann facilitated the meeting and began the discussion. He thanked the members of the PAT for their interest and attendance, and asked that everyone sign-in. All members present introduced themselves, including their organization and role.

Meeting materials were distributed for the night's discussion which is to be added to the folders given out at the first meeting. These folders are to serve as the PAT member's record of our progress and discussions.

Agenda Item #2 – Reviewing Data and Issues

Kurt reviewed the PowerPoint slides reviewing the results of the SWOT analysis and received input regarding various notable outcomes of the SWOT summary.

Kurt reviewed the demographic information that has been gathered thus far from census data. A summary document was distributed to the group that showed **projections** based upon population and demographic trends. A demographic **forecast** which combines observations & assumptions with the **projections** presented in this meeting will be arrived at as a result of this planning process.

Agenda Item #3 – Facilitated Discussion on 2006 Plan Review

Kurt lead a discussion regarding the review of issues covered in the 2006 plan to see what is still relevant and what topics needed to be expanded.

Agenda Item #4 – Comprehensive Plan Update Process

Kurt then summed up the remainder of the presentation by touching on our updated meeting schedule, the organization and contents of the updated planning document, prioritization of projects, PAT members role/responsibilities, data needs and focus group information. The group identified several major issues: septic failures, structurally deficient bridges, lack of cell coverage, natural gas to rural residents, and lack of UTV/ATV trails. One major project was identified, Sewer system for Lairdsville. Kurt asked the group to think about other projects or programs that could address the issues that have been identified for the next PAT meeting.

Agenda Item #5 – Next Steps

PAT members agreed that the same day of the month in April would work for the next meeting. **Next meeting is June 14 at 6pm at the Hughesville Public Library.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

RURAL EAST PAT - PRIORITIZED ISSUES (Keep)

Agriculture

Loss of farms

CAFO's

Community Development

Floodplains

Good schools

Inter municipal cooperation

Community Facilities

Stormwater Management

National gas distribution

Public water

Failing septic

Aging infrastructure

Economic Development

Exodus of younger generation

Low wages

Employment

Tax rates

Small business struggle

Heritage, Culture

Fewer younger families

Cultural resources

Natural Resources

Groundwater

Surface water quality

Pristine nature Susquehanna River

Scenic resources

Preservation of natural resources

Steep slope development

Air quality

Public Safety

Drugs

EMS

Fire

Police

Transportation

Joint Rail Authority-strength

Quality transportation

RURAL EAST PAT – NON-ISSUES (Don't Keep)

Agriculture

Ag preservation

Industrial farms

Community Development

Strip housing development

Uniform construction code

Standardized land use inventory

Community Facilities

Sewer expansion

Broadband

Water system

Economic Development

Heritage, Culture

Natural Resources

Ridgetop development

Karst geology

River access

Public Safety

Interchange development

Transportation

High air transit costs

I-99

Public transit

Airport