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Appendix A

Plan Process

1. Plan Process
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Plan Process

Although Article III of the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) establishes parameters and requirements for comprehensive planning in PA, the process itself is largely left in the hands of the municipalities preparing the plan. This plan is the 10-year update to the 2005 Greater Williamsport Alliance Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan for the Greater Williamsport Alliance Planning Area.

As in the preparation of the 2005 Plan, a Planning Advisory Team (or PAT) was established to help guide the process and content related to this plan. The advisory team's purpose was to provide input, feedback, and pertinent information pertaining to the development of the Comprehensive Plan, as well as to present issues and concerns facing the future of Lycoming County. This PAT had broad representation from various sectors in the community, including: municipal government, municipal authorities and other entities, public safety agencies, education and health institutions, community organizations and other relevant institutions within this Planning Area. The full list of participants can be found in the front chapter of this document. The Greater Williamsport Alliance PAT met for five meetings between September 2015 and April 2017. Meeting notes can be found in the next section of the Appendices.

Lycoming County Planning and Community Development (PCD) staff facilitated the process on behalf of the municipalities in this planning area. The beginning of the planning process was marked by four public outreach meetings around the county to inform the public about the process and also collect feedback on current issues. Meetings were held in Trout Run (Lewis Township), Jersey Shore Borough, Hughesville Borough and the City of Williamsport in September 2015.

As part of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan community outreach strategy, Lycoming County conducted a series of focus group meetings in spring of 2016 with key stakeholders representing a cross-section of the County. Each meeting concentrated on a specific subject area and included participants from organizations with relevant subject matter expertise including local governments, County government, emergency service providers, utility providers, public authorities, non-profits, for-profit businesses, community leaders and others. Focus Group sessions were conducted on the following topics, Economic Development; Community Facilities and Infrastructure; Public Safety; Heritage, Culture and the Arts; Natural Resources, Agriculture and Forestry; Transportation; and Community Development. The findings of these meetings were incorporated into the identification of thematic local and county-wide issues and the development of priority projects and initiatives included in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan and Multi-Municipal Plans.

Staff also facilitated an on-line and intercept survey to the public that took place late Summer/early Fall 2016. The results relevant to this Planning Area are conveyed in the Quantitative Research section of the Appendices.

While the collection and analysis of demographic, workforce, economic, and social data are important to identifying and validating existing, sustained, and emerging issues and trends in the planning area and its individual municipalities, this document is focused on actionable, implementable strategies to address those issues currently seen as the greatest priorities. **This is an implementation-focused plan.** To that end, the approach and construct of this review and implementation strategy were developed with the following characteristics and principles:

- Identification and prioritization of issues
- Broad, representative stakeholder involvement and issue vetting
- Citizen participation and ready access to information
- Commitments to implementation with clear actions, timelines, identification of responsible parties and prospective partners, and the identification of prospective funding
- User-friendly for a wide range of users
- Planning consistency – Integration with and connectivity to other planning documents, such as the Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan, the Lycoming County Hazard Mitigation Plan or the County Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plan

14 Thematic Issues prioritized across all PATs

These 14 Issue Statements were determined to be of importance to the six multi-municipal planning areas in Lycoming County during the 2015-2017 update process. All of these were selected by at least one PAT as a priority issue in their Comprehensive Plan.

1. The economy is changing, and our communities and workforce are not optimally positioned to realize our untapped economic potential and become resilient to economic trends.
2. Flooding is a threat to life, property, and communities throughout the county.
3. Communications infrastructure (especially cell phone and broadband internet) do not meet the needs of all areas of the County.
4. Significant cultural and historical resources are not adequately documented, protected, and promoted.
5. Current land use regulations and enforcement do not consistently and adequately meet community visions and respond to changing conditions.
6. Downtown and village center areas across the County are not thriving or achieving their maximum potential.
7. Fragmentation of local government in Pennsylvania is a barrier to efficient delivery of some public services.
8. Natural gas infrastructure is not adequate in all areas of the County.
9. Outdoor recreation resources are not fully developed, protected and promoted.
10. Drugs, particularly heroin, are creating significant social, economic, public health, and safety problems across the County.
11. Our multi-modal transportation system, particularly the airport, has deficiencies in safety, physical condition, and availability of facilities in some areas of the County.
12. Volunteerism and civic engagement, particularly among young people, are insufficient to sustain community institutions and services.
13. Water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure systems are not sufficient across the County to meet all needs.
14. Water quality is vital, but is vulnerable to a multitude of threats.

Appendix B

Planning Advisory Team Meeting Summaries and Reports

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MEETING SUMMARY

Lycoming County 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update
Greater Williamsport Alliance PAT
October 28, 2015—Meeting #1
1:30-4 p.m., Walnut Room, Williamsport Hospital



Attendees:

Megan Lehman, Lycoming County PCD
Kim Wheeler, Lycoming County PCD
Lauren Robinson, Lycoming County PCD
James Crawford, LCPC
Jim Dunn, Armstrong Township/LCPC
Joe Girardi, City of Williamsport
John Grado, City of Williamsport
Bonnie Katz, City of Williamsport
Gary Knarr, City of Williamsport
John Markley, City of Williamsport
Michael Caschera, Duboistown Borough
Robin Rundio, Duboistown Borough
John Bower, Loyalsock Township
Bill Burdett, Loyalsock Township
Marc Sortman, Loyalsock Township

Dr. Mehrdad Madresee, Lycoming College
Joy Walls, Lycoming County Arts Alliance
Judy Olinsky, Lycoming County Arts Alliance
John Bickhart, LCWSA
Linda Mazzullo, Old Lycoming Township
John Eck, Old Lycoming Township
Eiderson Dean, Preservation Williamsport
Casey Lowmiller, South Williamsport Borough
Michael Miller, South Williamsport Borough
Daniel Hoffman, Susquehanna Health System
Jim Slotterback, Susquehanna Health System
Scott Williams, Williamsport Bicycle Committee
Chuck Hauser, WMWA-WSA
Doug Keith, WMWA-WSA

Agenda Item #1 – Welcome and Introductions

Megan Lehman, staff lead for the GWA PAT, facilitated the meeting and began the discussion, with assistance from Kim Wheeler and Lauren Robinson. Megan 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.

One binder was provided for each municipality with today's meeting materials. This binder should be retained as an archive of the PAT work and to house the municipality's final adopted copy of the completed plan. Other members were provided with meeting materials in a folder.

Note: For more detail on **Agenda Items #2 through #6** below, please see the PowerPoint slides, which were provided to PAT members in their packets. For more details on **Agenda Item #7**, see the SWOT Analysis, which was emailed to PAT members.

Agenda Item #2 – What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Megan reviewed the PowerPoint slides regarding the intent and scope of a county comprehensive plan. Three main components of a comprehensive plan:

- a. Inventory of existing conditions
- b. A vision and set of goals and policies to achieve the vision
- c. Implementation strategies for those goals and policies

She explained that the Comprehensive Plan is a general policy guide for the physical, social and economic development of the Lycoming County community. It is a vision for the County and a long-range policy to make that vision a reality. Megan also explained the differences between planning and regulation and cited examples of both. Furthermore, she explained that a Comprehensive Plan evaluates existing land use, transportation systems, housing, community facilities and services, natural and cultural resources, water supply needs, and opportunities for intergovernmental cooperation.

Agenda Item #3 – Roles, Responsibilities, & Operating Procedures of the PAT

Megan reviewed the PowerPoint slides regarding the roles, responsibilities, and operating procedures of the PAT as provided in the packet. Members were advised to remember that the plan update for the GWA will only be as good as we collectively make it. Megan also emphasized that the role of the PAT members is to convey the concerns of the municipalities or organizations they represent, and to their knowledge, the concerns of local residents and other constituents.

Agenda Item #4 – Draft Comprehensive Plan Timeline

Megan explained the expected timeline for the comprehensive plan update process as provided in the packet.

PAT member participation is greatly needed during each phase. PAT meetings will be held approximately every 2-3 months, with homework assignments in between. The next few steps include:

- A second PAT meeting in mid to late January 2016.
- Focus groups on specific topic areas in February 2016. The results of the focus group sessions will feed into the countywide plan and also the multi-municipal plans.
- A second opportunity for full public engagement in June 2016. The public will weigh in on some of the early ideas coming out of the PAT process.

The overall process is expected to conclude in Summer 2017 with adoption by applicable municipal and county governments.

PAT members asked a series of questions about how the County would include youth and young adult input and encourage participation into the process. All acknowledged that these are difficult demographics to reach via traditional approaches, such as public meetings. Several possibilities were discussed, and Megan explained that a Youth PAT including high school students was already being planned but likely would not begin meeting until mid-2016. The group discussed ways to get young adults (specifically young professionals in their 30s and 40s) involved. PCD staff recorded the ideas provided and asked for PAT members to continue to provide additional suggestions as they think of them.

Agenda Item #5 – Overview of 2006 Plan

Megan provided a short summary of the major themes and recommendations from the 2006 Plan for this PAT. The following items were noted as some of the broad themes or concerns in the plan:

- “Quality of life is first and foremost reason for choosing to live here, and an asset to be preserved for future generations”
- First multi-municipal plan completed for these municipalities

- Vibrant city recognized as keystone to health of region/county
- “Brain drain,” population loss a major concern
- Recommendations for implementation by municipalities, county, other entities—widespread responsibility
- Only PAT that continued meeting after 2006 Plan was completed

The following items were some specific, selected recommendations noted from the 2006 plan:

- Target growth and development to Designated Growth Areas
- Reuse brownfields and underutilized parcels
- Enhance housing options and preserve neighborhoods
- Revitalize, celebrate downtown/arts/historic cultural assets
- Recognize/leverage the presence of two colleges
- Preserve ridgetop/steep slopes; limit development there
- Review and update ordinances following plan adoption
- Manage floodplains to reduce hazards
- Improve traffic safety along roadways
- Increase bikeway/pedestrian pathways and connections
- Improve and rehabilitate existing water/sewer infrastructure; expand where growth is desired
- Improve community image and appearance
- Develop new recreation opportunities
- Improve stormwater management
- More proactive code enforcement to improve health and safety, community appearance

Agenda Item #6 – Highlight of Accomplishments Since 2006

Megan provided a short list of accomplishments that have taken place in this PAT area since the 2006 Plan was adopted. Members were asked to suggest other noteworthy accomplishments to include for future documentation. It was acknowledged that this list only scratched the surface of progress made.

The following accomplishments were noted by County staff as part of the presentation:

- Regional sewage infrastructure upgrades
- Recreational amenities (Susquehanna Riverwalk, Conservation Learning Trail, OLT Community Park, South Williamsport Park, Loyalsock Dog Park, Splash Cove...)
- Zoning ordinance updates (most municipalities, countywide)
- GWA as home base for gas industry headquarters
- Downtown Williamsport renaissance
- Expanded arts/cultural events (First Friday, Williamsport Welcomes the World)
- Education: Public school building upgrades; better integration of colleges into community; library expansion (children’s wing)
- MS4 regional collaboration
- Source water protection for Armstrong Township
- Investment in healthy communities: YMCA, Williamsport Hospital upgrades, Pathway to Health
- Brownfield redevelopment
- Senior/affordable housing: Memorial Homes, Grove Street
- I-180 Corridor Plan and Old City Redevelopment Plan

- Major transportation projects (All three river bridges, Rt. 15 safety improvements, Church Street, Trade & Transit Centers)
- Countywide plans completed or updated (Solid Waste, Stormwater, Recreation/Parks/Open Space, Long-Range Transportation, Hazard Mitigation...many more)

In addition, members of the PAT added the following comments to the GWA's collective accomplishments since 2006:

- Historic district designation; district further developed
- College partnerships improved; interns working in local organizations
- Improved tourism initiatives; examples included tours, Genetti, Chamber/Tourism Board efforts
- Joint Rail Authority Industrial Development; rail-sided business development and redevelopment, Newberry rail yards
- Increased public art; designation as Governor's Arts Community in 2008
- Susquehanna Greenway Partnership rivertowns designation and cultural trails (evolving)
- New and renovated hotels
- Regionalization of sewer and water infrastructure and coordination/administration
- Veterans Memorial Park
- STEP senior center

Agenda Item #7 – SWOT Analysis and Prioritization

The PCD staff team (Megan and Kim) conducted a SWOT analysis exercise in which members were asked to identify the PAT area's particular strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. After all responses were documented, members were given the opportunity to prioritize the answers by using dot stickers (two per category). The results were later tabulated and documented by PCD staff in a separate document, which was emailed to the PAT members.

Agenda Item #8 – Homework Assignment and Next Meeting

Members were asked to add a standing agenda item for Comprehensive Plan Update to their municipality's or organization's monthly meeting agendas, and to provide updates when available and solicit feedback to bring back to the PAT. Members were also asked to check back to the project website regularly for updated information and resources for future PAT meetings. All material will be housed at www.lyco.org/CompPlan, with sub-pages to be created for PAT meeting resources.

Megan explained that specific homework assignments will be sent out via email to PAT members and should be completed prior to the next meeting, which is planned for January 2016. Homework assignments will be focused around review of specific sections of the 2006 plan. Megan will follow up with reminders to all members.

The group briefly discussed scheduling of future meetings. It was decided that the next meeting would be scheduled for 4-6 p.m. on a weekday to see if that time works for most people. This time will help those who must take time off work for their day jobs in order to participate, but also avoids a long evening meeting. Megan will coordinate the next meeting date.

Megan adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Threats: 46 votes total

- 12 – Lack of funding – government mandates
- 11 – Flood damage risk/burden
- 6 – Boom/bust cycle of NG industry; fewer jobs needed
- 5 – Flood insurance reform – Biggert-Waters Act
- 4 – Reliance of local tax base to provide services
- 3 – Ever-changing state/federal priorities
- 2 – Financial support for non-profits
- 1 – Underutilized capacity of hotels
- 1 – Declining school enrollments due to transient population
- 1 – Income pressures on middle class
- 0 – Loss of mid-sized family businesses
- 0 – Export of natural gas resources

MEETING SUMMARY

Lycoming County 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update
Greater Williamsport Alliance PAT
February 19, 2016—Meeting #2
4-6 p.m., Walnut Room, Williamsport Hospital



Attendees (who signed in):

Megan Lehman, Lycoming County PCD
Kim Wheeler, Lycoming County PCD
James Crawford, LCPC
Dick Staib, Armstrong Township
Bonnie Katz, City of Williamsport
Joe Girardi, City of Williamsport
Linda Mazzullo, Old Lycoming Township
John Eck, Old Lycoming Township

Scott Williams, Williamsport Bicycle Committee
John Bickhart, LCWSA
Chuck Hauser, WMWA-WSA
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Joy Walls, Lycoming County Arts Alliance
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Agenda Item #2 – Reviewing Data and Issues

The group reviewed and discussed the following items:

- SWOT Analysis Results from Meeting #1
- Demographic data analysis of the GWA planning area

During the data review, the following points were discussed:

- City of Williamsport has the lowest median age. This may be due to the presence of two colleges, although many college students are counted by the Census at their home (parents') addresses rather than on campus. Some believed that perhaps the brain drain effect discussed extensively in the 2006 plan has begun to reverse, as young professionals are becoming more attracted to urban living.
- Loyalsock Township's high median age and concentration of residents age 85 and older is likely due to the presence of several nursing home facilities.
- City of Williamsport has experienced no appreciable spike in violent or property crimes, according to FBI data. This was discussed as being counter to local perception.

Agenda Item #3 – Facilitated Discussion on 2006 Plan Review and Current Issues

The purpose of this exercise was to review the issues that were identified as being concerns in the 2006 GWA plan, discuss, and determine which ones to keep and how they may need to be rephrased or updated to reflect current conditions.

Prior to Meeting #2, a spreadsheet containing the issues that were identified as affecting the GWA in the 2006 plan were sent to the GWA members. Members were requested to review the spreadsheet of issues and respond with their votes on whether the issue still applies or not. The responses of those who replied were tallied and handed out at Meeting #2. Some issues that had very similar wording were grouped together, and issues were ranked for discussion based on the level of disagreement.

Megan and Kim led a discussion through the spreadsheet of 2006 issues, focusing on those that received at least 2 votes not to keep for the 2016 update. The results of this discussion are contained in the document titled “GWA Issues Scoresheet Results Meeting #2.”

Agenda Item #4 – Comprehensive Plan Update Process

Megan and Kim provided an update on the comprehensive plan update, including timeline and format. Please refer to the PowerPoint slides for more information. Note that details may be subject to change as the County is using an adaptive management process as we progress through this complex project and may continue to adjust based on feedback from PAT members and the public.

Agenda Item #5 – Next Steps

Megan requested that GWA members suggest public events in which the County may conduct Comprehensive Plan outreach during the summer.

The next meeting (meeting #3) will be scheduled for early June 2016.

Agenda Item #6 – For the Good of the Order

No further discussion.

Adjournment – Megan adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Lycoming County 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update
Greater Williamsport Alliance PAT
June 9, 2016—Meeting #3.1
4-6 p.m., Walnut Room, Williamsport Hospital



Attendees (who signed in):

Megan Lehman, Lycoming County PCD
Kim Wheeler, Lycoming County PCD
Jacob Afton (intern), Lycoming County PCD
Jim Crawford, LCPC
Bonnie Katz, City of Williamsport
John Grado, City of Williamsport
Marc Sortman, Loyalsock Township
Bill Burdett, Loyalsock Township
Linda Mazzullo, Old Lycoming Township
John Eck, Old Lycoming Township
Dave Dymeck, Williamsport Bureau of Fire
Spencer Sweeting, Wmspt. Area School District

Scott Williams, Williamsport Bicycle Committee
Chuck Hauser, WMWA-WSA
John Bickhart, LCWSA
Paul McKinley, Duboistown VFC
Bob Hetner, South Williamsport Police Dept.
Daniel Hoffman, Susquehanna Health System
Jim Slotterback, Susquehanna Regional EMS
Bill Martin, Pennsylvania College of Technology
Dan Miller, Lycoming College
Jason Fink, Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber/IPC
Brian Brooking, Lyco Arts
Debi Burch, Lyco Arts

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Agenda Item #2 – Heritage Plan Update/ Discussion of Survey

Staff gave a brief overview of the county's update to its list of historic resources and heritage plan. Members were asked to help identify additional historic resources in their community for consideration on the updated inventory list.

Kim presented information on the County's Heritage Plan update which will be integrated into the County Comprehensive Plan. The presentations covered:

- The historic inventory update process;
- what a historic resource is;
- the newly created Lycomap gallery which is currently being populated with historic sites and will provide useful information via the County's online GIS tool;
- and, requested that all group members provide additional sites for consideration through a survey handout.

Agenda Item #3 – Focus Group Update

Megan and Kim then summarized the information that was gathered through the following focus groups: Public Safety, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Forestry, Heritage/Culture & Arts, Economic Development, Community Facilities & Infrastructure, Community Development, Transportation, and Private Developers. Detailed information on the focus group meeting notes can be found in the attached PowerPoint presentation.

Agenda Item #4 –Summer Public Outreach Overview

Members were asked to send the PAT leads any suggestions they had for public outreach events.

Agenda Item #5 –Next Steps

The main exercise for meeting #3 was not able to be accomplished during this meeting. A separate meeting to complete an interactive exercise to identify strategic actions for addressing the selected Priority Issues for the GWA PAT will need to be scheduled in the next month or so. Look for an email for scheduling of this meeting. Meeting details will be sent out prior to the meeting date.

Members were reminded to check the project website regularly for updated information and resources for future PAT meetings: www.lyco.org/CompPlan.

Adjournment – Megan adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Lycoming County 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update
Greater Williamsport Alliance PAT
July 25, 2016—Meeting #3.2
4-6 p.m., Walnut Room, Williamsport Hospital



Attendees:

Megan Lehman, Lycoming County PCD
Kim Wheeler, Lycoming County PCD
Josh Schnitzlein, Lycoming County PCD
Bonnie Katz, City of Williamsport
John Grado, City of Williamsport
Michael Caschera, Duboistown Borough
Jim Dunn, Armstrong Township/LCPC
Virginia Eaton, Loyalsock Township
John Bower, Loyalsock Township
Bill Burdett, Loyalsock Township
Linda Mazzullo, Old Lycoming Township
John Eck, Old Lycoming Township

Spencer Sweeting, Wmspt. Area School District
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Agenda Item #2 – Exercise Overview

Megan recapped the GWA meeting #3.1, held on June 9, 2016. At the meeting, the group selected and ranked nine priority issues for the GWA planning area. The group ran out of time to complete the second half of the exercise, and voted unanimously to schedule a second meeting to continue the rest of the exercise. The purpose of meeting #3.2 was to review the strategies that were contained in the 2006 GWA Comprehensive Plan to determine if they are still relevant for the plan update; to brainstorm new strategies; and to “tag” or assign all relevant strategies to at least one of the nine priority issues. The output—a set of priority issues and associated strategies—will be documented in the 2016 plan update and used to help narrow the focus onto a set of priority projects for implementation over the next ten years.

Megan and Kim explained the format of the exercise using a “blue sticky wall” interactive tool. The nine priority issues were listed across the top of the wall. The PAT members were broken into small groups based on their professional knowledge and interest areas. Each group was given a set of strategies from the 2006 plan, and was asked to review them for relevance to today’s GWA issues. Strategies could be

retained, updated/rewritten, or discarded. Each small group could also brainstorm new strategies. Finally, the small groups were asked to place the strategies on the wall under the most relevant issue. Once the small groups were finished, the whole PAT would reconvene and review the strategies that were listed under each issue. The PAT members had an opportunity to discuss, revise and refine strategies listed; add new strategies; and review the strategies that were set aside by the small groups before they were officially discarded.

Agenda Item #3 – Exercise Part 2: Select Strategies/Tag to Priority Issues

The exercise was conducted as described above. The output is captured in the document titled “GWA #3.2 Priority Issues and Strategic Actions Summary.”

Agenda Item #4 – Next Steps/Conclusion

Kim thanked the GWA members for their thoughtful and active participation in today’s meeting. She explained that the next step will be to assemble a list of nominations for priority projects that will be reviewed by the GWA group and the County for inclusion in the final plan. **GWA members were asked to send Megan their suggestions by August 26 via email.** Priority projects can include physical infrastructure projects (such as transportation facilities, water and sewer lines, public buildings, etc.) as well as programmatic projects (such as regionalization of services, creation of new initiatives, code and ordinance updates, etc.)

Megan noted that she would type up and distribute the results of today’s exercise via email. **She asked members to also send her any additional thoughts they have regarding strategies by August 26 along with the priority project suggestions.** If members are unsure if an idea is a strategy or a project, they are asked to send it along and the staff will sort it out.

By September 1, Megan will send the GWA members a draft list of priority projects along with a rating form. The GWA members will be asked to review the list of projects and send in their ratings of the projects prior to meeting #4. A rating form for members’ use and a deadline for its return to Megan will be provided to members via email. The priority projects will be the focus of GWA meeting #4. The end goal will be for one major project of regional significance to be prioritized for each of the nine issues and documented in the multi-municipal plan.

The next meeting (GWA #4) is scheduled for September 22, 2016 from 4-6 p.m. The location will be the Williamsport Hospital. Members were reminded that for this meeting only, we will be meeting in the Elm/Cherry/Pine Rooms, rather than the Walnut Room, which was already booked. The Elm/Cherry/Pine Rooms are also on the Third Floor in the hospital’s conference center, to the left of the elevator in front of the gift shop.

Adjournment – Megan adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

GWA Planning Area Team (PAT) Summary of Priority Issues with Strategies

(Issues Listed in PAT Priority Order)



This document summarizes the output of the third GWA PAT meeting (held in two sessions between June and July 2016). The list contains the top nine prioritized issues as voted by the GWA members, and the strategies that have been assigned to them. Where noted, strategies may apply to multiple issues.

Priority Issue # 1: A changing economy requires new strategies for economic development, workforce development, and education, with emphasis on job creation and retention. (27 votes)

Strategies:

- Explore options for and incentivize the redevelopment of existing and abandoned commercial, industrial, and residential properties.
- Establish a Business Improvement District to promote a positive business climate in the downtown.
- Make regulations conducive to reuse and rehab of older structures. (*Also applies to Issues #5 and #7*)
- Continue exploration of KIZ applicability and opportunity.
- Promote the use of shared parking agreements for businesses that have different peak hours of operation. (*Also applies to Issue #7*)
- Identify areas for development of more concentrated and diverse developments where infrastructure is available or planned. (*Also applies to Issues #4 and #9*)
- Provide regional support to multi-campus services throughout region, such as Susquehanna Health System. (*Also applies to Issue #2*)
- Meet housing needs for professionals at a variety of ages and life stages in livable communities.

(Issues #2 and #3 were tied)

Priority Issue # 2: Interagency cooperation, multi-municipal partnerships, and regionalization of services should be maintained or pursued. (23 votes)

Strategies:

- Create ideal regional service delivery plans using outside expertise.
- Consider re-establishing regular GWA meetings.
- Explore beautification options and gateway opportunities in and around commercial districts. (*Also applies to Issues #1 and #7*)

- Develop zoning ordinance amendments that are compatible with land use patterns and densities that define the local character of communities.
- Consider regional, multi-municipal zoning options.
- Encourage consistency in administration and enforcement of zoning practices with other municipalities in the Planning Area. These could include better utilization of zoning tools available; training of zoning personnel; and assistance with interpretation of zoning regulations.
- Review ordinances for standards that require excessive impervious surface coverage. Revise such standards with provisions for better stormwater management practices, promoting the interception and infiltration of stormwater onsite using green infrastructure wherever possible. *(Also applies to Issue #8)*
- Work to provide flood protection to flood prone areas, when cost-effective; maintain levee certification. *(Also applies to Issues#5 and #7)*
- Work with the County and state and federal agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue to acquire lands that are in the floodplain.
- Work with school districts, the colleges, and the County to establish partnership initiatives.
- Collaborate and partner with religious and non-profit institutions, where appropriate, to address myriad community issues and concerns.

Priority Issue # 3: Outdoor recreation and scenic assets should be maintained and expanded. (23 votes)

Strategies:

- Explore connectivity options for bikeways, walkways, and greenways. *(Also applies to Issues2 and #4)*
- Encourage new development to include pedestrian and bike facilities. *(Also applies to Issues#2 and #4)*
- Appropriately regulate new and expanding developments within the floodplain. *(Also applies to Issues #3 and #8)*
- Continue to develop recreational areas for the benefit of residents and visitors, and continue to develop regional recreation areas for the benefit of the region. *(Also applies to Issue #2)*
- Encourage greenway efforts, such as Miller’s Run Greenway, and tie them into Susquehanna Greenway Partnership efforts and expertise.
- Encourage recreational uses of floodplain areas, with appropriate regulation.

Priority Issue # 4: Transportation systems need to be maintained and improved. (18 votes)

Strategies:

- Work to complete streetscape enhancements and the Susquehanna Riverwalk expansions. *(Also applies to Issues#2 and #4)*
- Ensure that safe pedestrian mobility and transportation mode alternatives are an integral consideration in all downtown revitalization efforts and in all GWA communities; include the development of streetscape and traffic calming plans. *(Also applies to Issues#2 and #7)*

- Improve pedestrian crossings and create bicycle lanes at locations that are currently unsafe. Also include areas that are currently underutilized by cyclists and pedestrians due to lack of infrastructure/safety, but are targeted as bike routes or pedestrian routes. *(Also applies to Issues#2 and #7)*
- Transportation corridor improvements, such as Pathway to Health completion, should be made to main arteries to key or critical facilities. *(Also applies to Issue #1)*
- Commerce Park Drive only has one exit, which presents economic development, public safety, and transportation concerns/issues; consider establishing a second connection through Basin Street.
- Consider establishing a connection from Reach Road to Wahoo Drive.
- Continue to explore the rehabilitation or replacement of structurally deficient bridges.

(Issues #5and #6 were tied)

Priority Issue # 5: Significant cultural and historical resources need to be protected and enhanced. (16 votes)

Strategies:

- Recognize the arts and cultural assets as an economic driver.
- Identify and preserve the historical transportation routes in the planning area.
- To facilitate development of cultural and historical resources, evaluate existing zoning and building codes and subdivision and land development regulations, to ensure they are conducive to the promotion of a vibrant and livable community.
- Conduct an updated housing needs assessment (post-Marcellus Shale) to determine if the existing housing stock meets the needs of current and prospective residents.
- Establish a neighborhood preservation program to support property maintenance and beautification, house-by-house.
- Reestablish the historic sign program.
- Establish neighborhood associations to promote a sense of neighborhood identity, community, and pride in ownership, and to give residents a stronger voice in local government affairs.
- Develop a culture, arts and heritage trails initiative in any areas designated by municipalities as culturally and historically significant. *(Also applies to Issue #3)*
- Increase public awareness of the cultural and historical resources unique to the area.
- Promote the implementation of the Old City/East Third Street Gateway Redevelopment Strategy.
- Promote the implementation of the Lower West Branch River Conservation Plan.

Priority Issue # 6: Social and financial implications of drugs and crime (specifically heroin) need to be addressed. (16 votes)

Strategies:

- Support the provision of treatment, rehabilitation, education and counseling to prevent addiction and assist recovery.
- Educate students at a young age to impress upon them the dangers before possible drug use begins.

- Continue to evaluate the need for a paid police department. *(Also applies to Issue #2)*
- Promote volunteerism among all populations and young people in particular through the use of social media and applications, such as the currently popular Pokemon Go app.

Priority Issue # 7: Downtown areas need to be improved and strengthened. (15 votes)

Strategies:

- Promote mixed-use development.
- Ensure that mixed-use zoning is provided for in the downtown business districts.
- Implement a split-rate real estate tax to promote infill development.
- Make improvements to the urban forest to provide enhanced streetscapes and increase stormwater interception.
- Work locally and cooperate with the County in the implementation of central business district revitalization and community gateway initiatives, such as Rt. 15 Gateway, and the Old City/East 3rd Street Gateway Redevelopment Strategy. *(Also applies to Issue #2)*

Priority Issue # 8: Water quality and supply need to be protected. (12 votes)

Strategies:

- Participate in regional groundwater studies to protect our vital groundwater resources.
- Discourage high- and medium-density developments served by on-lot septic and on-site wells. *(Also applies to Issue #9)*

Priority Issue #9: Water and sewer systems need to be maintained and interconnected, and expanded if necessary. (11 votes)

Strategies:

- Plan infrastructure improvements and expansions (such as sewer and water) that are consistent with planned growth areas. *(Also applies to Issue #1 and #2)*
- Explore the feasibility of water and sewer service to areas not currently served, but where service is needed and/or growth is planned. *(Also applies to Issue #1, #2, and #8)*
- Explore options to maintain water and sewer systems and assets while managing costs. *(Also applies to Issue #2)*

MEETING SUMMARY

Lycoming County 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update
GWA PAT

September 22nd — Meeting #4

4 – 6:30 pm, Walnut Room, Williamsport Hospital



Attendees:

Megan Lehman, AICP, PCD
Kim Wheeler, AICP, PCD
Joshua Billings, PCD
Jim Crawford, LCPC
Gabe Campana, City of Williamsport
Bonnie Katz, City of Williamsport
Jim Dunn, Armstrong Township
Linda Mazzullo, Old Lycoming Township
Chuck Hauser, WMWA-WSA
Daniel Hoffman, Susquehanna Health System

Dieter Reichmann, Susquehanna Health System
Jason Fink, Industrial Properties Corp.
John Bickhart, LCWSA
Brian Brooking, Lyco Arts
Debi Burch, Lyco Arts
Dr. Mehrdad Madresee, Lycoming College
Dr. William Martin, Pennsylvania College of
Technology
Gerry McLaughlin, Loyalsock Township School
District

Agenda Item #1 – Welcome

Megan Lehman & Kim Wheeler facilitated the meeting and began the discussion. They thanked the members of the PAT for their continued interest and attendance, and asked that everyone sign-in.

After introductions, meeting materials were distributed for the night's discussion which is to be added to the folders given out at initial meeting.

Agenda Item #2 – Online & In-person Survey Update

Megan first discussed the public opinion survey results (Attached – page 2 of survey results document)

- 936 individuals took the online survey, and 196 people took the in-person survey.
- The top five issues were consistent, and ranked exactly the same, between the online survey and the intercept survey. Please see the attached summary document for more information on the results
- More detailed information on the survey will be distributed after all of the information that we've collected has been processed. The answers to the first two open-ended survey questions are still being coded and analyzed.

Agenda Item #3 – Updated timeline

Kim discussed the project's updated timeline and anticipated timeline for adoption.

- A rough draft of the plan will be emailed to PAT members in mid-December.
- Comments or suggestions will be received via email or phone prior to the January meeting.
- That draft plan will be reviewed at meeting #5 in January.
- A final draft document, with PAT suggested edits, will be distributed to the PAT members by February 2017.
- It is our goal to have the PAT municipalities adopt these plans in April 2017.

- A more detailed breakdown of these important dates can be reviewed in the attached PowerPoint.

Agenda Item #4 – Draft Plan Format

Kim detailed the draft plan format, its contents, and how the top viable project will be detailed.

- Plan introduction will include a planning area and individual municipality profile.
- The top viable project, as decided upon in our next exercise, will be developed to include steps for implementation, possible funding sources, and mapping / demographic information as needed.
- All other projects that are not considered “the top viable project” will be given a brief description which will be expanded upon once the PAT’s priority project has been completed.
- Growth Area and Future Land Use Map changes will be detailed in the plan.
- Background data and plan process information will be located in the appendices.

Agenda Item #4 – Identification of “Top Viable Project”

Megan then summarized the information that was gathered through the development of the PAT’s selected priority issues in meeting #2, the strategies that were developed from those issues in meeting 3A & 3B, and the potential projects that were created through this process and PAT member feedback.

Megan then reviewed each potential project with the group and discussed/amended projects as deemed necessary by the group. Any changes that were made to the wording of a project are captured in red text in the attached document.

The group then voted once per issue to determine the top viable project.

Results and voting information can be found on the attached document labeled “Update and Tallied Project List.”

Agenda Item #5 - Review Growth Map Boundaries

Kim then reviewed the Growth Area Map with the group. The growth boundary has been modified in Armstrong and Loyalsock Townships.

Agenda Item #6 – Review Future Land Use Map

Minor changes were recommended to the Future Land Use Map.

*The Growth Area Map and the Future Land Use Map will be e-mailed to the group for review along with the confirmation of January’s meeting date and time.

Agenda Item #7 – Next Steps

Next Meeting will be scheduled in January. A notice to PAT members will follow to determine best date for participants.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

GWA Projects List

Meeting #4: Final Vote Tally

All projects listed below will be included in the 2016 GWA Plan Update as being recommended by the PAT for implementation over the next ten years. The top projects will receive a more detailed write-up, including project description, timeline, partners responsible for implementation, funding options, and more.

Projects listed in red will receive a write-up in the GWA Plan. Where the vote was close, multiple projects under each issue will receive a write-up. Where the vote was not close, only the top vote-getting project under each issue will receive a write-up.

Priority Issue # 1: The economy is changing, and our communities and workforce are not optimally positioned to realize our untapped economic potential and become resilient to economic trends.

Levee Recertification: The levee system must be recertified, and repaired/maintained to protect life and property, remain compliant with federal regulations, and prevent the unnecessary and burdensome cost of flood insurance. The levee system protects key county, city, and borough government operations, including critical public safety facilities; transportation facilities; and the commercial core of the county. Affects Williamsport, Loyalsock, Old Lycoming, and South Williamsport. This project is estimated at \$10 million or more. Create a municipal coalition or authority to help maintain or coordinate improvements to the system as a whole. **(14 votes)**

Park Avenue: Renew the planning and revitalization effort for the Park Ave Neighborhood conducted in 2007 in the City of Williamsport, surrounding the hospital area. **(2 votes)**

Adopt/Enforce Property Maintenance Codes: Ordinances should address garbage accumulation, junkyards, abandoned cars, structures in blight/disrepair, etc. to protect the visual quality and community character. **(1 vote)**

Outdoor Recreation: Capitalize on outdoor recreation assets for economic development opportunities. Also known as: Asset-based development. This includes recognizing and promoting local parks, lands and facilities as well as regionally significant initiatives such as the PA Wilds. **(1 vote)**

Community & Economic Development Promotion: Establish a program for community and economic development coordination and promotion. This might be one or two separate endeavors, to potentially include activities such as events coordination, marketing plans, small business assistance, etc. **(1 vote)**

Natural Gas Service: Expand/improve natural gas service to areas not currently served.

Homes-In-Need Program: Expand the County Homes-in-Need Program to include apartments of downtown buildings with residential on upper floors. This program would provide financial

assistance to property owners for upgrades for interior and exterior healthy and safety concerns including weatherization, energy efficiency upgrades, heating system, shell repairs, electrical repairs, minor plumbing distribution repairs, fire safety and other code compliance issues and accessibility.

BID: Initiate Business Improvement District.

KIZ: Continue exploration of KIZ.

Flood Proofing: Seek funding for commercial building flood proofing. Many commercial buildings in the county are in the floodplains. Flooding events often put these commercial operations out of commission for lengthy periods of time afterwards because they are not built to today's flood-proofing standards. There are techniques that can be employed to dry flood-proof commercial structures to reduce damages and insurance costs.

Flood Protection: Investigate flood protection methods to allow expansion of the commercial areas and protect residents of Old Lycoming Township.

BNIP: Continue and expand the Brodart Neighborhood Improvement Program (BNIP) in the City of Williamsport to revitalize the neighborhood around the Memorial Homes development on the former Brodart property.

Route 15 South Gateway Redevelopment Plan: Planning for the redevelopment of underutilized properties along Route 15 into attractive business development that supports the anchor of the corridor: The Little League World Series. It would include transportation, land use and economic development, including the potential rehabilitation of existing residential structures and transportation improvements such as bike lanes, street trees, lighting, banners, and green infrastructure. This would primarily be a project for Armstrong Township and South Williamsport Borough.

Becht School Redevelopment: Redevelop the vacant Becht School property, a sizeable parcel located in a residential neighborhood in Loyalsock Township.

Institutional Use Zoning: Create an Institutional Use zone within Old Lycoming Township to appropriately accommodate institutional uses such as substance abuse treatment centers.

Priority Issue # 2: Fragmentation of local government in Pennsylvania is a barrier to efficient delivery of some public services.

Emergency Services Assessment: Conduct a third party assessment of the current and future status of Emergency Services in Lycoming County, to result in recommendations for future models for delivery of emergency services. This should be looked at as a whole county and as East, Central, and Western Regions and consider regionalization where feasible. This study should include police, fire, rescue, and emergency medical. **(8 votes)**

Municipal Cooperation: Encourage municipalities and other stakeholders to integrate and share resources through innovative cooperative partnerships where feasible, in order to reduce costs and increase economic competitiveness. **(5 votes)**

Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinances: Develop joint ordinances for purposes of regulating future growth in a cooperative manner, which is allowable under Article VIII-A under the PA MPC. This offers the opportunity for municipalities to meet the requirements of providing for all uses across multiple municipalities. It offers the opportunity to create a joint planning commission and/or zoning hearing board. **(2 votes)**

Recreation Authority: Expand the purposes of the Lycoming County Recreational Authority to address recreational needs, oversight, and management of facilities beyond the Golf Course. **(1 vote)**

EMS Delivery Response System: Develop a model EMS delivery response system for the county. Options: EMS Authority or umbrella organization. Consider County support for shared Finance/Planning/Bookkeeping/Auditing for Fire and EMS. Consider a paid position to act as a resource for multiple entities. (Note: This item is likely to become part of the implementation of the Emergency Services Assessment above.)

Priority Issue # 3: Outdoor recreation resources are not fully developed, protected and promoted.

Riverwalk Extension: Implement the Susquehanna Riverwalk Extension Project connecting the existing Riverwalk with Susquehanna State Park. **(6 votes)**

Millers Run Greenway/Trail: Establish a greenway and trail along Millers Run in Loyalsock Township to connect the Riverwalk with the township's schools and recreation center. **(5 votes)**

Ridge Trail: Establish the Ridge Trail in Armstrong Township. **(4 votes)**

GWA Parks Improvements: Continued improvements to parks within the GWA planning area, including softball field lighting in Short Park (Loyalsock Township), facilities improvements and managerial staff capacity for South Williamsport Park Complex, and various enhancements to Brandon Park and Memorial Park (City of Williamsport). **(2 votes)**

GWA Pools Improvements: Continued improvements to the public pools within the GWA area, including Memorial Park Pool (Splash Cove) and the Loyalsock Township pool, wading pool, and waterpark.

Priority Issue # 4: Our multi-modal transportation system, particularly the airport, has deficiencies in safety, physical condition, and availability of facilities in some areas of the County.

Airport: Ensure the Williamsport Regional Airport remains viable. **(7 votes)**

Pathway to Health: Complete the Pathway to Health project, which includes public safety, multi-modal and streetscaping improvements to the transportation corridor leading to the Williamsport Hospital. (4 votes)

Sylvan Dell Bike Lanes: Create dedicated bicycle lanes on Sylvan Dell Road within Armstrong Twp, using as an example the design of the bicycle lanes on Greevey Road in Loyalsock Township. (2 votes)

City Bike Routes: Implement the forthcoming recommendations of the City of Williamsport Bicycle Advisory Committee regarding the revision of official city bicycle routes. (2 votes)

Little League Blvd: Improve pedestrian crossings at multiple locations on Little League Boulevard in the City of Williamsport, particularly the intersection of Pine Street and Little League Blvd. (1 vote)

Commerce Park Drive: Establish a second connection to Commerce Park Drive and an additional River Walk connection through Basin Street to improve multimodal transportation connectivity in the City of Williamsport and Loyalsock Township. (1 vote)

Complete Streets: Develop policies and update ordinances to ensure all street reconstruction projects are evaluated under the ‘complete streets’ guidelines prior to design and development. Complete Streets are for everyone and accommodates all modes of transportation. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

Parking: Explore shared parking opportunities.

RVT Bus Conversions: Support conversion of River Valley Transit buses from diesel to CNG.

3rd Street Bike Lanes: Create dedicated bicycle lanes on 3rd Street from Lycoming Creek east to Basin Street within the City of Williamsport.

City CBD Traffic Plan: Develop a specific plan for traffic calming in the CBD in the City of Williamsport.

High Street: Improve pedestrian crossings at multiple locations on High Street in the City of Williamsport.

Reach Road: Establish a connection from Reach Road to Wahoo Drive to improve transportation connectivity within the City of Williamsport.

Susquehanna State Park: Connect the western end of Susquehanna State park to South Reach Road within the City of Williamsport.

LERTA Area Access: Establish an additional connection to the LERTA designated area bounded by Maynard Street, Rose Street, I-180 and the railroad corridor to improve multimodal connectivity to this potential key development site.

Priority Issue # 5: Significant cultural and historical resources are not adequately documented, protected, and promoted.

Arts and Culture Organization: Enhance and add staff capacity for arts and culture groups in the county through Lyco Arts organization. Lyco Arts serves as a lead agency to work with a variety of partners to create myriad community and economic development benefits, and to maximize the benefits of individual organizational missions. **(8 votes)**

Neighborhood Preservation Program: Establish a neighborhood preservation program to support property maintenance and beautification, house-by-house. **(3 votes)**

Culture, Arts and Heritage Trails Initiative: This would be for any areas designated by municipalities as culturally and historically significant. These can be a combination of bike routes, driving routes, walking tours, etc. Examples include: Indian pathways, canals, historic structures and sites, arts, cemetery, and Little League tours. Connect to local and regional themes, such as Lumber Heritage Region and PA Wilds. **(2 votes)**

River Walk Sculpture Park: Implement the River Walk Sculpture Park by installing additional public art locations along the River Walk. **(2 votes)**

Avenue of the Arts: Implement the Avenue of the Arts plan along 4th Street in the City of Williamsport. **(2 votes)**

Faxon Circle: Enhance and improve the Faxon Circle park area (the grassed area inside the Circle) in Loyalsock Township through the installation of features such as brick pavers, benches, trees and landscaping; and the placement of a historical marker commemorating the first planned community to be built in Lycoming County. **(1 vote)**

Historic Sign/Marker Program: Implement an arts and historical marker/plaque program to improve neighborhood identify and engagement.

Historic Structures: Continue the historic structures survey.

Priority Issue # 6: Drugs, particularly heroin, are creating significant social, economic, public health, and safety problems across the County.

Project Bald Eagle: Support Project Bald Eagle and other efforts to help residents overcome addiction through treatment, rehabilitation, education and counseling. **(10 votes)**

Neighborhood Indicators Database: Following national model of the Urban Institute, establish a regional Community Information System/Neighborhood Indicators Database to provide local governments, institutions, non-profits and other agencies with block-level information to identify distressed areas and target efforts to those areas to provide the maximum return on investment. **(5 votes)**

Policing: Place more police officers on the street to increase drug interdiction. **(2 votes)**

Priority Issue # 7: Downtown and village center areas across the County are not thriving or achieving their maximum potential.

Old City/East Third Street Gateway Redevelopment Strategy Implementation: Implement the recommendations of this long-term plan to revitalize the southeast portion of the City, which is envisioned as an extension of downtown Williamsport east of Market Street into a gateway to Lycoming College from I-180. Implementation will be a decade-long process to include zoning amendments, transportation and streetscaping improvements, significant private investments, and more. **(12 votes)**

Split Tax Rate: Implement a split tax rate system within the growth area to incentivize infill development and disincentive vacant buildings, empty lots and blighted conditions. **(2 votes)**

Lead Partners: Restart the Lead Partners or similar group to carry out downtown revitalization projects, often through public-private partnerships; include Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, Lycoming Arts, Our Towns, and County Planning, among others, in the organization. **(2 votes)**

Downtown Improvements: Create a program to improve the appearance of downtowns, including facades, and to reduce vacancy rates in downtowns within the planning area. Utilize aggressive code enforcement to eliminate dilapidated conditions where they exist. **(1 vote)**

Downtown Zoning Districts: Ensure downtown zoning districts encourage mixed-use, increased density where appropriate, and redevelopment. **(1 vote)**

College Town Initiative: Pursue “college town” branding and related investment in downtown Williamsport. **(1 vote)**

South Side Senior Housing: Create dedicated senior housing options in South Williamsport to serve the elderly population currently residing in the GWA area south of the river. Senior housing should be located within a walkable distance to key amenities, such as transit access, recreation, and other public facilities.

Priority Issue # 8: Water quality is vital, but is vulnerable to a multitude of threats.

Sylvan Dell Conservation Acquisition Project: Permanently preserve and enhance 225-acre parcel in Armstrong Township fronting the Susquehanna River. Site contains a 32-acre wetland that filters stormwater from large drainage area and protects riparian habitat in the West Branch Susquehanna River watershed. The project also has outdoor recreation and education benefits, and preserves a Native American archeological site. **(5 votes)**

MS4 Public Education: Educate the public about MS4 requirements, and enforce applicable regulations. **(5 votes)**

Source Water/Wellhead Protection Program: Develop a source water protection program for all public water systems, with particular focus on the areas immediately surrounding wellheads for public water supplies. Program components may include:

- Review and update ordinances to protect critical source water protection areas and protect resources where needed.
- Reduce any requirements for excessive impervious surface coverage; revise such standards with provisions for better stormwater management practices, promoting the interception and infiltration of stormwater onsite using green infrastructure wherever possible.
- Develop a 911 Spill Response Program or System. This type of initiative could work to develop protocols to protect drinking water by shutting down intakes immediately upon notification of hazardous material spills. Look to Tioga County for an example. **(4 votes)**

Improve Urban Forest: Make improvements to the urban forest (increase numbers of trees) to provide enhanced streetscapes and increase stormwater interception. **(3 votes)**

On-Lot System Management: Develop on-lot wastewater management districts for effective on-lot disposal practices.

Priority Issue # 9: Water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure systems are not sufficient across the County to meet all needs.

MS4 CBPRP Implementation: The next round of MS4 permitting (beginning in 2018-2019) will require numerous infrastructure projects called Best Management Practices, or BMPs, to reduce stormwater pollution in order to comply with state and federal regulations. Municipalities will have to determine where and how to best implement these BMPs to achieve the required pollution reductions as part of the Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan. They will also have to determine how to fund these projects. The costs are likely to be quite significant. Opportunities for joint funding and implementation will likely need to be sought to control costs. This will also likely require incorporation of green infrastructure projects in all appropriate transportation and redevelopment project scopes. It will also require maintenance and potential upgrades to “grey” stormwater management infrastructure. **(14 votes)**

Water Line Interconnector: Develop water line interconnector between WMWA-WSA and LCWSA systems. **(2 votes)**

Water/Sewer Line Extensions: Expand water and sewer infrastructure where appropriate and needed. Areas identified include Heshbon and Maybee Hill in Loyalsock Township, portions of Old Lycoming Township, and areas of Duboistown Borough. **(1 vote)**

Mosquito Valley Bridge: Complete Mosquito Valley Bridge project in Armstrong Township to prevent potential catastrophic damage to existing water infrastructure and water quality.

MEETING SUMMARY

Lycoming County 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update
Greater Williamsport Alliance PAT
April 10, 2017 — Meeting #5a
4-6 p.m., Pine / Cherry Room, Williamsport Hospital



Attendees:

Kim Wheeler, Lycoming County PCD
Fran McJunkin, Lycoming County PCD
Josh Schnitzlein, Lycoming County PCD
Jim Crawford, LCPC
Bonnie Katz, City of Williamsport
Stephanie Young, City of Williamsport
Dave Dymeck, Wmspt Bureau of Fire
Jim Dunn, Armstrong Township/LCPC
Charles O'Brien, Wmspt Bureau of Fire, Intern

Linda Mazzullo, Old Lycoming Township
John Eck, Old Lycoming Township
Chuck Hauser, WMWA-WSA
John Bickhart
Bob Hetner, South Williamsport Police Dept.
Judy Olinsky, Lyco Arts
Joy Walls, Lyco Arts
Debi Burch, Lyco Arts

Agenda Item #1 – Welcome and Introductions

Kim Wheeler, staff lead for the GWA PAT, facilitated the meeting and began the discussion. Kim also handed out the public survey results distilled down to the 17701 and 17702 zip codes.

Agenda Item #2 – Timeline for Adoption

Kim reviewed the timeline for adoption. The PAT member municipalities agreed that having a Joint Public Hearing was best. They suggested June 14, 2017 at the Trade and Transit Center II Community Room. The county planning office will advertise the public hearing. Following the Public Hearing, there will be a 45 day review. Any minor edits will be considered and made. Significant changes will require an additional Public Hearing. Adoption of the plan will be July-August timeframe. A quorum from each municipality must be present.

Agenda Item #3 – Review of Plan

Kim reiterated that the plan will be organized in an "implementation strategy" format. It is a shorter and more concise document that compliments the 2005 plan. We then walked through the components of the plan and focused the conversation on the Priority Issues and Projects. Many minor edits and clarifications were discussed that are not noted in detail in this summary.

Priority Issue 1: The Economy Is Changing was skipped at this time.

Priority Issue 2: Flooding is a threat to life, property, and communities- This was originally under the economy but staff determined that Flooding was a more appropriate fit. Fran McJunkin briefed this. Kim said that Bill Burdett, Loyalsock Township offered notes. It was determined that the write up should include the entirety of the Levee systems. A request was made to include County Commissioner support and flesh out the cooperative work of all the municipalities.

Priority Issue 3: Fragmentation of local government in Pennsylvania is a barrier to efficient delivery of some public services- The discussion on this topic centered on the progress made since the GLESA

Report from DCED in 2012. There needs to be balance between EMS and Fire. There was a recommendation to include information on what has changed since 2006 in the GWA.

Priority Issue 4: Outdoor recreation resources are not fully developed, protected, and promoted. –No requested changes.

Priority Issue 5: Our multi-modal transportation system, particularly the airport, has deficiencies in safety, physical condition, and availability of facilities in some areas of the County- It was pointed out that the City is establishing a “Quiet Zone” in the rail area of Newberry. This is in response to requests by City residents. There was also discussion regarding the viability of additional traffic circles in the GWA area.

Priority Issue 10: Water, sanitary sewer, and storm water infrastructure systems are not sufficient across the County to meet all needs- The group requested a catch all for additional projects. WMWA-WSA commented that they are actively replacing lines. The topic of Lead in water came up and it was explained that sometimes disturbing the lines from the curb to the structure may cause lead issues. Currently lateral replacement is not publically funded.

Kim also noted that if there are any municipal-specific projects that do not rise to the level of regional significance, to let her know so they can be documented in the plan as well.

Agenda Item #4 – Growth Area Maps

The growth area maps were reviewed by Kim and the PAT members and comments/feedback were requested. There were none.

Agenda Item #5 – Next Steps

Kim explained that the final draft plan is expected to be distributed for public review two weeks before the public hearing date. It will be distributed to all municipalities, placed on the county and municipal webpages (if able) and also sent digitally to all contiguous municipalities and school districts within the planning area. All comments must be received within 45 days of the public hearing otherwise municipalities can proceed with adoption without them.

Adjournment – Follow up meeting was set for Monday, April 17, 2017 from 4:00PM-6:00 PM.

MEETING SUMMARY

Lycoming County 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update
Greater Williamsport Alliance PAT
April 17, 2017 — Meeting #5b
4-6 p.m., Pine / Cherry Room, Williamsport Hospital



Attendees:

Kim Wheeler, Lycoming County PCD
Fran McJunkin, Lycoming County PCD
Josh Schnitzlein, Lycoming County PCD
Jim Crawford, LCPC
Bill Burdett, Loyalsock Township
Bonnie Katz, City of Williamsport
John Grado, City of Williamsport

Linda Mazzullo, Old Lycoming Township
John Eck, Old Lycoming Township
John Bickhart
Bob Hetner, South Williamsport Police Dept.
Judy Olinsky, Lyco Arts
Joy Walls, Lyco Arts
Debi Burch, Lyco Arts

Agenda Item #1 – Welcome and Introductions

Kim Wheeler, staff lead for the GWA PAT, facilitated the meeting and began the discussion. She noted that edits on the first half of the GWA draft plan are due to the county by 4/24. Edits on the second half of the GWA draft plan are due to the county by 5/1.

Agenda Item #2 – Timeline for Adoption & Process

Kim reviewed the timeline for adoption. Lycoming County Planning Commission will hold a Public Meeting as per the MPC on April 20, 2017 as part of their regular meeting. Joint Public Hearing scheduled for June 14, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Trade & Transit Center Community Room. Kim will follow up on the details. There will be a 45 day review, any minor edits will be considered and made. Significant changes will require an additional Public Hearing. Adoption of the plan will be July-August timeframe. A quorum from each municipality must be present.

Agenda Item #3 – Review of Plan

Kim reiterated that the plan will be organized in an “implementation strategy” format. We then walked through the Issues and Projects. Many minor edits and clarifications were discussed that are not noted in detail in this summary.

Priority Issue 6: Significant Cultural and Historical Resources are not adequately documented, protected, and promoted- The group discussed the amenities found in the greater Williamsport area and the increased vitality of the downtown since 2006 era. There was a discussion of greenspace, parking issues and the possible uses of a trolley. The question of whether the Main Street program could be recognized.

Priority Issue 7: Drugs, particularly heroin and opioids, are creating significant social, economic, public health, and safety problems across the County- The group found no significant changes. However, there was some discussion about there being several methadone clinics already located in the GWA, namely the City and Old Lycoming.

Priority Issue 8: Downtown and village center areas across the County are not thriving or achieving their maximum potential.– John Grado gave Kim a recent PowerPoint presentation packet on the Connect Williamsport: Old City/East Third Street Redevelopment Project so that the project information can be updated in the GWA plan accordingly. Several recommendations were made to include more discussion on how downtown Williamsport has become a significant destination in the last decade and especially for nightlife.

Priority Issue 9: Water quality is vital but is also vulnerable to a multitude of threats- No requested changes.

Priority Issue 1: The economy is changing and our communities and workforce are not optimally positioned to realize our untapped economic potential and become more resilient- This section will be completed in the near future. Kim Wheeler and Kurt Hausammann will be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce within the next two weeks. Once the write up is finished it will be sent to the PAT members for Review.

Adjournment – A reminder that the Joint Public Hearing will be held on June 14, 2017 and each municipality will need a quorum, or they will have to hold their own hearing.

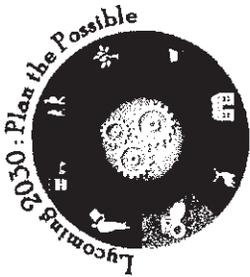
- **The 2016 Plan is focused on implementation**
- **Plan Organization**
 - Community profile, Implementation Strategy, Growth Area & Future Land Use Map changes, and Appendices
 - There were 9 priority issues and projects that the PAT had determined to be most important in the planning area
- **45 Day Public Review Period**
 - Draft plans have been distributed to both PAT & contiguous municipalities, school districts and the general public
 - The public has the opportunity to comment on the plan until July 31st
 - Minor edits will be considered during the review period; any significant changes to document will require an additional public hearing
- **August Adoption**
 - Barring any major edits, each GWA municipality with a quorum at this public hearing can adopt the plan by resolution at a regularly scheduled meeting following the July 31st comment period
 - Any significant requested changes will be distributed to the PAT members for review
 - Kim will be providing each municipality a sample resolution for adoption of plan

Agenda Item #3 – Public Comment

- Jerry S. Walls, Joint Rail Authority, Susquehanna Greenway, GWA Resident
 - In general does support the plan as presented
 - Mr. Walls said the Joint Rail Authority will cost share with Riverwalk extension, as well as a variety of projects in the GWA area.
 - Mr. Walls urged the airport terminal project to go forward.
 - Mr. Walls was glad to see the Pathways to Health was recognized in the plan and urged the City to adopt the Bicycle ordinance.
 - Mr. Walls supports the Genesee Greenway which connects New York to Jersey Shore, PA. He wishes to see the connection continued through Williamsport. Believes it is very good for eco-tourism and recommends engaging UMPC through proactive civic engagement.
- Jim Dunn, Armstrong Supervisor, Lycoming County Planning Commission, GWA Resident
 - Mr Dunn supports the effort to have a New York to Chesapeake Bay trail and stated that Lycoming County can have to connections through trails currently being considered.
- William (undocumented last name), Resident, Old Lycoming Township,
 - Takes exception to the Riverwalk as a bicycle trail and calling it safe. He feels it is not compatible with walking and says he has to go to Pine Creek to feel safe riding a bike.
 - He believes we need to involve the youth in Arts& Cultural Programs
 - He referenced Hiawatha murals housed at Curtain Elementary School in Williamsport School District.
- Michael Ochs, Resident- City of Williamsport
 - Asked when we would have passenger Rail service in Williamsport

- Suggested we look at reducing our carbon footprint.
- Mr. Ochs was concerned about our landscape and burner barrels
- Agrees that the area recreation sites should be mapped for the public.
- He is concerned about the Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plans and its cost as well as any superfund sites
- Believes the community needs exercise and recreation. Commented on poorly maintained sidewalks.
- Feels obesity is an issue and linked it back to recreation in Tennis and basketball courts, or lack thereof.
- Loyalsock MS4 is going to be big and concerned about fertilizer and grass clippings
- City of Williamsport Councilmember Don Noviello expressed a desire to have more media exposure on the Comprehensive Plan.

Joint public hearing adjourned at 8:00 PM.



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GWA Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

Trade and Transit Center II Community Room – June 14, 2017 6:30 P.M.

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1	Bill Burdett	Loyalsock	2801 E 3rd St	bill@loyalsocktownship.org
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3	John Graco	City	245 W. 4th St	addressor@cityofwilliamsport.org
4	Jim Dunn	Armstrong	2422 Sylvania Deck Rd	jdunn2422@gmail.com
5	Meg Finn	Lycoming Arts	1665 Oakridge Pl. 220 W. 4th.	megofun@gmail.com
6	Linda Mazzullo	old Lycoming	1951 Green Ave	lmazzullo1@comcast.net
7	John Schyn	self	2630 Lincoln Dr	john@SCHYNPROP.COM
8	John Over	Armstrong Twp	water dolz Rd	
9	Dick Stair	ARMSTRONG TWP	WMSPT. 86 WATERBURY RD	DICKSTAIR@6.MAIL.COM
10	BONNIE KATZ	WILLIAMSPORT	1014 WALNUT ST	LECHICOLA@VERIZON.NET



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11	MARC STIMAN	Loyalsock	E. Third St	marco@loyalsockturnkey.org
12	PAUC NYMAN	loyalsock	E 3rd St	nalc50@comcast.net
13	Shirley Williams	Chgo. Twp	5800 W. 5th St	groberta@comcast.net
14	DEBI BURCH	Lycoming Arts	200 W. 4th Wmsot	debiburch1@gmail.com
15	Joan Eck	OLD LYCOMING TWP		JOAN.ECK.CLE142630@COMCAST.NET
16	Robert Hertner	S. Wmspt. Police	331 W. Southern Ave SW	rhertner@southwi.com
17	Jerry Wallk	Sunguhumancommunity Partnership	1950 Elby Road - Loyalsock Twp Montoursville, PA	jerry@jwalldesign.com
18	Dan Novielle	WMSPT. C. Council	3RD Ave.	dnovielle@ret.id
19	Phil Trometter	Penn Strategies	Sheridan St	phil.trometter@pennstrategiespa.com
20	MIKE OCHS	self	1633 Scott, City	billtownmike@yahoo.com



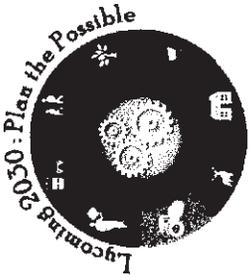
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NAME	ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	EMAIL
21 Stephanie Young	City of Williamsport	245 W. 4th St.	creatorcityofwilliamsport.org
22 Mary Woods	Heart of Williamsport	1018 Woodmont Ave	margmargaretwoods@gmail.com
23 Randall Allison	City Council	345 W. 4th St	randallson1@comcast.net
24 Judy Olinsky	Lycoming Arts	250 Greenfield Drive	olinsky20@comcast.net
25 Gail Kup	Susquehanna Greenway Partnership	201 Furnace Rd. Lewisburg	gkupesvs@quehanragreenway.org
26 Rebecca Haladay	City of Williamsport	245 W 4th St.	rebecca.haladay@cityofwilliamsport.org
27 Morgan Flynn	City of Williamsport	720 6th Ave	mudallyn@gmail.com
28 Alice Thourbridge	Susquehanna Greenway	201 Furnace Rd Lewisburg	tbriidge@comcast.net
29 LIZ MIELE	Wmstp City Council	245 W. 4th St	lizardimbo@yahoo.com
30 Montana Crossman	Lycoming Arts	700 College Place Lycoming College	mcrossman94@gmail.com



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**GWA Comprehensive Plan
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	NAME	ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	EMAIL
31	John Yagatzinski	Converge Gallery	140 W 4th St Williamsport, PA	john@convergegallery.com
32	James E. Crawford	LCPC	2417 Woodland Mount Pleasant, PA 17054	jcrawford@betheone.com
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MEETING SUMMARY

Lycoming County 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update
GWA PAT

August 14, 2017 —Public Hearing for Borough of South
Williamsport 6:30 – 7:00 pm, 329 W Southern Ave, S. Williamsport



Attendees:

Fran McJunkin, CFM, PCD

Jack McKernan, Lyco County Commissioner

Elected Officials:

J. Bernard Schelb, President

Robert Cronin

Joseph LaRue, Jr., V-Pres

Cory Lehman

Carl Nolan

Fred March

Dave Geise

Michael Miller, Boro Mgr

David J. Lechniak

Joint public hearing opened at 6:30 PM

Agenda Item #1 – Welcome

Fran McJunkin facilitated the hearing and began the presentation. She thanked the members of the PAT commended them for their commitment to this update effort.

South Williamsport Borough was represented by a quorum of elected officials. Fran summarized the efforts undertaken to arrive at this point and that the focus of this effort is to provide an implementation strategy that builds off of the 2006 Comprehensive Plan.

Agenda Item #2 – Plan Process

Fran discussed the following items that comprised our planning process:

- **Information Gathering**
 - 4 Public Meetings held throughout the county
 - Facilitated focus group secessions
 - Public surveys (on-line & in-person)
- **PAT Makeup and Responsibility**
 - Each municipality was represented on the PAT, in addition to community and regional representatives
 - Responsibility was to convey current trends and experiences, prioritize issues, and recommend actions to address those issues

Fran then reviewed the contents of the draft plan and the schedule going forward:

- **The 2017 Plan is focused on implementation**
- **Plan Organization**
 - Community profile, Implementation Strategy, Growth Area & Future Land Use Map changes, and Appendices

- There were 9 priority issues and projects that the PAT had determined to be most important in the planning area
- **45 Day Public Review Period**
 - Draft plans have been distributed to both PAT & contiguous municipalities, school districts and the general public
 - The public has the opportunity to comment on the plan until September 29, 2017.
 - Minor edits will be considered during the review period; any significant changes to document will require an additional public hearing

Agenda Item #3 – Public Comment

South Williamsport Board asked about the mechanics of scoping and funding the projects in the plan. Fran responded that the projects are scoped to position the municipalities to seek funding. Mike Miller also described the planning process.

Joint public hearing adjourned at 7:00 PM.

MEETING SUMMARY

Lycoming County 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update
GWA PAT

September 7th, 2017— Public Hearing for Duboistown Borough
6:30pm, Duboistown Borough Hall



Attendees:

Kim Wheeler, AICP, PCD

Larry Campbell, Councilman

Paul McKinley, Councilman

Elected Officials:

Michael Rodgers, Councilman

Norman Cowden, Councilman

Tony Mussare, County Commissioner

James Barger, Councilman

Eric Fausey, Councilman

Public: see attached sheet

Joint public hearing opened at 6:30 PM

Agenda Item #1 – Welcome

Kim Wheeler thanked those in attendance and opened the Duboistown Public Hearing for the GWA Comprehensive Plan. She asked that all members of the audience please sign-in on the attendance sheet and made sure that everyone had a copy of the Public Hearing handout which summarized the 9 GWA Priority Issues and their recommended Top Viable Projects.

The Duboistown Borough Council had a quorum at the meeting.

Kim then summarized the efforts undertaken to arrive at this point and that the focus of this effort is to provide an implementation strategy that builds off of the 2006 Comprehensive Plan.

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Kim then reviewed the contents of the draft plan and the schedule going forward:

- **The 2017 Plan is focused on implementation**

- **Plan Organization**
 - Community profile, Implementation Strategy, Growth Area & Future Land Use Map changes, and Appendices
 - There were 9 priority issues and projects that the PAT had determined to be most important in the planning area
- **45 Day Public Review Period**
 - The draft plan has been distributed to all Planning Area municipalities & contiguous municipalities, school districts and the general public
 - The Duboistown residents have the opportunity to comment on the plan for 45 days after this hearing until October 23rd after which the Borough can then adopt the plan by resolution at a regularly scheduled meeting
 - Minor edits will be considered during the review period; any significant changes to document will require an additional public hearing

Agenda Item #3 – Public Comment

- The only comments of significance by the public and Council were questions asking whether the Borough is required to funding the projects recommended in the plan. They wanted to know if the Borough will be held liable to implementing the projects even if it does not have the funding resources to do so.
 - Both Kim and Commissioner Tony Mussare explained that the Comprehensive Plan is a policy or guidance document. The Borough is not financially responsible for implementing projects in the plan. All recommended projects have been chosen by GWA member municipalities together and are collaborative efforts among multiple municipalities. All parties would need to agree to move forward with the effort before getting started. There are no Top Projects listed located in Duboistown Borough.

Duboistown public hearing adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Appendix C

Results of Research and Analysis

1. Quantitative Analysis of the Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan Public Outreach Efforts
2. Background data profile with population projections
3. Heart of Williamsport: Reinforcing Projects within the Greater Williamsport Area Comprehensive Plan

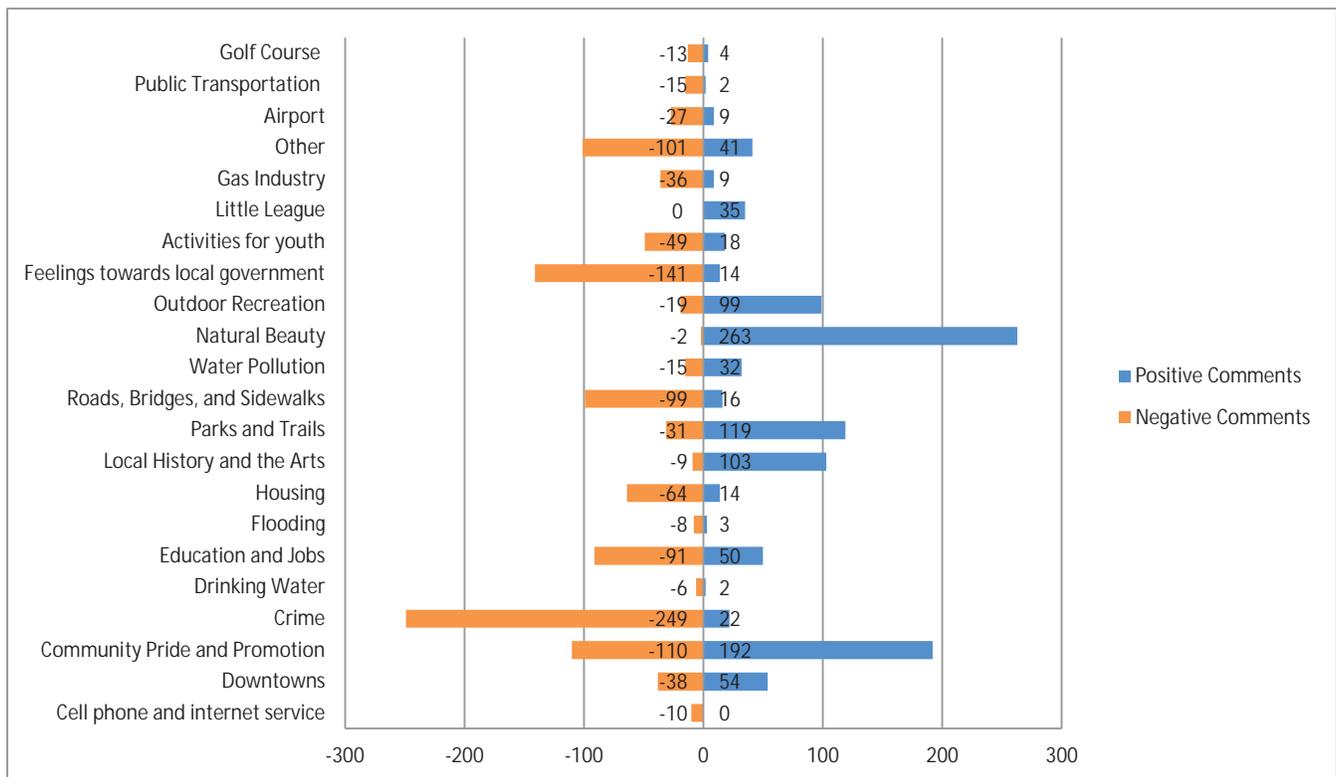
Quantitative Analysis of the Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan Public Outreach Efforts

Planning Area Specific Analysis for the Greater Williamsport Planning Area

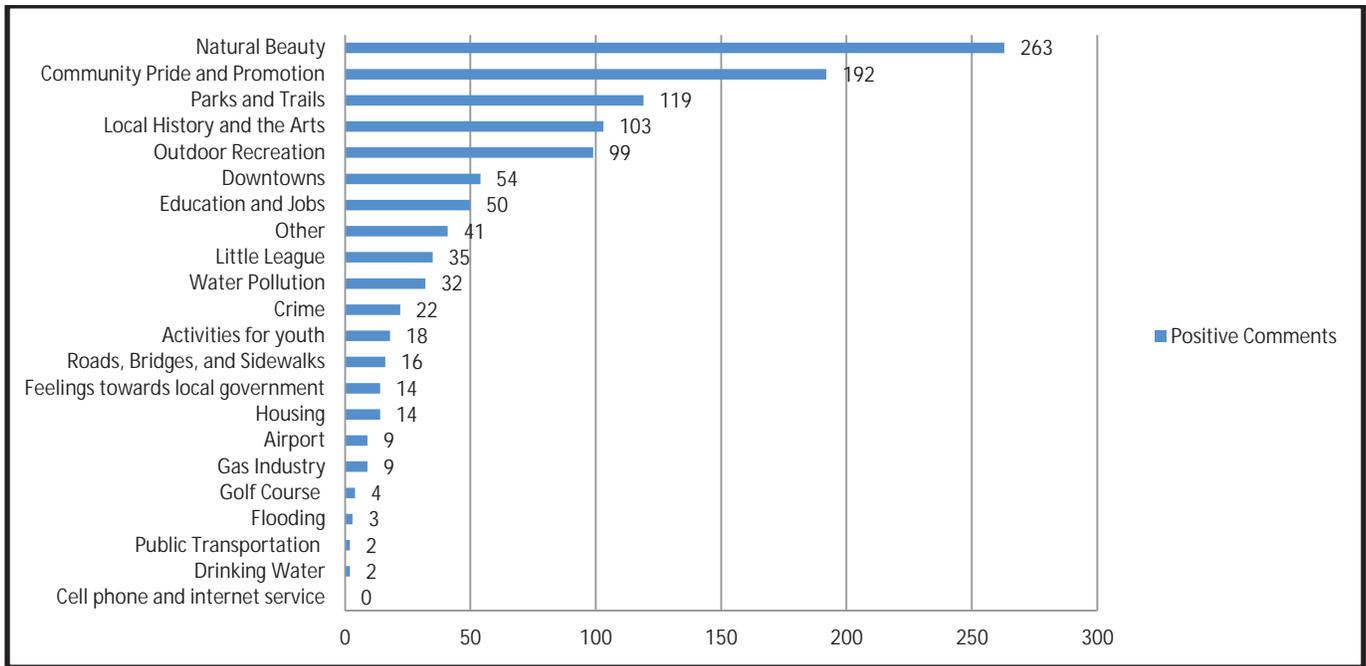
In the summer of 2016, the Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development (PCD) conducted several public outreach efforts where they collected data to determine which topics were most important to members of the public and what they liked and didn't like about Lycoming County. These outreach efforts were mainly centered around two specific methods. First, from May to August, PCD staff members conducted "Intercept Surveys" where they went to public events and conducted one-on-one survey sessions. Then from August 12th through September 18th the county hosted a survey online. All survey respondents were asked to provide home zip codes. The survey results were then separated by Planning Area based on which zip codes intersected with the Planning Area. Below is the combined analysis from the two surveys gathered from the 17701, 17702, and 17754 zip codes. The 17752 zip code briefly crosses into the Planning Area but was excluded because of the small area which it intersects with. 611 people participated in the online survey and 122 participated in the intercept survey for a total of 733 survey respondents.

Qualitative Analysis for 17701, 17702, and 17754 Zip Codes

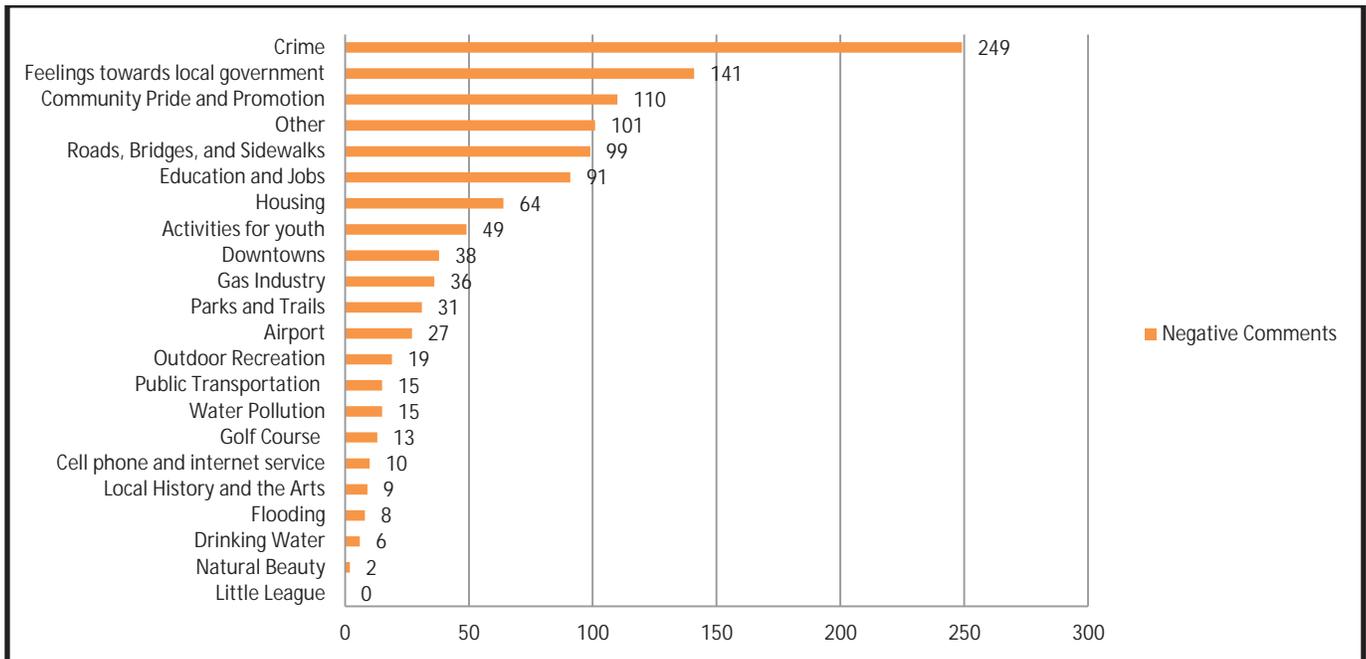
The online and intercept surveys both had open ended questions which allowed people to give their thoughts and opinions on the County. The first question asked "What do you like about Lycoming County and want to make sure lasts well into the future?" The second question was "What don't you like about Lycoming County and wish were different?" The responses from these two questions were analyzed by the department and comments were quantified into 22 separate categories (listed below). Comments which said something positive about the subject were separated from comments which said something negative about the subject. Positive numbers reflect positive comments and negative numbers reflect negative comments.



Qualitative Analysis for 17701, 17702, and 17754 Zip Codes continued



Culture, recreation, and scenic beauty were the themes of the top 6 most commented on categories by citizens of the GWA planning area. This is consistent with feedback received throughout the county. Many citizens believe these topics are important to their quality of life and do not want to see them negatively changed.

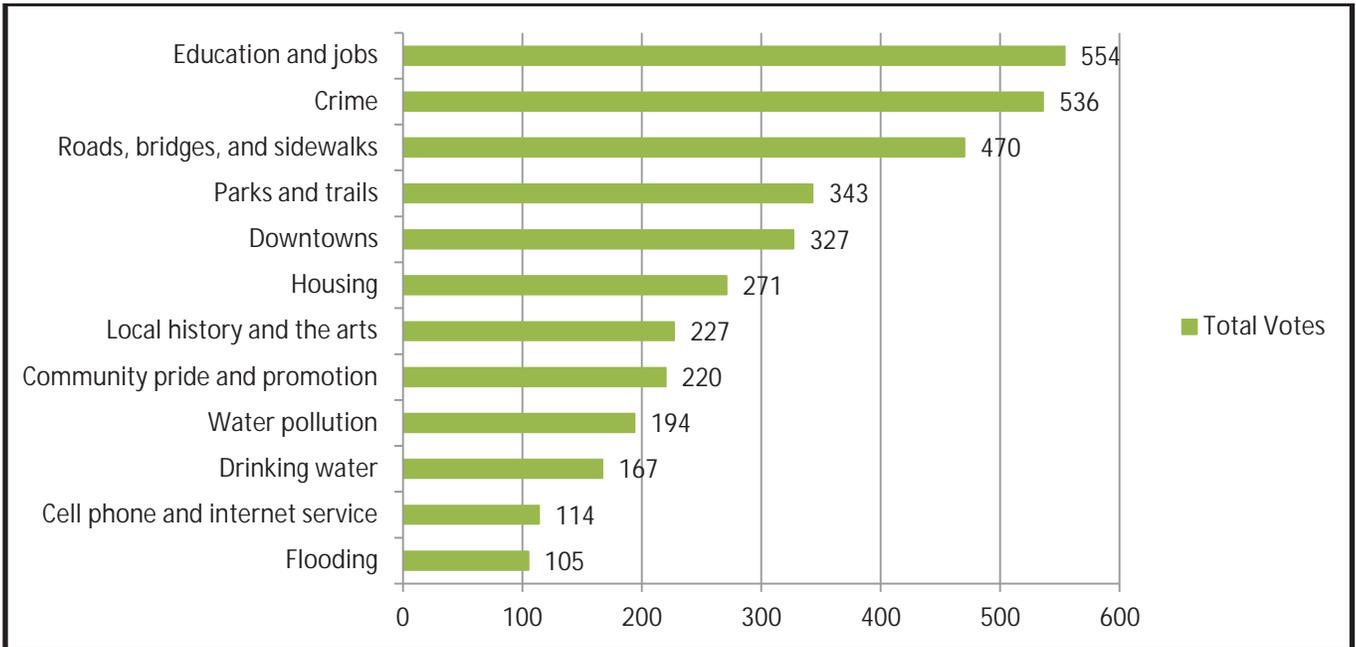


The most important topic which citizens of the GWA planning area identified as something they want to see changed was crime. Additionally, citizens are also unhappy with government, however, the reasons varied from people who believed government was doing too much to those who thought it wasn't doing enough. Citizens also identified community pride/promotion and infrastructure as important topics. The other category was a variety of responses which covered topics including the lack of new businesses, emergency services, and the lack of resources available for underprivileged families to succeed.

Lyco Bucks Exercise for 17701, 17702, and 17754 Zip Codes

This part of the survey allowed participants to take 5 theoretical dollars to allocate them towards their top priorities if they were in charge of making decisions. Participants could use all of the money towards one category or spread it out across up to five categories. Twelve separate categories were provided (listed in the graph below). Below is a graph showing how survey participants within the planning area responded to this portion of the exercise.

Survey participants identified education and jobs and crime as the two most important priorities. Next came roads, bridges, and sidewalks followed by parks and trails. The priority of least concern was flooding. Drinking water and Cell phone and internet service were viewed as less important priorities as well.





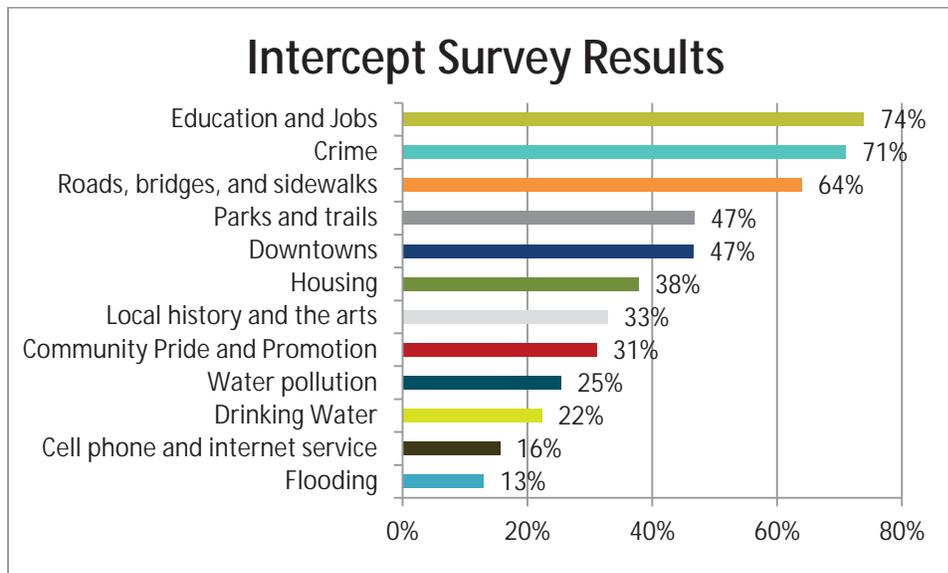
“Lycoming 2030: Plan the Possible” Survey Results for the 17701 17702 Zip Codes

The results below are a summary of the combined responses from the 17701 17702 zip codes for the intercept (in-person) survey conducted in Summer 2016 and the online survey conducted in Fall 2016.

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 581 total respondents (106 in-person, 475 online)

“LYCO BUCKS” PRIORITIES:

Below is a list of twelve issues that some people have said need attention. If you were in charge of making decisions, where would you invest resources first? Imagine you have five “Lyco Bucks” to spend. Please place your “Lyco Bucks” on five issues.



TOP COMMENTS: The following responses were the most frequently given and are listed here in no particular order

What do you like about Lycoming County and want to make lasts well into the future?

Little League World Series, sense of community, beautiful scenery, increase in arts and culture, outdoor recreation, home town feel

What don't you like about Lycoming County and wish were different?

Crime, taxes, roads, lack of jobs

DEMOGRAPHICS: (Note—Demographic questions not asked during in-person surveys)

Average Age: 47

Gender:

Female: 43% (250 respondents)

Male: 34% (199 respondents)

Not Given: 23% (132 respondents)

Race and Ethnicity:

White/Caucasian 75% (437 respondents)

Hispanic/Latino 1% (8 respondents)

American Indian/Alaska Native 2% (12 respondents)

Black/African American .8% (5 respondents)

Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian .5% (3 respondents)

Other/Not given: 22% (129 respondents)

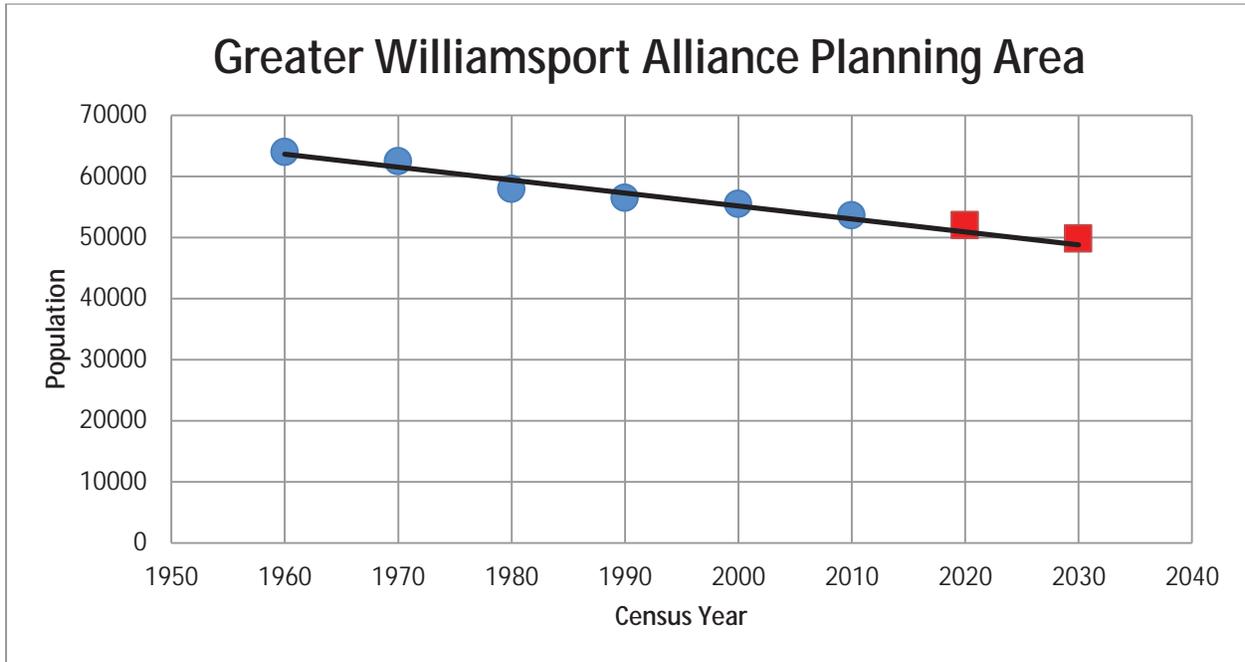
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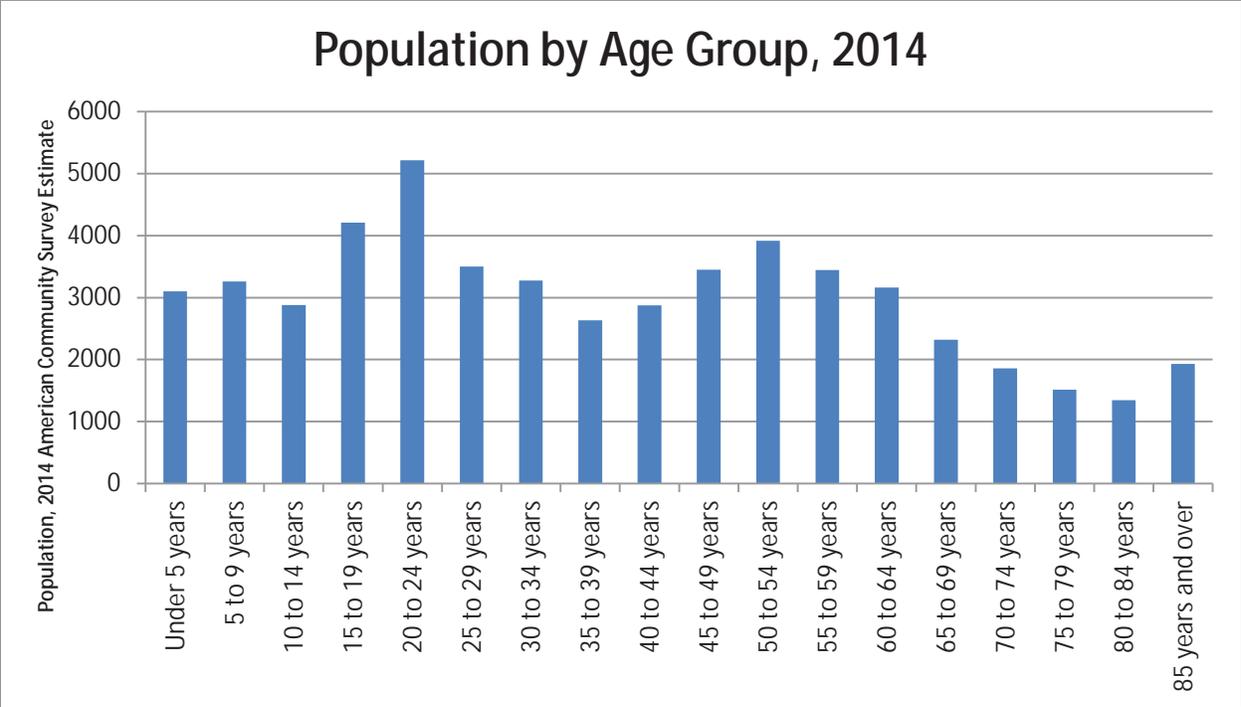
Greater Williamsport Alliance Planning Area Profile

Population change and projections

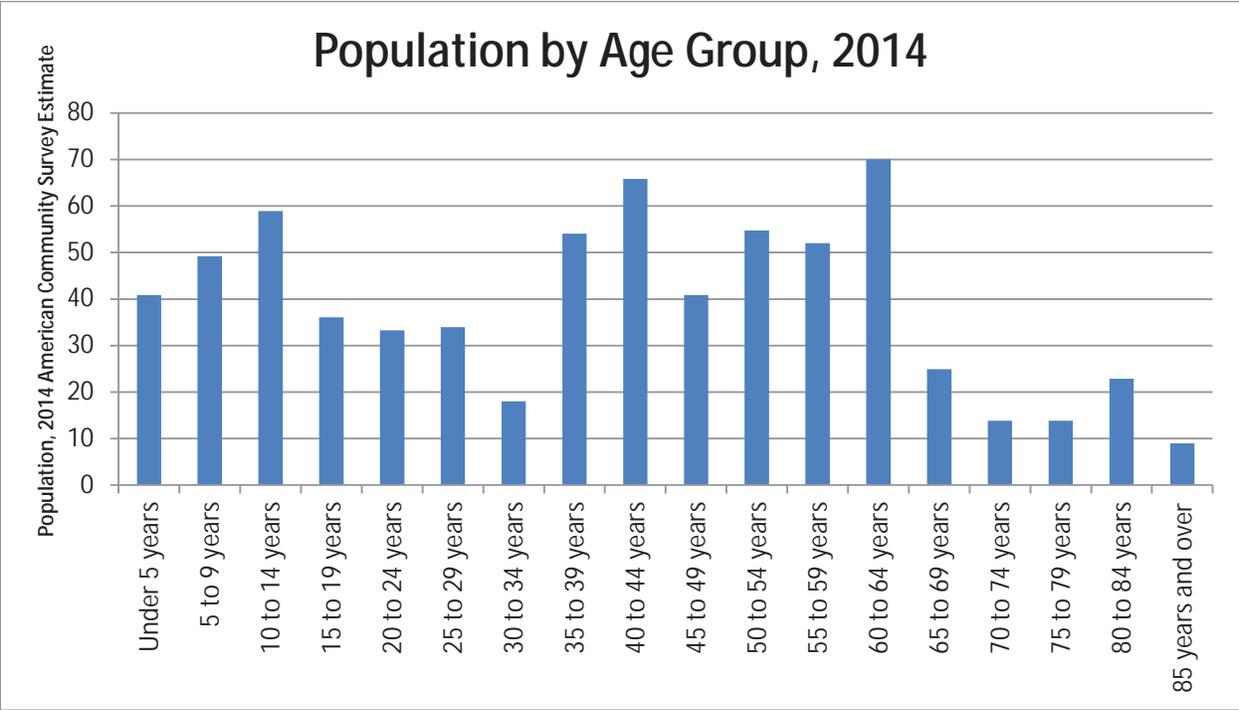
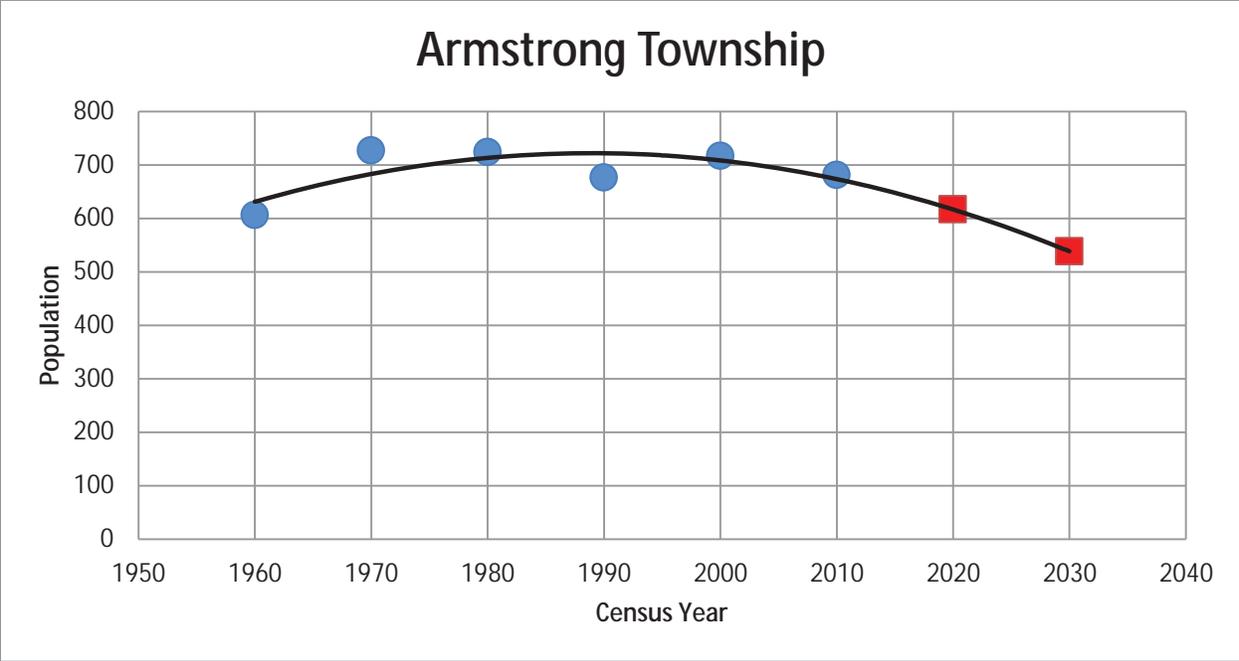
- Census Count of Population Used to Calculate Population Change Projection
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- Projected Future Population Count
- Best Fit Population Change Trend Based on 30-50 Years of Census Population Counts

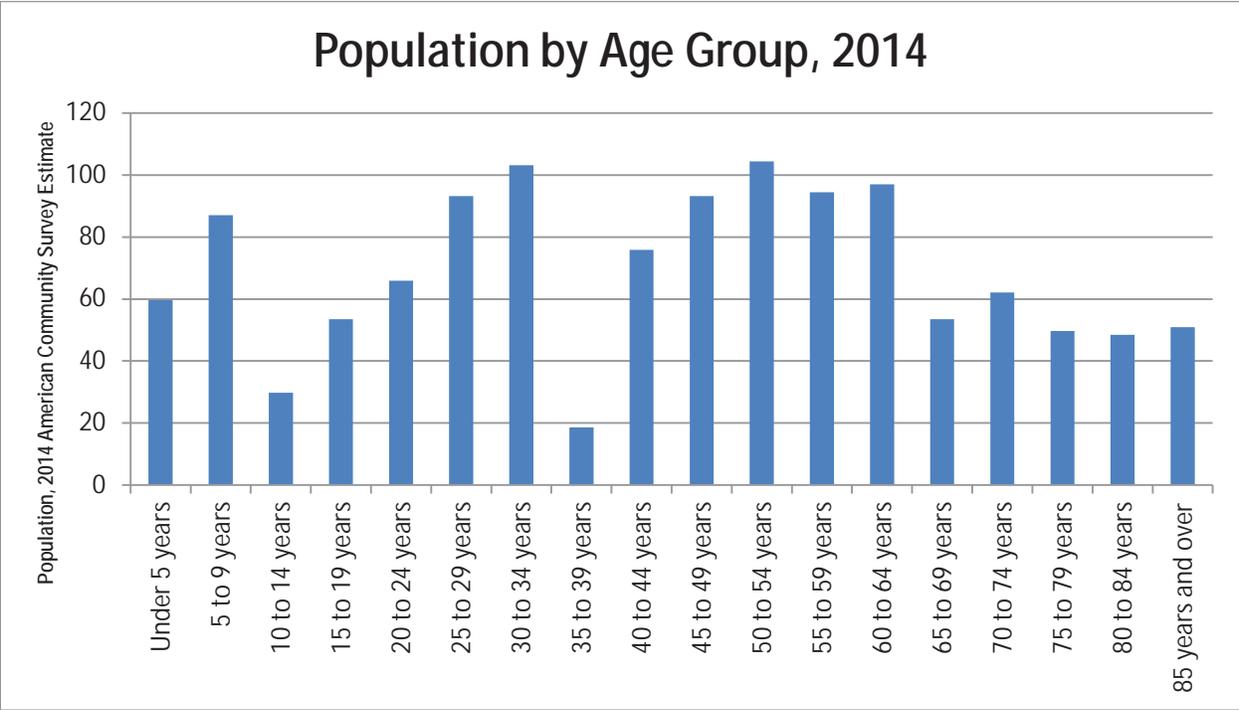
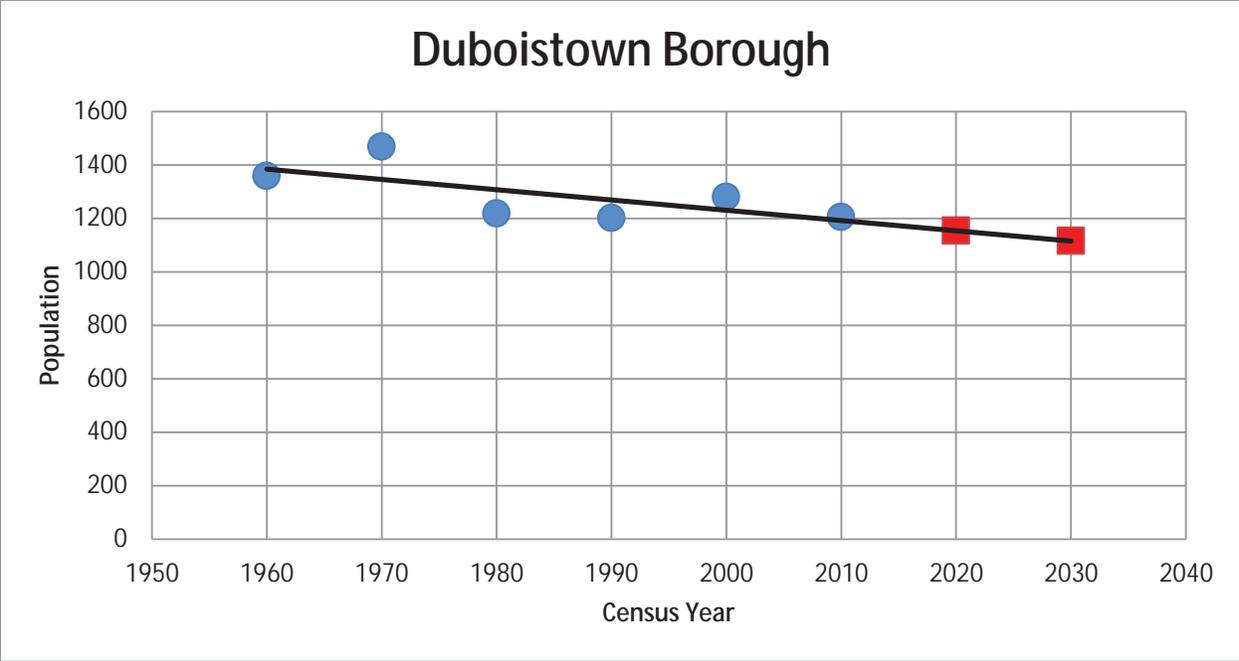


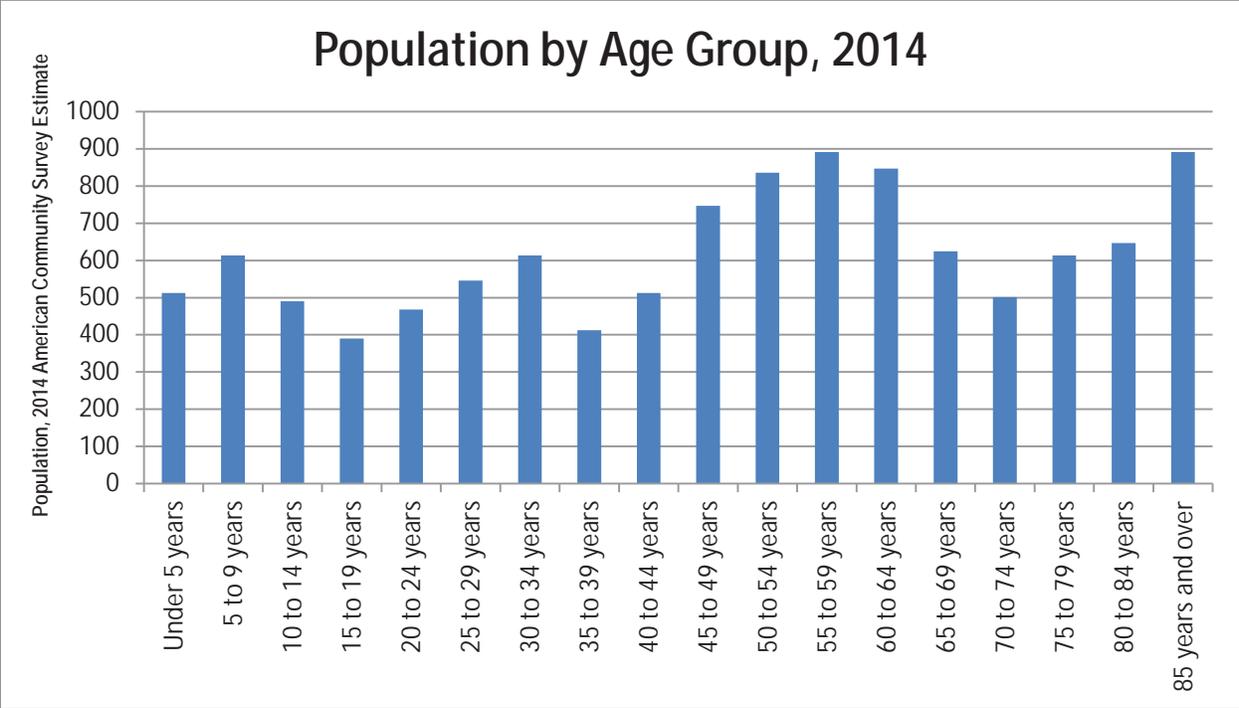
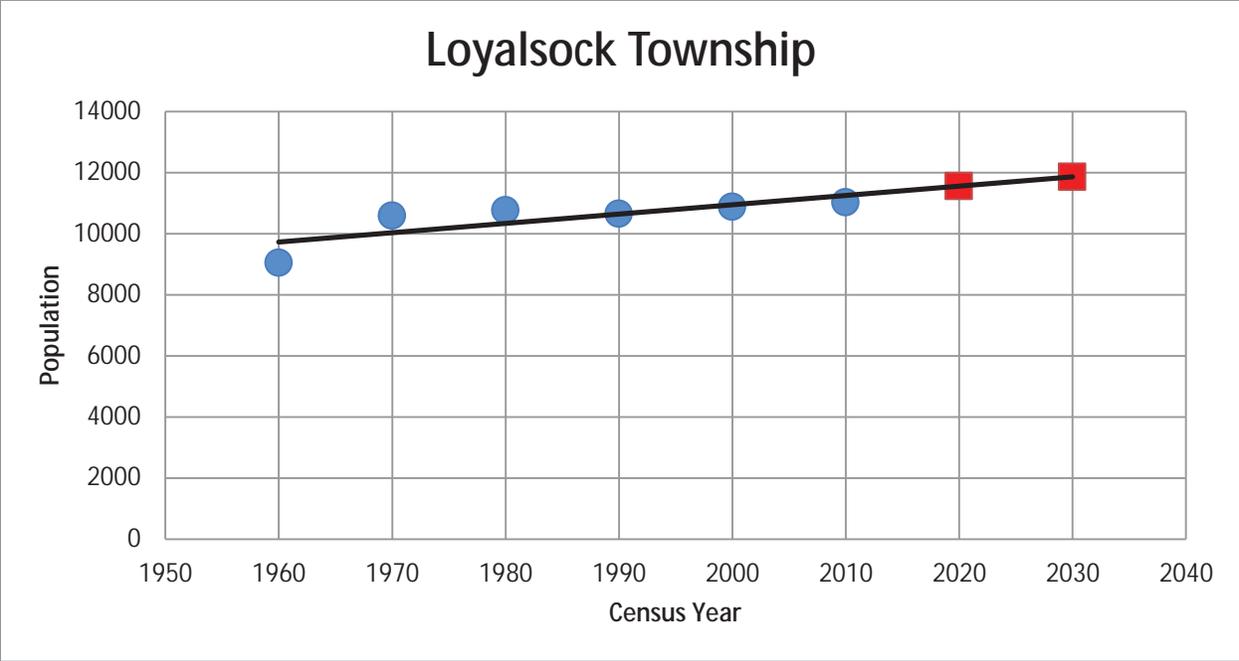
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Armstrong	606	727	724	676	717	681	617	538
Duboistown	1358	1468	1218	1201	1280	1205	1154	1115
Loyalsock	9047	10581	10763	10644	10876	11026	11556	11860
Old Lycoming	3996	4616	5220	5526	5508	4938	4330	3344
South Williamsport	6972	7153	6581	6496	6412	6379	6295	6226
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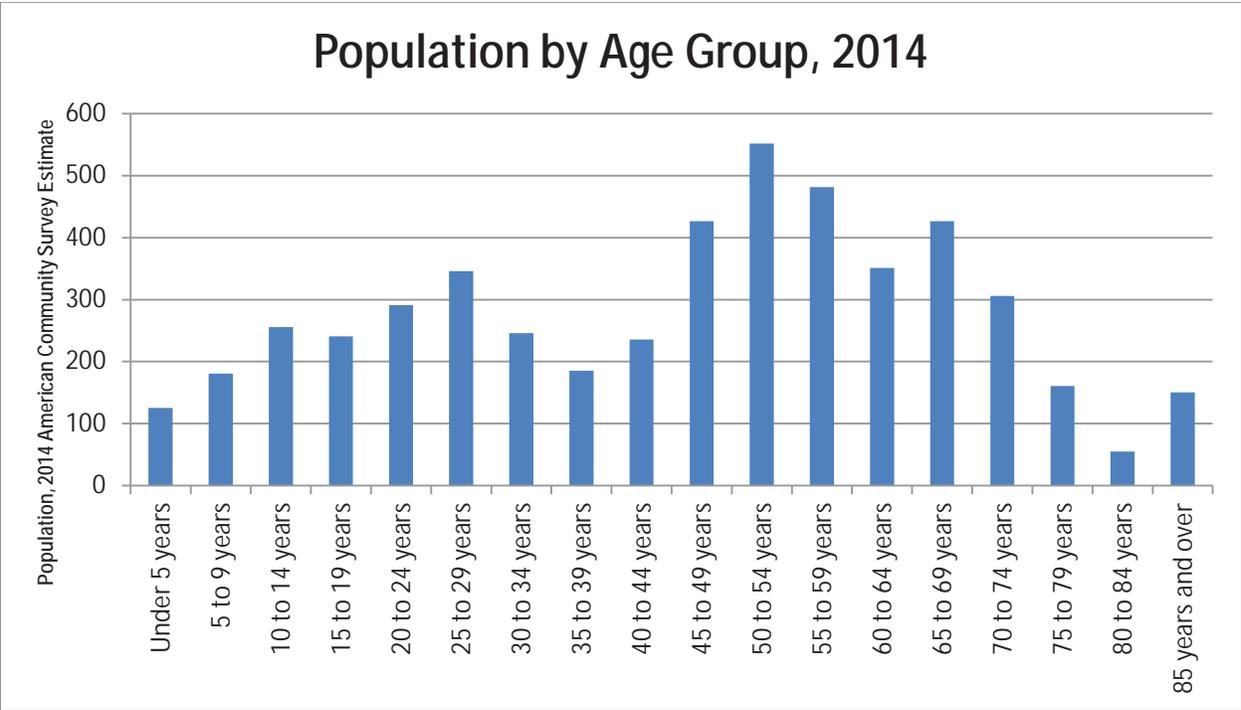
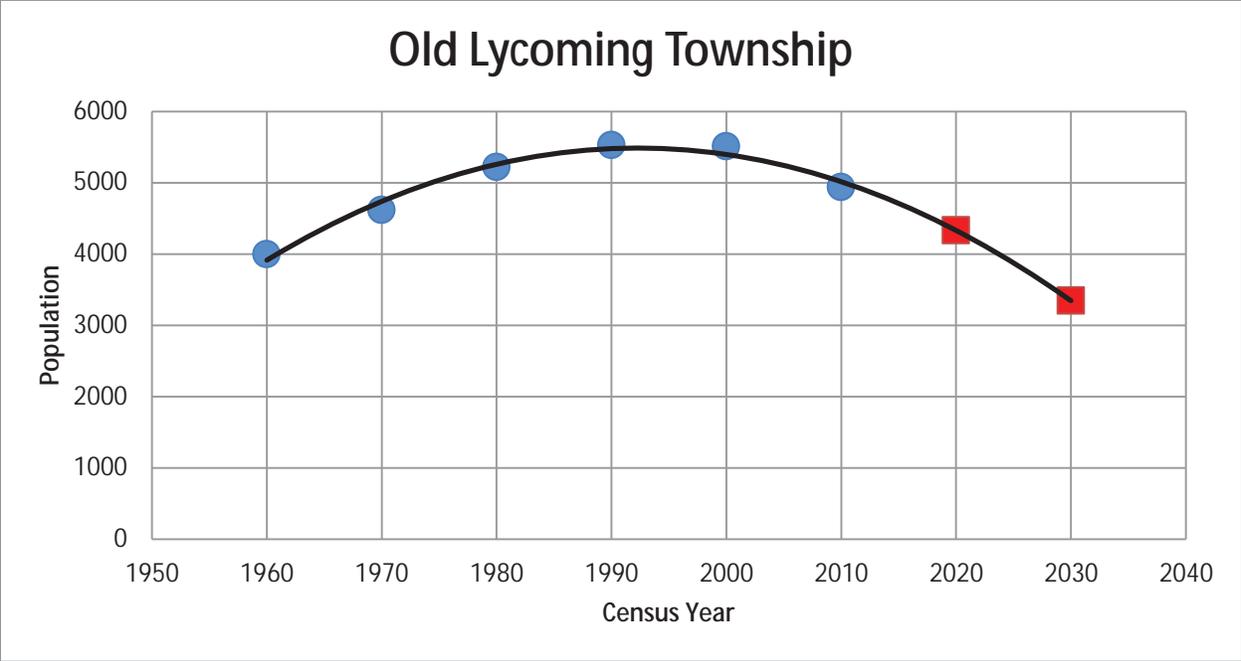


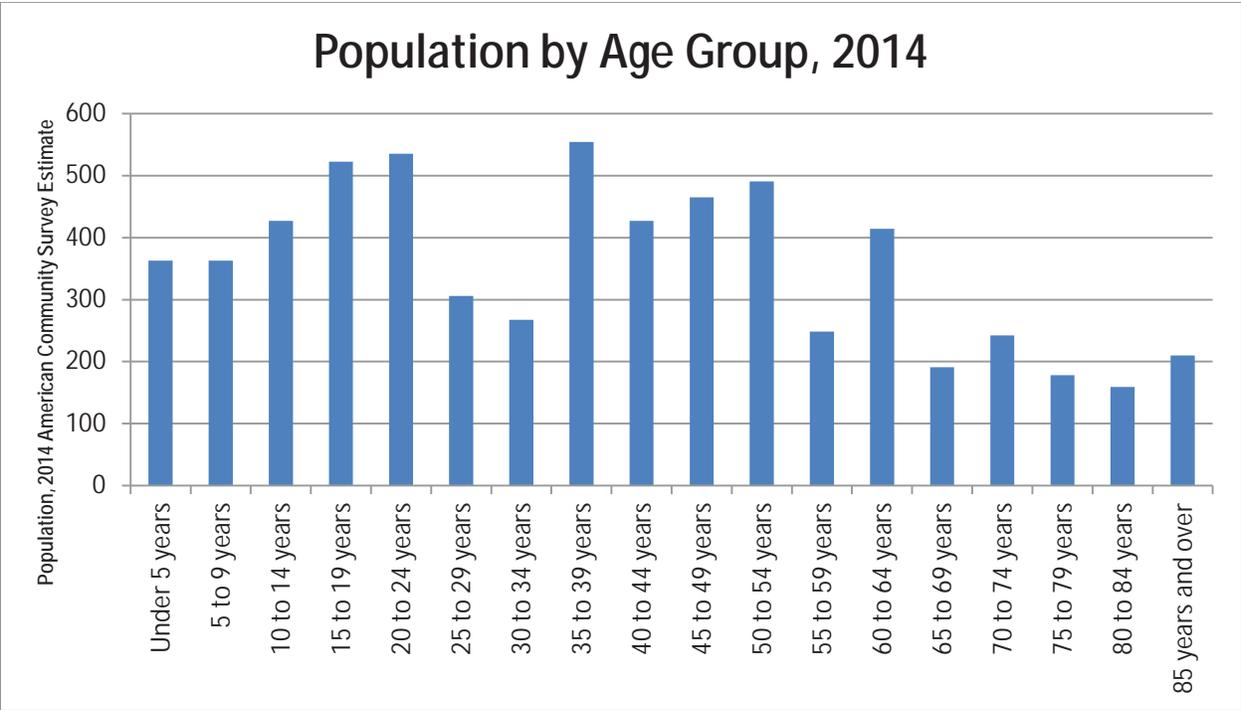
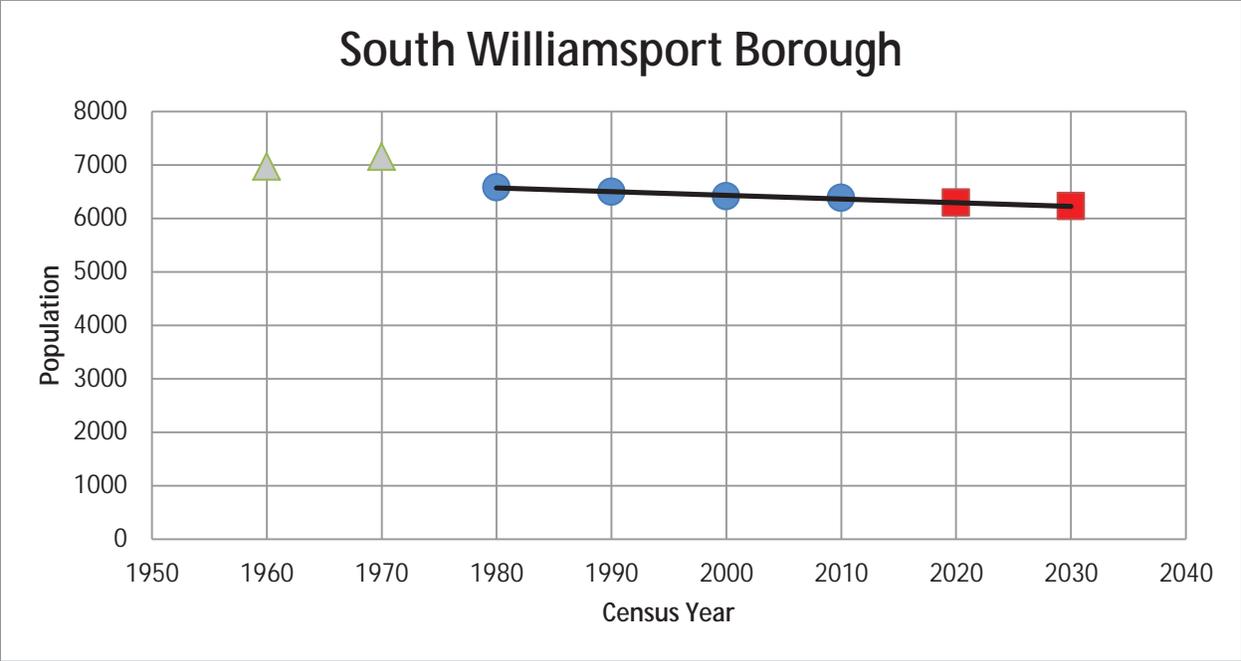
	Median age, 2014 American Community Survey Estimate
TOWNSHIP OF ARMSTRONG	42.1
BOROUGH OF DUBOISTOWN	46.5
TOWNSHIP OF LOYALSOCK	51.8
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BOROUGH OF SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT	38.3
CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT	30.3

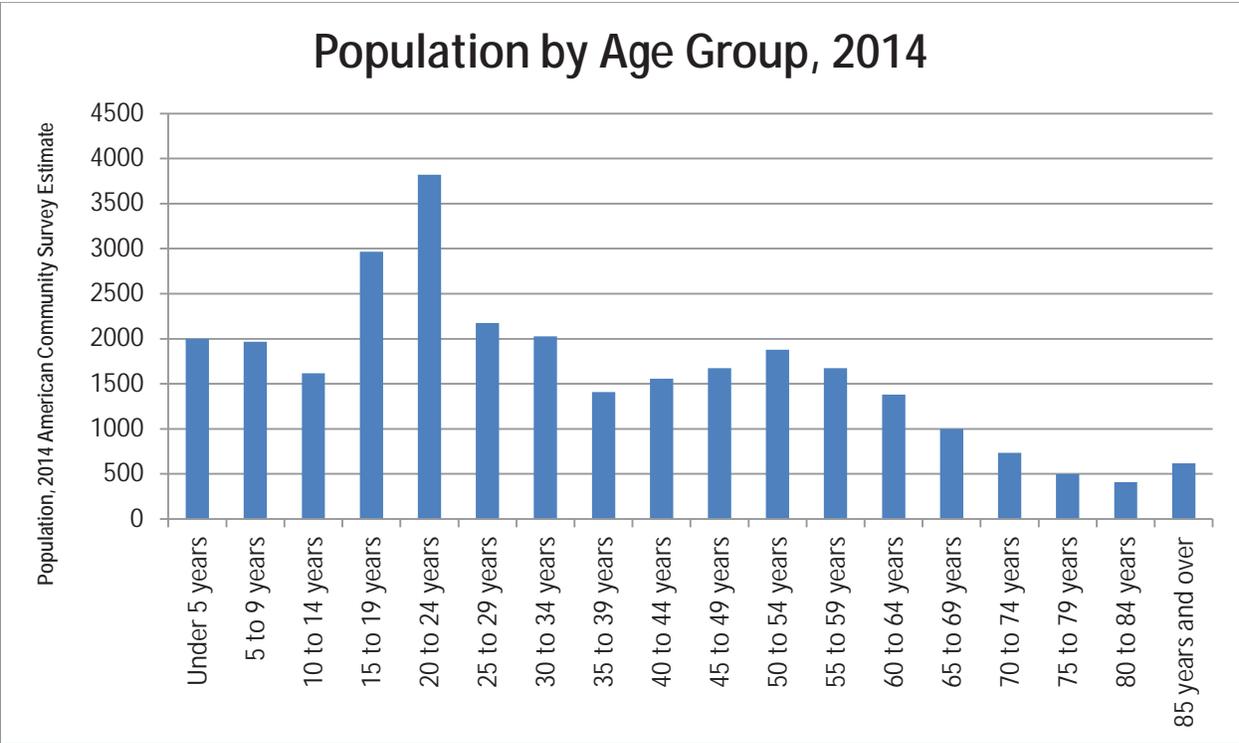
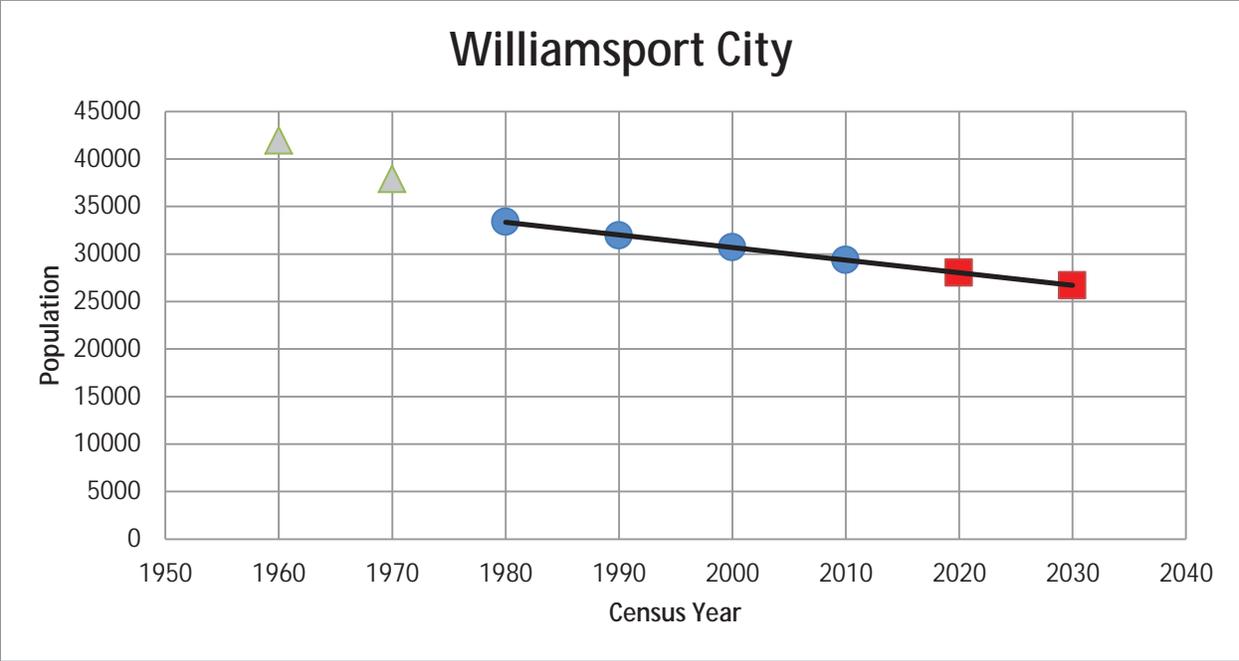








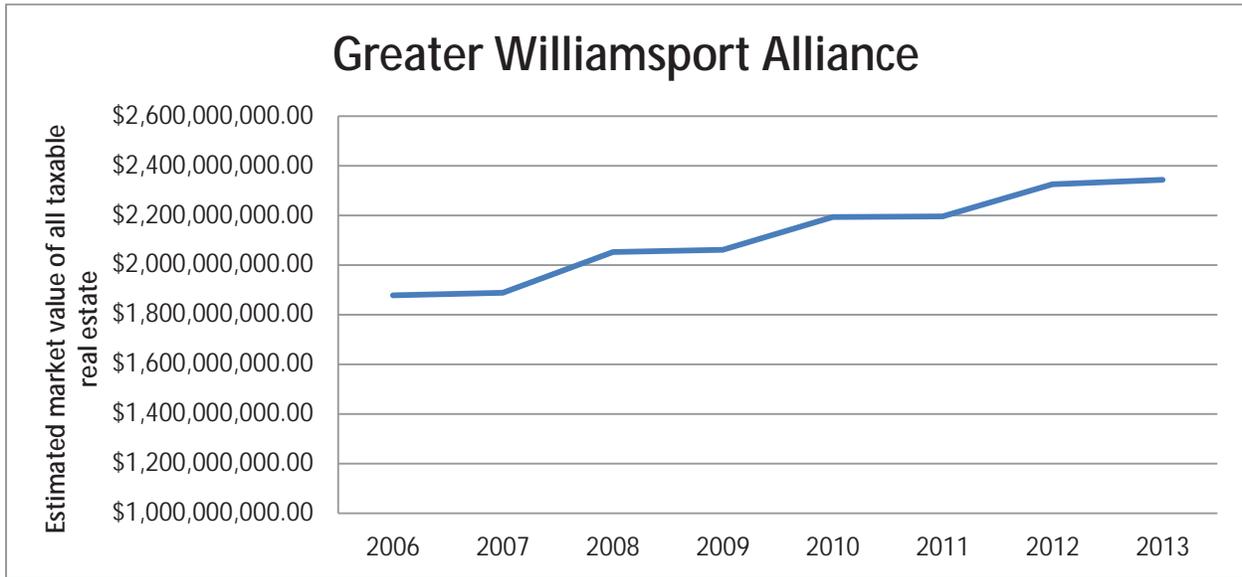




Housing

Taxable real estate market value

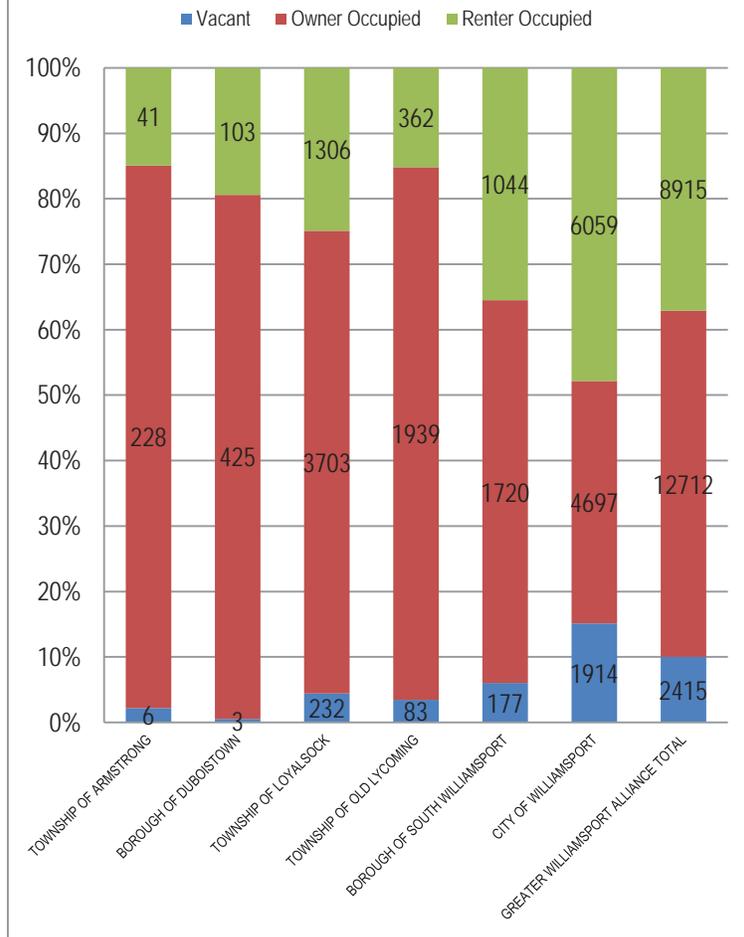
Data source: State Tax Equalization Board



	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Armstrong Township	\$36,574,600.00	\$35,957,127.25	\$39,806,952.71	\$40,017,809.68	\$43,403,138.68	\$44,137,112.37	\$45,564,446.57	\$46,446,635.33
Duboisstown Borough	\$40,143,400.00	\$40,150,191.67	\$43,498,358.36	\$43,596,732.58	\$46,526,142.91	\$46,723,674.24	\$49,192,647.59	\$49,237,738.49
Loyalsock Township	\$584,844,900.00	\$593,651,944.28	\$644,093,417.94	\$651,905,282.02	\$699,536,083.00	\$700,989,115.75	\$753,717,340.70	\$762,209,161.11
Old Lycoming Township	\$206,835,800.00	\$208,923,166.18	\$225,547,489.75	\$227,467,256.94	\$238,852,807.05	\$239,012,768.00	\$251,346,710.56	\$256,488,465.00
South Williamsport Borough	\$200,594,500.00	\$201,190,703.17	\$218,115,078.31	\$219,473,319.27	\$234,578,746.29	\$234,389,065.27	\$249,958,786.90	\$251,332,459.74
Williamsport City	\$808,288,900.00	\$808,500,184.77	\$880,648,801.45	\$879,167,394.52	\$930,307,738.06	\$929,970,699.91	\$975,669,456.23	\$977,948,099.91
Greater Williamsport Alliance TOTAL	\$1,877,282,100.00	\$1,888,373,317.32	\$2,051,710,098.52	\$2,061,627,795.01	\$2,193,204,655.99	\$2,195,222,435.54	\$2,325,449,388.55	\$2,343,662,559.58

	Percent change, 2006-2013	Dollar change, 2006-2013
Armstrong Township	27%	\$9,872,035.33
Duboisstown Borough	23%	\$9,094,338.49
Loyalsock Township	30%	\$177,364,261.11
Old Lycoming Township	24%	\$49,652,665.00
South Williamsport Borough	25%	\$50,737,959.74
Williamsport City	21%	\$169,659,199.91
Greater Williamsport Alliance TOTAL	25%	\$466,380,459.58

Housing Occupancy, 2014 American Community Survey Estimates



Note: "Vacant" housing units include the following

- For rent
- Rented but not yet occupied
- For sale
- Sold but not yet occupied
- Seasonal, recreational or occasional use

	Median Household Income	Median Annual Housing Costs for Homeowner with Mortgage, 2014	Annual Housing Costs for Homeowner with Mortgage as Percentage of Median Family Income	Median Annual Housing Rental Costs, 2014	Annual Housing Rental Costs as Percentage of Median Family Income
TOWNSHIP OF ARMSTRONG	\$54,250.00	\$14,640.00	27.0%	\$11,376.00	21.0%
BOROUGH OF DUBOISTOWN	\$50,789.00	\$13,632.00	26.8%	\$10,428.00	20.5%
TOWNSHIP OF LOYALSOCK	\$46,843.00	\$16,596.00	35.4%	\$9,516.00	20.3%
TOWNSHIP OF OLD LYCOMING	\$45,268.00	\$13,872.00	30.6%	\$7,056.00	15.6%
BOROUGH OF SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT	\$42,861.00	\$14,112.00	32.9%	\$8,472.00	19.8%
CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT	\$33,537.00	\$13,212.00	39.4%	\$8,292.00	24.7%

2014 American Community Survey Estimates

	2014 American Community Survey Estimate, Household Median Income
Lycoming County	\$45,877.00
Pennsylvania	\$53,115.00

	Median Year of Construction of Housing Units
TOWNSHIP OF ARMSTRONG	1969
BOROUGH OF DUBOISTOWN	1955
TOWNSHIP OF LOYALSOCK	1965
TOWNSHIP OF OLD LYCOMING	1967
BOROUGH OF SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT	1949
CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT	1939 or Earlier

2014 American Community Survey Estimates

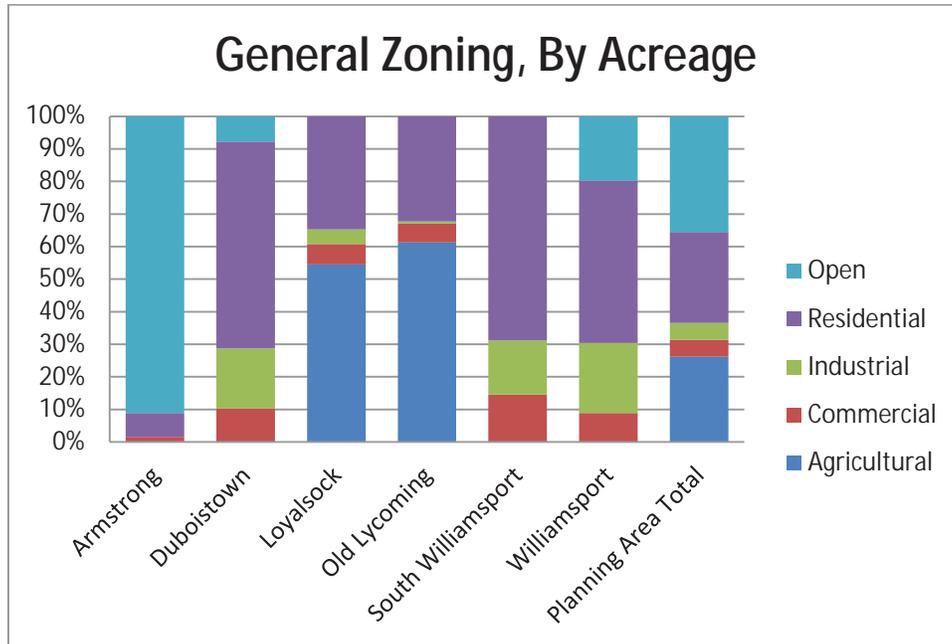
Floodplain and Flood Insurance

Data Sources: FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Policy and Claim Statistics and Lycoming County

	Policies	Insured Amount	Total Premiums	Total Claims	Total Payments	Total Number of Tax parcels	Parcels Containing Regulatory Floodplain	Percent Containing Floodplain
TOWNSHIP OF ARMSTRONG	13	\$2,336,800.00	\$21,437.00	31	\$696,782.33	412	119	28.9%
BOROUGH OF DUBOISTOWN	26	\$3,188,800.00	\$21,514.00	36	\$207,666.14	568	101	17.8%
TOWNSHIP OF LOYALSOCK	110	\$17,881,600.00	\$115,018.00	295	\$3,752,904.33	4,544	327	7.2%
TOWNSHIP OF OLD LYCOMING	140	\$14,374,700.00	\$155,170.00	42	\$8,798,894.87	2,357	429	18.2%
BOROUGH OF SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT	59	\$8,807,000.00	\$70,708.00	6	\$392,327.21	2,601	117	4.5%
CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT	47	\$10,644,000.00	\$63,114.00	124	\$1,425,146.14	9,483	42	0.4%
TOTAL	395	\$57,232,900.00	\$446,961.00	534	\$15,273,721.02	19,965	1,135	5.7%

Current Zoning

Data Source: Lycoming County Planning Dept. Data

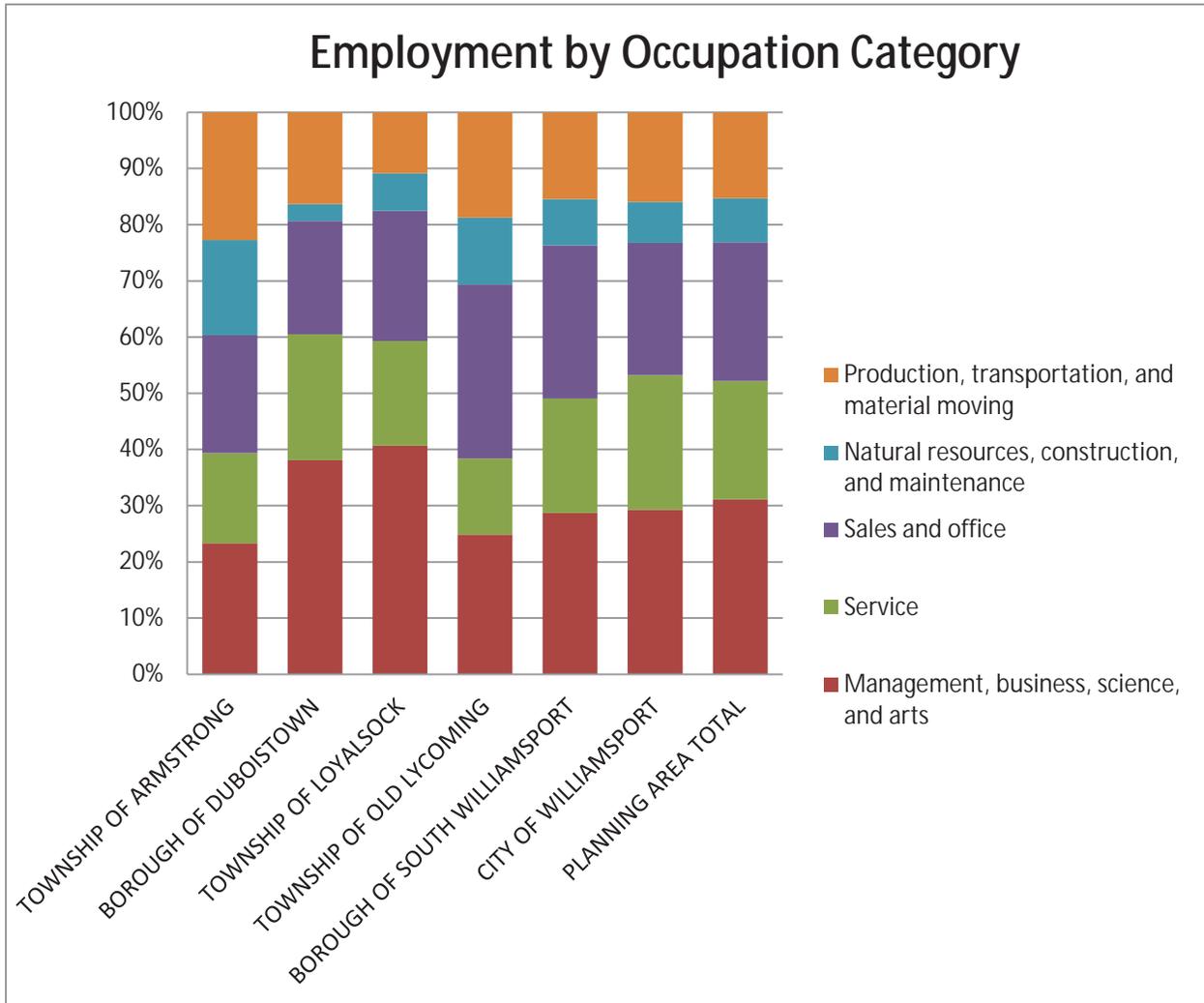


Developable Land

	Vacant Land (Acres)	
	Zoned Commercial	Zoned Industrial
Armstrong	51.31	
Duboistown	0.69	0.71
Loyalsock	47.21	237.64
Old Lycoming	11.13	5.67
South Williamsport	11.05	10.25
Williamsport	38.3	96.03
TOTAL	159.69	350.3

Employment

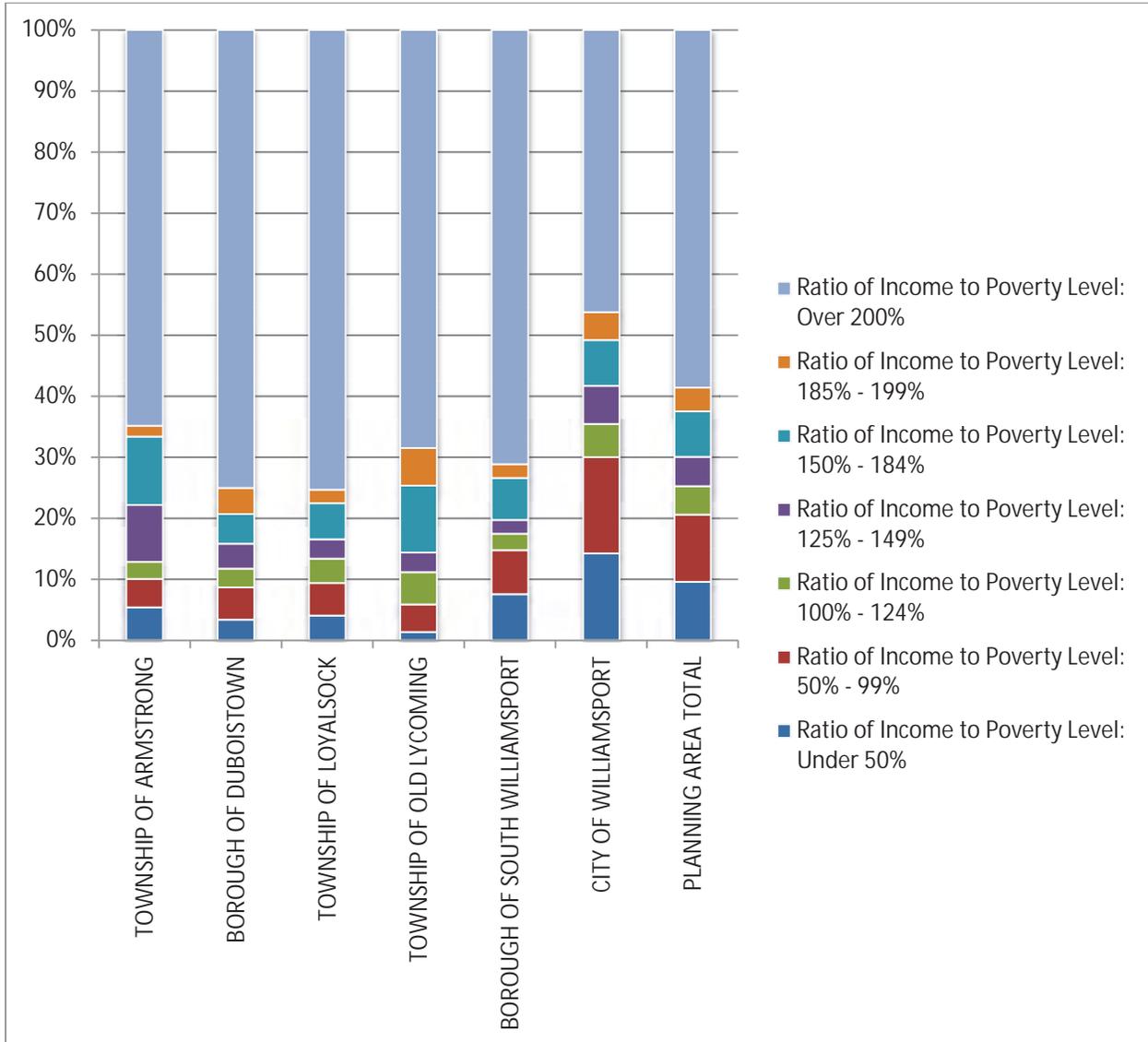
2014 American Community Survey Estimates



Poverty

2014 American Community Survey Estimates

Federal Poverty Level for Individuals in 2014: \$11,670



Heart of Williamsport: *Reinforcing Projects within the Greater Williamsport Area Comprehensive Plan*

Abbreviations under the Heart of Williamsport Values:

ACH: Arts, Culture, Heritage

BNE: Beautiful Natural Environment

DC: Diverse Community

Edu: Educational; Assets, Activities, Events

HSW: Health, Safety, Welfare

OEG: Opportunities & Economic Growth

STF: Small-Town Feel

UAR: Urban Amenities & Recreation



Heart of Williamsport: Project Overview

In 2016 the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership began a civic engagement project called “Heart of Williamsport”. This project is being done in partnership with the Pennsylvania Humanities Council using the Heart and Soul method for civic engagement. What makes Heart and Soul different is that it uses storytelling and story sharing as a way for communities to discover what really matters most to citizens. Heart and Soul was developed by the Orton Family Foundation, and is based on three principles: 1) Involve Everyone, 2) Focus on What Matters Most, and 3) Play the Long Game.

Key to this process is involving everyone, so demographic data was gathered and analyzed to develop a strategy for outreach that would meet a variety of people ‘where they are’. Since public meetings can be intimidating to some, typically yield the same ‘usual suspects’. Through storytelling Heart and Soul captures ideas and values from a much more diverse group of citizens; through story listening it can build bridges between diverse groups in our community.

The initial form of outreach utilized a rack card asking 3 simple questions about what people like most about living in Williamsport. Events were attended all over the city including First Friday art events, group meetings and organizations, round table discussions, block parties, community picnics; outreach was made to churches, homeless shelters, and gathering places. People were engaged in conversations one-on-one to let them know about the project and then asked if they would fill out a card or be willing to be recorded telling their story. The total number of responses collected are: 785 short surveys, 80 story-sharing responses, and 79 in-depth interviews – for a total of 944 responses.

Groups of volunteers were then gathered to listen to stories and sort through survey data to identify what people said they value, and to note concerns and ideas for improvement. A “Summit Up” event was hosted by Heart of Williamsport on April 26, 2017 at the Cochran Primary School to review what people have told us they ‘value’ about Williamsport; 52 persons attended. Facilitated groups sifted through thousands of data points that were organized by theme to identify sub-categories and keywords. Each facilitated group then worked with the keywords to develop a draft Value Statement, which was later refined as follows:

1. Arts, Culture and Heritage (ACH)

We celebrate the arts through cultural events and activities capturing the spirit of the community and providing opportunities for socializing, expressing creativity, and

supporting local businesses which revitalize our city and enrich our lives.

We treasure our rich history and culture reflected in the quality and diversity of our architecture, Little League Baseball, and our lumber heritage, that we preserve for the next generation instilling pride in our community.

2. Beautiful, Natural Environment (BNE)

We admire our scenic views and beautiful natural surroundings; this tranquil environment enhances our quality of life and provides plenty outdoor activities that utilize our mountains, forests, rivers, trails, and parks.

3. Diverse Community (DC)

We value the diversity of Williamsport and its people by recognizing the variety of arts, entertainment, restaurants, employment, and worship opportunities maintained within the quaint small-town community that practices kindness, acceptance, respect, and inclusivity.

4. Educational Assets, Events and Activities (Edu)

We value the diverse educational opportunities and programs provided by our schools, colleges, libraries, and organizational collaborations that offer mentors and activities for everyone, promoting a strong sense of community pride.

5. Health, Safety and Welfare (HSW)

We appreciate our clean and friendly city's quality health care system, extensive social services, responsive government, and generous philanthropists providing a safe and peaceful environment for residents, especially those raising families.

6. Opportunities and Economic Growth OEG

We value the positive change and entrepreneurial spirit that creates an abundance of privately owned, small businesses revitalizing our downtown area and neighborhoods within Williamsport.

We appreciate strong economic growth, diverse job opportunities, and low-cost of living that raises the quality of life for more people, which encourages young people to stay in the community.

7. Small Town Feel (STF)

We treasure the character and friendliness of our small-town that allows the compassionate members of this community to connect with one another.

We appreciate the size of our town because of its accessibility to the local shops, restaurants, attractions, destinations, and nature around the city.

8. Urban Amenities and Recreation (UAR)

We appreciate our center city with connections and public transportation to a wide variety of destinations, including businesses, restaurants, bars, specialty shops, theater, sports and recreation, creating a distinctive urban/rural atmosphere where people live, work and play.

The collected data was then coded according to theme, and further discussed throughout the City. This included on-line postings with google forms for receiving comments, a round table forum with one table for each theme, and 8 individual focus group discussions; all were open to the public. Working with volunteers, we compiled lists of where these values are expressed or evident in our City; these lists include people, places, things, and activities.

Because there was a focused effort to target the full diversity of the community (including the typically unheard voices) Heart of Williamsport has been able to effectively identify community values, character, concerns, and ideas for action - and this is inspiring new leadership and attitudes to emerge.

The timing of this project has been simultaneous with the Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan update, and was intended to supplement that public input process. Two differences between these projects are that the County plan included the municipalities surrounding the City and utilized stakeholder teams. Heart of Williamsport has a geographic area limited to the City of Williamsport and focused on reaching individuals that can represent the diverse viewpoints of our citizenry. In comparing both sets of data there were some minor variations, but in general our grassroots input strongly supports and validates the County stakeholder findings. (see table of Heart of Williamsport Values relative to the County Priority Projects)

Additionally, Heart of Williamsport captured ideas that reach beyond the typical planning realm, and focus more on social interactions, community character and identity. These, and other ideas, will be further explored with focus groups to develop specific projects for implementing an action plan. Frequently recurring ideas include:

- Mentor youth with positive role models for becoming productive citizens. Form partnerships between local organizations, schools, colleges, and libraries to work together to provide programming for after school courses in 'life skills', communications, and personal responsibility.
- Promote more growth in the arts, bringing more arts and artists and music to the area. Be a breeding ground for creative people/artists/musicians.

- Create a central communication system for city-wide collaboration; a repository of general resources, where to go, and what to do.
- Promote and enhance our assets to instill pride in our community and make it appealing to younger generations so they will choose to make Williamsport their home.
- Maintain the existing scale of architecture and development to retain the small town, Americana atmosphere.
- Improve the character of neighborhoods and encourage more residential uses in the historic district so that it doesn't become a traffic thoroughfare.
- Provide neighborhood parks and outdoor social spaces, including community gardens to proactively connect people to our rich heritage and beautiful, natural environment, fostering a culture of community pride and stewardship for our resources.
- Sponsor litter cleanups to improve cleanliness of neighborhoods and promote pride of place.
- Dismantle the economic and racial divides, and make Williamsport more welcoming to newcomers and visitors.
- Acknowledge and address the divide in our African American community; there are currently three individual groups that are segregated from each other and isolated within our city.
- More diversity is desired - in downtown businesses and selection of stores, restaurants, music on radio, and for more business opportunities for women and people of color.
- Increase the diversity in our elected officials and police department to improve our town's perception and image for the benefit of future generations.
- Celebrate our ethnic and cultural diversity and recognize it as a strength within our community.

The Heart of Williamsport team will continue to work with local and county government and volunteers to develop an action plan for safeguarding what the people of Williamsport have said they value, including the creation of a stewardship team for shepherding the projects and ideas that emerged so they remain visible and relevant to local decision making.

Front



The Heart of Williamsport collects, uses and shares stories to identify what matters most to its residents to help guide local decision-making and possibly future development.

These shared stories will celebrate cultural diversity, preserve memories, highlight common values, and allow us to connect with our neighbors.

Please take a few minutes to participate in the Heart of Williamsport Storytelling Project, an initiative of the Heart and Soul Community.



Why do you live here? Why do you stay?

Need incentive? We're giving away four \$25 gift certificates to a local shop/business of your choice. Please answer the questions on the back of this card and provide us with your email so we can contact you if you win, (or to follow up if you want to share more of your story.)



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Back



What do you value the most about living in Williamsport?

What special place or characteristic captures the spirit of Williamsport?

What would you like to see change specifically in/about Williamsport?

Demographics are important to help us ensure that we reach as wide an audience as possible. If you will please share the following information with us, we'd appreciate it.

Fulltime Resident? Student/Transient Resident?

Age _____ Gender _____

Ethnicity _____

Would you like to share your story in-depth?
We would love to set up a time to listen to your Williamsport experiences.

Name _____

Phone or Email* _____

**Your phone number or email is required to enter you into a September drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to a local business of your choice.*

The following 9 pages are a cross-reference between all of the GWA projects listed under each Priority Issue with the Heart of Williamsport (HOW) Value Statements. If the project or the nature of the project was mentioned during the HOW process, it represents further validation and support by a wider audience than the PAT alone and is, therefore, noted on the charts below.

GWA PROJECTS PRIORITY 1: <i>CHANGING ECONOMY VS LOCAL WORK FORCE</i>	HEART OF WILLIAMSPORT VALUES							
	<i>ACH</i>	<i>BNE</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>Edu</i>	<i>HSW</i>	<i>OEG</i>	<i>STF</i>	<i>UAR</i>
Levee/ Levee Certification					X			
Flood Proofing								
Flood Protection								
Floodplain Properties								
Park Avenue Neighborhood Revitalization								
Adopt/Enforce Property Maintenance Codes		X			X			
Natural Gas Service Expansion								
Brodart Neighborhood Improvement Program (BNIP)								
Rte. 15 South Gateway Redevelopment Plan								
Becht School Redevelopment								
Institutional Use Zoning								
Facilitate Sharing Municipal Services to Improve Cost-Effectiveness								
Explore Economic Incentives to Support Ag					X			
Facilitate Public Infrastructure in Designated Growth Areas								
Enhance State of Art Telecommunications Capability in Designated Growth Areas						X		X
Pursue Flood Mitigation Projects that Support Economic Resiliency								
Strengthen Air Service to Improve Economic Resiliency								
Create Opportunities to Retain and Attract Young Adults				X		X		
Rejuvenate Downtowns of Our Communities and Revitalize Williamsport's CBD	X	X				X	X	X
Recruit Business and Add More Jobs to Existing Firms						X		
Strengthen Public Schools to Better Prepare Graduates to Enter the Labor Force				X		X		
Improve Adult Education Options				X				

GWA PROJECTS PRIORITY 2: <i>LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRAGMENTATION</i>	HEART OF WILLIAMSPORT VALUES							
	<i>ACH</i>	<i>BNE</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>Edu</i>	<i>HSW</i>	<i>OEG</i>	<i>STF</i>	<i>UAR</i>
Examine Cost Effectiveness & Personnel Efficiency of Fire & EMS Services in the GWA Planning Area as a Prerequisite to the County EMS Response Plan								
Consider Regional Multi-Municipal Zoning Options, Such as Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinances								
Encourage Consistency in Administration and Enforcement of Zoning Practices with Other Municipalities in the Planning Area								
Develop Zoning Ordinance Amendments Compatible with Land Use Patterns and Densities that Define the Local Character of Communities						X		
Recreation Authority Purpose Expansion								
Consider Re-Establishing Regular GWA Meetings								
Explore Beautification Options and Gateway Opportunities In/Around Commercial Districts		X						
Work with School Districts, the Colleges, and the County to Establish Partnership Initiatives	X	X		X		X		X
Collaborate With Religious and Non-Profit Institutions, Where Appropriate, to Address Myriad Community Issues and Concerns			X					X

GWA PROJECTS PRIORITY 3: <i>OUTDOOR RECREATION</i>	HEART OF WILLIAMSPORT VALUES							
	<i>ACH</i>	<i>BNE</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>Edu</i>	<i>HSW</i>	<i>OEG</i>	<i>STF</i>	<i>UAR</i>
Susquehanna River Walk Extension and Access Improvements		X						
Millers Run Greenway								
Bald Eagle Mountain Ridge Trail								
GWA Parks Improvement		X						X
GWA Pools Improvements								X
West End Sports Complex								

GWA PROJECTS PRIORITY 4: <i>MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM</i>	HEART OF WILLIAMSPORT VALUES							
	<i>ACH</i>	<i>BNE</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>Edu</i>	<i>HSW</i>	<i>OEG</i>	<i>STF</i>	<i>UAR</i>
Support the Airport Authority's Construction of a New Terminal and New Access Road at Williamsport Regional Airport								
Pathway to Health		X						
Sylvan Dell Bicycle Lanes								
City Bicycle Routes		X						X
Little League Boulevard								
Commerce Park Drive								
Complete Streets							X	
Shared Parking								X
River Valley Transit Bus Conversions								
3rd Street Bicycle Lanes								
City of Williamsport Central Business District Traffic Plan								
High Street								
Reach Road								
Susquehanna State Park								
LERTA Area Access								
Reconstruction of Millionaire Drive								
Millers Run Greenway Trail								

GWA PROJECTS PRIORITY 5: <i>CULTURAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES</i>	HEART OF WILLIAMSPORT VALUES							
	<i>ACH</i>	<i>BNE</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>Edu</i>	<i>HSW</i>	<i>OEG</i>	<i>STF</i>	<i>UAR</i>
Lycoming Arts' Culture, Arts, and Heritage Trails Initiative	X						X	
Complete the Historical Structures Digital Inventory	X							
Retail Outlet on the Arts								
Neighborhood Preservation Program							X	
River Walk Sculpture Park	X	X						
Avenue of the Arts	X							
Faxon Circle								
Historic Sign/Marker Program							X	X
City of Williamsport Downtown Historic Conservation District Overlay								

GWA PROJECTS PRIORITY 6: <i>DRUGS & CRIME</i>	HEART OF WILLIAMSPORT VALUES							
	<i>ACH</i>	<i>BNE</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>Edu</i>	<i>HSW</i>	<i>OEG</i>	<i>STF</i>	<i>UAR</i>
Support 4 Major Initiatives								
Support Project Bald Eagle					X			
Support County Re-Entry Programing				X	X	X		
Support Law Enforcement and Public Education Programs			X	X	X			
Support Drug and Alcohol Treatment Programs					X			
Neighborhood Indicators Database								
Policing					X			
Summer Sports Programs with Drug Education			X	X				

GWA PROJECTS PRIORITY 7: <i>DOWNTOWNS</i>	HEART OF WILLIAMSPORT VALUES							
	<i>ACH</i>	<i>BNE</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>Edu</i>	<i>HSW</i>	<i>OEG</i>	<i>STF</i>	<i>UAR</i>
Implement the Old City/East Third Street Gateway Redevelopment Strategy					X			
Implement a Split-Tax Rate								
Reactivate the Lead Partners Group								
Downtown Improvements		X					X	X
Downtown Zoning Districts						X		
College Town Initiative	X	X		X				
South Williamsport Senior Housing								

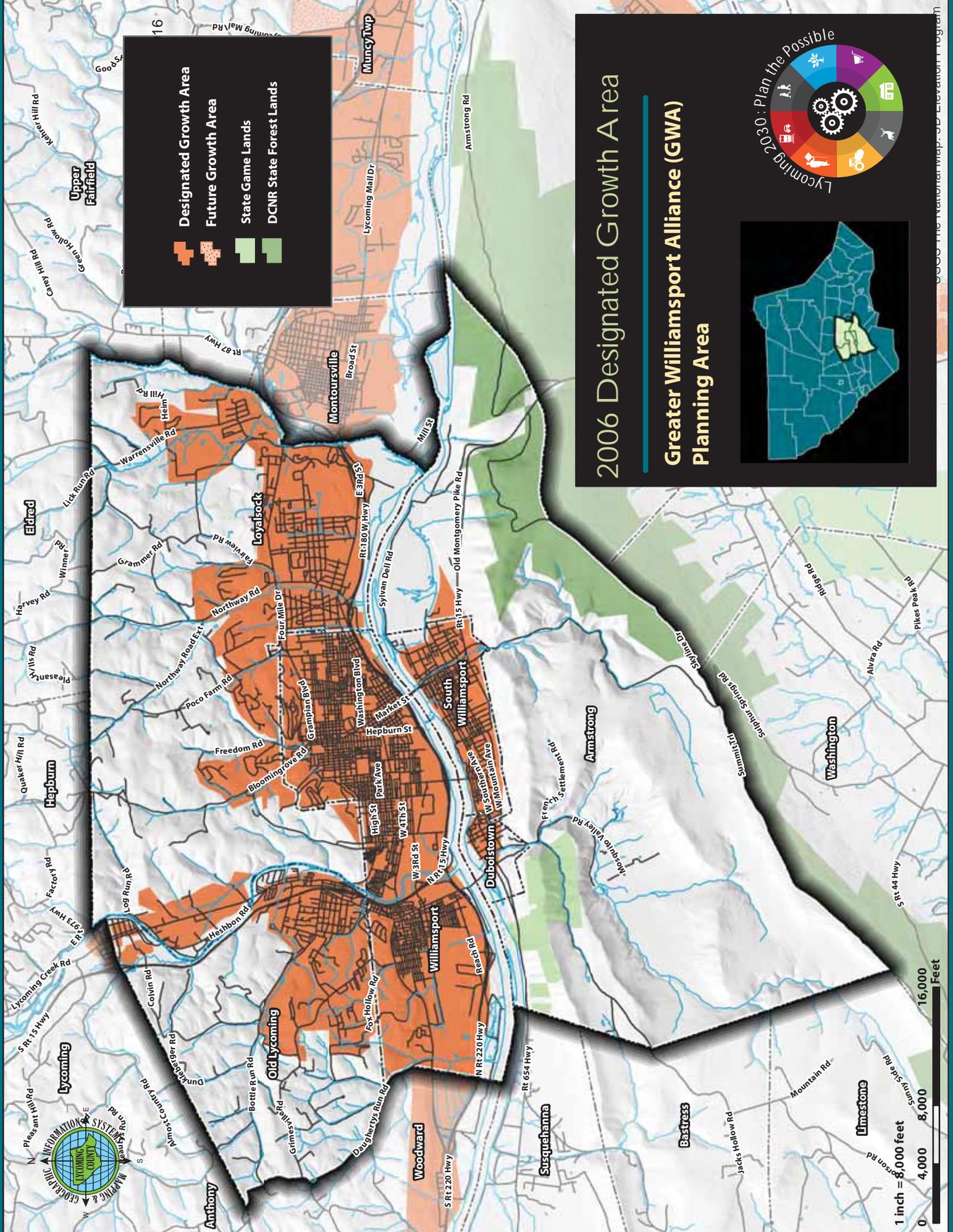
GWA PROJECTS PRIORITY 8: <i>WATER QUALITY</i>	HEART OF WILLIAMSPORT VALUES							
	<i>ACH</i>	<i>BNE</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>Edu</i>	<i>HSW</i>	<i>OEG</i>	<i>STF</i>	<i>UAR</i>
Land Conservation - The Sylvan Dell Land Conservation Project		X						
Sourcewater Protection Program					X			
Improve the Urban Forest					X			X
On-Lot System Management								
Limit Density of Developments Served by On-Lot Septic and On-Site Wells								

GWA PROJECTS <i>PRIORITY 9: WATER, SANITARY SEWER, & STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS</i>	HEART OF WILLIAMSPORT VALUES							
	<i>ACH</i>	<i>BNE</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>Edu</i>	<i>HSW</i>	<i>OEG</i>	<i>STF</i>	<i>UAR</i>
MS4 CBPRP Implementation					X			
Water Line Interconnector								
Water/Sewer Line Extensions								
Mosquito Valley Bridge								
Private Water Well Regulations								
Existing Water Infrastructure System Updates								
Lead Pipe Service Line Replacements								

Appendix D

Reference Maps

1. 2006 Designated Growth Area Map
2. 2006 Future Land Use Map
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4. Williamsport Pathway to Health Traffic & Streetscape Improvements
5. Old City Improvement Plan
6. Sylvan Dell Preserve: Park Master Site Plan & Habitat Restoration Plan



Designated Growth Area

Future Growth Area

State Game Lands

DCNR State Forest Lands

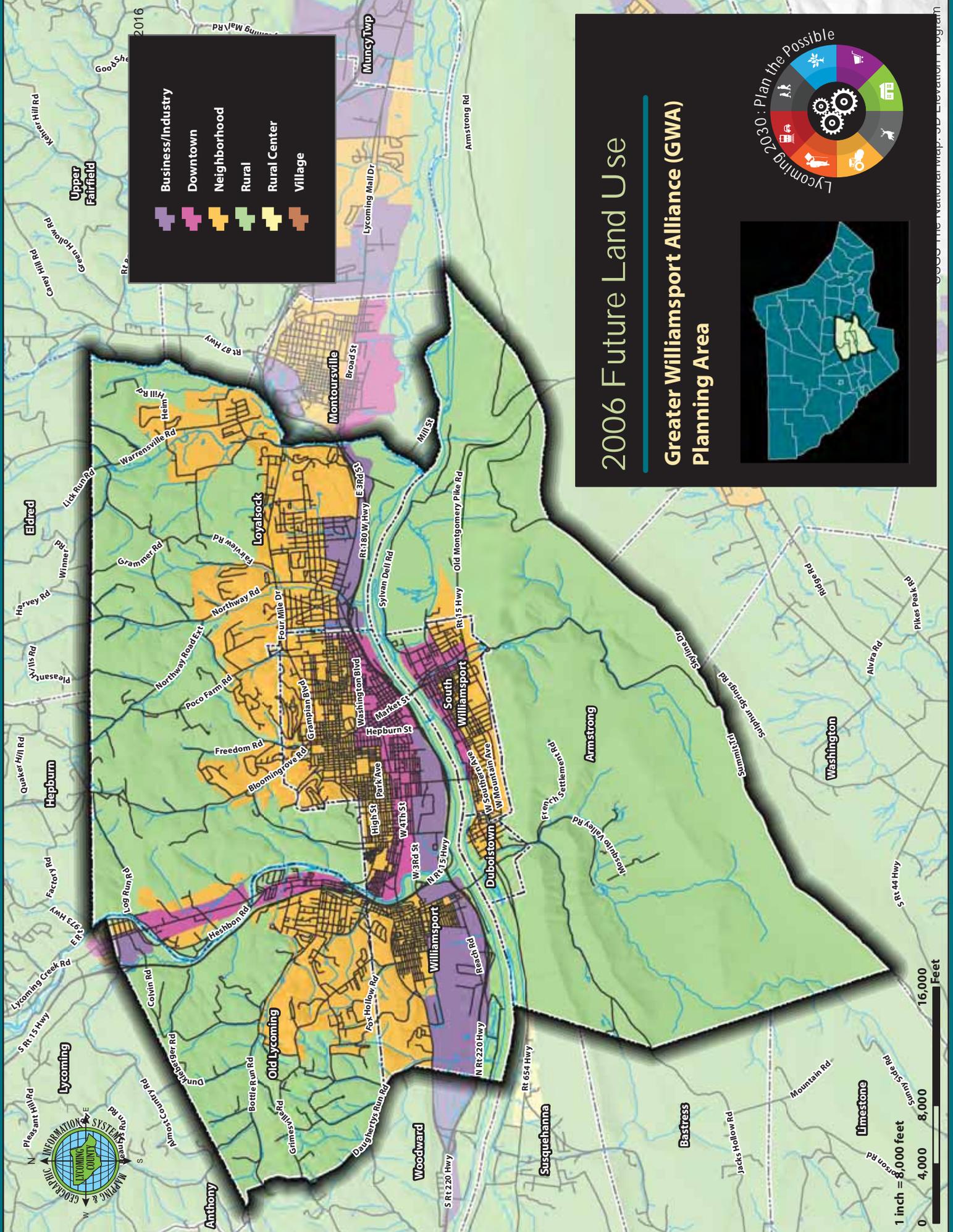
2006 Designated Growth Area

Greater Williamsport Alliance (GWA) Planning Area



1 inch = 8,000 feet

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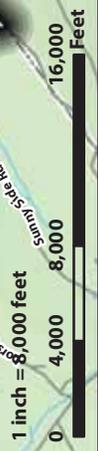


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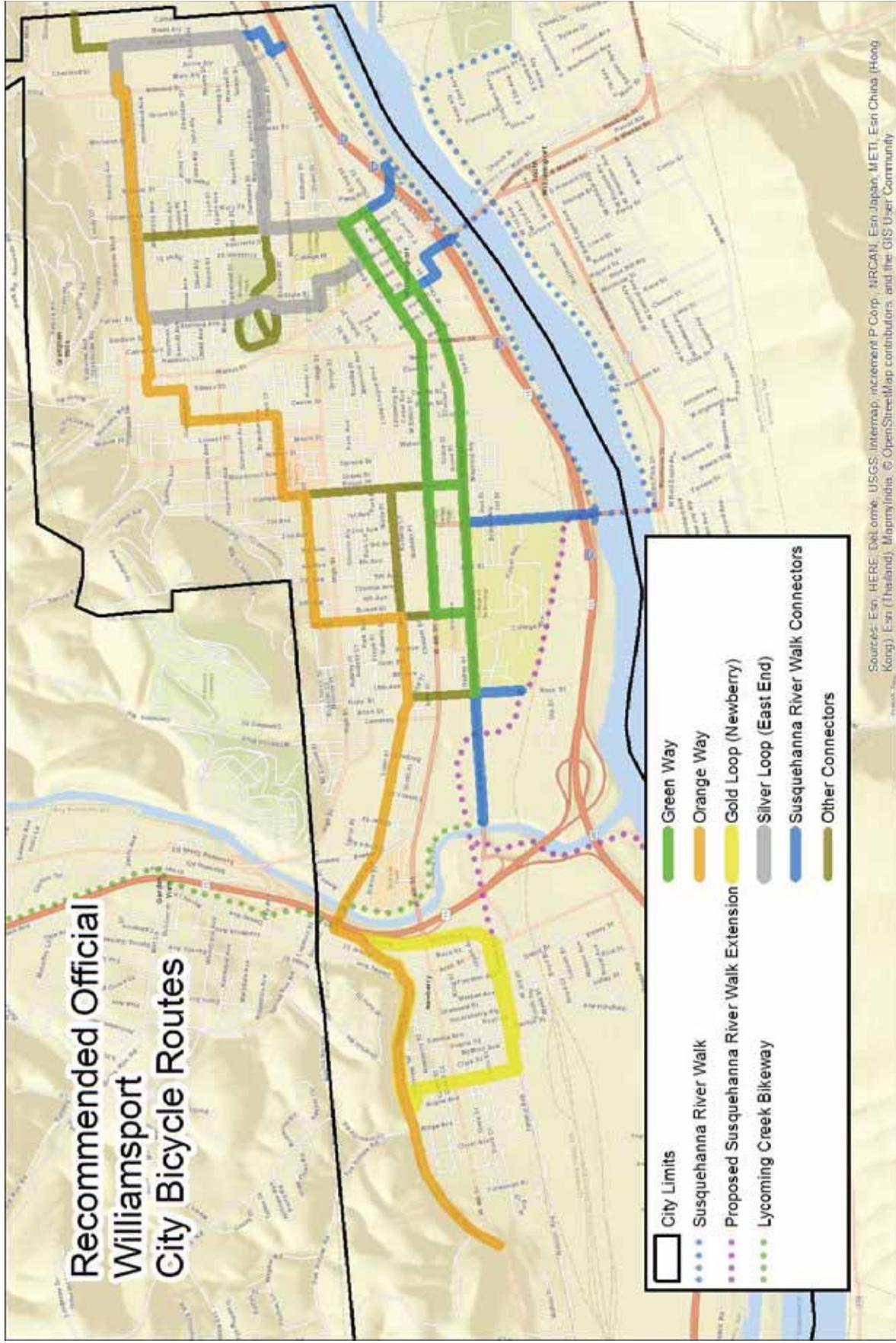
- Business/Industry
- Downtown
- Neighborhood
- Rural
- Rural Center
- Village

2006 Future Land Use

Greater Williamsport Alliance (GWA) Planning Area



Recommended Official Williamsport City Bicycle Routes



- City Limits
- Susquehanna River Walk
- Proposed Susquehanna River Walk Extension
- Lycoming Creek Bikeway
- Green Way
- Orange Way
- Gold Loop (Newberry)
- Silver Loop (East End)
- Susquehanna River Walk Connectors
- Other Connectors

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Williamsport Pathway To Health Traffic & Streetscape Improvements



WEST OF MARKET STREET

EAST OF MARKET STREET



Sylvan Dell Preserve Park Master Site Plan & Habitat Restoration Plan



Sylvan Dell Preserve
Park Master Site Plan and Habitat Restoration Plan
An Initiative of the Lycoming County Commissioners
Armstrong Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania



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Appendix E

Plan Consistency & Plan References

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The 2005 Greater Williamsport Alliance Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan describes the Relationship and Consistency with County Functional Plans and Consistency with Regional Planning in Chapters 7 and 8 respectively. These sections are still relevant today with the exception of the following updates:

Lycoming County 2013-2033 Long Range Transportation Plan (2013)

The Lycoming County 2013-2033 Long Range Transportation Plan was adopted in 2013 and prepared by the Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development. The Transportation Plan was created to comply with state policies and federal regulations which state that air quality attainment areas, such as Lycoming County, must update their plans every five years. The Plan identifies transportation issues and needs by evaluation of physical condition and operational assets of all modes of transportation in Lycoming County. The WATS committee conducted public meetings, trend analysis, and inventory review. Recommendations include many bridge replacements and rehabs and road improvements such as resurfacing, reconstruction, and intersection improvement.

Lycoming County Hazard Mitigation Plan (2010 & 2015)

The Lycoming County Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted in 2010 and a new plan was adopted in 2015. Both plans were prepared by Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. of Philadelphia. Due to suffering floods, winter storms, tornadoes, Lycoming County recognized the need for a long-term plan addressing such hazards. Public participation included written surveys, public meetings, and the opportunity to review and comment on the existing Plan. Recommendations include improvement of public awareness/ education programs, natural resource protection, and structural projects such as relocation or elevation of possible at-risk structures.

County Recreation, Parks, & Open Space/Greenway Plan (2006)

Adopted in 2006 and prepared by the Lycoming County Planning Commission, the Lycoming County Recreation, Parks, & Open Space/Greenway Plan is a continuation of the original 1974 County Recreation Plan which aimed to incorporate recreational values into everyday life with the mission of improving the quality of life through health, individual happiness, creativity and community vigor. The Planning Commission utilized both a county wide survey as well as public meetings to help determine the primary visions and goals of the public, as well as implementation strategies for the Comprehensive Plan. Resulting from the Recreational Survey, most participants felt that the County government should be more involved with local Municipalities in developing recreational services, and were mostly interested in recreational trails, ice skating, environmental education that involves the preservation of nature, and youth-focused activities. The plan proposed the creation of the Lycoming County Recreation Council, the expansion of recreation programs throughout the municipalities, and selecting Greenway implementation projects like connecting the Susquehanna Trail and Greenway from Pine Creek to Union County and expanding the Lycoming Creek Bikeway past Trout Run.

5-County Solid Waste Plan (2013)

The County Commissioners of the Five-County Region encompassing Columbia, Montour, Lycoming, Union and Snyder Counties underwent a comprehensive, multi-year effort to create a Regional Solid Waste Plan. Lycoming County acted as the lead agency for much of the development of the Plan. The process involved extensive stakeholder and public involvement. The Plan was to meet the collective waste capacity needs of the region for a ten year period, as required by Pennsylvania law. It achieved this objective through a "modified flow control" approach that allows waste haulers to transport to any landfill or transfer station facility that responded to a

Solicitation of Interest, met the requirements of the plan, and entered into a waste capacity disposal agreement with the Region. The Regional Plan, accepted by DEP on February 26, 2013, complies with the requirements of Act 101 (the Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988), and appropriate amendments to that Act. A one-year implementation period followed the official DEP acceptance of the plan, which occurred on February 26, 2013. The five counties formed a Regional Steering Committee to carry out implementation of the plan.

Lycoming County Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan (2010)

The Lycoming Creek Stormwater Plan was adopted in 2010 and prepared by K & W Engineers of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and was created to recognize and address the growing concern of extensive damage caused by stormwater runoff covering all areas of Lycoming County except where watershed specific stormwater plans have been adopted: Lycoming Creek, Grafius Run, Millers Run, & McClures Run Watersheds. It was enacted in compliance with Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act (Act 167) which establishes a comprehensive systematic program for counties to develop comprehensive watershed-based stormwater management plans that provide control measures for development and activities that affect stormwater runoff, including quality, quantity, and groundwater recharge. Surveys were performed to monitor runoff activity and to assess existing characteristics like significant obstructions and drainage problems. Projected and alternative land development patterns and alternative runoff control techniques were assessed as well. Ultimately, the plan seeks to prevent future problems resulting from uncontrolled runoff with each Lycoming County municipality adopting a stormwater management ordinance that is consistent with the Lycoming County Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan.

Lycoming County Energy Plan (2011)

The Lycoming County Energy Plan was adopted in 2011 and prepared by the Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development in conjunction with consultants Delta Development Group Inc., and Vernon Land Use, LLC. The County wide Energy Plan was created to address the growing impact of Shale gas within the county as well as address reducing energy consumption, rising fuel costs, and to meet Pennsylvania's Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). Workshops and CNG Focus groups were conducted along with the installation of a CNG fueling station. Several implementation measures are to foster county-derived renewable energy generation, Install more CNG fueling stations throughout the county, and promote energy efficiency while demanding energy reduction.

Marcellus Shale Water Study (2012)

The Marcellus Shale Water Study was published in 2012 and prepared by the Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development in conjunction with Delta Development Group, Inc. The subject of the Study was "water, sewer, stormwater, and wastewater treatment resources needed to support industry (gas and non-gas), population growth, and related economic development". For the study key participants were interviewed, focus groups with local stakeholders were held, data was collected and analysis was completed. Recommendations include aggressively pursue funding, expand water infrastructure, and closely monitor potential game changers and current happenings with the Marcellus Shale Industry and its use of water and sewage.

The Marcellus Shale Housing Study (2012)

The Marcellus Shale Housing Study was published in 2012 and prepared by the Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development in conjunction with Delta Development Group, Inc. The study was

conducted to gauge the impact of housing for the Marcellus Shale industry in a market where a shortage of housing was already occurring. The Study was completed in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 13 (Oil & Gas Act of 2012) and to fulfill the requirements of Pennsylvania Housing Funding Agency to be considered for Act 13 funding. Interviews, focus groups and statistical analysis were used to gather information for the study. Several key findings included the lack of adequate housing for the Marcellus industry, the lack of up to date and move in ready properties in the area, and the increasing rental rates causing a strain on subsidized renters. Some recommendations include providing developer incentives, provide grants to existing housing programs and properties, develop affordable independent living apartments for seniors in downtown Williamsport.

Lycoming County Growth Area Land Use and Transportation Plan (2012)

The purpose of the Lycoming County Growth Area Land-Use and Transportation Plan is to first forecast future land-use within the Lycoming County growth areas given the increased demand pressures created by the Marcellus Shale industry, and secondly to assess the transportation impacts of this future land development on the roadway infrastructure of Lycoming County and identify transportation improvements to alleviate these impacts. The findings of this plan are intended to provide guidance for identifying potential future projects for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), following further study, environmental screening, project scoping, and cost estimations.

Lycoming County Small Bridge Pilot Program Executive Summary (2010)

The Lycoming County Planning Commission working in partnership with the PennDOT Small Bridge Inventory Task Force completed a comprehensive inventory of locally owned bridges in Lycoming County with span lengths between 8 feet and 20 feet for purposes of developing a systematic inspection program on these types of smaller bridge structures. This special initiative was funded by Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) supplemental planning funds provided to the Williamsport Area Metropolitan Planning Organization as part of participation in LTAP planning and outreach activities for Lycoming County.

Multi-Modal Freight Transfer Feasibility Study (2006)

The Lycoming County Planning Commission, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, SEDA-Council of Governments and several other cooperating agencies and interests, sponsored a study of the feasibility of developing a transfer center where freight traffic moving to or from companies within the study area could be transferred between railroad cars and trucks. The study included a market analysis that was based on a telephone survey of 111 companies involved in manufacturing and wholesale trade within a 12-county area in Northcentral Pennsylvania. It found a substantial interest in intermodal transportation service, and identified that annually more than 80,000 units (truckloads and container-loads) could comprise a market base for a transfer facility in the area.

Coordinated Public Transit Plan (2014)

This plan updates and amends the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan of the SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and its local stakeholders with an interest in human service transportation programs. The SEDA-COG MPO closely coordinates transportation planning activities with neighboring Lycoming County which is served by the Williamsport Area Transportation Study (WATS) MPO. Consequently for this update, it was determined that the SEDA-COG MPO and WATS MPO would develop a joint Coordinated Plan to satisfy the requirements and use resources more efficiently. While this joint Coordinated

Plan update considers all human service transportation needs, an emphasis is placed on transportation needs of low-income populations, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

Lycoming Creek Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan (2010)

The Lycoming Creek Stormwater Plan was adopted in 2010 and prepared by K & W Engineers of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and was created to recognize and address the growing concern of extensive damage caused by stormwater runoff specifically within the Lycoming Creek Watershed. It was enacted in compliance with Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act (Act 167) which establishes a comprehensive systematic program for counties to develop comprehensive watershed-based stormwater management plans that provide control measures for development and activities that affect stormwater runoff, including quality, quantity, and groundwater recharge. Surveys were performed to monitor runoff activity and to assess existing characteristics like significant obstructions and drainage problems. Projected and alternative land development patterns and alternative runoff control techniques were assessed as well. Ultimately, the plan seeks to prevent future problems resulting from uncontrolled runoff with each municipality within the Lycoming Creek watershed adopting a stormwater management ordinance that is consistent with the Lycoming Creek Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan.

The I-180 Corridor Plan (City of Williamsport) (2012)

The I-180 Corridor Plan was adopted in 2012 and prepared by the Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development in conjunction with Mackin Engineering, MACTEC Engineering, Larson Design Group, Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, SEDA-COG, the City of Williamsport, and the US Environmental Protection Agency. The Plan was created to identify possible redevelopment of sites along the corridor. A feasibility study was completed along with market analysis, public meetings, charrettes, focus groups, and Stakeholder surveys. The implementation of the Plan will result in the area being reused as a hub for Marcellus Shale Servicing Companies and the transformation of the Montgomery Mill Office Building into a historical and community center.

Susquehanna River Bikeway Feasibility Study (2007)

The Lycoming County Economic Development and Planning Services engaged the services of Larson Design Group to conduct a field assessment to evaluate potential routes for a bikeway along the Susquehanna River connecting the South Williamsport Recreation Complex to Union County. Post-assessment, LCEDPS and Larson Design concluded the bicycle path to be a viable option, and continued development.

Williamsport to Jersey Shore Feasibility Study (2009)

The Lycoming County Planning Commission hired Larson Design Group (LDG) to study the feasibility of developing a family friendly trail that connects the City of Williamsport and the Borough of Jersey Shore. The trail would be multi-functional, and would be utilized for both transportation and recreational purposes, and serve multiple users including pedestrians, joggers, bicyclists, among others. Alternatives for a corridor alignment were identified based on the recommendations of the Lycoming County Planning staff and consultants, aerial mapping / photography, and field views. The field views helped to identify geographical features, area property uses, environmental issues and other factors that would affect construction. The trail was planned to utilize a combination of four types of bicycle facilities: Share the Road, Bicycle Lane, Shared-Use Path, and Rails-With-Trails. Several challenges facing construction of such a shared-use path included topography, lack of collector roadways, and right-of-ways. The Trail was divided into five segments determined

by the physical terrain features and probable entrance and exit facilities. A programming cost estimate was developed to aid the county in applying for grant applications and planning.

Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plan for Joint MS4s (2015)

The Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plan for Joint MS4s was adopted in 2015. Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. of Philadelphia prepared the plan. According to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4's) a Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan (VBPRP) must be developed and implemented for regulated areas in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. This report identifies Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the MS4 Coalition to reduce future pollution and implementation of these practices. Included are structural and nonstructural plans and future maintenance schedules. This plan also considers future options after the NPDES deadline in order to continue reducing pollution in the future.

Old City / East Third Street Gateway Plan (2015)

The Old City / East Third Street Gateway Plan was created in 2015 by Thomas Point Associates, Inc of Maryland. This plan looks to revitalize the commercial, residential, industrial, and institutional uses of the Old City and East Third Street Gateway. Consisting of extensive public input, this plan looks to redevelop mixed use properties and make public improvements. The study provides background information, presents plans for redevelopment of key properties, and proposes a strategy to support the Comprehensive Plan. The plan proposes significant redevelopment recommendations for developing a new gateway entrance to Lycoming College from the I-180/US220 interchange at Basin Street.

Williamsport 2025: Today's vision... Tomorrow's Success (2012)

The Williamsport 2025: Today's Vision, Tomorrow's Success Development Strategy was created by Delta Development Group, Inc. This report is a combination of quantitative research and qualitative findings that show the current situation of the city and to create a vision for the future with deliberate, implementable solutions and opportunities for sustainability. The study includes an economic profile of business activity in and around the City. It also provides options to retain and attract diverse businesses to insure sustainable development. Included in the plan are goals and actions that will allow the City to implement its economic development strategy.

Chesapeake Bay Phase II Study (2009)

This nutrient management study was created by Delta Development Group, Inc., of Mechanicsburg. This report presents recommendations to implement a Lycoming County-based regional strategy to help wastewater treatment plants and the non-point source community to cost-effectively manage the impact of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (PA DEP) regulatory requirements associated with its Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy (CBTS). The report's primary goal is to educate, summarize recommended strategies for a permanent and proactive solution, and outline anticipated impacts.

Please visit www.lyco.org to view the full versions of these plans.

Appendix F

Acronyms

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ACE: Affordable Care Enrollment

ACT 37: 2009 Pennsylvania Emergency Medical System ACT

Act 167: Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act of 1978

Act 537: Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act of 1966

APO: Adult Probation Officer

BIOS: Business in Our Sites Program

BMP: Best Management Practices

BNIP: Brodart Neighborhood Improvement Program

CBD: Central Business District

CBPRP: Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plans

CNG: Compressed Natural Gas

COG: Council of Governments

CSO: Combined Sewer Overflows

DCED: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

DCNR: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

DDAP: Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

DEP/PADEP: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

DPS: Lycoming County Department of Public Safety

DUI: Driving Under the Influence

EMR: Emergency Medical Responder

EMS: Emergency Medical Services

EMT: Emergency Medical Technician

EPA: United States Environmental Protection Agency

FAA: Federal Aviation Administration

FCFP: First Community Foundation Partnership

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FHWA: Federal Highway Administration

FHWA TEA-21: Federal Highway Administration Transportation Equity Act

GIS: Geographic Information System

GLESA: Greater Lycoming Emergency Service Alliance

GWA: Greater Williamsport Area

JRA: Joint Rail Authority

LAMP: Levee Analysis and Mapping Approach

LCWSA: Lycoming County Water & Sewer Authority

LTS: Lycoming Tioga Sullivan

MCMs: Minimum Control Measures

MPC: Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code

MPO: Metropolitan Planning Organization

MS4: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

MWON: Master Well Owners Network

NCSWPA: North Central Source Water Protection Alliance

NSDUH: National Survey on Drug Use and Health

OLT: Old Lycoming Township

PAT: Planning Advisory Team

PCD/LPCD: Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development

PDT: Project Delivery Team

PennDOT: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

PEOP: Public Education and Outreach Plan

PIPP: Public Involvement and Participation Plan

RACP: Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program

RPO: Rural Planning Organization

RVT: River Valley Transit

SCA: Single County Authority

SD: Structurally Deficient

SEDA-COG: Susquehanna Economic Development Association – Council of Government

SSO: Sanitary Sewer Overflows

SWFD: South Williamsport Fire Department

TAP: Transportation Alternative Program

TBD: To be Determined

TMDL: Total Maximum Daily Load

UPMC: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

USACE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

WATS: Williamsport Area Transportation Study

WIFIA: Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation ACT

WLCC: Williamsport Lycoming Chamber of Commerce

WMWA: Williamsport Municipal Water Authority

WRDA: Water Resources Development ACT

WSA: Williamsport Sanitary Authority

Appendix G

Adopted Municipal Resolutions

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # 8702

DATE 10-26-17

TITLE

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GREATER WILLIAMSPORT ALLIANCE (GWA) MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, The Williamsport Planning Commission serves as the official planning agency for the City of Williamsport; and

WHEREAS, The Lycoming County Planning Commission serves as the official planning agency for Lycoming County; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC; Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, as reenacted and amended) empowers boroughs and townships of the first and second class and cities of the third class, individually or jointly, to plan for their development and govern the same by zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission, the City Council, and the City Planning Commission wanted to encourage maximum community input and thereby appointed the GWA Planning Advisory Team composed of elected officials, planning commission members, as well as representatives from municipalities, school districts, authorities, and public and private sector interests; and

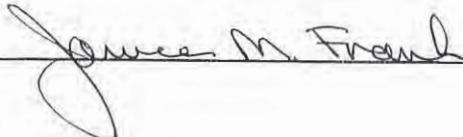
WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Team was organized to oversee the preparation of the GWA Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan consisting of the City of Williamsport, Loyalsock Township, Old Lycoming Township, Armstrong Township, and the Boroughs of Duboistown and South Williamsport; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission has vigorously embraced the concept of multi-municipal comprehensive planning and has taken the lead in coordinating the preparation of the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan and Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan, as required by the MPC; and

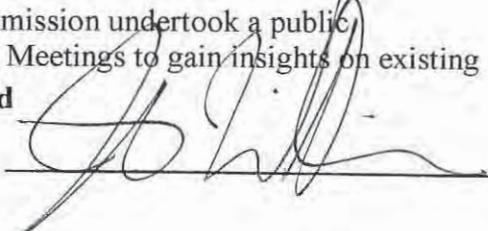
WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Team has conducted seven (7) meetings to develop the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission undertook a public involvement process by conducting a Focus Group Meetings to gain insights on existing

Approved



City Clerk



President

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # 8702

DATE 10-26-17

TITLE

conditions and issues concerning the functional planning areas of Community Development; Community Facilities & Infrastructure; Transportation and Mobility; Economic Development; Natural Resources; Public Safety; Agriculture & Forestry; Heritage, Culture, & the Arts; and Youth Engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission conducted in-person and on-line public surveys which have compiled over 1,100 responses in order to confirm that the Comprehensive Plan reflects the needs and opinions of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-municipal Plan addresses many critical issues facing the GWA Planning Area, including land use, population, housing, economic development, transportation, community facilities and services, public utilities, and natural and cultural resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Williamsport City Council, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That the Williamsport City Council recognizes the City Planning Commission as the official planning commission for the City of Williamsport and that such agency promote public interest in, and understand of, the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan; and
2. That the Multi-municipal Plan submitted by the Planning Commission is hereby adopted by the Williamsport City Council.



City Clerk

Approved



President

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DUBOISTOWN
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING
THE
GREATER WILLIAMSPORT ALLIANCE (GWA) MULTI-MUNICIPAL
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, The Duboistown Planning Commission serves as the official planning agency for the Borough of Duboistown; and

WHEREAS, The Lycoming County Planning Commission serves as the official planning agency for Lycoming County; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC; Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, as reenacted and amended) empowers boroughs and townships of the first and second class, individually or jointly, to plan for their development and govern the same by zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission, the Borough Council, and the Borough Planning Commission wanted to encourage maximum community input and thereby appointed the GWA Planning Advisory Team composed of elected officials, planning commission members, as well as representatives from municipalities, school districts, authorities, and public and private sector interests; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Team was organized to oversee the preparation of the GWA Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan consisting of the City of Williamsport, Loysock Township, Old Lycoming Township, Armstrong Township, and the Boroughs of Duboistown and South Williamsport; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission has vigorously embraced the concept of multi-municipal comprehensive planning and has taken the lead in coordinating the preparation of the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan and Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan, as required by the MPC; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Team has conducted seven (7) meetings to develop the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission undertook a public involvement process by conducting a Focus Group Meetings to gain insights on existing conditions and issues concerning the functional planning areas of Community Development; Community Facilities & Infrastructure; Transportation and Mobility; Economic Development; Natural Resources; Public Safety; Agriculture & Forestry; Heritage, Culture, & the Arts; and Youth Engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission conducted in-person and on-line public surveys which have compiled over 1,100 responses in order to confirm that the Comprehensive Plan reflects the needs and opinions of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-municipal Plan addresses many critical issues facing the GWA Planning Area, including land use, population, housing, economic development, transportation, community facilities and services, public utilities, and natural and cultural resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Duboistown Borough Council, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That the Duboistown Borough Council recognizes the Borough Planning Commission as the official planning commission for the Borough of Duboistown and that such agency promote public interest in, and understand of, the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan; and
2. That the Multi-municipal Plan submitted by the Planning Commission is hereby adopted by the Duboistown Borough Council

ADOPTED THIS 7 DAY OF Dec, 2017

Borough Council
Duboistown Borough

James S. Boyer Pres.
Name, Title

(SEAL)

Scott D. Capell
Name, Title

ATTEST:

Robin Bundw
Name, Secretary

Paul E. H.
Name, Title

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R6

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH
WILLIAMSPORT IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
ADOPTING THE
GREATER WILLIAMSPORT ALLIANCE (GWA) MULTI-MUNICIPAL
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, The South Williamsport Planning Commission serves as the official planning agency for the Borough of South Williamsport; and

WHEREAS, The Lycoming County Planning Commission serves as the official planning agency for Lycoming County; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC; Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, as reenacted and amended) empowers boroughs and townships of the first and second class, individually or jointly, to plan for their development and govern the same by zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission, the Borough Council, and the Borough Planning Commission wanted to encourage maximum community input and thereby appointed the GWA Planning Advisory Team composed of elected officials, planning commission members, as well as representatives from municipalities, school districts, authorities, and public and private sector interests; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Team was organized to oversee the preparation of the GWA Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan consisting of the City of Williamsport, Loysock Township, Old Lycoming Township, Armstrong Township, and the Boroughs of Duboistown and South Williamsport; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission has vigorously embraced the concept of multi-municipal comprehensive planning and has taken the lead in coordinating the preparation of the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan and Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan, as required by the MPC; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Team has conducted seven (7) meetings to develop the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Planning; and

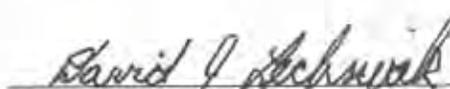
WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission undertook a public involvement process by conducting a Focus Group Meetings to gain insights on existing conditions and issues concerning the functional planning areas of Community Development; Community Facilities & Infrastructure; Transportation and Mobility; Economic Development; Natural Resources; Public Safety; Agriculture & Forestry; Heritage, Culture, & the Arts; and Youth Engagement; and

2. That the South Williamsport Borough Council recognizes the Borough Planning Commission as the official planning commission for the Borough of South Williamsport and that such agency promote public interest in, and understand of, the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan; and
3. That the Multi-municipal Plan submitted by the Planning Commission is hereby adopted by the South Williamsport Borough Council

ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

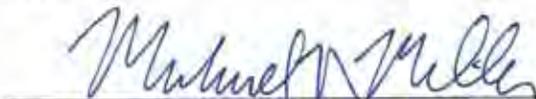
Borough Council
South Williamsport



J. Bernard Schelb, Council President

David J. Lechniak, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michael D. Miller, Borough Administrator/Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
ARMSTRONG IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING
THE
GREATER WILLIAMSPORT ALLIANCE (GWA) MULTI-MUNICIPAL
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, The Armstrong Planning Commission serves as the official planning agency for the Township of Armstrong; and

WHEREAS, The Lycoming County Planning Commission serves as the official planning agency for Lycoming County; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC; Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, as reenacted and amended) empowers boroughs and townships of the first and second class, individually or jointly, to plan for their development and govern the same by zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and the Township Planning Commission wanted to encourage maximum community input and thereby appointed the GWA Planning Advisory Team composed of elected officials, planning commission members, as well as representatives from municipalities, school districts, authorities, and public and private sector interests; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Team was organized to oversee the preparation of the GWA Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan consisting of the City of Williamsport, Loyalsock Township, Old Lycoming Township, Armstrong Township, and the Boroughs of Duboistown and South Williamsport; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission has vigorously embraced the concept of multi-municipal comprehensive planning and has taken the lead in coordinating the preparation of the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan and Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan, as required by the MPC; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Team has conducted seven (7) meetings to develop the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission undertook a public involvement process by conducting a Focus Group Meetings to gain insights on existing conditions and issues concerning the functional planning areas of Community Development; Community Facilities & Infrastructure; Transportation and Mobility; Economic Development; Natural Resources; Public Safety; Agriculture & Forestry; Heritage, Culture, & the Arts; and Youth Engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission conducted in-person and on-line public surveys which have compiled over 1,100 responses in order to confirm that the Comprehensive Plan reflects the needs and opinions of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-municipal Plan addresses many critical issues facing the GWA Planning Area, including land use, population, housing, economic development, transportation, community facilities and services, public utilities, and natural and cultural resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Armstrong Board of Supervisors, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

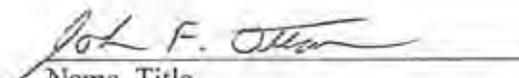
1. That the Armstrong Board of Supervisors recognizes the Township Planning Commission as the official planning commission for the Township of Armstrong and that such agency promote public interest in, and understanding of, the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan; and
2. That the Multi-municipal Plan submitted by the Planning Commission is hereby adopted by the Armstrong Board of Supervisors

ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF August 2017

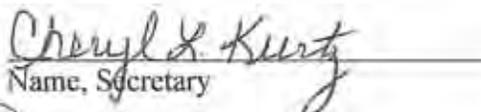
Board of Supervisors
Armstrong Township

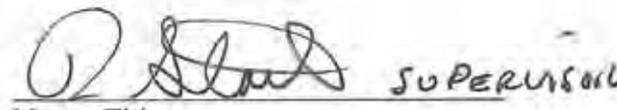

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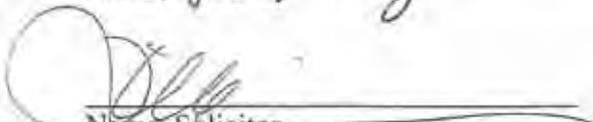
(SEAL)


Name, Title

ATTEST:


Name, Secretary


Name, Title SUPERVISOR


Name, Solicitor

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-110

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
LOYALSOCK IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING
THE
GREATER WILLIAMSPORT ALLIANCE (GWA) MULTI-MUNICIPAL
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, The Loyalsock Planning Commission serves as the official planning agency for the Township of Loyalsock; and

WHEREAS, The Lycoming County Planning Commission serves as the official planning agency for Lycoming County; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC; Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, as reenacted and amended) empowers boroughs and townships of the first and second class, individually or jointly, to plan for their development and govern the same by zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and the Township Planning Commission wanted to encourage maximum community input and thereby appointed the GWA Planning Advisory Team composed of elected officials, planning commission members, as well as representatives from municipalities, school districts, authorities, and public and private sector interests; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Team was organized to oversee the preparation of the GWA Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan consisting of the City of Williamsport, Loyalsock Township, Old Lycoming Township, Armstrong Township, and the Boroughs of Duboistown and South Williamsport; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission has vigorously embraced the concept of multi-municipal comprehensive planning and has taken the lead in coordinating the preparation of the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan and Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan, as required by the MPC; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Team has conducted seven (7) meetings to develop the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission undertook a public involvement process by conducting a Focus Group Meetings to gain insights on existing conditions and issues concerning the functional planning areas of Community Development; Community Facilities & Infrastructure; Transportation and Mobility; Economic Development; Natural Resources; Public Safety; Agriculture & Forestry; Heritage, Culture, & the Arts; and Youth Engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission conducted in-person and on-line public surveys which have compiled over 1,100 responses in order to confirm that the Comprehensive Plan reflects the needs and opinions of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-municipal Plan addresses many critical issues facing the GWA Planning Area, including land use, population, housing, economic development, transportation, community facilities and services, public utilities, and natural and cultural resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Loyalsock Board of Supervisors, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That the Loyalsock Board of Supervisors recognizes the Township Planning Commission as the official planning commission for the Township of Loyalsock and that such agency promote public interest in, and understanding of, the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan; and
2. That the Multi-municipal Plan submitted by the Planning Commission is hereby adopted by the Loyalsock Board of Supervisors

ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF AUGUST 2017

Board of Supervisors
Loyalsock Township

Marc C. Sert

Name, Title

(SEAL)

Virginia Eaton

Name, Title

ATTEST:

John Hugues

Name, Secretary

Patricia Supv

Name, Title

Ryan M. Lewis

Name, Solicitor

RESOLUTION 09.12.17.01

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OLD LYCOMING IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING THE GREATER WILLIAMSPORT MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, The Old Lycoming Planning Commission serves as the official planning agency for the Township of Old Lycoming; and

WHEREAS, The Lycoming County Planning Commission serves as the official planning agency for Lycoming County; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC; Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, as reenacted and amended) empowers boroughs and townships of the first and second class, individually or jointly, to plan for their development and govern the same by zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and the Township Planning Commission wanted to encourage maximum community input and thereby appointed the Greater Williamsport Planning Advisory Team composed of elected officials, planning commission members, as well as representatives from municipalities, school districts, authorities, and public and private sector interests; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Team was organized to oversee the preparation of the Greater Williamsport Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan consisting of City of Williamsport, Duboistown Borough, South Williamsport Borough, Armstrong Township, Loyalsock Township, and Old Lycoming Township; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission has vigorously embraced the concept of multi-municipal comprehensive planning and has taken the lead in coordinating the preparation of the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan and Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan, as required by the MPC; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Team has conducted seven (7) meetings to develop the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission undertook a public involvement process by conducting a Focus Group Meetings to gain insights on existing conditions and issues concerning the functional planning areas of Community Development; Community Facilities & Infrastructure; Transportation and Mobility; Economic Development; Natural Resources; Public Safety; Agriculture & Forestry; Heritage, Culture, & the Arts; and Youth Engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission conducted in-person and on-line public surveys which have compiled over 1,100 responses in order to confirm that the Comprehensive Plan reflects the needs and opinions of the general public; and

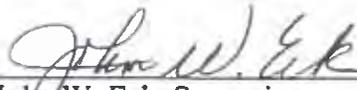
WHEREAS, the Multi-municipal Plan addresses many critical issues facing the Greater Williamsport Planning Area, including land use, population, housing, economic development, transportation, community facilities and services, public utilities, and natural and cultural resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Old Lycoming Township Board of Supervisors, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

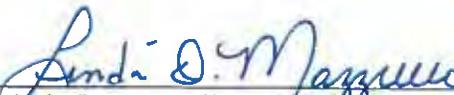
1. That the Old Lycoming Township Board of Supervisors recognizes the Township Planning Commission as the official planning commission for the Township of Old Lycoming and that such agency promote public interest in, and understanding of, the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan; and
2. That the Multi-municipal Plan submitted by the Lycoming County Planning Commission is hereby adopted by the Old Lycoming Township Board of Supervisors

ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017

Board of Supervisors
Old Lycoming Township



John W. Eck, Supervisor



Linda D. Mazzullo, Supervisor

ATTEST:



Robert L. Whitford II, Secretary



Sam R. Aungst, Supervisor