

Planning for Our Future

A New Comprehensive Plan for Wheatfield Township , Perry County, PA

How is Wheatfield Township expected to change over the next 10-20 years? How should Wheatfield Township guide development and conservation efforts? Where should the township consider changes to roadways, public services, or township facilities?

The Wheatfield Township Board of Supervisors had directed the Planning Commission to prepare a new comprehensive plan. The township has hired Gannett Fleming, Inc. to assist in the preparation of the plan.

What is a comprehensive plan? The comprehensive plan will identify 21st century policies and tools for:

- ◆ **Managed growth and planned conservation**
- ◆ **Reasonable housing choices in a rural context**
- ◆ **Appropriate economic growth that includes agriculture, forestry, and services associated with these industries**
- ◆ **Protection of sensitive natural resources, such as water supply and quality**
- ◆ **Preservation of valued cultural/historic character and resources**
- ◆ **Prudent expansion of municipal facilities and services, including parks and recreation facilities**
- ◆ **Developing a regional perspective on community and economic development issues.**

Does Wheatfield Township already have a comprehensive plan? Yes, it was adopted in 1974.

Does Wheatfield Township need a new comprehensive plan? Yes. In some ways, the Township has changed little since the 1970s. It is still considerably rural with large expanses of farmland and woodland. Its roads still meander over rolling topography, and hilltops are still the preferred location for homes. In other ways, the Township is vastly different. The Township needs to be guided by policy that addresses contemporary community needs and regional growth pressures.

Will the plan fix problems in Wheatfield Township? The plan itself is a policy document to guide township ordinances (regulations), services and day-to-day decision-making. The plan may also outline advocacy efforts and other initiatives.

Where can I offer my thoughts of the township's future? The Planning Commission welcomes input from the citizens of Wheatfield Township.

- **Attend a planning commission meeting**—time will set be aside for public comments
- **Complete the citizen survey**—scheduled for October 2011 and will be available on the township website
- **Attend the Visioning Workshop**—scheduled for November 14, 2011 (location TBD)
- **Attend the Plan Preview Open House**—scheduled for winter 2012 (location TBD)

How much does the comprehensive plan cost? The consultant contract value is \$51,865.

When will the plan be finished? The Planning Commission and consultant expect to have a draft plan ready for review in Spring 2012.

Where can I get more information on the Wheatfield Township Comprehensive Plan?

- Contact the Project Manager, Michelle Brummer at 717-763-7212 ext 2177 or mbrummer@gfnet.com
- Contact the Township office at 834-5467 or wheatfld@ptd.net
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