

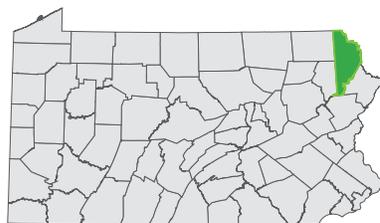


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Dear Commissioners:

The Wayne County Planning/GIS Department is pleased to present to you the Wayne County Planning Commission 2018 Annual Report.

Act 247, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (PMPC), requires all planning agencies to prepare a written report annually to the governing body. We have traditionally used this opportunity not only to fulfill this State law requirement, but also to inform the public of planning topics and geographic information system (GIS) resources in Wayne County. The report also helps share information with our local governments for whom we are a resource in assisting them with their daily planning related tasks.

Throughout 2018, our office provided geographic information system (GIS) mapping support to various local governments, other County departments and the general public upon request. We are also responsible for the assigning and verification of physical 911 addresses, telephone updates and tax assessment parcel changes. A necessary County 911 readdressing project was also completed within the private residential community of the "Hideout", accounting for approximately 10% of the total housing stock within the County. We also provided County GIS support for two multi-municipal comprehensive plan updates involving both the Lake Region of Hawley, Palmyra and Paupack and the East Central Region of Damascus, Manchester and Oregon Townships.

In 2018, our office reviewed a total of 133 subdivision and land development applications. These applications resulted in the creation of 90 new lots and 120 lot additions (lot improvements). The largest total of these new lots occurred in Damascus and Mount Pleasant with 14 and 13 created, respectively. Of the 120 lot additions, Clinton Township had a total of 22, Damascus had 16 and Paupack had 12, which totaled 50 lot improvements among these three municipalities combined. A total of 10 land development applications were also reviewed last year. The 2018 County-wide subdivision activity was the highest it has been over the past five year period.

The Wayne County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance covers Dyberry, Prompton, and South Canaan. The other 25 Wayne County municipalities have adopted their own ordinance and in those, the Planning Department's function is that of review and comment only, as required by the PMPC (Act 247).

This annual report is also available on the County's website (Planning/GIS link) at www.waynecountypa.gov.

We look forward to continue working with you in 2019.

Sincerely,

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Planning Director

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