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Dear Commissioners:

The Wayne County Planning/GIS Department is pleased to present to you the Wayne County Planning Commission 2017 Annual Report.

Act 247, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, requires all planning agencies to prepare a written report annually to the governing body. We have traditionally used this opportunity to not only 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 tasks.

Throughout 2017, our office provided geographic information system (GIS) support to the local governments and other County departments. We are also responsible for the assigning and verification of physical 911 addresses, telephone updates, tax assessment parcel changes and the latest County's 2017 aerial photography mapping requests from other governmental offices as well as the general public. We also reviewed proposed local subdivision and zoning ordinance amendments as required by Act 247. Our office has also been assisting with the Lake Region's comprehensive plan update by providing GIS mapping support, which involves Hawley Borough, Palmyra and Paupack Townships.

In 2017, our office reviewed a total of 119 subdivision and land development applications. These applications involved the creation of 68 new lots and 106 lot additions (lot improvements). The largest total of these lot additions occurred in Paupack with 18, Salem with 17 and Damascus with 16, which accounted for nearly half of the County's total. Of the 68 lots created, Preston Township had 13 newly created lots followed by Mount Pleasant with 11. By percentage, these two neighboring townships combined totaled just over a third of the new lots created throughout the County in 2017.

The Wayne County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is in effect in 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, as required by Act 247.

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

We look forward to continue working with you in 2018.

Sincerely,

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