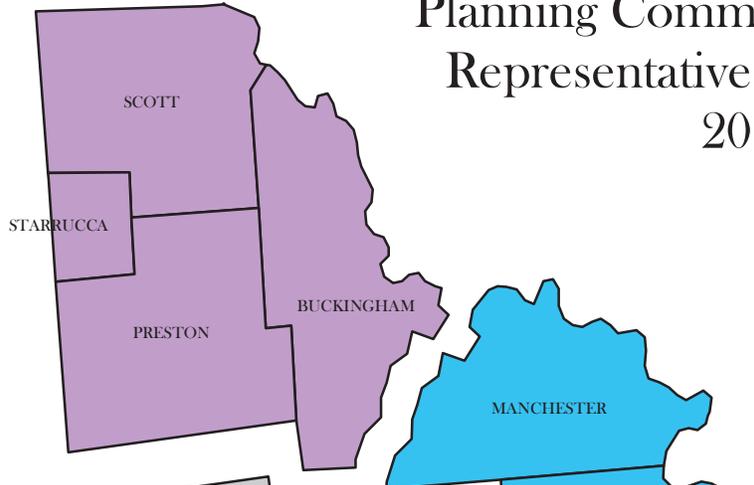


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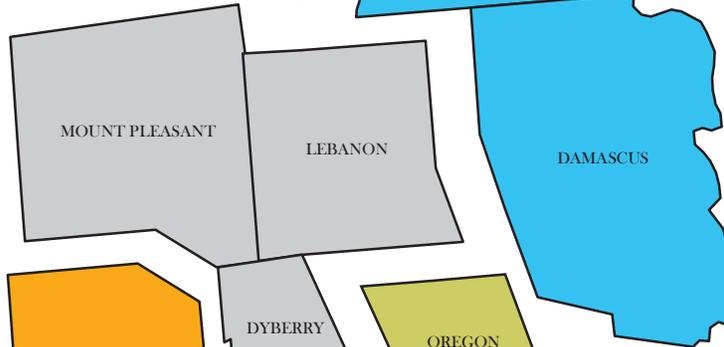
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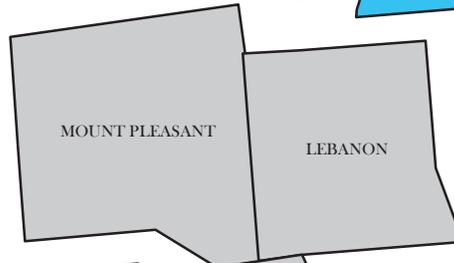
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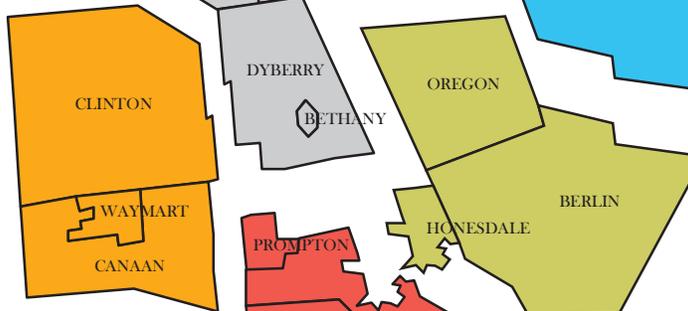
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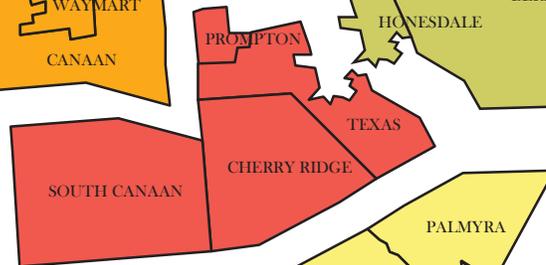


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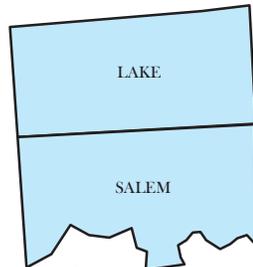
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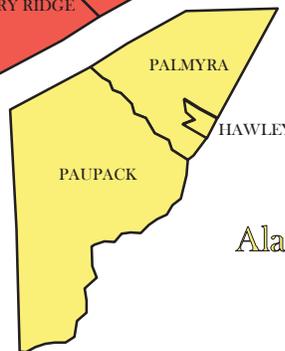
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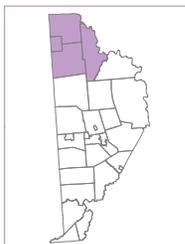
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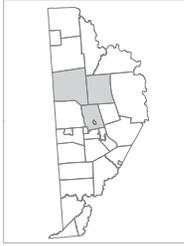
WILLIAM TROOP, *Chairman* – A Wayne County native, William Troop was appointed to the Wayne County Planning Commission in January of 1998. He represents *Damascus and Manchester Townships*. Mr. Troop graduated from Honesdale High School and Devry Technical Institute in New Jersey. He owned and operated Troop Electronic Service until his retirement in 2002. He retired from Wayne Highlands School District in 2017. Mr. Troop served as a Pennsylvania state constable for 12 years. He is past president of the Beach Lake Fire Company, past president of the Dessin Animal Shelter Board and is a member of Beach Lake United Methodist Church. Formerly he served as a member of the Texas Township Planning Board, CPR and EMT instructor and president of the Honesdale Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Mr. Troop lives in Atco with his wife Beth. His planning commission term will expire in December 2021.



KUNI HOLBERT, *Vice Chairman* – Mrs. Holbert was a resident of Preston Township and was appointed to the Board in 1977. She represented *Scott, Preston, and Buckingham Townships* as well as *Starrucca Borough*. She served as Chairperson of the Preston Township Planning Commission. She was a retired realtor and enjoyed living at Lake Shehawken since 1972. Mrs. Holbert was an active member of her community, serving on the Board of Directors of the Wayne County Community Foundation and on a number of local boards and organizations in leadership positions. Mrs. Holbert passed away in September of 2019.



ALAN J. HIGHHOUSE, *Secretary* – A resident of Lakeville, Mr. Highhouse represents *Palmyra and Paupack Townships* as well as *Hawley Borough*. Mr. Highhouse was appointed to the Wayne County Planning Commission in January of 1992, and currently serves as Secretary. He is also an officer in the Civil Air Patrol (U.S.A.F. Auxiliary) and serves as chief of staff for Group 4 (N.E.PA). Mr. Highhouse is a member of Queen of Peace Church in Hawley, a Life member of Texas No. 4 Fire Company, a member of the Fire Police at Lakeville Company 18 and a volunteer staff member of Wayne County Emergency Management. He is a graduate of Honesdale High School and graduated from Lehigh University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Economics. Mr. Highhouse has served as C.E.O. of Highhouse Oil Co. Inc. since 1969. Mr. Highhouse's term will expire in December of 2023.



MATTHEW MEAGHER – Mr. Meagher was appointed to the Planning Commission in January of 2018. He represents *Bethany Borough, Dyberry, Mt. Pleasant and Lebanon Townships*. Attorney Meagher maintains a law practice in Honesdale, PA. Born and raised in Wayne County, Mr. Meagher graduated from Honesdale High School and attended the University of Scranton and California Western Law School in San Diego, CA. Attorney Meagher’s law practice has an emphasis in real estate matters and municipal representation. Presently, Mr. Meagher is the Solicitor for Bethany Borough, Dyberry, Manchester, and South Canaan Townships. He also serves as Solicitor for the Dreher Township Zoning Hearing Board and the Western Wayne School District. Attorney Meagher also serves as 2nd Vice Chair on the Wayne Memorial Health System Board. He is a past Vice President of the Wayne County Bar Association, past Board member of WEDCO, past Board member of the Wayne County Historical Society and a past Board member of the Cooperage Project. Mr. Meagher resides in Dyberry Township with his two children, Tess and John. His term will expire in December of 2021.



ALFRED K. BUCCONEAR - Mr. Bucconear was appointed to the Planning Commission in August of 2008. He represents *Canaan and Clinton Townships and Waymart Borough*. Mr. Bucconear graduated from Southern Columbia High School, Catawissa, PA in the academic curriculum and received an Associate Degree in Applied Arts and Science in the curriculum of Forest Technology from Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA. He is self-employed as a Professional Land Surveyor in private practice serving northeast Pennsylvania. Al resides with his wife Barbara in the Waymart area of Wayne County in Canaan Township. Mr. Bucconear serves as Planning Commission Chairman for Canaan Township. His term expires December of 2022.



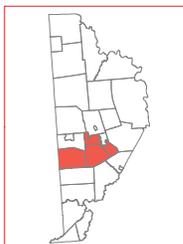
RICHARD B. HENRY – Mr. Henry was appointed to the Planning Commission in January 1996. He represents *Honesdale Borough and Berlin and Oregon Townships*. Mr. Henry maintains a legal practice in Honesdale, PA and includes as part of his practice municipal law. He formerly served on the editorial Staff of “The Wayne Independent” where one of his functions was to monitor local government and areas of land use and planning. He has since authored or co-authored a number of municipal ordinances, including ones involving land use, planning and subdivision. Mr. Henry is active in the Wayne County Bar Association, formerly serving as president. He grew up in Wayne County, graduating from Honesdale High School and currently lives with his family in Beach Lake. Mr. Henry holds degrees from Rider College, Trenton, New Jersey, and Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio. His term will expire in December of 2023.



MARK S. DAVIS – Mr. Davis was appointed to the Planning Commission in December 2012. He represents *Lake and Salem Townships*. Mr. Davis graduated from Scranton Technical High School and later attended Lackawanna County Vo-Tech. He is currently employed with Pennsylvania American Water Company as a Network Supervisor. Mr. Davis is a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation serving as the Local Chapter President and also the PA State Board Representative. He is also a member of Masonic Lodge #330 in Hamlin, PA. He is an active volunteer with the Pike County Conservation School, the Annual Youth Turkey Hunt at Camp Timberledge and teaches the PA Hunters Safety Course. Previously Mr. Davis has volunteered with Boy Scouts of America as an Assistant Scout Master and volunteered as a youth soccer coach. Mr. Davis lives in Lake Ariel with his wife Christy. They are members of Steamtown Church in Scranton and have two children, a daughter Sarah and her husband Aaron residing in Lake Ariel, PA and their son Mark and his wife Kim make their home in Grovetown, GA. They have four grandchildren Elliason, Norah, Evie and a new granddaughter Austen. Mr. Davis enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time. His term will expire in 2020.



DONALD OLSOMMER - Mr. Olsommer was appointed to the Planning Commission in September 2008. He represents *Dreher, Lehigh and Sterling Townships*. He served as Wayne County Commissioner for four terms and also served as Sterling Township Supervisor for eight years. He is the founder of Olsommer-Clarke Insurance Group, Inc. in 1972. He is a retired Major serving in the Army National Guard and Army Reserve for 28 years. He is the owner of the Olsommer Christmas Tree Farm which he started in 1983. He currently serves as Chairman for the Farm Land Preservation Board. He is the pastor for the Smith Hill Charge and serves on the District Building Committee for the Susquehanna Conference. He is Chairman for the Sterling Zoning Hearing Board. He is a member of the Salem Lodge 330 in Hamlin and Lodge Council Chapter Consistory Valley of Scranton. He is also a member of the American Legion Post 807 Hamlin. Mr. Olsommer is retired and resides in Sterling with his wife Janet. Mr. Olsommer's term expires in December 2021.



PETER RIDD - Mr. Ridd was appointed to the Wayne County Planning Commission in January of 2009 and represents *Cherry Ridge, South Canaan, and Texas Townships and Prompton Borough*. He is a Wayne County native, living all his life in Honesdale Borough until moving to Cherry Ridge Township in 2007. Mr. Ridd is a past member and officer of the Honesdale Area Jaycees and has been active in many community volunteer activities and youth sports organizations. He served eight years on the Honesdale Borough Zoning Hearing Board, two years as chairman, and three years on Honesdale Borough Council, lastly as its vice-president. Since 1985 Mr. Ridd has operated Thomas Spinning Lures, a fishing lure manufacturing business located in Hawley. Mr. Ridd is also currently chairman of the Cherry Ridge Township Zoning Hearing Board. He resides in Cherry Ridge with his wife Barbara. Mr. Ridd's term expires in December 2022.

Past Planning Commission Members

The Wayne County Planning Commission was created September 23, 1964. The first meeting was held November 12, 1964, with the Board consisting of the following people:

- James E. McKeehen
- Gerard Adams, Sr.
- Lester F. Burlein
- Carl F. Odell
- Charles F. Fredericks
- Douglas Thorpe
- Alfred H. Haase
- Beulah Tiel
- S. Elmore Haag

Through the history of the Wayne County Planning Commission, the following people have also served:

W. Robert Bennett

Kenneth Bailey

George W. Stanton

Robert Gilchrist

A.G. Petrsek

Maurice Bateridge

Melvin Swendsen

Gerard (Rod) Adams

Richard Nash

Arthur Davis

Arthur Goerlitz

Robert Bird

Willard Varcoe

Jack Edwards

George Hocker

Robert Haag

Robert Lubinski

William Theobald

Vicky Lamberton

Frank Ward

Daniel Liptak

Kuni Holbert