

# Wayne County



## Planning Commission Annual Report 2022





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Dear Commissioners:

The Wayne County Planning/GIS Department is pleased to present to you the Wayne County Planning Commission 2022 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 2022, our office provided GIS mapping support to various local governments, other County departments and the general public upon request. Our office is also responsible for the assigning and verification of physical 911 addresses, telephone updates and assisting with tax assessment parcel changes. During 2022, the Planning/GIS Department assisted Woodland Design Associates with the completion of the County Recreation, Parks and Natural Resources Plan. The County also began the update to the County's Comprehensive Plan with the consultant team of Woodland Design Associates and Shepstone Management Company, which will continue throughout 2023. Local municipal ordinance and subdivision/zoning amendment reviews were also completed for Damascus, Palmyra, Paupack, Sterling and Texas Townships.

During 2022, our office reviewed a total of 152 subdivision and land development applications. These applications resulted in the creation of 64 new lots and 143 lot additions/improvements. The largest total of these new lots occurred in Damascus Township with 10 new lots. Of the 143 lot additions, Paupack had 25, Lake had 18, Damascus with 12, Honesdale Borough with 11 and Salem with 10. These five municipalities combined accounted for over half of the total additions in the County. A total of 12 land development applications were also reviewed. The 2022 County subdivision activity can be reviewed in detail starting on page seven (7) of this report.

The Wayne County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance covers Dyberry, Prompton, and South Canaan. The other 25 Wayne County municipalities have adopted their own ordinances and in those, the Planning Department's function is that of technical 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](http://www.waynecountypa.gov).

We look forward to working with you throughout 2023.

Sincerely,

*Planning Director*

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