



Annual Report 2011

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2011 Planning Commission Board

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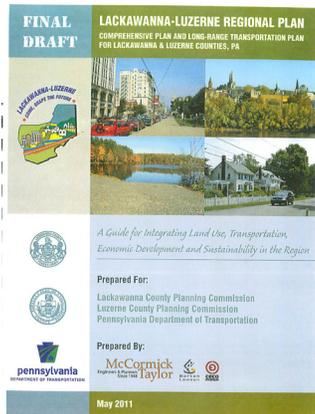
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Scranton, On staff since Nov 2009

Act 247 (Municipalities Planning Code) & Land-Use Planning in Pennsylvania

In Pennsylvania, the power and responsibility to plan for land-use and its regulation lies exclusively with local government, including counties. However, city, borough, and township regulations act as a “repeal protanto” of any county regulations. In other words, a local municipal ordinance negates a county ordinance within the jurisdiction of the municipality.

Comprehensive Plans

A comprehensive plan is a general policy guide for the physical development of a county, region, or municipality. Article III of Act 247 mandates that every county develop a comprehensive plan and review and update same every ten years.



County Comprehensive Plan

The Lackawanna and Luzerne County Commissioners, in conjunction with both county planning departments, developed and implemented a Bi-County Comprehensive Plan and Long-Range Transportation Plan. The Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Plan was adopted on December 14, 2011. See Page 13 for additional information on the bi-county plans.

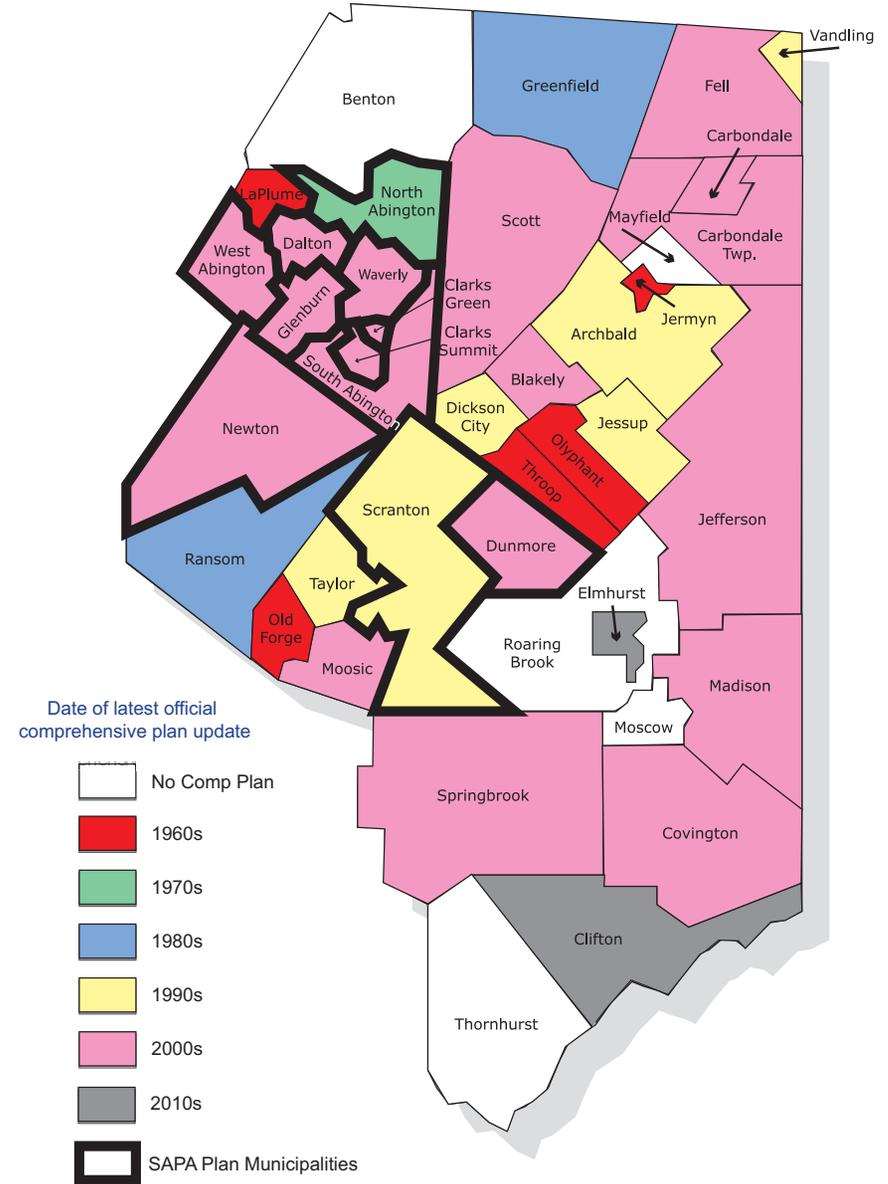
Local and Regional Comprehensive Plans

Thirty-five (35) of the county's 40 municipalities have developed comprehensive plans. The most recent comprehensive plan was adopted by Elmhurst Township in March 2011.

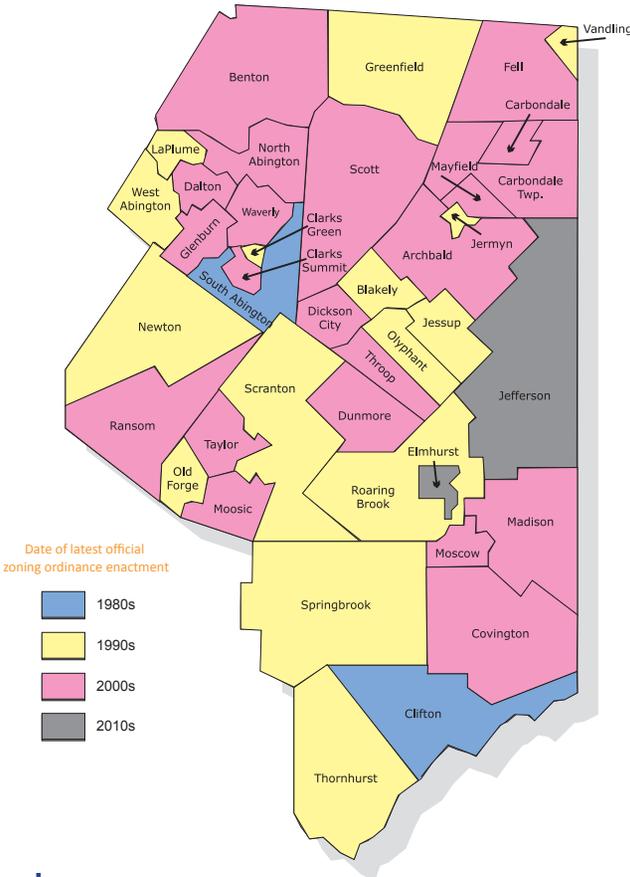
Scranton-Abingtons Planning Association

Eleven (11) county municipalities are members of the Scranton-Abingtons Planning Association (SAPA). Together, these municipalities comprise 50% of the county's population and 20% of the land area. The SAPA Regional Comprehensive Plan was finalized in 2009. As of December 31, 2011, the plan had been adopted by nine (9) of the eleven participating municipalities. The City of Scranton and North Abington Township voted to reject the plan.

Municipal Comprehensive Plans Adopted



Municipal Zoning Ordinances Adopted
(Adoption of latest comprehensive revision; subsequent amendments not included.)



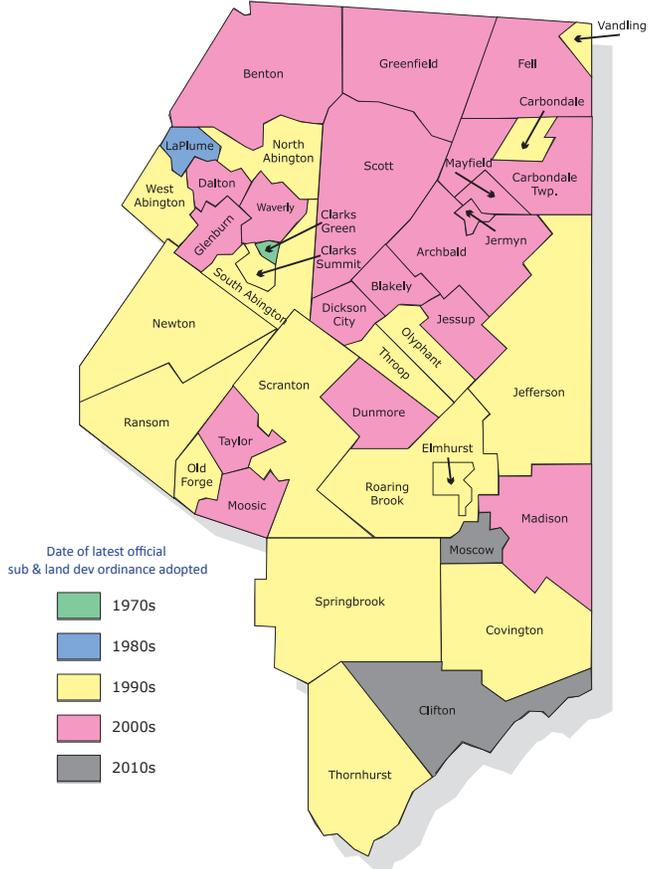
Zoning

Zoning is a method to regulate the use of land and structures, designed to protect health, safety, and welfare and to guide growth. Article VI of Act 247 governs the implementation of zoning ordinances in the Commonwealth. There is no county zoning ordinance. All forty (40) of the county’s municipalities have local zoning ordinances in effect.

Subdivision and Land Development

A subdivision and land development ordinance is a law requiring the review and approval of plot and site plans, and specifying criteria on how to develop land. Subdivisions entail the creation, re-location, or removal of property lines and the development of new roads and infrastructure, such as sewer, water, and other utility lines and facilities. Land developments involve the construction of multi-family dwellings; commercial, professional, or industrial facilities; schools; and other public buildings and community facilities, such as hospitals, fire stations, and government buildings. Article V of Act 247 governs the implementation of subdivision and land development ordinances in the Commonwealth. There is no county subdivision and land development ordinance. All forty (40) of the county’s municipalities have local subdivision and land development ordinances in effect.

Municipal Subdivision & Land Development Ordinances Adopted
(Adoption of latest comprehensive revision; subsequent amendments not included.)



The LCRPC has designated four planning regions within the county for the analysis of subdivision and land development activity. These regions are based on socio-economic and physical-landscape similarities.

Region 1 (The Abingtons)

Municipalities: 14
School Districts: 2.5
2010 Population: 34,627
Square Miles: 156

Region 2 (North Pocono)

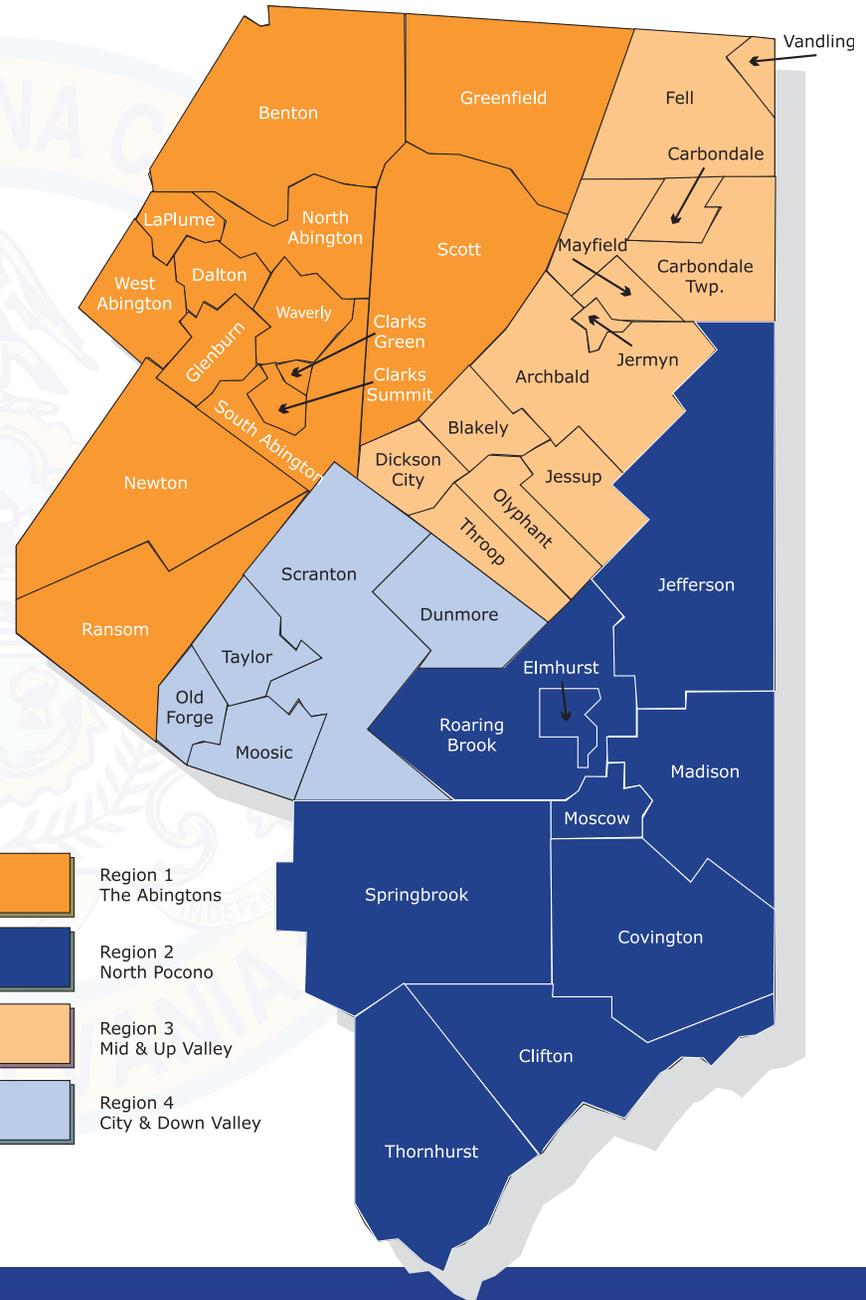
Municipalities: 9
School Districts: 1
2010 Population: 18,925
Square Miles: 179.2

Region 3 (Mid & Up Valley)

Municipalities: 12
School Districts: 4.5
2010 Population: 50,444
Square Miles: 79.6

Region 4 (City & Down Valley)

Municipalities: 5
School Districts: 4
2010 Population: 110,441
Square Miles: 49.4



Total Reviews 129
Lots Subdivided/Developed..... 590
Acres Subdivided/Developed 3,369
New Roads 4.12 miles
Review Fees \$14,121

Article V of Act 247 mandates that all proposed subdivisions and land developments be reviewed by county planning agencies for comments and concerns at least 30 days prior to any municipality taking official action thereon.

During 2011, the LCRPC reviewed 129 submittals, 22 less than 2010. Lots plotted or proposed for development numbered 590; nonresidential buildings created 419,186 square feet of new floor area; and 3,369 acres were affected.

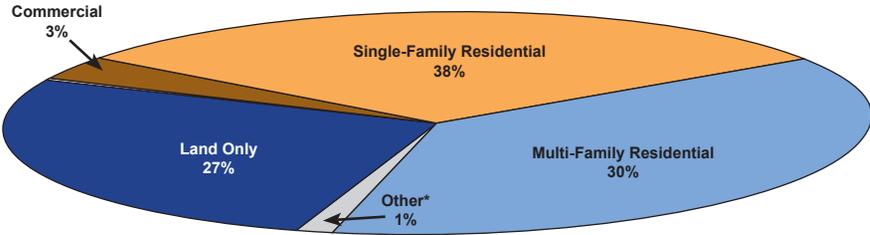
A breakdown by Planning Region showed that Region 3, the Up/Mid Valley, accounted for 37% of the lots/units created and 34% of the acreage affected.

Of the 129 submittals, 90 were minor subdivisions (less than 5 lots), 9 major subdivisions, and 30 land developments. The following municipalities had no submissions: Dalton, Mayfield, Thornhurst, Vandling, and West Abington.

Single-family residential development accounted for 38% of the total lots/units respectively, while land-only subdivisions accounted for 71% of the acreage. On the opposite end, industrial development accounted for <1% of the lots and <1% of the acreage.

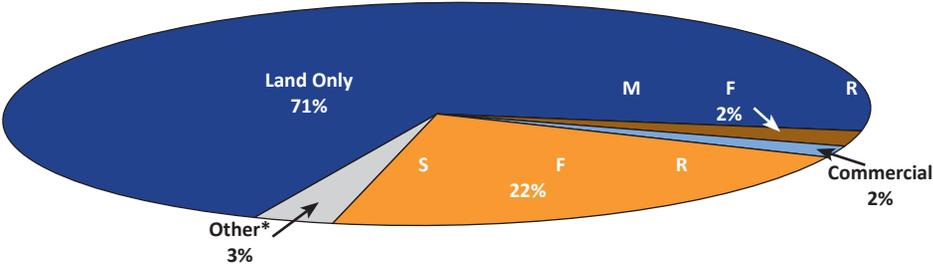
The largest developments in the county proposed in 2011 were Jessup Affordable Housing-Lackawanna Co. Housing Authority (Jessup) 76 lots/units (public affordable housing); Laurel Woods (Scranton) 64 lots/units (private affordable housing); and School-side Estates Phase 2 Revised (Throop), 59 residential lots.

*Other development types include institutional, educational, public municipal & non-municipal, religious, and public services & utilities.



Development by Lots/Units

	Lots/Units	Percent
Single-Family Residential	224	38%
Multi-Family Residential	179	30%
Commercial/Office	19	3%
Industrial	1	0%
Land Only	159	27%
Other*	8	1%
Total	590	100%

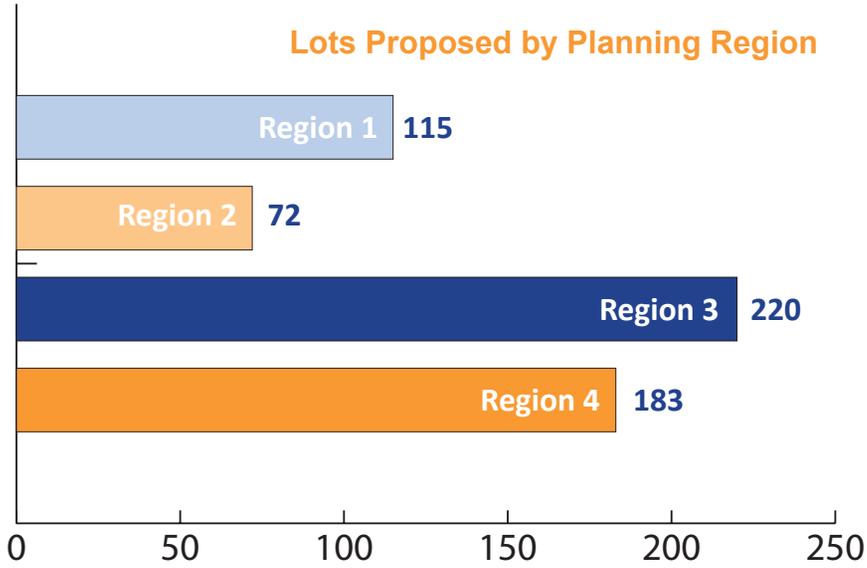


Development by Acres

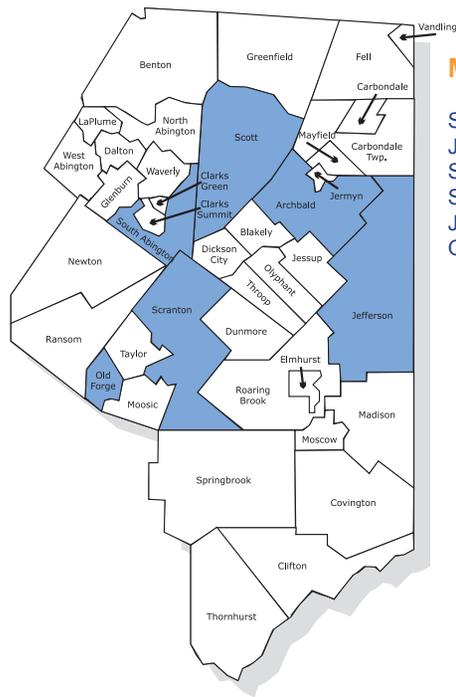
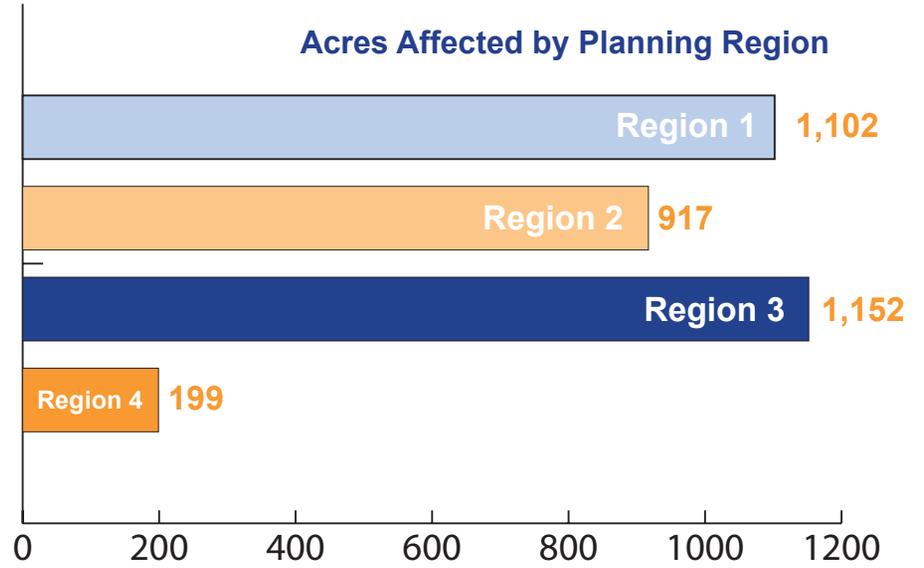
	Acres	Percent
Single-Family Residential	734	22%
Multi-Family Residential	56	2%
Commercial/Office	74	2%
Industrial	2	0%
Land Only	2404	71%
Other*	99	3%
Total	3,369	100%

Development Summary

Lots Proposed by Planning Region

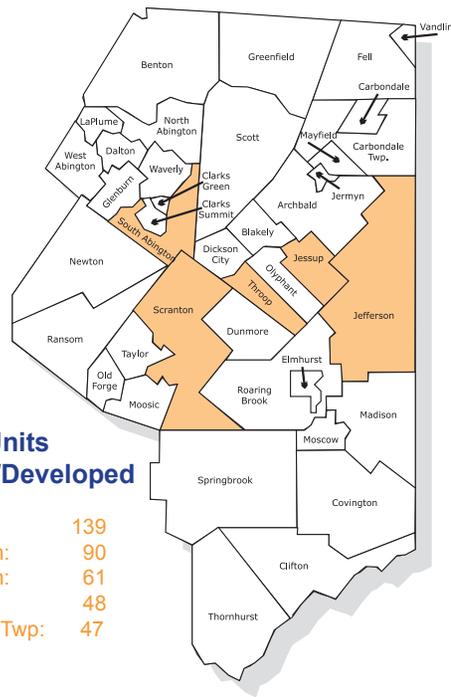


Acres Affected by Planning Region



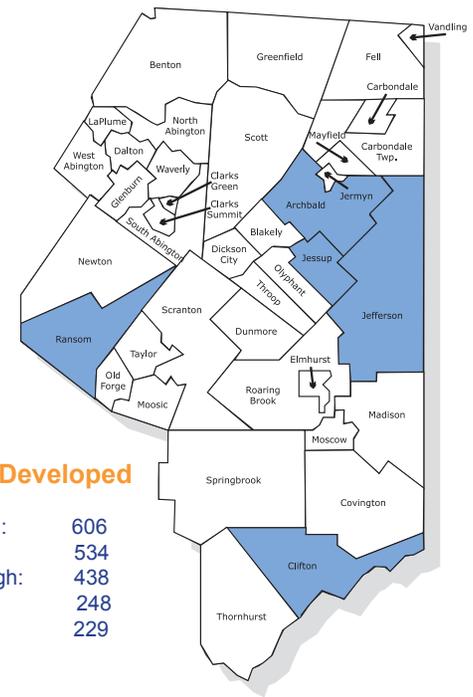
Most Submissions

- Scranton City: 23
- Jefferson Twp: 10
- Scott Twp: 9
- South Abington Twp: 6
- Jefferson Township: 6
- Old Forge Borough: 5



Most Lots/Units Subdivided/Developed

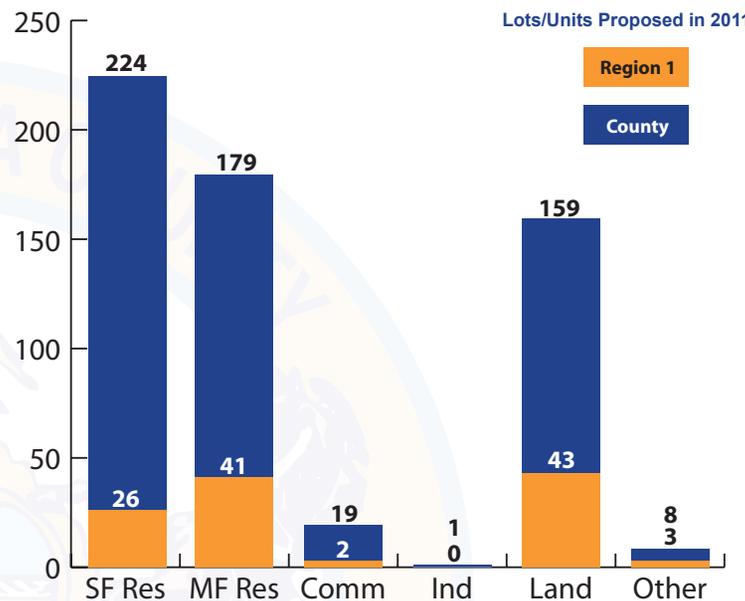
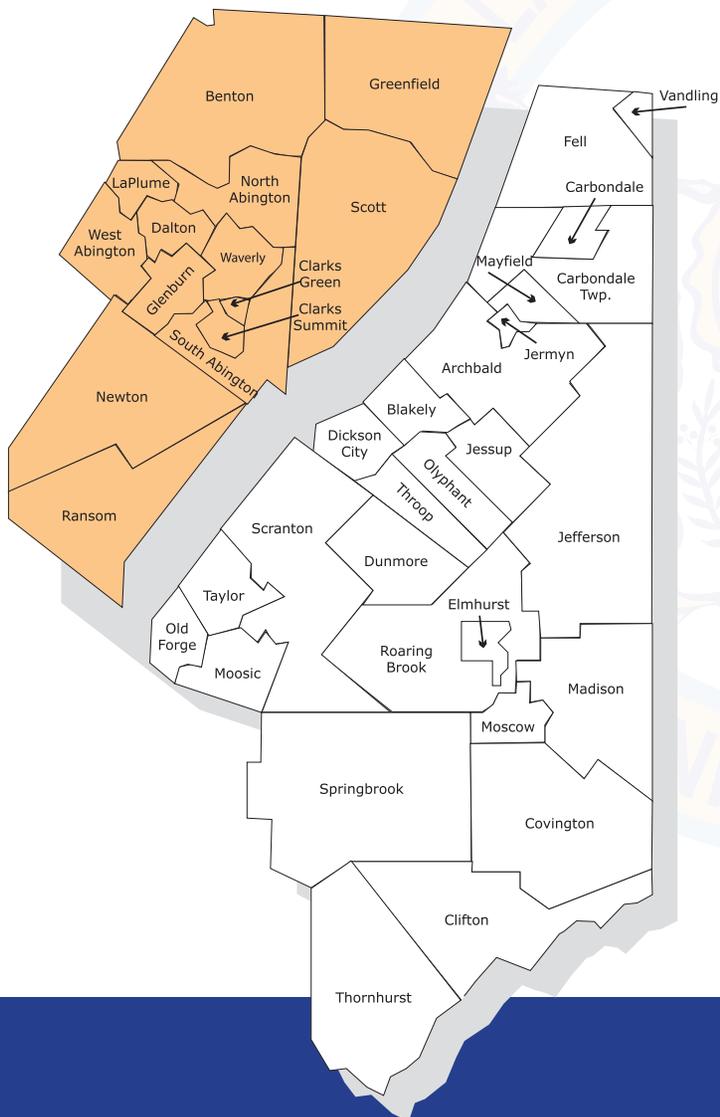
- Scranton City: 139
- Jessup Borough: 90
- Throop Borough: 61
- Jefferson Twp: 48
- South Abington Twp: 47



Most Acres Subdivided/Developed

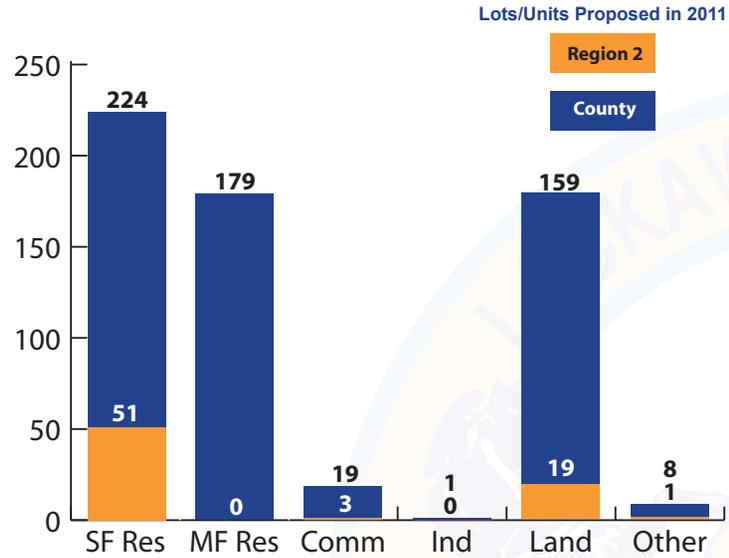
- Jessup Borough: 606
- Ransom Twp: 534
- Archbald Borough: 438
- Clifton Twp: 248
- Jefferson Twp: 229

Total Reviews 37
Lots Subdivided/Developed 115
Acres Subdivided/Developed 1,102
New Roads 0.1 miles

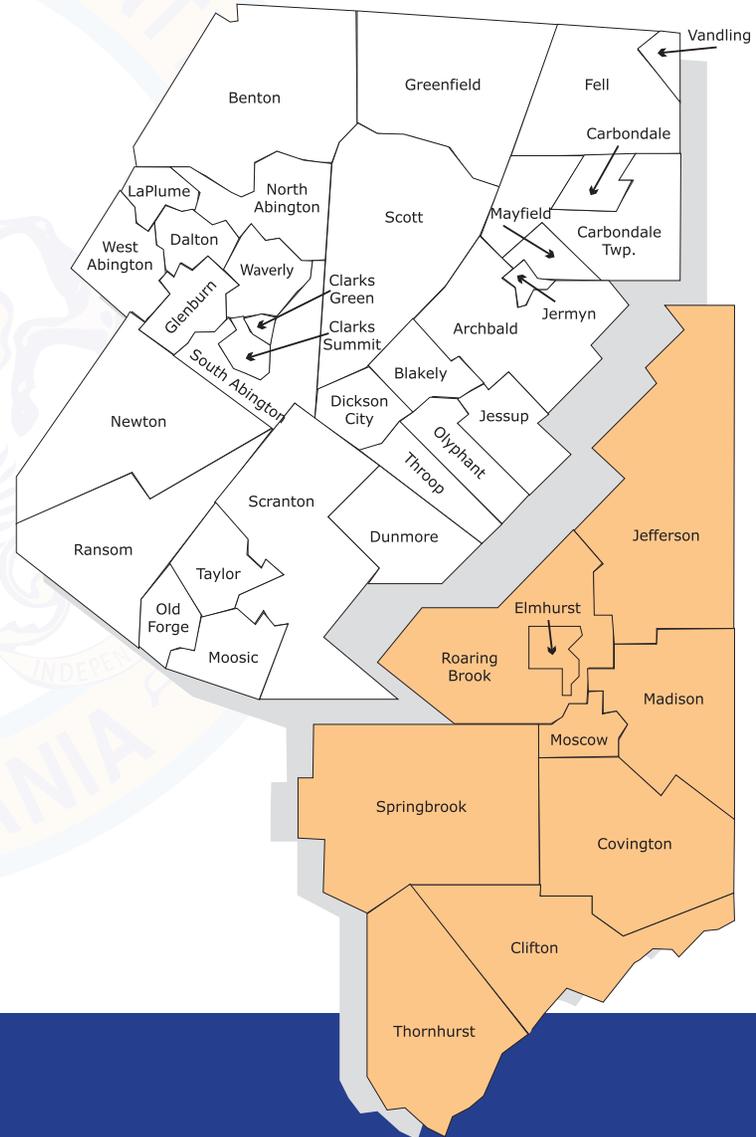


	Subs	Lots	Acres
Benton	4	7	126
Clarks Green	1	1	<1
Clarks Summit	4	4	2
Dalton	0	0	0
Glenburn	2	3	21
Greenfield	3	6	72
LaPlume	1	2	1
Newton	2	5	13
North Abington	1	2	85
Ransom	3	14	534
Scott	9	21	187
South Abington	6	47	30
Waverly	1	3	29
West Abington	0	0	0
Totals	37	115	1,102

Region 1 - The Abingtons

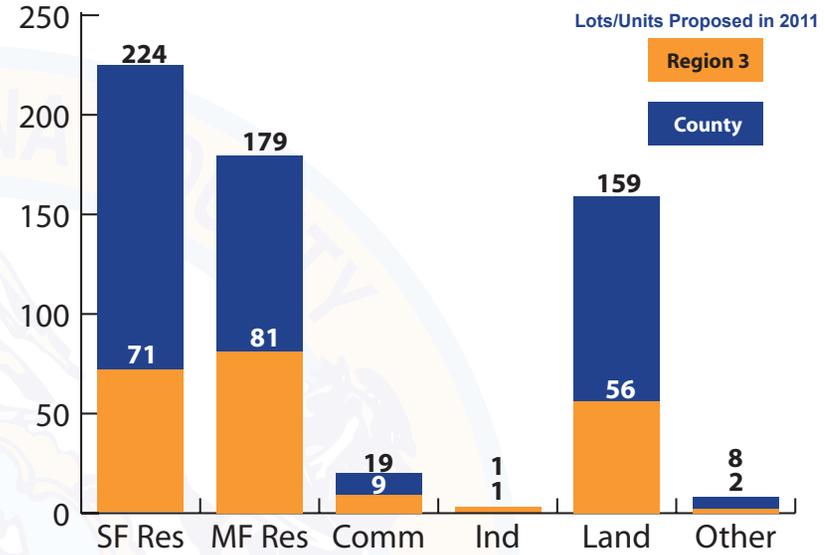
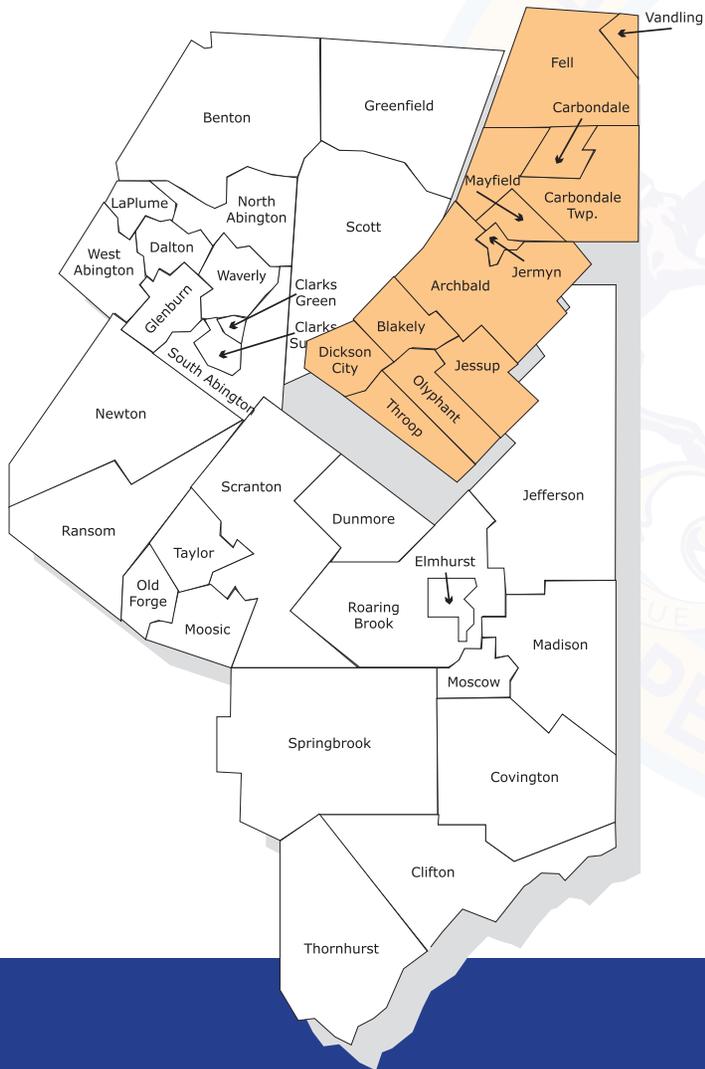


Total Reviews **22**
Lots Subdivided/Developed **72**
Acres Subdivided/Developed **917**
New Roads **0 miles**



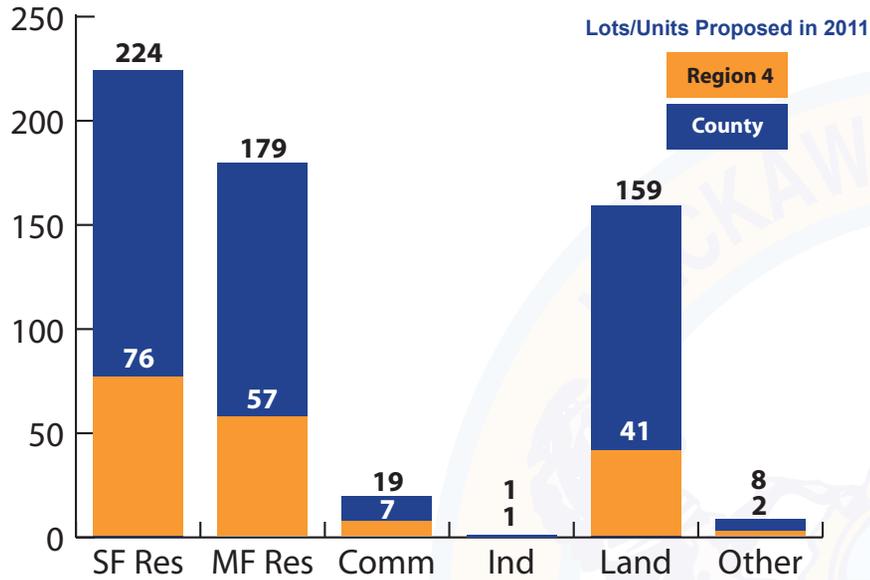
	Subs	Lots	Acres
Clifton	2	4	248
Covington	2	4	176
Elmhurst	2	6	9
Jefferson	10	48	229
Madison	1	2	10
Moscow	2	3	18
Roaring Brook	1	2	188
Spring Brook	2	3	39
Thornhurst	0	0	0
Totals	22	72	917

Total Reviews **33**
Lots Subdivided/Developed **220**
Acres Subdivided/Developed **1,152**
New Roads **3.64 miles**



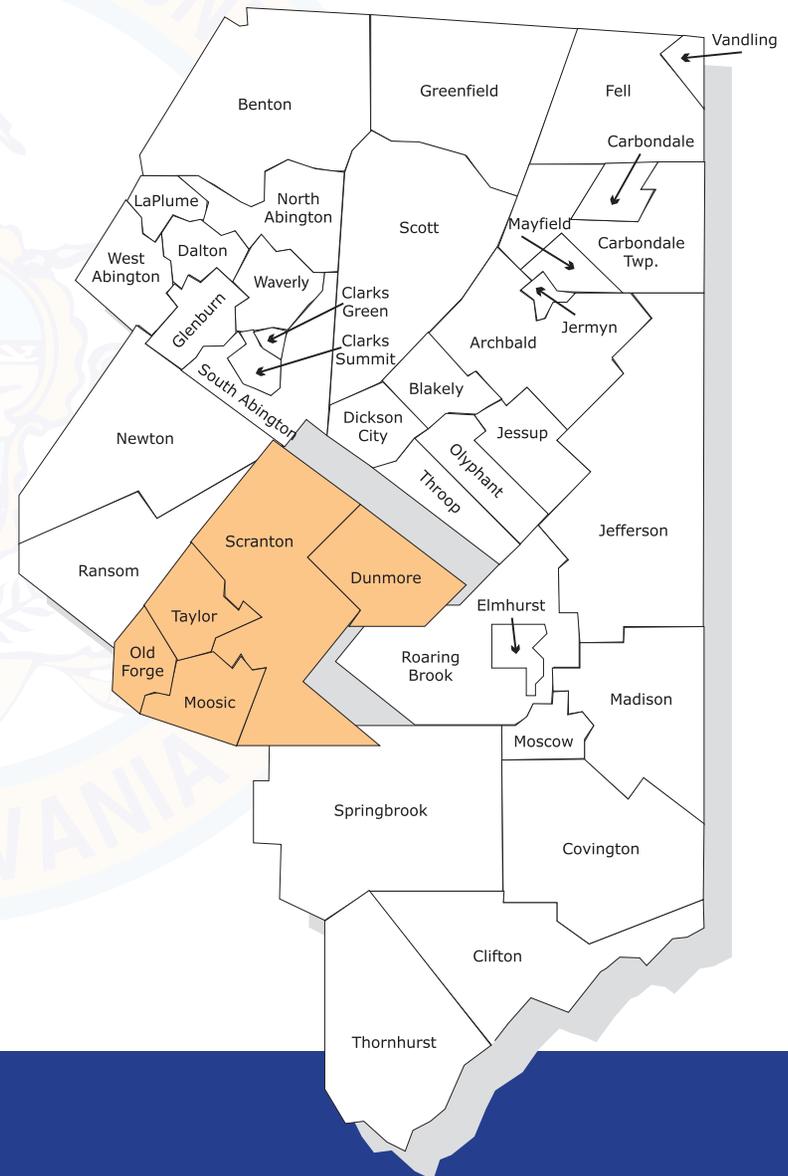
	Subs	Lots	Acres
Archbald	6	26	438
Blakely	2	5	1
Carbondale City	4	8	1
Carbondale Twp.	4	9	9
Dickson City	4	9	11
Fell	4	7	21
Jermyn	1	2	1
Jessup	4	90	606
Mayfield	0	0	0
Olyphant	2	3	31
Throop	2	61	33
Vandling	0	0	0
Totals	33	220	1,152

Region 3 - Mid & Up Valley



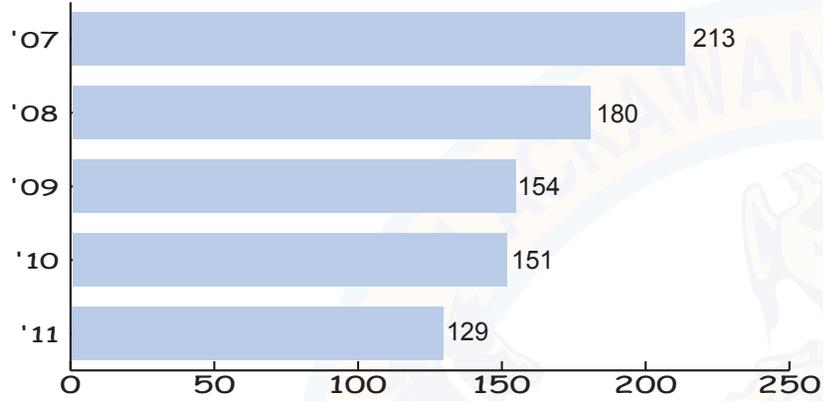
Total Reviews 37
Lots Subdivided/Developed 183
Acres Subdivided/Developed 199
New Roads 0.38 miles

	Subs	Lots	Acres
Dunmore	4	17	60
Moosic	4	6	54
Old Forge	5	19	5
Scranton	23	139	53
Taylor	1	2	27
Totals	37	183	199

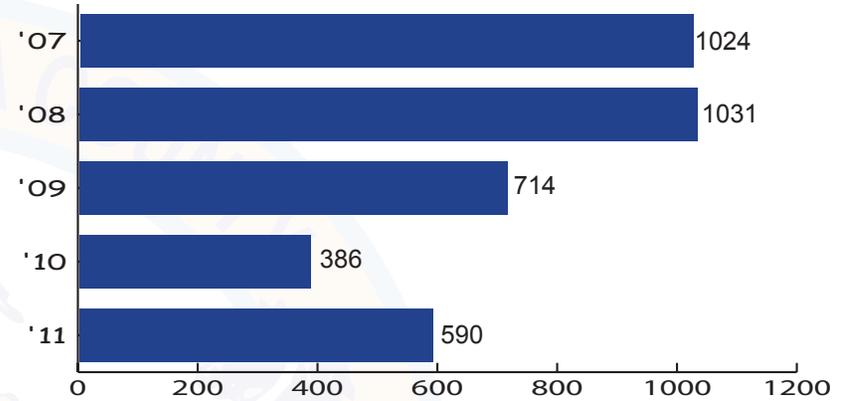


Region 4 - City & Down Valley

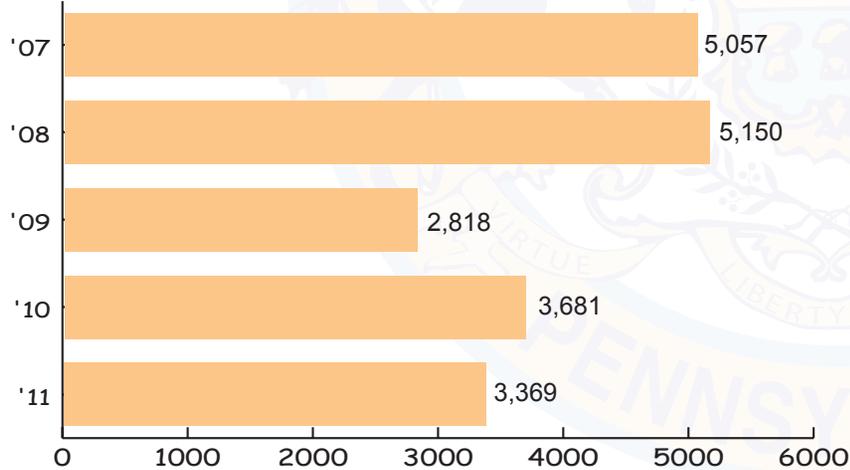
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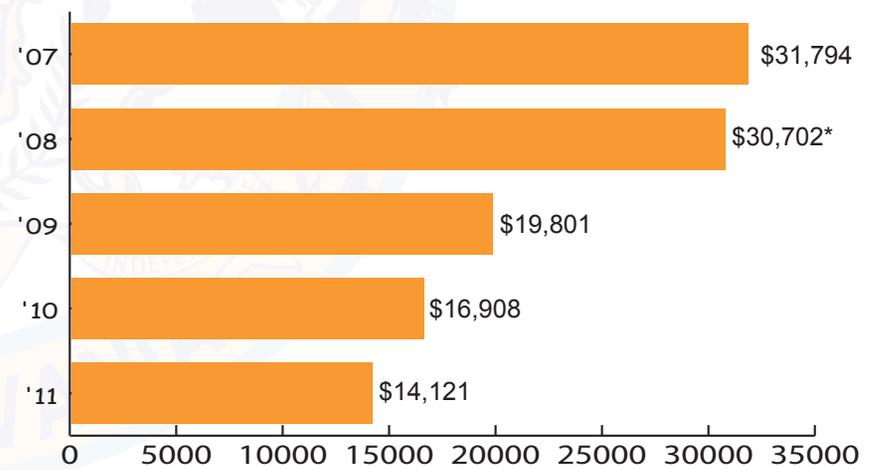
Lots/Units Proposed



Acres Affected



Review Fees



*The LCRPC implemented an increase in review fees on June 1, 2008.

Five-Year Review Analysis

The Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247) mandates that municipalities submit any proposed comprehensive plan or land-use ordinance, including any amendments, to the county planning agency prior to the municipality holding a public hearing thereon.

The county planning agency has 45 days to review and comment on initial ordinances or comprehensive replacements, 30 days to review and comment on amendments.

Within 30 days of enactment of

any comprehensive plan or land-use ordinance, including amendments, the municipality must forward a certified copy of said plan, ordinance, or amendment to the county planning agency for public record.

The MPC also mandates that county planning agencies offer mediation options to any municipality that believes its citizens will experience harm as a result of an ordinance or development plan in a contiguous municipality, if the contiguous municipality agrees.

ZONING ORDINANCES

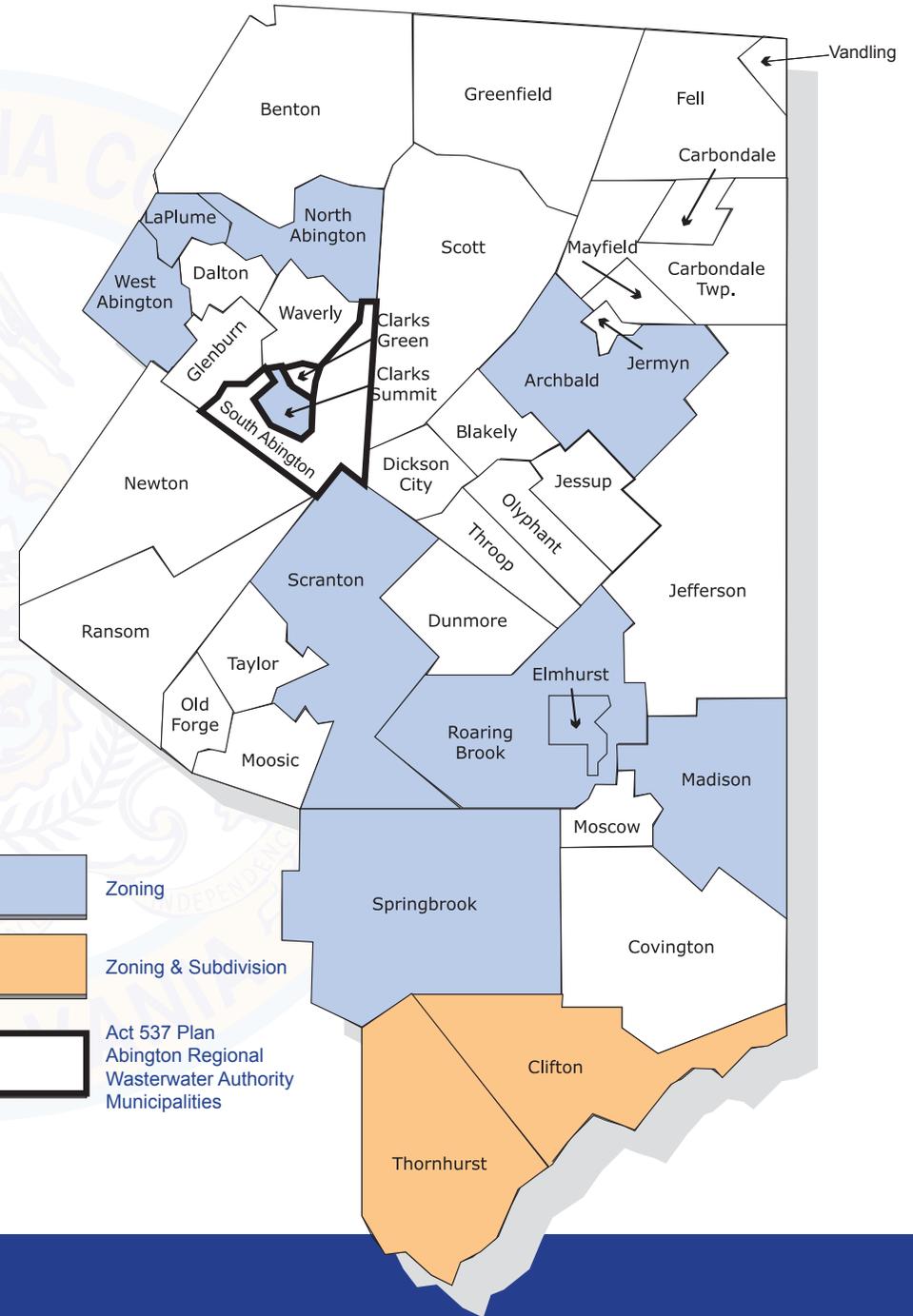
- Elmhurst: **new ordinance** (Apr)
- West Abington: **amendment** (Apr)
- Thornhurst: **amendment** (May)
- Scranton: **amendment** (May)
- Clifton: **amendment** (Jun)
- North Abington: **amendment** (Jul)
- Scranton: **amendment** (Jul)
- Madison: **amendment** (Sep)
- Roaring Brook: **amendment** (Sep)
- Archbald: **amendment** (Oct)
- Spring Brook: **new ordinance** (Oct)
- LaPlume: **amendment** (Nov)
- Scranton: **amendment** (Dec)
- Archbald: **amendment** (Dec)
- Clarks Summit: **amendment** (Dec)

SUBDIVISION/LD ORDINANCE

- Clifton: **new ordinance** (May)
- Thornhurst: **new ordinance** (Jun)
- Clifton: **amendment** (Nov)

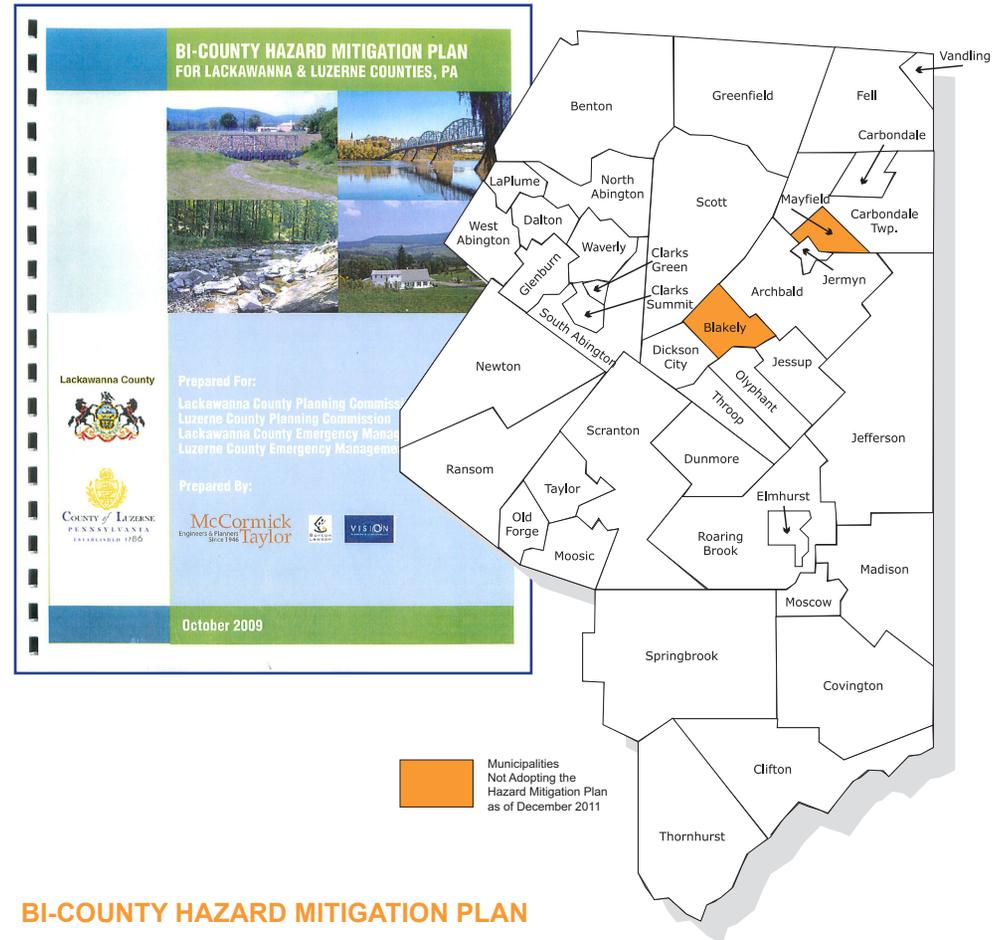
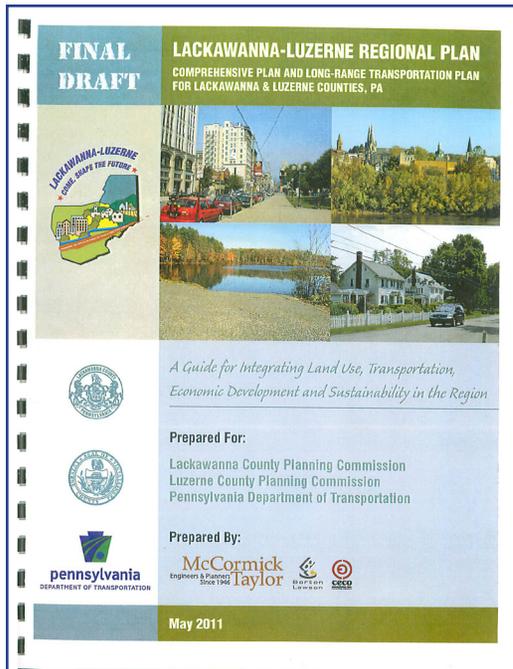
ACT 537 PLAN

- Abington Regional Wastewater Authority: **new sewage facilities plan** (Jul)



BI-COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A meeting between the Lackawanna and Luzerne planning commissions and the consultant firm McCormick Taylor took place in early 2011 to finalized the draft of the regional plan. In accordance with the requirements of the PA MPC, the plan was sent to all municipalities and school districts within the two counties and to those that adjoined in other counties for review and comment. The Boards of Commissioners of both counties met in April to review the plan. In September, both county planning commissions held public meetings to recommend that the plan be adopted by the respectively Boards of Commissioners. Luzerne County adopted the plan in early November 2011, and Lackawanna County adopted the plan on December 14, 2011. The Regional Plan will now guide land-use, housing, transportation, environmental, and community facilities planning issues in the two counties for the next 10 years.



BI-COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

All local jurisdictions across the country are mandated by FEMA and PEMA to develop and implement Hazard Mitigation Plans in order to be eligible for funding and assistance from state and Federal hazard mitigation programs. The Bi-County Hazard Mitigation Plan was the first of the three-part bi-county planning effort (began in 2007) to be completed.

The HAZMIT plan was adopted by the county commissioners of both Lackawanna and Luzerne counties in December 2009. As of December 31, 2011, the plan had been adopted by thirty-eight (38) of the Lackawanna County's 40 municipalities. Those municipalities that have not adopted are at risk should a disaster occur.

HIGHWAYS

Unified Planning Work Program - The LCRPC has an on-going contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to conduct a planning program for highway, bridge and transit related projects in Lackawanna County. There are a number of different emphasis areas that the Department of Transportation requires to be studied each year, including short and long term highway and transit system planning, transportation network monitoring, transportation systems management and coordination of land use and transportation planning. In state fiscal year 2011/2012 the LCRPC received funding in the amount of \$182,075 from the Federal Highway Administration, \$29,610 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and \$54,802 from the Federal Transit Administration to complete these tasks. Without re-authorization or a new Transportation Bill approved by Congress, it is anticipated in 2012/2013 these amounts remain the same. In 2011 the Department is requested that each MPO conduct a detailed assessment/inventory of local transportation assets they provided an additional \$47,000 in Federal and \$11,750 in state funds to undertake this multi-year task. For 2012 the task is on-going with approximately ¼ of the county's non-PENNDOT bridges inventoried.

Transportation Improvement Program - Pennsylvania Transportation Planning is outlined in a Twelve-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which is reviewed and updated every two years. The list is prepared by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and Rural Planning Organizations (RPO) in the state and combined into a statewide funding document. Lackawanna County, along with Luzerne County, forms the Lackawanna/Luzerne Transportation Study (LLTS) MPO. The current TIP first four years was recently updated and includes numerous bridge rehabilitation/reconstruction projects, signal system upgrades and roadway improvements without adding any new projects that were not on the previous program due to funding constraints.

Highway Planning - The LCRPC sub-contracts with a consultant to take traffic volume and traffic classification counts at a number of locations in Lackawanna County as part of numerous transportation planning activities. Most counts are done on a three-year cycle with some being taken annually on higher volume roadways. This information is available through the LCRPC offices.

RAIL

Scranton to New York City Passenger Rail - Lackawanna County, in conjunction with Monroe County in Pennsylvania and Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties in New Jersey has over the past twenty-five years worked toward the resumption of rail passenger service to New York City. The committee did not meet in 2011; however the first segment of the line from Andover Township in Sussex County to Port Morris in Morris County is now under construction as an extension of the existing New Jersey Transit service. This seven mile portion of the line represents ¼ of the total Lackawanna Cut-off segment.

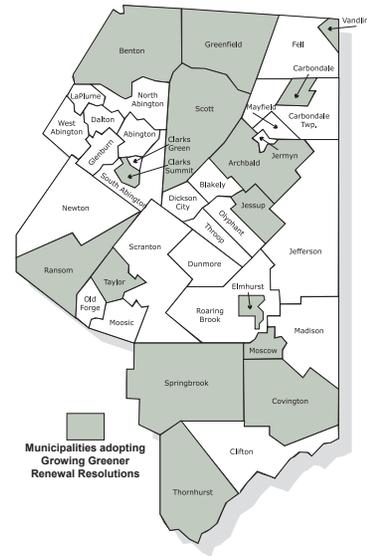
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

As part of Lackawanna and Luzerne County's preparation of a Comprehensive Land Use, Long Range Transportation and Hazard Mitigation Plan, the update of the 2003-2025 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Lackawanna-Luzerne Transportation Study was completed with the County Commissioners adopting the document on December 14, 2011. The plan covers all transportation modes including vehicular, pedestrian, air and rail transportation in both counties and received funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Pennsylvania Department of Economic and Community Development and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

The LCRPC continued to support the Farmland Preservation Program in 2011 with printing and legal ad costs. Regional Planning Manager, Mary Liz Donato, continues to serve as Chairman of the five-member Farmland Preservation Board.

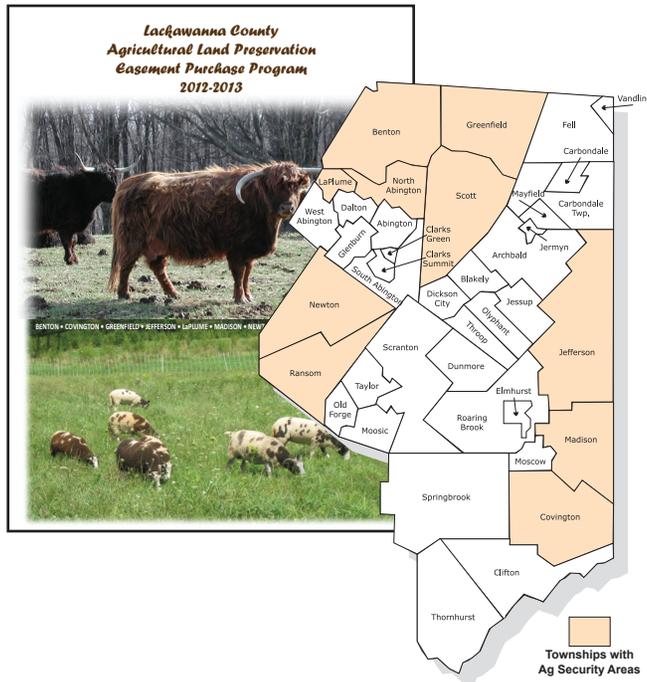
- No. of Farms with Ag Easements: 50
- Total Acres Protected by Easements: 4,113
- Average Size of Protected Farm: 82 acres
- Average Cost/Acre for Easement Purchase: \$1,779
- Total Purchase Price for Ag Easements in Lackawanna County as of December 2011: \$7,318,697



STATEWIDE INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT THE RENEWAL OF GROWING GREENER

In early January 2011, the LCRPC received a request from the *Renew Growing Greener Coalition* to spearhead a countywide initiative, in conjunction with a statewide initiative, to support the renewal of the Commonwealth's Growing Greener program, which was set to expire at the end of 2011 if not renewed by Governor Corbett. In response to the request, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution on January 12, 2011, supporting the renewal. Shortly thereafter, letters from the LCRPC were mailed to all county municipalities urging them to adopt their own resolutions supporting the renewal. Fifteen municipalities responded to the initiative.

Lackawanna County governments and non-profit agencies have received \$18.4 million in Growing Greener funds since its inception in 1999 - the fourth highest amount awarded to Pennsylvania's 67 counties.



LACKAWANNA ENVIRONMENTAL & OUTDOOR RECREATION PARTNERSHIP (LECOR)

In the spring of 2009, the county commissioners awarded \$564,500 in competitive grants to 19 local communities and agencies to help fund 20 open space and recreation projects totaling over \$4.6 million. In 2010, the Lackawanna River Corridor Association was also awarded a LECOR grant in the amount of \$30,000 to help fund a watershed assessment plan. The LECOR monies are taken from the county's Landfill Trust Fund. As of December 2011, \$372,753 of the \$594,500 have been reimbursed to the recipients, and 10 of the 21 projects have been completed. Mary Liz Donato serves as project coordinator and grant administrator.

Funding LECOR Applications 2009

GP	Applicant	Project Location/Title	LECOR Grant	Adv. Pymt Request	Amount Paid	Date Submitted for Pymt	Reimbursement Request	Amount Paid	Date Submitted for Pymt	Amount Remaining
1	Aylesworth Creek Res. Park Auth	Pocket Park - Archbald	\$45,000				\$45,000	\$40,500	02/05/10	\$4,500
		Pocket Park - Archbald	\$45,000				\$4,500	\$4,500	06/04/10	\$0
2	Olyphant Borough	Condella Park Little League Field	\$45,000				\$45,000	\$40,500	09/30/09	\$4,500
		Condella Park Little League Field	\$45,000				\$4,500	\$4,500	02/04/10	\$0
3	South Abington Township	South Abington Park H-A Restroom	\$42,000				\$32,528.47	\$29,275.47	02/14/11	\$9,253
		South Abington Park H-A Restroom	\$42,000				\$3,253	\$3,253	04/18/11	\$0
4	Greenfield Township	Starbuck Sports Complex Rehabilitation	\$13,000							\$13,000
5	St. Anthony's Mem Park - Dunmore	Restroom Rehabilitation	\$12,500							\$12,500
6	Leadership Lackawanna	Cancer Survivor Park Revitalization	\$9,000				\$8,784.73	\$8,784.73	06/11/10	\$0
7	Moosic Borough	Borough Park Improvements	\$9,000				\$9,000	\$9,000	01/06/10	\$0
8	Dalton Borough	Streamside & Platt Parks Improvements	\$7,000	\$700	\$700	06/01/11				\$6,300
		Streamside & Platt Parks Improvements	\$7,000				\$6,300	\$5,600	10/26/11	\$700
		Streamside & Platt Parks Improvements	\$7,000							\$600
9	Clarks Green Borough	Abington Area Community Park Improvements	\$45,000	\$4,500	\$4,500	10/19/09				\$40,500
		Abington Area Community Park Improvements	\$45,000				\$35,000	\$35,000	02/16/10	\$10,000
		Abington Area Community Park Improvements	\$45,000				\$4,500	\$4,500	01/23/12	\$0
10	Covington Township	Muffat Estate Pavilion	\$45,000				\$45,000	\$45,000	11/18/09	\$0
11	Throop Borough	Throop Recreation Complex Phase I	\$45,000							\$45,000
12	Abington Township	Abington Township Rec Area Improvements	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	03/29/11				\$22,500
18	City of Scranton	Billy Barrett Park Rehabilitation	\$22,500				\$22,500	\$20,250	07/16/10	\$2,250
		Billy Barrett Park Rehabilitation	\$22,500				\$2,250	\$2,250	08/18/10	\$0
19	City of Scranton	Connors Park Improvements	\$22,500				\$22,500	\$20,250	09/30/09	\$2,250
		Connors Park Improvements	\$22,500				\$2,250	\$2,250	07/16/10	\$0
20	City of Carbondale	Park Rehabilitation Program	\$30,000				\$30,000	\$27,000	07/19/11	\$3,000
		Park Rehabilitation Program	\$30,000							\$0
13	Countryside Conservancy	Countryside Trails-Glenburn/LaPlumeN Abgtn	\$37,000	\$3,700	\$3,700	08/03/09				\$33,300
		Countryside Trails-Glenburn/LaPlumeN Abgtn	\$37,000				\$45,000	\$40,500	02/16/10	\$4,500
14	The Nature Conservancy	Moosic Mountain Preserve Parcel A-Jeff Twp	\$45,000							\$45,000
		Moosic Mountain Preserve Parcel A-Jeff Twp	\$45,000							\$0
15	Ransom Township	Ransom Twp Recreation Area Master Site Plan	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	02/14/11				\$9,000
16	Thornhurst Township	Riverfront Park Master Site Plan	\$10,000				\$10,000	\$10,000	10/24/11	\$0
17	Lackawanna Heritage Valley Auth	Greenway S. Heritage Trail FS, CNJ Trail MSP	\$45,000							\$45,000
21	Lackawanna River Corridor Assoc.	Watershed Assessment Plan	\$30,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	03/01/10	\$5,980	\$5,980	10/20/10	\$24,020
		Watershed Assessment Plan	\$30,000				\$5,320	\$5,320	01/22/11	\$16,720
		Watershed Assessment Plan	\$30,000				\$7,560	\$7,560	11/18/11	\$8,160
			\$594,500		\$15,400		\$372,753.20	\$372,753.20		\$206,346.80

Environmental Planning

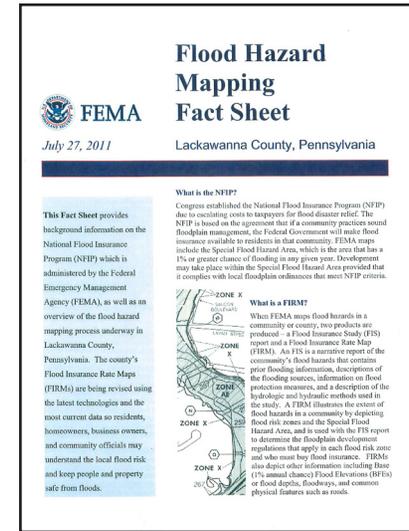
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The planning commission maintains and updates GIS data for the county. In addition to parcel data, layer information include the following:

- State Senatorial and House District boundaries (update in progress)
- US Congressional District boundaries (update in progress)
- Voting Wards and District boundaries (update in progress)
- School District boundaries
- Municipal boundaries
- Hydrology (water bodies and water courses)
- Soils
- Building footprints
- Land-Use Classifications
- Street data (names and centerlines)
- County Road System (update in progress)
- County Bridges (layer development in progress)
- Recreational Facilities (layer development in progress)
- 100-year Flood plain areas (non-layer)
- Topography - 2-ft. and 5-ft. intervals
- Agricultural Easements
- Zoning (21 municipalities)
- Aerial photography (2002, 2005, 2008 flyovers)

GIS Coordinator, Steve Solon, develops and processes several requests for GIS data on a daily basis. In addition, he frequently prepares maps for the DA's office that are used for DUI checkpoints, other law enforcement efforts, and criminal prosecution. He has also begun work with local fire departments to create grid maps for search and rescue operations.

2011 revenues generated from GIS data requests totaled \$7,577.

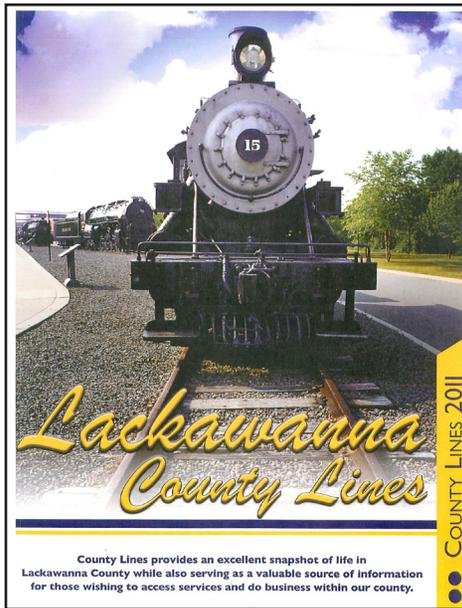


FEMA FLOOD PLAIN MAPPING UPDATE

The Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Studies for Lackawanna County are being updated and modernized by FEMA, and preliminary data for both have been released. A major change is that all communities will now be shown on a single set of countywide digitized maps. The new map set greatly improves the accuracy of floodplain determinations. Elevations have been updated, and the new maps incorporate aerial photography.

The LCRPC will be assisting local municipalities with GIS data to help identify properties affected by any changes to the floodplain boundaries.

The finalized maps will not be in effect until 2014.



COUNTY LINES

The 21st annual edition of *County Lines* was published in 2011.

The 2011 edition provided 127 pages of information and statistics on the county, its 40 municipalities and 12 school districts. It also contained five full-color county maps. Four hundred copies were professionally printed and distributed to various county agencies, local municipalities, school districts, libraries, and non-profit agencies. The cost of the book to the general public remained \$25.00.

2010 Census

Lackawanna County

	Population	% Change
Lackawanna County	214,437	0.5%
Abington township	1,743	7.9%
Archbald borough	6,984	12.3%
Benton township	1,908	1.4%
Blakely borough	6,564	-6.6%
Carbondale city	8,891	-9.3%
Carbondale township	1,115	10.6%
Clarks Green borough	1,476	-9.4%
Clarks Summit borough	5,116	-0.2%
Clifton township	1,480	29.9%
Covington township	2,284	14.5%
Dalton borough	1,234	-4.6%
Dickson City borough	6,070	-2.2%
Dunmore borough	14,057	0.3%
Elmhurst township	894	6.7%
Fell township	2,178	-6.6%
Glenburn township	1,246	2.8%
Greenfield township	2,105	5.8%
Jefferson township	3,731	3.9%
Jermyn borough	2,169	-5.2%
Jessup borough	4,676	-0.9%
La Plume township	602	-0.2%
Madison township	2,750	8.2%
Mayfield borough	1,807	2.9%
Moosic borough	5,719	2.6%
Moscow borough	2,026	7.6%
Newton township	2,846	5.4%
North Abington township	703	-10.1%
Old Forge borough	8,313	-5.5%
Olyphant borough	5,151	3.5%
Ransom township	1,420	-0.6%
Roaring Brook township	1,907	16.5%
Scott township	4,905	-0.5%
Scranton city	76,089	-0.4%
South Abington township	9,073	5.0%
Spring Brook township	2,768	16.9%
Taylor borough	6,263	-3.3%
Thornhurst township	1,085	36.0%
Throop borough	4,088	1.9%
Vandling borough	751	1.8%
West Abington township	250	-19.6%

For the first time since the 1930 Census, Lackawanna County saw an increase in population from the previous census.

Various population and housing data for Lackawanna County are available for the 2010 Census at the Census Bureau's website, www.census.gov

**2011 APA - PA CHAPTER PLANNING CONFERENCE
“OUR CHANGING LANDSCAPE”
HILTON SCRANTON, OCTOBER 16-18**

Close to 350 planners from across the state converged on the Hilton Scranton and Conference Center for the annual APA-PA Chapter Planning Conference. The Northeast Section of the PA Chapter hosted the event and developed the conference program during a year-long planning process. Conference committee members are listed in the next column.

The conference featured guest speakers DCNR Secretary Richard Allan, Award Winning Journalist and Urban Critic Roberta Gratz, and Director Teri Ooms of the Institute for Public Policy and Economic Development. Fifty workshops were held during seven concurrent sessions over the course of the three days, and four mobile workshops were conducted on Monday afternoon, showcasing local initiatives, architecture, economic development and recreation projects. These tours included Marywood University’s new School of Architecture, the Waymart Wind Energy Center, the historic preservation of the 500 block of Lackawanna Avenue, the Scranton Cultural Center, the Steamtown Railyards, and the Downtown Scranton Riverwalk. Receptions were held at the Radisson Lackawanna Station on Sunday night and at the Electric City Trolley Museum on Monday night.

The conference generated \$99,395 in gross revenues, with a net profit of \$36,142.

The 2012 PA Chapter Conference will be held October 14-16 at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie.



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LETTERS OF SUPPORT

The LCRPC issued the following letters of support during 2011 to:

- **PA Environmental Council**, USDA grant for cleanup of illegal dumpsites within the county.
- **Moscow Borough**, USDA grant for rehabilitation of sidewalks in the borough's commercial district.
- **Waverly Township**, DCNR grant for construction of a picnic pavilion at the township complex.
- **Countryside Conservancy**, DCNR grant for the continued acquisitions of land and construction of the Trolley Trail.
- **Clifton Township**, DCNR grant for acquisition of 41 acres for the development of a township recreational complex.
- **Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority**, DCNR grant for the development of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail in Carbondale.
- **Throop Borough**, Growing Greener grant for stabilization of the Lackawanna River bank.
- **Jermyn Borough**, PA Gaming Act, Monroe County Local Share, for improvements to the Jermyn Community Center.
- **Blakely Borough**, PA Gaming Act, Monroe County Local Share, for construction of an EMA, Police, and DPW facility.
- **Old Forge Borough**, PA Gaming Act, Monroe County Local Share, for construction of a maintenance building and lighting at the Old Forge Community Park.
- **Covington Township**, PA Gaming Act, Monroe County Local Share, for the construction of an enclosure at the Moffat Estate Pavilion.
- **City of Scranton**, PA Gaming Act, Monroe County Local Share, for the paving of various city streets.
- **Archbald Borough**, PA Gaming Act, Monroe County Local Share, for the development of a Main Street Streetscape.
- **Lackawanna County OECD**, PA Gaming Act, Monroe County Local Share, for development of a countywide wireless infrastructure initiative.
- **Northeast Economic Development**, unspecified grant to clear various county waterways from debris and obstructions.

APA - PA Chapter Northeast Section Council Conference Planning Committee

Steve Pitoniak and Mary Liz Donato attended eight conference planning meetings throughout the course of 2011.

FEMA Map Modernization Community Coordination & Outreach Workshop

Steve Pitoniak, Mary Liz Donato, and Steve Solon attended a workshop on September 13 at the EMA Building in Jessup. The workshop outlined the process for updating the county's flood plain maps and the responsibilities that each community will have once the new maps are finalized.

Lackawanna & Luzerne County Commissioners Regional Plan Informational Meeting

Steve Pitoniak and Mary Liz Donato, along with planning counterparts from Luzerne County, and plan consultant McCormick Taylor held an informational meeting with the commissioners from both counties to detail the regional plan and explain the adoption process. The meeting was held on April 21 at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport.

DCNR PA Land Choices Curriculum Meeting NEIU 19 Board of Directors

Mary Liz Donato and representatives of DCNR met with the NEIU 19 Board on April 21 to gain approval for a NEIU sponsorship of a training program for local high-school teachers on the PA Land Choices program that centers around community character, civic responsibility, and conservation of natural resources. Results of the course were to be highlighted at the October PA Chapter Conference in Scranton. The course was approved by the NEIU and teachers/students from Old Forge High School were selected to present their community projects at the conference.

Growing Greener Renewal Update Meeting

Mary Liz Donato attended a meeting on June 23 at the Trolley Museum. Representatives from the Renew Growing Greener Coalition presented a program to community and conservation leaders from across the northeast region of the Commonwealth highlighting the successes of the Growing Greener program and the progress on having it renewed in 2012 by the Governor and state legislature.

Transportation/PennDOT Workshops

Steve Pitoniak attended 33 workshops and meetings for the LLTS MPO and other transportation-related issues throughout 2011.

Letters of Support & Workshops

2011 Subdivisions/Land Developments by Municipality

Municipality	Sub/Dev Name	Development Type	Lots/Units	Acreage	New Roads (lf)
Archbald					
	Collura Subdivision	Multi-Family Residential	3	1.5	0
	Lands of Olenick	Land Only	2	0.5	0
	Valley View Business Park- Phase 11 Arc	Land Only	17	431.34	5800
	White Birch Minor Subdivision	Multi-Family Residential	2	1.78	0
	Wright Center	Commercial/Office	1	1.07	0
	Wright Center Lot Consolidation	Commercial/Office	1	2.3	0
Municipality Totals:			26	438.49	5800
Benton					
	Lands of Dembosky	Single-Family Residential	2	17.88	0
	Lands of Thomas	Land Only	2	55.12	0
	Stacknick Subdivision	Land Only	2	49.96	0
	Verizon Wireless- Stacknick	Other*	1	2.83	0
Municipality Totals:			7	125.79	0
Blakely					
	Angeloni Subdivision	Single-Family Residential	3	0.47	0
	Lemoncelli Subdivision	Land Only	2	0.37	0
Municipality Totals:			5	0.84	0
Carbondale					
	Horan Lot Line Adjustment	Land Only	2	0.01	0
	Lands of Bonacci/Potis	Single-Family Residential	2	0.8	0
	Lands of Carbondale City	Land Only	2	0.42	0
	Lands of Lewis - Rev.	Land Only	2	0.01	0
Municipality Totals:			8	1.24	0
Carbondale Township					
	Lands of D&L Realty/Fitch	Single-Family Residential	3	5.6	0
	Lands of D&L Realty/Miller	Land Only	2	1.99	0
	Lands of D&L Realty/Okrak	Single-Family Residential	2	1.1	0
	Lands of Foote - Lot 4	Land Only	2	0.62	0
Municipality Totals:			9	9.31	0
Clarks Green					
	Moore Office Building	Commercial/Office	1	0.32	0
Municipality Totals:			1	0.32	0
Clarks Summit					
	North Clarks Summit Twr-Rev	Other*	1	0.08	0
	Srishubham Med. Office	Commercial/Office	1	0.54	0

2011 Subdivisions/Land Developments by Municipality

Municipality	Sub/Dev Name	Development Type	Lots/Units	Acreage	New Roads (If)
	Trinity Luth. Church Lot Cons.	Land Only	1	0.67	0
	Trinity Lutheran Parish Center	Other*	1	0.67	0
Municipality Totals:			4	1.96	0
Clifton					
	Lands of Clifton Acres	Land Only	2	235.97	0
	Lands of Stefanski	Single-Family Residential	2	12.32	0
Municipality Totals:			4	248.29	0
Covington					
	Lands of Jones 2	Single-Family Residential	2	128.31	0
	Lands of Jones 3	Single-Family Residential	2	47.46	0
Municipality Totals:			4	175.77	0
Dickson City					
	Cingular Wireless AT & T Mobility	Other*	1	0.04	0
	Keystone Property Lot 9- additional data	Commercial/Office	5	10.09	0
	Lands-Chimel, Mackrell, Rafalo	Land Only	2	0.09	0
	Mazur Funeral Home Lot Consolidation	Commercial/Office	1	0.47	0
Municipality Totals:			9	10.69	0
Dunmore					
	Grace Bible Church- minor subdivision	Land Only	2	4.24	0
	Lands of Thompson #1/#2 LLC	Land Only	2	41.34	0
	Motor Truck Equipment	Commercial/Office	1	12.34	0
	The Commons at University Drive	Multi-Family Residential	12	2.22	0
Municipality Totals:			17	60.14	0
Elmhurst					
	Edwards Limited Partnership	Land Only	3	4.51	0
	Lands of Pane	Single-Family Residential	3	3.92	0
Municipality Totals:			6	8.43	0
Fell					
	Carbondale Yards Lot 17	Industrial	1	1.73	0
	Lands of Curyk	Single-Family Residential	2	0.27	0
	Rydzik Add-on Lot	Land Only	2	0.01	0
	Shust et al Subdivision	Land Only	2	19.05	0
Municipality Totals:			7	21.06	0
Glenburn					
	Lands of Northup	Single-Family Residential	2	11	0
	Merle, Hildegard & Lewis	Land Only	1	10.2	0

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2011 Subdivisions/Land Developments by Municipality

Municipality	Sub/Dev Name	Development Type	Lots/Units	Acreage	New Roads (lf)
Municipality Totals:			3	21.2	0
Greenfield					
	Haley Add-on Lot	Land Only	2	0.16	0
	Lands of Maiale	Single-Family Residential	2	66.14	0
	Lands of Wierzbicki	Land Only	2	5.87	0
Municipality Totals:			6	72.17	0
Jefferson					
	Lands of Berger & Jackson	Single-Family Residential	2	11.71	0
	Lands of Giordano	Single-Family Residential	2	50.76	0
	Lands of John Janus Jr. Estate	Single-Family Residential	1	3.88	0
	Lands of Krukowski	Single-Family Residential	2	32	0
	Lands of Lagoey	Land Only	3	18.32	0
	Lands of Moosic Lakes, Inc.	Land Only	2	6.25	0
	Lands of O'Brien	Land Only	2	8	0
	Lands of Ritter	Single-Family Residential	5	88.65	0
	Outlook Construction	Commercial/Office	1	1.49	0
	Stonefield Estates- revised	Single-Family Residential	28	7.62	0
Municipality Totals:			48	228.68	0
Jermyn					
	Lands of Parri	Land Only	2	1.06	0
Municipality Totals:			2	1.06	0
Jessup					
	Jessup Affordable Housing	Multi-Family Residential	76	13.1	2100
	TMG Health Systems	Commercial/Office	1	38.93	0
	Valley View Business Park Lots 13 and 1	Land Only	4	27.28	0
	Valley View Business Park- Phase II Jess	Land Only	9	526.26	7400
Municipality Totals:			90	605.57	9500
LaPlume					
	Warenzak-Countryside Cons.	Land Only	2	1.11	0
Municipality Totals:			2	1.11	0
Madison					
	Lands of Mielczarek	Single-Family Residential	2	10.15	0
Municipality Totals:			2	10.15	0
Moosic					
	Lands of Trescavage	Single-Family Residential	2	0.48	0
	Marriott Springhill Suites	Commercial/Office	1	2.04	0

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Municipality	Sub/Dev Name	Development Type	Lots/Units	Acreage	New Roads (lf)
	PNC Field Renovations	Other*	1	51.1	0
	Villas at Greenwood L8 Final	Multi-Family Residential	2	0.5	0
Municipality Totals:			6	54.12	0
Moscow					
	North Pocono Public Library- land develop	Other*	1	9.21	0
	North Pocono Public Library- subdivision	Land Only	2	9.21	0
Municipality Totals:			3	18.42	0
Newton					
	Lands of Kresge	Land Only	2	3.56	0
	Lands of White	Single-Family Residential	3	9.9	0
Municipality Totals:			5	13.46	0
North Abington					
	Sarnoski Lot Addition	Land Only	2	84.87	0
Municipality Totals:			2	84.87	0
Old Forge					
	Family Dollar - Lot Cons.	Land Only	1	0.57	0
	Lands of Huggler	Land Only	3	0.5	0
	Lands of Serafini & Bernabei	Land Only	3	3.06	0
	Lands of Tagliaferri & Greco	Land Only	1	0.25	0
	Lilac Meadows	Multi-Family Residential	11	0.9	0
Municipality Totals:			19	5.28	0
Olyphant					
	Jared Kavalow Plot Plan	Land Only	2	0.67	0
	Phillip Condella Park- Field House/Pavilio	Other*	1	29.92	0
Municipality Totals:			3	30.59	0
Ransom					
	Dorothy Richards Estate 2011 Subdivision	Land Only	5	242.26	0
	Lands of Whah	Land Only	2	49.57	0
	Richards Estate Two Farm 2011 Subdivis	Land Only	7	242.26	0
Municipality Totals:			14	534.09	0
Roaring Brook					
	Lands of Smith	Land Only	2	187.85	0
Municipality Totals:			2	187.85	0
Scott					
	Lands of Frazier	Single-Family Residential	3	2.6	0
	Lands of Hepplewhite	Land Only	2	2.47	0

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Municipality	Sub/Dev Name	Development Type	Lots/Units	Acreage	New Roads (lf)
	Lands of James Morcom Estate	Land Only	1	3.08	0
	Lands of Kapinus	Land Only	3	27.68	0
	Lands of Smallacombe	Single-Family Residential	2	75.97	0
	Lands of Stracham	Single-Family Residential	4	6.67	0
	Lands of Thomas	Single-Family Residential	2	0.94	0
	Lands of Tropper	Land Only	2	4.75	0
	Lands of Vail	Single-Family Residential	2	63.05	0
Municipality Totals:			21	187.21	0
Scranton					
	Citizen's Savings Bank- Cedar Avenue	Commercial/Office	1	0.39	0
	Citizen's Savings Bank Lot Consolidation	Land Only	3	0.39	0
	Community Life Support	Commercial/Office	1	1.03	0
	Community Life Support Lot Consolidation	Commercial/Office	1	1.03	0
	Green Ridge Health Care Center Land De	Multi-Family Residential	31	6.63	0
	Green Ridge Health Care Center- subdivis	Land Only	2	6.63	0
	Green Ridge Senior Housing	Multi-Family Residential	1	5.5	0
	Jewish Home of Eastern PA	Land Only	1	0.44	0
	Johnson College Health Sciences Center	Other*	1	4.78	0
	Lands of Czaja	Land Only	1	0.3	0
	Lands of Gabriel	Land Only	1	1.93	0
	Lands of University of Scranton	Land Only	1	0.18	0
	Lands of University of Scranton	Land Only	1	0.24	0
	Lands of University of Scranton	Land Only	1	0.33	0
	Lands of Walsh	Land Only	2	0.19	0
	Lands: Grill, Gustin, Baldassari	Land Only	2	0.66	0
	Laurel Woods	Single-Family Residential	64	11.3	2000
	Penn Security Bank & Trust- Birney Aven	Commercial/Office	1	1.03	0
	Penn Security Lot Consolidation	Land Only	4	1.03	0
	Turkey Hill- Ice Box Complex	Commercial/Office	1	1.1	0
	United Neighborhood Community Dev. Co	Single-Family Residential	10	0.48	0
	United Neighborhood Community Devel.	Land Only	6	0.48	0
	Wayne Cr. Stone / Conc. Step	Land Only	2	6.53	0
Municipality Totals:			139	52.6	2000
South Abington					
	Abington Reg Wastewater Auth	Land Only	1	1.94	0
	Deerfield Lots 30/31 Re-sub.	Land Only	2	0.89	0
	Lands of Harmony Ridge	Single-Family Residential	1	1.32	0
	Lands of Saadeddine & Hijazi	Land Only	2	1.9	0
	Laurelwood Apts Expansion	Multi-Family Residential	20	20.42	0

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Municipality	Sub/Dev Name	Development Type	Lots/Units	Acreage	New Roads (lf)
	TEK 78 Townhouses	Multi-Family Residential	21	4	550
Municipality Totals:			47	30.47	550
Springbrook					
	Grassi Investments Group Inc.	Land Only	1	2.32	0
	Lands of Schirra	Land Only	2	36.98	0
Municipality Totals:			3	39.3	0
Taylor					
	Lands of Taylor Commons	Land Only	2	26.62	0
Municipality Totals:			2	26.62	0
Throop					
	Lands of Luklanchuk	Land Only	2	0.48	0
	Schoolside Estates Ph. 2 Revised	Single-Family Residential	59	32.53	3900
Municipality Totals:			61	33.01	3900
Waverly					
	Lands of Gibraltar Management	Single-Family Residential	3	29	0
Municipality Totals:			3	29	0
Annual Totals:			590	3369.16	21750