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## **Plan Regionally, Implement Locally**

### **Multi-Municipal Planning in Pennsylvania**

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- Tom Graney, GCCA, Inc., Planning Consultants
- Danny Whittle, Lancaster County Planning Commission
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### **10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania:**

An alliance of organizations and individuals from across the state Committed to land use policies and actions to strengthen our diverse urban, suburban and rural communities, and reduce sprawl

"The state's leading voice for great places to live and work."

#### **Our mission:**

- REVITALIZE cities, boroughs, older suburbs
- PRESERVE farmland & rural resource lands
- CONSERVE natural, heritage, fiscal resources
- IMPROVE the quality of life for all Pennsylvanians

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### **10,000 Friends has been a leading advocate of multi-municipal planning**

- Led the advocacy effort that resulted in Act 67 and 68 of 2000
- Published *Planning Beyond Boundaries*, a comprehensive handbook on multi-municipal planning

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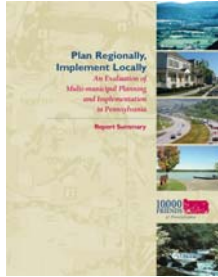
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**Last year we conducted an evaluation of multi-municipal planning**

- **Authors:**
  - Kurt Paulsen, Univ. of Wisconsin
  - Ed Wilson, 10,000 Friends
- **Based on:**
  - Data compiled by DCED
  - Paulsen's survey of county planning agency (and addition web research)
  - Wilson's cases studies of 14 planning efforts



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**Earlier this year we conducted a series of roundtable discussions on multi-municipal planning**

A summary of the issues raised in the discussions is posted at:

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**What is Multi-Municipal Planning?**

- Created by Acts 67 & 68 of 2000, which amended the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC)
- Provides an alternative way for municipalities to fulfill the "every use" requirement:
  - Instead of providing for every reasonable land use within each municipality, municipalities that plan together may distribute land uses over the area of the plan
- Multi-municipal plans may be implemented through:
  - Joint zoning
  - Individual zoning ordinances that are generally consistent with the multi-municipal plan
- Intergovernmental implementation agreements are encouraged (but not required)

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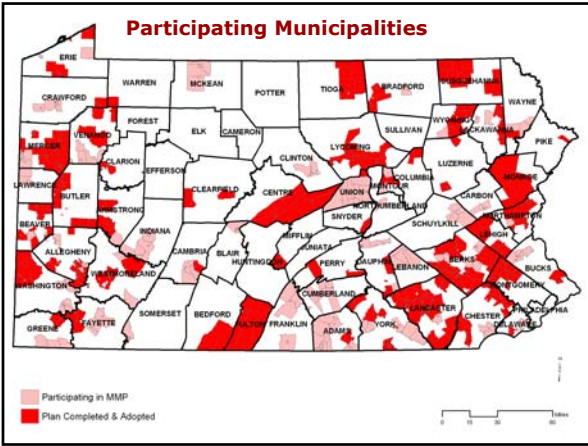
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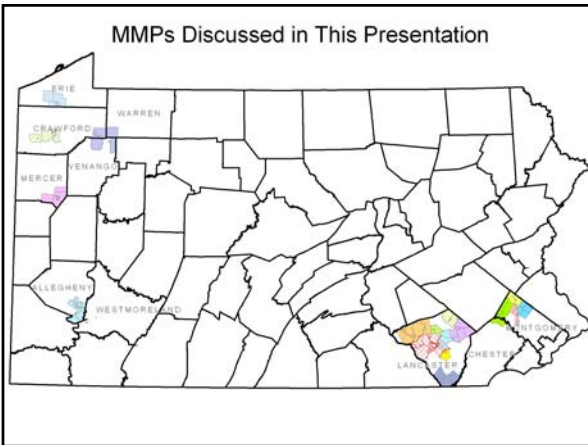
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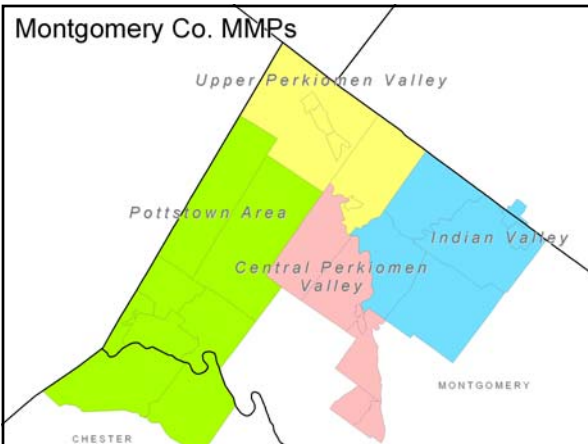
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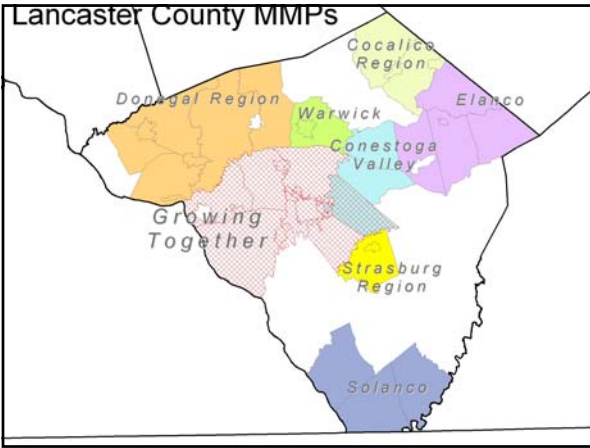
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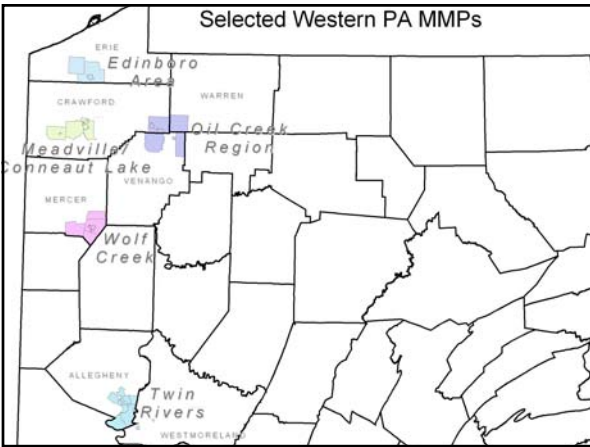
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**Key Issues for Discussion**

- Implementation agreements
- Guiding and managing the planning/implementation process
- State support for multi-municipal planning

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### Implementation agreements

- How important are inter-governmental implementation agreements?
- Can there be meaningful multi-municipal planning and implementation without implementation agreements?
- What should be done to encourage greater use of implementation agreements?

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### Guiding and managing the planning/implementation process

- What roles do county planners play in the multi-municipal planning process?
- Who else, besides county planners, can help local governments guide and manage multi-municipal plans?
- Is multi-municipal planning viable in the absence of leadership from counties or other regional entities?
- What should be done to build local capacity for managing multi-municipal planning?

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### State support for multi-municipal planning

- Is the Commonwealth providing sufficient resources and technical assistance to help municipalities develop and implement high-quality plans?
- What additional support is needed?
- Should state planning grants be limited to multi-municipal planning?
- How will budget cuts in LUPTAP and other state programs affect multi-municipal planning and implementation?

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