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Cultivating Strong Communities

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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# For A Comprehensive Plan Union County

Cultivating Community:

A Plan for Union County's Future



Strong, clear vision statement

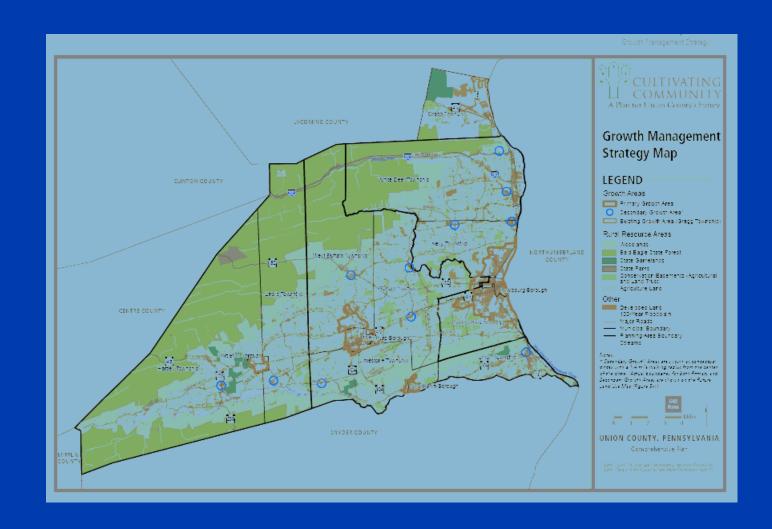


Scenario Two: Town and Village Centers in Scenario Two, the focus sion directing the majority of new development into compact Town Centers at an average of 8 DU/acre and secondary amounts of growth into Village Centers at an average of 2.5 DU/acre in this scenario, because densities are higher than in Scenario One, the land area needed to accommodate projected growth to 2030 is reduced. Scenario Two biaces the most importance on compact triaditional development, interconnected street patterns, and walkable neighborhoods.

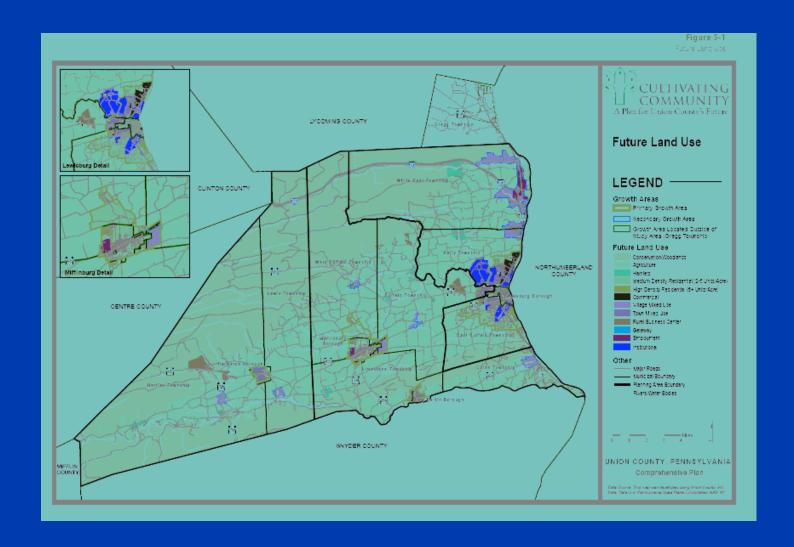
This scenario designates Rural Resource Areas, including prime farmland and woodlands, for preservation and woodlo mit development of these areas. The map below lustrates this concept and the approximate amount of and area needed to accommodate future growth projections through 2050.



### Three development scenarios



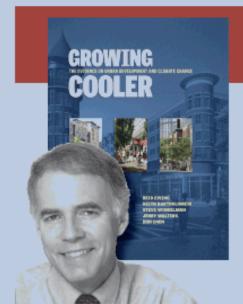
Growth area map developed from Scenario



Specific future land use map

### Green Ideas on Community Planning WITH REID EWING





TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 7PM
The Forum Room, Elaine Langone Center
Bucknell University Campus

Reid Ewing will provide an overview of his new book, its findings and implications for planning, land development, and public policy. He will also discuss impacts on policy and program changes forthcoming at the local, regional, state, and federal levels to make green, compact neighborhoods more available and affordable.

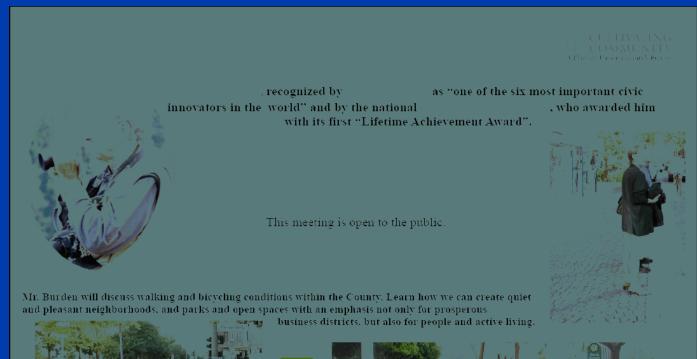




October 2008 Reid Ewing Program. Mr. Ewing's presentation delivered a grim outlook on the environmental impact of continuing our current growth rate and sprawling development patterns. He reviewed impacts of carbon inputs from transportation and development with an emphasis on the damage being done through the use of fossil fuels.

Mr. Ewing reviewed what changes in our commuting patterns, building types, and growth densities can have on carbon footprints on a state, regional and local level. Recommendations included building at higher densities, building walkable communities, reducing the number of vehicle miles traveled on a daily basis, and getting prepared for the explosion of "baby boomer" retirees.

### Process designed to raise awareness of plant



Dan Burden is a nationally-recognized authority on bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs, healthy streets, traffic calming, and other design and planning elements that affect the roadway environment. He is a Principal and Senior Urban Designer for Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin, Inc., a firm recognized for its excellence in livable communities design.



### Outside experts were used



Affordable, energy efficient home concept

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City of Pittsburgh

PGHSNAP: Pittsburgh's Neighborhood Data and Map Resource

### Highland Park: Social and Housing Vitality Indicators

### Population and Density

City of Pittsburgh		Highland Park
	POPULATION & DENSITY	
671,457	Pop. 1940	8,960
676,805	Pop. 1950	10,239
615,242	Pop. 1960	9,805
\$20,154	Pop. 1970	9,223
423,938	Pop. 1980	8,032
369,879	Pop. 1990	7,029
333,527	Pop. 2000	6,749
312,899	Pop. 2008 (Estimated)	6,396
-15.5%	Change, 60-70	-5.9%
-18.5%	Change, 70-80	-12.9%
+12.8%	Change, 80-90	-12.5%
-9.8%	Change, 90-00	-4.0%
-6.2%	Change, 00-08	-5.2%
-5.9%	Proj. Pop. Change % 08-13	-4.2%
*10'0111	Pop. as % of City total (2000)	2.0%
55.42	Land Area (sq. mi)	1.16
35,466.2	Land Area (acres)	744.3
4,019	Persons / sq. mi (2000)	5,803
9.4	Persons / acre (2000)	9.1
5,646	Persons / sq. mi (2008)	5,500
0.8	Persons / acre (2008)	8.6
	RACE (2000):	
27.2%	% African American	29.5%
2.9%	% Asian	1.9%
2.5%	% Other	3.3%
67.4%	% White	65.4%
	AGE (2000):	
24.3%	Pop. 5-19	23.4%
25.1%	Pop. 20-34	22.0%
30.4%	Pop. 35-59	37.7%
11.7%	Pop. 69-74	10.2%
8.5%	Pop. 75+	6.8%

### Links:

- 'Sector 12 Home'
- PGHGIS: Interactive Map of Sector 12
- 'PGHSNAP Links'

#### Housing

City of Pittsburgh		Highland Park
333,527	Population (2000)	6.749
	HOUSING (2000):	
163,414	Total Housing Units	3,396
17035	VACANCY (2000):	1.000
88.0%	% Occupied	91.5%
12.0%	% Vacant	8.5%
A STATE OF THE STA	TENURE (2000):	137
143,786	Occupied	3,109
52.0%	% Owner Occupied	50.4%
48.0%	% Renter Occupied	49.6%
13.5	Avg. Duration of Res. (yrs)	11.1
	POPULATION TYPE (2000):	
310,552	Household Pag.	6,728
23,043	Group Quarters Pop	21
93.1%	% Household	99.7%
4.9%	% Group Quarters	0.3%
20000	AGE OF HOUSING STOCK (2000):	12.154
163,414	Total Units	3,396
3,834	Built 90-00	32
5,925	Built 80-89	41
25,788	Built 60-79	409
45,048	Built 40-59	774
82,771	Built before 1939	2,140
2.3%	% Built 90-00	0.9%
3.6%	% Built 80-89	1.2%
15.8%	% Built 60-79	12.0%
27.6%	% Built 40-59	22.8%
50.7%	% Built before 1939	63.0%
	HOUSING VALUES / PRICES:	
\$53,233	Median Value (Census 2000)	\$99,900
\$66,562	Median Value (Claritas 2008)	\$122,241
25.0%	% Change in Med. Value 00-08	22.4%
\$75,000	Median Sale Price 2008	\$167,000
4,446	N Sales Counted 2008	79
	OTHER:	
1,199	Foreclosures 2008	18
0.7%	% Housing Units Foreclosed 2008	0.5%

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## Asset profiles show key data

### PGHSNAP

### Highland Park: Social and Housing Vitality Indicators

### **Natural Environment**



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City of Pittsburgh	the commence of the control of the c	Highland Park
333,527	Population (2600)	6,749
35,318.4	Land Area (acres)	744.3
	NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	
20.6%	Landslide Prone (% land area)	16.4%
26.9%	Undermined (% land area)	0.0%
5.3%	Flood Plain (% land area)	0.3%
31,595	# Street Trees (dots on map)	1012
2,760.6	Park Space (acres)	350.7
7.9%	Park Space (% of land area)	47.1%
8.3	Park Space (acres/1000 pers.)	\$2.0
1.3%	Greenway (% of land area)	0.0%
17.9%	Woodland (% of land area)	16.9%
3.3%	Cemetery (% of land area)	0.0%

Land Use and Zoning



The color is wall the categories shows belo-

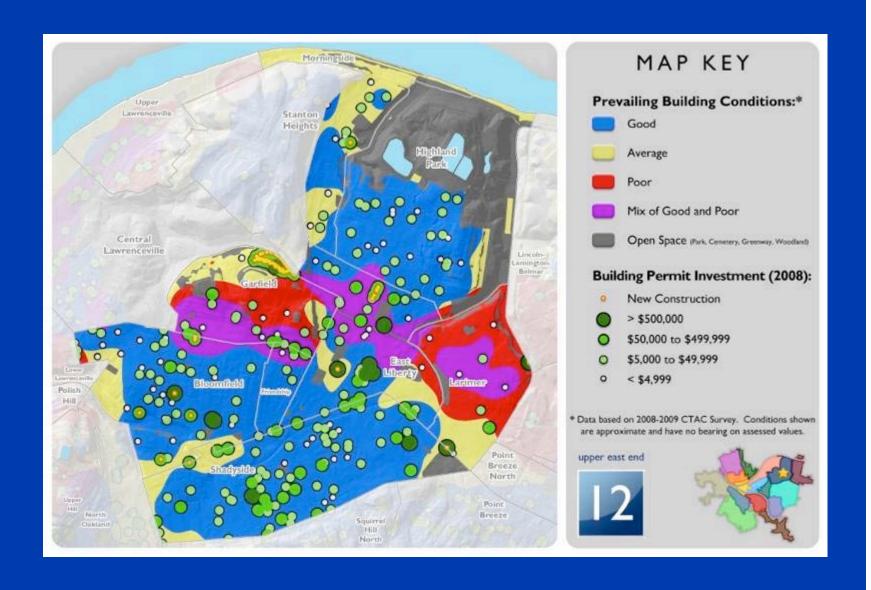
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333,527	Population (2000)	6,749
35,318.4	Land Area (acres)	744.3
	GENERAL LAND USES	
48.9%	Residential	44.1%
4.8%	Hized Use / Commercial	0.9%
10.4%	Mixed Use / Industrial	0.0%
2.2%	Institutional / Edu. / Med.	0.0%
21.2%	Open Space	54.9%
7.8%	Hilbide	0.0%
4.7%	Special Land Use	0.0%

### Links:

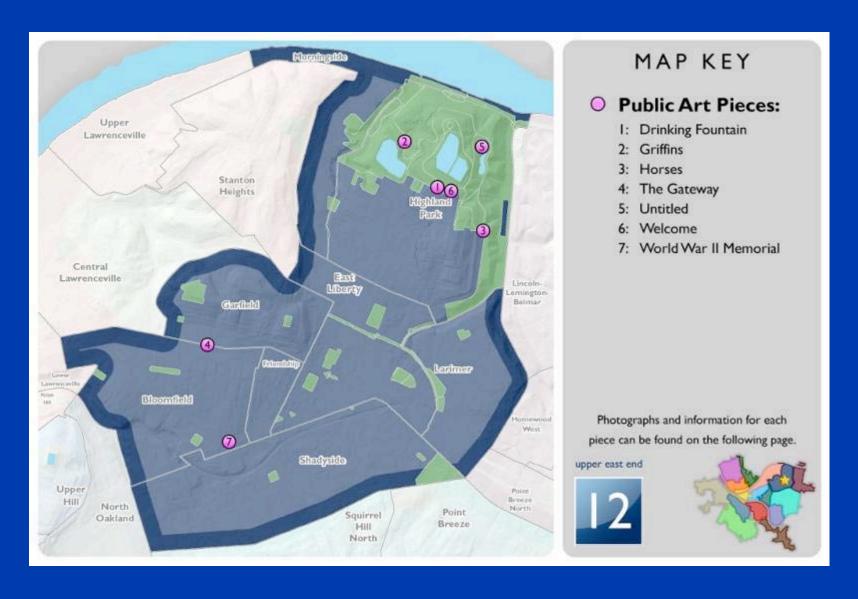
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## Maps are linked to the data



Different layers can be combined



Maps are also linked to photos



Title: Drinking Fountain

Created: 1935

Artist(s): Frank Vittor

Location: Highland Park Main

Entrance



Title: Griffins Created: 1899

Artist(s): Unknown

Location: Pittsburgh Zoo (near

Education Ctr. entrance)

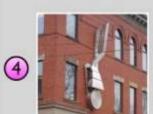


Title: Horses Created: 1900

Artist(s): Giuseppe Moretti

Location: Highland Park entrance,

Stanton avenue



Title: The Gateway

Created: 2001

Artist(s): Michael Walsh, Jeremy Groznik

Location: 5149 Penn Ave and 5150

Penn Av



Title: Untitled

Created: 1981

Artist(s): Eliza Miller

Location: Highland Park Pool, Lake

Drive



Title: Welcome

Created: 1896

Artist(s): Giuseppe Moretti

Location: Highland Park Main

Entrance



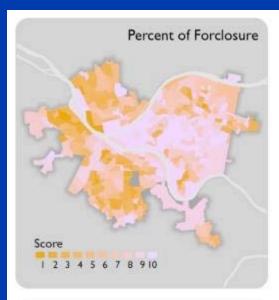
Title: World War II Memorial

Created: 1949

Artist(s): Frank Vittor

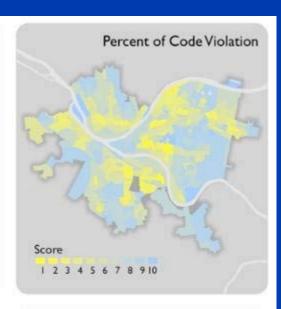
Location: Morrow Park, Baum Blvd,

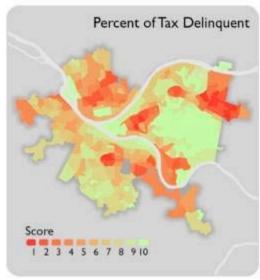
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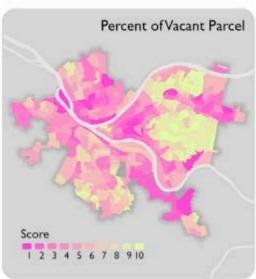


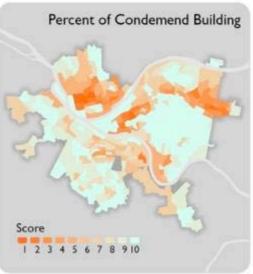
## Core Blight Indicators

Understanding the Scores:
-Higher scores indicate more ideal conditions in an area.
(i.e. A score of 10 in Percent of Foreclosure means that an area has very few foreclosures.)
-Lower scores indicate less than ideal conditions.
(i.e. A score of 1 in Percent of Vacant Parcel means that an area has many vacant parcels.)

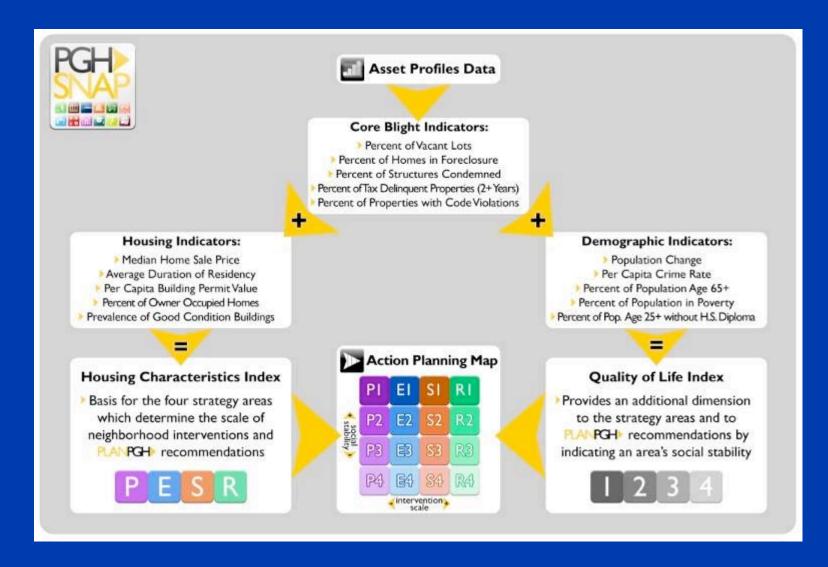




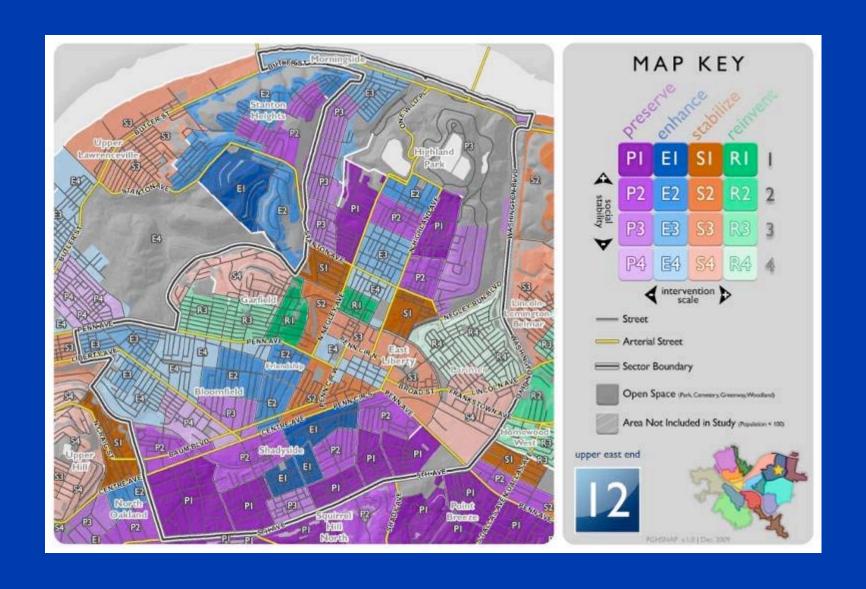




System can be used for action planning



## Blight indicators combined with physical and social indicators



Results are mapped and tracked

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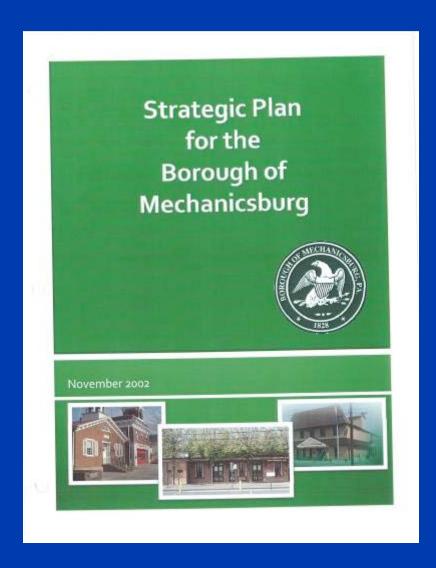
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Implementation

Borough of Mechanicsburg

Mechanicsburg Geared for Progress



2002 – Strategic Plan

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1076

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MECHANICSBURG, ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 92S AND THEREAFTER AMENDED, WITH RESPECT TO CHAPTER 5, CODE ENFORCEMENT, TO ADOPT AND INSERT A NEW PART 4, TO BE ENTITLED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL DWELLING UNIT INSPECTIONS.

IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mechanicsburg, Comberland County, Pentsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1: A new Part 4, to be entitled Revialential Rereal Divelling Unit impactions, is hereby smacrool and insented in Chapter 5 (Code Baforcement) of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Mechanischung, to wate in its entirety as follows:

#### Bert A.

### RESIDENTIAL BENTAL DWELLING UNIT INSPECTIONS

### 5-401. Legislative Findings.

The Borough has determined that non-owner-occupied dwelling units are frequently maintained or a standard significantly loss than owner-occupied dwelling units and that such fealure to maintain those units can and thequently flow seath in dwelling turns which nor areafts, areastinay and, in starry instances, not maintained so the minimum standards required by the various applicable codes in effect in the Borough of Mechanishing from time to time. Therefore, the Borough Council finals to be described and in the public interest to conact the following provisions providing for the regular and systematic inspection of these proportion to insure their continued compliance with applicable Horough codes.

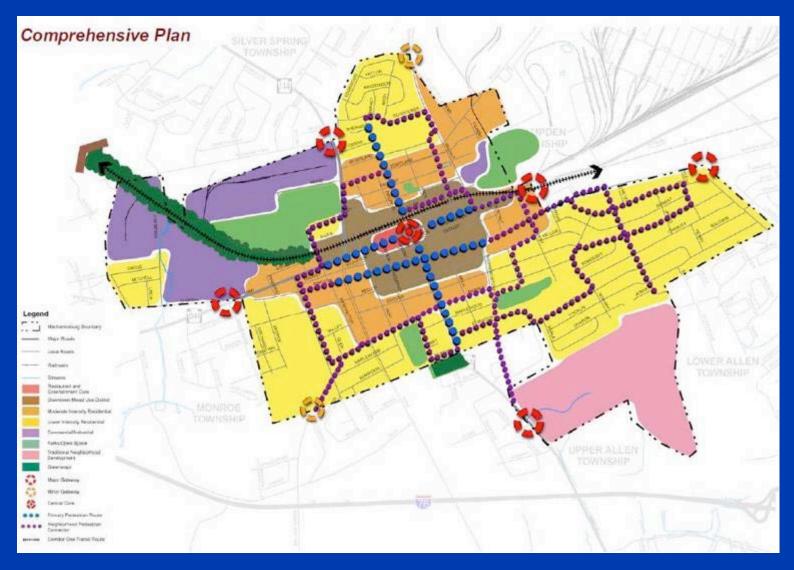
#### 8 5-402. Short Title

This article shall be known and may be cited as the Borough of Mechanicsburg Residential Rental Dwelling Unit Inspection Orderwee.

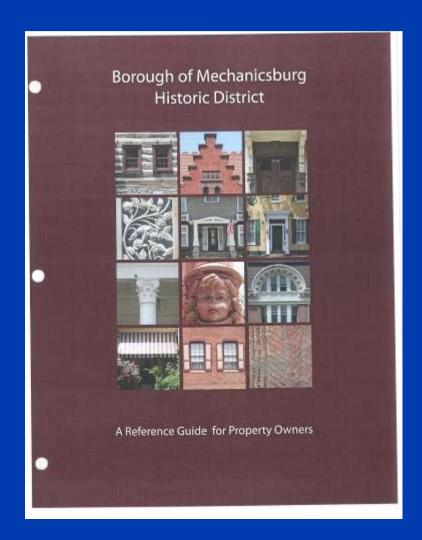
#### § 5-403. More Strict Standards to Apply-

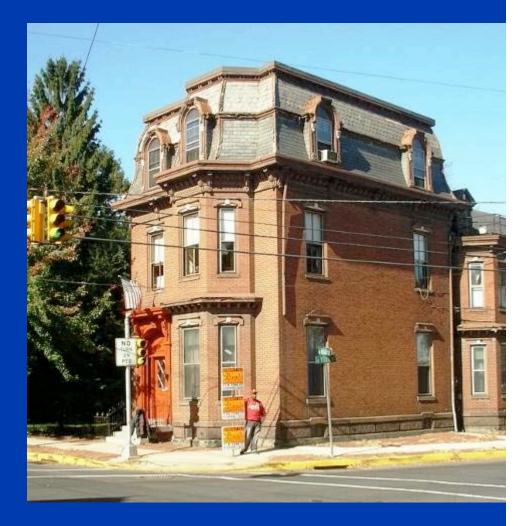
In the event any previation of this article is inconsistent with the provisions of any

## 2006 – Inspections of Residential Dwelling Units

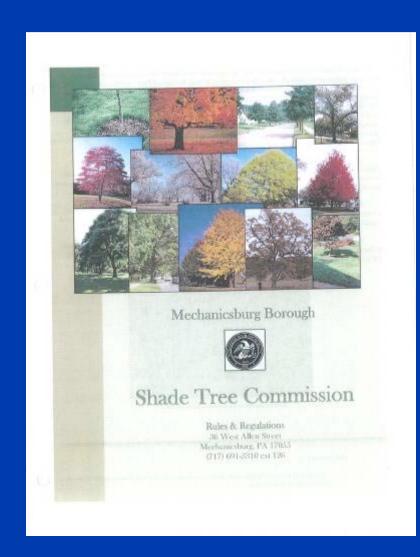


2007 – Comprehensive Plan



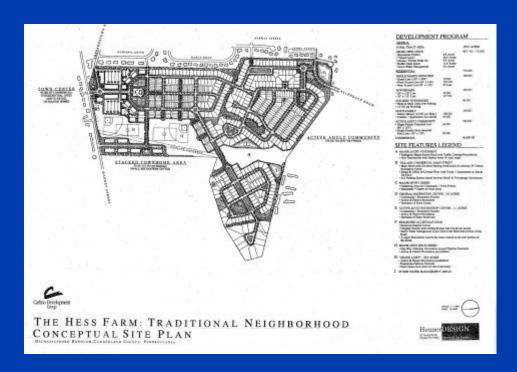


Historic District, HARB, and Reference Guide





### 2008 – Shade Tree Commission





## 2010 – New Zoning Ordinance

Borough of Mechanicsburg

Cumberland County

Pennsylvania



Ordinance No. 1113

Subdivision and

**Land Development Ordinance** 

Adopted January 19, 2010

## 2010 – New Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance



## Leveraged over 3.1 million dollars in state and federal dollars





## Created a Downtown Revitalization Organization





## Improved traffic signals, community poon and recycling center

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### For Public Outreach

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Landscapes 2
Chester County Comprehensive Policy Plan



A series of focus groups were establish



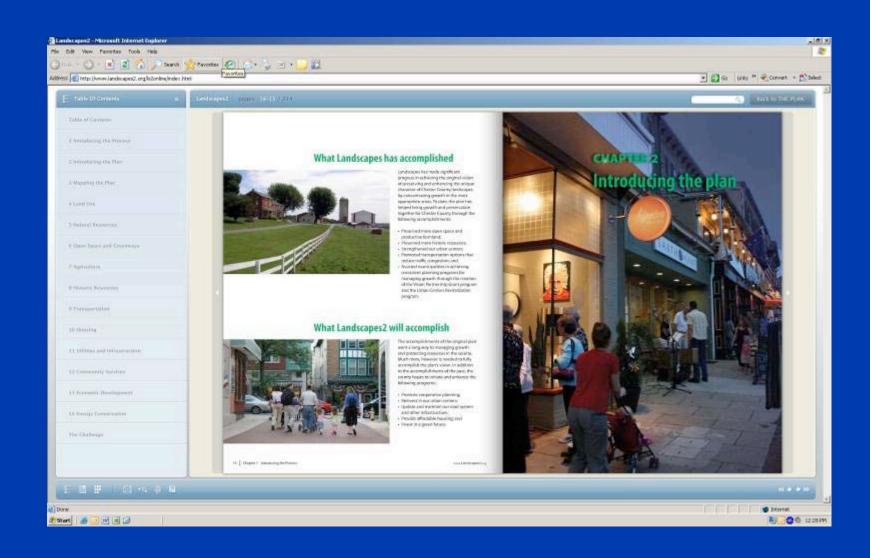
A plan steering committee was forme



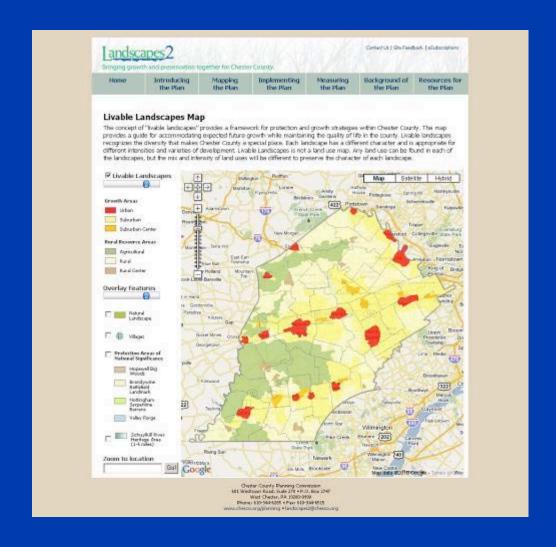
A public opinion survey was distributed in a variety of ways and available onli



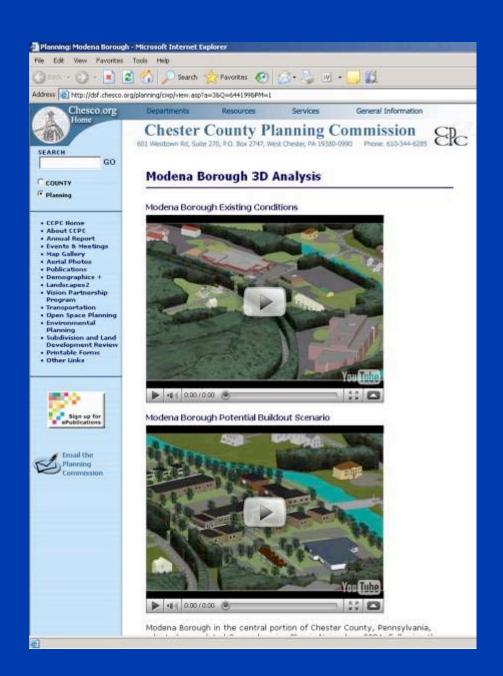
Web based pl provides varie of resource. and links



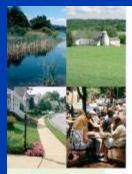
Plan is on website as an electronic bol



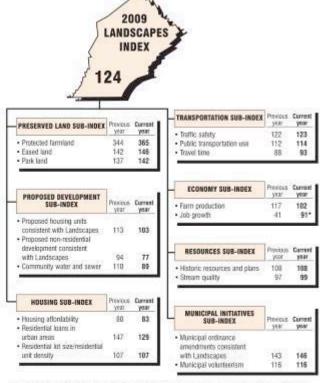
### Innovative interactive mapping



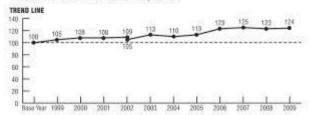
# Online 3-D modeling explains ideas



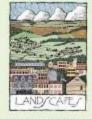
#### Landscapes Index 2009



Latest complete data (2007) seed to calculate the job growth indicator do not reflect the existing economic recession.
 Pretiminary 2000 data show a significance of continuing but had would produce an indicator value of -29 and moult in an overall decrease in the index. This will be measured in next year's index.



Note: The frond line shows two values for 2002 reflecting a change in the water resources indicator. The index was 100using the original strain protection indicator and 100 salespite registerment stream quality indicator. The annual index includes the most recent data for each indicator.



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# Report card follows progress on the goals of the plan

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The Sunbury Master Plan Phase II



# Detailed Follow-Up to Prior Study

# **Circulation**

#### **Parking and Circulation**



#### Importance of Good Parking and Circulation



Parking and Circulation for pedestrians and vehicles are crucial parts of a newigable and self sustaining dity. By allowing people both in vehicles and on fact to move easily through the city, if becomes a more desirable place. It is important to have a good balance of vehicle and pedestrian access to the center of the city. If threeling through an area becomes too difficult or dangerous, people will simply stop going there.

#### **Sunbury Parking and Circulation**

What is parking and circulation in Surbury like now?

- Existing parking lots in Surbury are not signed and therefore they are difficult for visitors to find.
- Based on a study, the existing parking lots are underutilized for most of the day.
- Angled parking in the Downtown is dangerous for pedestrians as well as care that are backing out into traffic.
- Pedestrian accessability to the Downtown is poor because of the total lack of crosswelks.
- Pedestrian circulation is unsefe because of the heavy traffic areas, and a lack of respect for pedestrians' right of way.

#### **improvements**

What improvments can Sunbury make?

- Signage can help locate available parking in the Downtown area.
- Crosswalks can help pedestrian travel between the neighborhoods and the downtown safer.
- Parallel perking in the Downtown will make it safer for padestrians crossing streets and for vehicle circulation.

#### Parking and Circulation Issues

Within the downtown study area, the most important issues related to parking and circulation are:

- Vehicular Circulation
- Pedestrian Circulation
- Parking

These are addressed in more detail on the following pages.

### Circulation – Identification of Problem

# Circulation

#### **Parking**

#### Sunbury Parking Lot Study

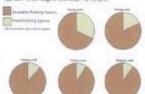
A parking lot study was done by the City of Sunbury that observed 6 of the 10 Municipal Parking lots. In a cere week period, during the hours of 10 s.m., 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. a vehicular count was recorded.

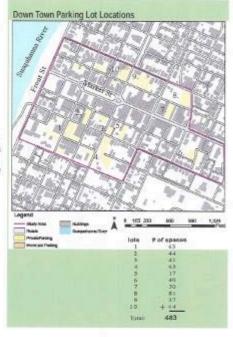
Out of the total 271 parking spaces available in the

- Only 36% of the spaces were utilized at any one

On an average Sunbury day, 64% of Sunbury's municiped parking lots are not being utilized. The amount of parking within close proximity of the downtown area is a major asset to Sunbury and should be properly signed to provide ready and accessible parking for the

Down Town Parking Lot Study Typical Percentages: Monday, 12:30 pm





#### Observations and Issues

#### Observations

- · Angled parking on Market Street
- Exiting angled parking space, may be difficult for the driver
- Drivers backing out may not see pedestriens causing a dangerous situation to pedestriens crossing the street
- Angled Parking detracts from the aesthetics of the down town area
- Angled Parking takes up more road width compared to parallel parking
- · Municipal Parking Lots
- There are 10 lots available for public parking
- Currently there is a large under utilization of spaces within existing parking lots
- Little to no signage advertise municipal parking and locations
- Psyment to use lots is the Meter system which can annoy users as they must decide how much time they will be spending away from their cars as well as have the proper change.

#### Issues

- Angled parking detracts from the down town area and is dangerous for pedestrains and may cause applients
- · All Municipal parking lots are underutilized
- Parking lots are poorly marked and are not advertised within the downtown area

### Circulation - Analysis

# Stroh Alley

#### A Place to be Avoided

Tucked between the former CVS building in Sunbury and the Sunbury Market House, Stroh Alley should be a place shoppers and restaurant goers use as a sefs shortout in their comings and goings. However, Stroh Alley has become a place most oftzens avoid. It has become a notorious area and is regarded as being unsafe. The purpose for this study is to identify the issues of Stroh Alley in its current state and to suggest design abutions that address the issues to create a more favorable place for the offizens of Sunbury.

The parameters of this study include use of the CVS and the allay itself, access to the alley, and the parking lot subject to the alley. In the process of studying this space the questions that arise concerning Stroh Alley are:

-Why is Stroh Alley an unattractive and unsafe destination? -What is the potential of Stroh Alley to become a popular destination and key to Sunbury's downtown revitalization?

With site studies and input from the community the following observations of Stroh Alley are:

#### **Existing Conditions**

Lighting

One of the biggest factors contributing to the lack of safety within the alley is poor lighting. At night it is dark without satis lighting. During the day it is a dim place due to the unsightly overhead steel structure that is outdated and in a state of neglect.

#### Lack of Business Interest

The environment of Stroh Alley is in need of revitalization. The old CVS building is vacant and for sale. The Market House, which mekes up the other wall of the alley, is in use on Fridays and Saturdays, with very little activity during other days of the week.

Stroh Alley is located right downtown within the Central Business Dietrict. This stone is enough to position it as a successful destination. There is no reason that Stroh Alley cannot become one of Sunbury's most treasured spaces.



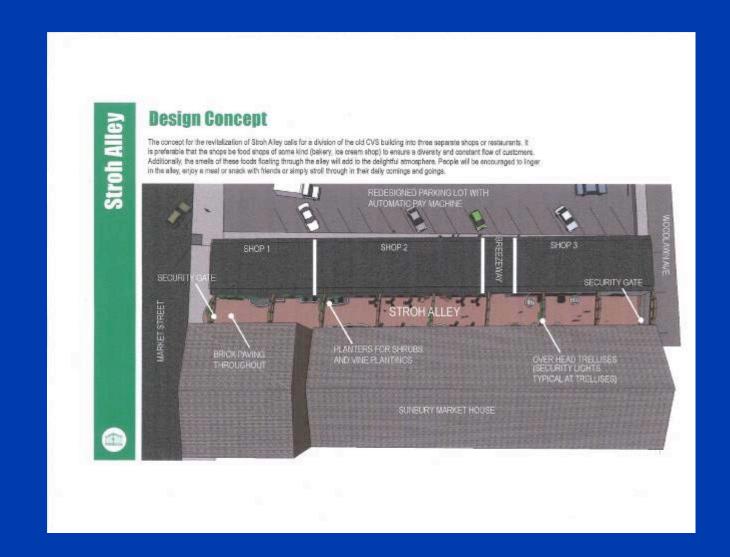
Above: An existing steel A-frame shockine has long been out-dated in both style and its state of condition. Removing the overhang will improve the asstration of Stroh Alley. As well, it will also allow much needed light into the alley space.



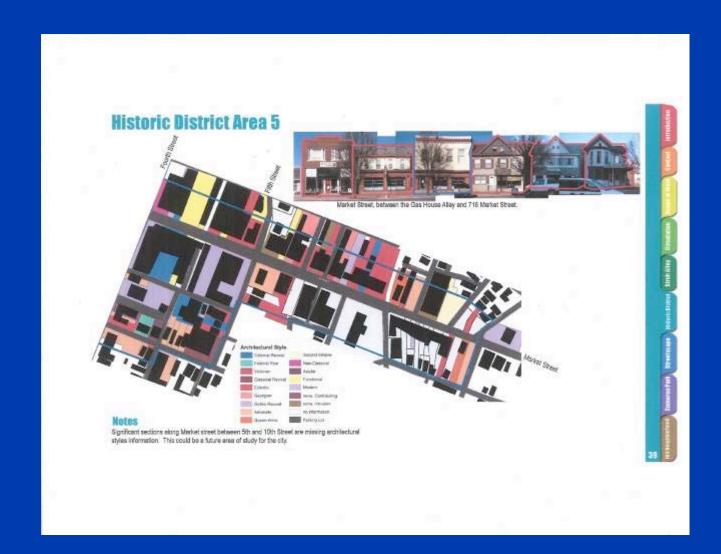
Loft: Stroh Alley in its current state of decay. The walls of the buildings are dull, the asphalt is cracking, and paint is peeling on the Market House.



### Stroh Alley - Problem



# Stroh Alley – Design Concept



# Historic District - Detailed Analysis



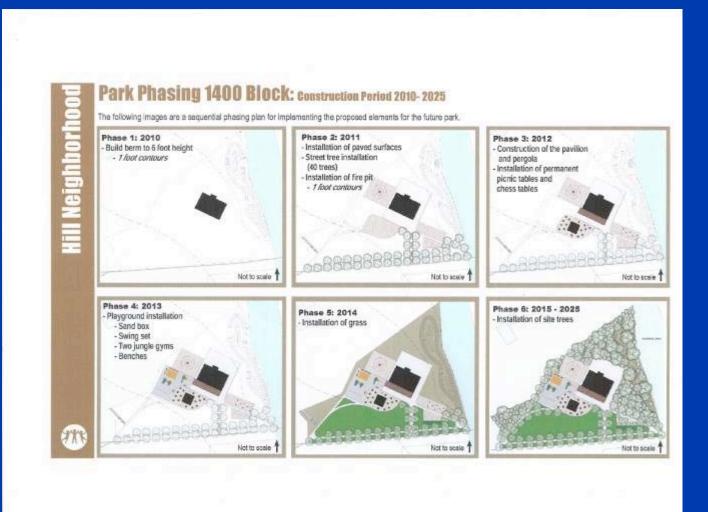
# Streetscape - Simulations



# Cameron Park - Survey



### Cameron Park – Master Plan



# Hill Neighborhood – Park Phasing

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Bill Payne

### Accomplishments

Director of Planning, City of Chester

Director of Planning, Riverfront Development Corp.

Director of Community Planning, DCPD

Media Borough Planning Commission Member

Delaware County Planning Commission Member





# Economic Development



Economic Development



Parks



Housing

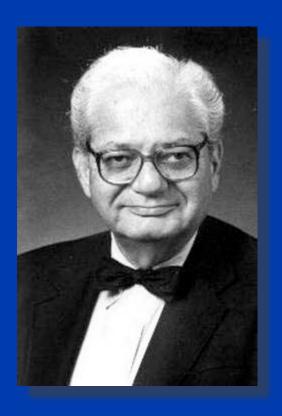
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# The Irving Hand Excellence in Planning Professional Development Award







# Purpose

The \$2,500 annual scholarship award recognizes achievement in community planning and supports professional planners in the pursuit of their professional development goals.

# 2010 Award Recipients

• Merry V. Bush, Planner Borough of Gettysburg Professional Development Pursuit

Masters Degree, Community and Regional Planning Temple University Harrisburg

• Joseph A. Russo, Planner Delaware County Planning Department

Professional Development Pursuit

Masters of Science in Administration (M.S.A) West Chester University of Pennsylvania

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