



## The Need to Plan:

The Jefferson Morgan Regional Council of Governments (JMRCOG) was formed in part to serve as the regional planning entity for the Greene County communities of Clarksville Borough, Jefferson Borough, Jefferson Township, Morgan Township and Rice's Landing Borough as well as undertake a number of other governmental initiatives.

## The Funding:

With limited municipal funds, the JMRCOG would not have been able to undertake the multi-municipal comprehensive plan and the multi-multi-municipal zoning ordinance without the following assistance:

- DCED LUPTAP grants totaling \$36,950
- Local Government Academy (LGA) Multi-Municipal Planning Grants totaling \$25,000
- Local municipal funds and in-kind services totaling \$10,000

## The Plan & Ordinance:

The JMRCOG engaged in the first Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan in Greene County, which was adopted in 2005. Among other things, the plan recommended that the municipalities continue their partnership to preserve their rural character while accommodating growth that will provide tax revenue and jobs close to home. Subsequently, in August 2008, the JMRCOG communities enacted the County's first ever Multi-Municipal Zoning Ordinance.

## The Bottom Line:

Sound planning has resulted in cost savings as well as the advancement of a number of community projects within the Jefferson Morgan region:

- Fiscal savings as a result of shared services, purchases, materials, and equipment
- Regional code enforcement
- Protection of natural areas through regional zoning
- Sewer line extensions to high priority areas
- Greene River Trail extension
- Developing a water trail along Tenmile Creek

## The Investment:

The Jefferson Morgan Regional COG is an excellent model of regional cooperation and planning that without funding assistance, would not have been possible. The municipalities were able to realize a cost savings by planning together and directing growth and development to areas that are adequately served by infrastructure.



JMRCOG Landscape, Source: Mackin

*"We will build upon... our sense of community and love for the county...to direct future growth...while fostering an economic renewal from a regional perspective."  
—Jefferson Morgan Vision Statement, 2005*

Jefferson Morgan Regional COG is formed

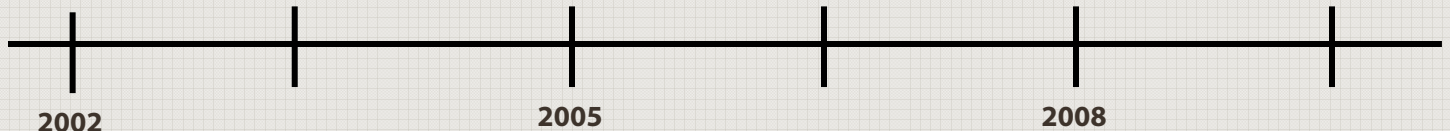
2003

Jefferson Morgan Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan adopted by municipalities

2007

Jefferson Morgan Multi-Municipal Zoning Ordinance adopted by municipalities

2010



**Key Milestones in the Jefferson Morgan Regional COG Planning Projects**