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The Chester County Planning Commission

The Chester County Planning Commission is an award-winning agency and leading advocate for planning. We remain committed to improving the county's quality of place, as summarized in Landscapes2, the county's long-range policy plan.

INFORMATION: www.landscapes2.org

The Chester County Planning Commission partners with local municipalities to offer services and resources for planning.

Mission

The mission of the Chester County Planning Commission is to provide future growth and preservation plans to citizens, so that they can enjoy a Chester County that is historic, green, mobile, and prosperous.

Planning Commission Members

A nine-member commission appointed by the Chester County Board of Commissioners sets policy for our programs and services. The commission is composed of volunteer residents from all walks of life, including municipal officials, engineers, landscape architects, and open space advocates.

Planning Staff

The staff consists of professionally trained planners and technicians who perform the duties of the commission. The staff has the expertise to assist you in addressing the most complex planning issues facing your community. We use the latest technology and research to address contemporary planning issues.

Give us a Call

Have a general planning question? Don't know who to call? Our information specialist can assist you with a variety of planning inquiries.

PHONE: 610.344.6285

E-MAIL: ccplanning@chesco.org

Search the Web

You can also find a wide variety of useful and up-to-date information on our website.

- Demographic & census information
- Mapping
- Aerial photography
- Planning publications

CHECK US OUT: www.chesco.org/planning

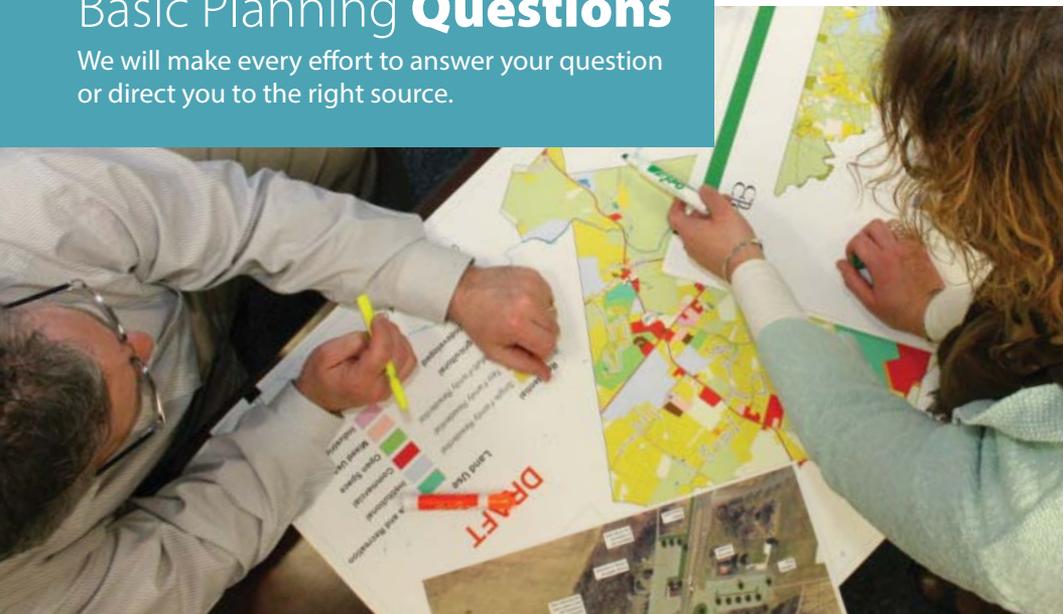
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Stay up-to-date with planning issues by enrolling in our eNewsletter service, which highlights best practices and funding opportunities in Chester County.

SIGN UP: www.landscapes2.org/contact.cfm

Basic Planning Questions

We will make every effort to answer your question or direct you to the right source.





Development and **Plan Review** Services

Promoting sound planning principles through development and plan reviews.

Plan and Ordinance Review

All comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, and subdivision ordinances are reviewed by the Planning Commission for planning consistency.

Subdivision and Land Development Review

All proposed subdivisions and land developments are reviewed with the intent of improving project design and ensuring consistency with Landscapes2.

Sketch Plan Assistance

One of the most effective ways to make proposed developments fit into your community is to use our optional sketch plan review service. This service is offered free of charge and it brings the municipality and developer together to create a better community.

Sewage Facilities Planning

The Planning Commission also provides reviews of all sewage facilities plans to ensure that proposed facilities are consistent with the municipality's plan and Landscapes2.

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Heritage Preservation Planning

The Planning Commission offers technical assistance for preservation plans and historic resource surveys, and financial assistance is available through the Vision Partnership Program.

Town Tours & Village Walks

Each year, the Planning Commission organizes a series of public walking tours that reflect our natural and cultural landscape. These fun and informative tours rotate locations and topics, highlighting the rich story of Chester County and its many historic resources.

Agency Coordination

Planning Commission staff provides support to other county departments and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission with regard to historic resource regulations, specifically the Section 106 process.

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Historic Resource Services

Supporting the identification, preservation, and interpretation of our historic structures and landscapes.





Municipal Assistance Services

Partnering with municipalities to fulfill their planning goals through technical and financial assistance.

Technical Assistance

Professional planning staff is available for short-term projects, free of charge. Also, if your municipality is starting a comprehensive plan update, consider inviting us to a meeting to provide information that can facilitate the update process.

INFORMATION: Susan Elks ▪ selks@chesco.org ▪ 610.344.6285

Vision Partnership Program

This grant program provides both technical and financial assistance to municipalities in the preparation of comprehensive plans, ordinance updates, official maps and special planning projects. You can either choose the Planning Commission and its professional planners to perform these services or retain a private consultant.

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www.landscapes2.org/psd/vppnew.cfm

Urban Centers Planning

Professional planning staff is available to assist urban centers with their planning needs. Services include visioning, updates to urban center revitalization plans, and grant writing assistance.

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Transportation Services

Providing a variety of transportation services to facilitate the planning process for transportation.

Highway Projects

Our staff can work on all phases of advancing a highway project, ranging from issue identification and project scoping through funding opportunities.

Alternative Transportation Choices

Alternative forms of transportation are critical for reducing congestion and promoting a healthy lifestyle. The Planning Commission's Multi-Modal Handbook provides a "how-to" guide for creating amenities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.

INFORMATION: www.chesco.org/planning/mmh

Trails

Using county and local trails is an increasingly popular transportation alternative. The Planning Commission helps the county and local municipalities plan their trail systems.

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Transit Options

Information on all Chester County public transportation options are featured in the county's Ride Guide. Looking ahead, Chester County's Public Transportation Plan defines a long-term vision for the county's public transportation system.

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www.chesco.org/planning/transitplan

Online Resources

The Planning Commission offers a series of free training materials to orient new planning commission members to their role. We also have an interactive toolbox on our website covering a wide range of planning topics.

INFORMATION: www.chesco.org/2339/Planning-Commissioners

Master Planner Series

The county, in partnership with the West Chester University and Chester County 2020, offers a series of three-night courses in planning. These include an introduction to planning, zoning, and subdivision and land development review. Upon completing the three courses, participants receive a certificate in recognition of becoming a Master Planner.

INFORMATION: www.cc2020.org

Planning Education Services

Offering training resources to elected officials, planning commissions, community groups, and professionals.





Pipeline Information Services

Providing timely information on pipeline projects to promote safety and understanding of the pipeline regulatory process.

Pipeline Information Center

The Pipeline Information Center provides a central location for information on pipeline safety, the pipeline review process, and pipeline project activity within Chester County and the surrounding region.

INFORMATION: www.chesco.org/planning/pipelines

Pipeline Point of Contact

The Chester County Planning Commission is the official pipeline point of contact for Chester County government. Questions related to pipeline projects should be directed to us.

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Agricultural Development Council

The Ag Council raises awareness of the economic value and impact of the local farming industry and promotes excellence in farming. This outreach assists county farmers in marketing their businesses, helps create an environment to attract new farmers, and informs residents and municipal officials about the importance of local agriculture.

INFORMATION: www.chesco.org/agdev

Open Space Preservation

The Open Space Preservation department uses funds allocated by the county commissioners to help keep farmers on the land, provide safe and accessible places for children and families to play, and protect the woods and wildlife that make Chester County special.

INFORMATION: www.chesco.org/179/Open-Space-Preservation

Chester County Water Resources Authority

CCWRA provides flood protection, reservoir water supplies, and water science information and planning to sustain the natural quality, quantity, and biodiversity of Chester County water resources.

INFORMATION: www.chesco.org/water

Associated Services

Partnering with key county departments to fully implement the principles of Landscapes2.



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