

2017 Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan Feedback Data Summary

The Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan is a long-range policy document that establishes goals and objectives for the orderly development of the county. Comprehensive plans typically consider a wide variety of topics including land use, housing, economic development, public facilities, transportation and natural resource protection. A comprehensive plan is not a zoning ordinance that has legal authority. Rather, the comprehensive plan is a guidance document that establishes goals and objectives for a community to achieve. Other planning tools that have the force and effect of law, such as a zoning ordinance, are used to implement the goals and objectives found in the comprehensive plan.

Cumberland County Planning Commission sought your input on the future of the county. The draft plan addresses Natural and Cultural Resources, Economic Development, Housing, Community Facilities, Land Use, and Transportation. Cumberland County updates the goals and objectives laid out in the draft comprehensive plan. The feedback helps Cumberland County update its goals and objectives laid out in the draft comprehensive plan and how we conserve, grow, and connect in the future! The survey responses are shown below.

The Center for Land Use & Sustainability at Shippensburg University executed the Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan survey feedback and evaluated the responses. Dr. Dorlisa Minnick was the Project Lead and Ms. Antonia Price was the Project Coordinator. Funding for this project came from The Greater Harrisburg of REALTORS®. The survey was available from January 11 - April 30, 2017 at www.centerforlanduse.org/survey or paper survey was available on request by calling Cumberland County Planning Department. There were 2,992 survey participants who completed the survey.

Contact Kirk Stoner (planning@ccpa.net; 717-240-5362) with any questions related to the Comprehensive Plan update.

1. In your opinion, on a scale where 1 means “not important at all” and 5 means “extremely important”, what is the importance of the following objectives related to **natural and cultural resources** in Cumberland County:

Natural and Cultural Resources	1 - Not at all important	2 – Somewhat unimportant	3 – Neutral	4 – Somewhat important	5 – Extremely Important	I’m not sure
Preserve prime farmland	1.8%	2.2%	6.1%	22.9%	66.5%	.5%
Develop new parks, trails, and greenways	3.9%	4.6%	13.6%	36.5%	41.1%	.3%
Maintain existing parks	.5%	.9%	4.2%	26.7%	67.5%	.2%
Preserve woodlands	1.1%	1.7%	5.3%	22.9%	68.7%	.3%
Improve air quality	1.6%	1.7%	9.6%	20.9%	65.6%	.6%
Preserve wetlands	2.2%	3.5%	11.4%	26.8%	55%	1.1%
Protect threatened and endangered plant/animal species	2.6%	4.7%	11.9%	26.1%	54%	.6%
Protect steep slopes (i.e. lands with slopes over 15%)	4.7%	6.7%	28%	28.9%	24.1%	7.5%
Improve water quality in streams and lakes	.8%	1.2%	5.5%	23.1%	69%	.4%



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Reduce flooding	1.8%	3.6%	18.7%	34.6%	39.7%	1.5%
Preserve historic sites and structures	2%	3.6%	11.7%	34.6%	47.5%	.6%
Preserve scenic vistas	2%	3.1%	12.8%	35.7%	46%	.6%

2. In your opinion, on a scale where 1 means “not important at all” and 5 means “extremely important”, what is the importance of the following objectives related to **economic development** in Cumberland County:

Economic Development	1 – Not at all important	2 – Somewhat unimportant	3 – Neutral	4 – Somewhat important	5 – Extremely Important	I’m not sure
Attract new businesses to Cumberland County	3.6%	5.8%	17%	40.7%	32.3%	.5%
Retain and expand the businesses currently located in Cumberland County	2.1%	3.6%	11.6%	39.8%	42.3%	.6%
Reuse existing developed sites	.6%	.4%	2.9%	18.2%	77%	.8%
Provide grants and financing opportunities to businesses	6.3%	8.2%	26.2%	35.3%	22.8%	1.3%
Attract visitors to Cumberland County	3.7%	5.4%	21.5%	40.5%	28.5%	.3%

3. In your opinion, on a scale where 1 means “not important at all” and 5 means “extremely important”, what is the importance of the following objectives related to **housing** in Cumberland County:

Housing	1 – Not at all important	2 – Somewhat unimportant	3 – Neutral	4 – Somewhat important	5 – Extremely Important	I’m not sure
Provide a variety of housing (i.e. single family detached, townhomes, apartments, etc.)	7.1%	8.9%	24.9%	36.3%	21.7%	1.1%
Provide enough housing units to support the increasing population	7.2%	10%	23.8%	36%	22.1%	.9%
Provide housing for all income levels	10.1%	10.1%	21.6%	27.1%	30.5%	.6%
Provide appropriate housing for special needs populations (i.e. persons with disabilities, the elderly, etc.)	3.9%	5.8%	17.8%	35.6%	36.4%	.5%
Preserve and rehabilitate the existing housing stock	2.1%	2.6%	11.5%	33.1%	49.5%	1.2%



4. In your opinion, on a scale where 1 means “not important at all” and 5 means “extremely important”, what is the importance of the following objectives related to **community facilities** in Cumberland County:

Community Facilities	1 – Not at all important	2 – Somewhat unimportant	3 – Neutral	4 – Somewhat important	5 – Extremely Important	I’m not sure
Repair existing sewer and water systems	.5%	.6%	6.2%	26.6%	65.4%	.7%
Expand public sewer and water systems to support future growth	5.3%	5.2%	18.3%	35.4%	34.2%	1.6%
Protect drinking water supplies	.3%	.2%	2.1%	10%	87.1%	.2%
Provide efficient and effective emergency services	.3%	.9%	4.2%	20%	74.4%	.2%
Provide sufficient wireless broadband technology	5.4%	6.7%	17.8%	36.4%	32.7%	.9%
Provide solid waste disposal and recycling services (i.e. household hazardous waste, electronics, yard waste, etc.)	.9%	1.4%	6.4%	28.2%	62.8%	.3%
Provide adequate public utilities (i.e. electric, gas, etc.) to support current and future development opportunities	1.7%	2.5%	13.3%	34.4%	47.5%	.6%

5. In your opinion, on a scale where 1 means “not important at all” and 5 means “extremely important”, what is the importance of the following objectives related to **land use** in Cumberland County:

Land Use	1 – Not at all important	2 – Somewhat unimportant	3 – Neutral	4 – Somewhat important	5 – Extremely Important	I’m not sure
Locate new development near existing infrastructure (i.e. sewer, water, roads)	4%	3.8%	17.3%	38.5%	33.4%	3.1%
Improve the appearance of new buildings	9.1%	9.7%	32.2%	33.1%	14.4%	1.5%
Maintain existing properties.	1.4%	1.2%	10.4%	38.4%	48.3%	.3%
Minimize conflicts between new and existing development	2.4%	3.2%	18.9%	36.4%	37.2%	1.9%
Provide for mixing of land uses (i.e. allowing more than one type use on a lot or in a building).	7.8%	9.1%	30.2%	31.7%	14.8%	6.3%
Allow commercial uses to be located near residential uses	25.1%	19.4%	28%	15.1%	7.4%	4.9%



6. In your opinion, on a scale where 1 means “not important at all” and 5 means “extremely important”, what is the importance of the following objectives related to **transportation** in Cumberland County

Transportation	1 – Not at all important	2 – Somewhat unimportant	3 – Neutral	4 – Somewhat important	5 – Extremely Important	I’m not sure
Expand/provide more opportunities for bicycling	15.7%	11.8%	22.5%	26%	23.4%	.6%
Provide more sidewalks	9.8%	11.5%	25.2%	30.7%	22.3%	.5%
Increase public transit service	9.8%	7.9%	24.3%	30.6%	26.4%	1%
Encourage rail freight transportation	6.8%	7.9%	24.6%	29.1%	28.2%	3.2%
Improve and preserve the Carlisle Airport	18.5%	11.8%	35.9%	18.6%	8.8%	6.3%
Reduce congestion	1.3%	2.6%	9.7%	32.9%	53.1%	.4%
Maintain existing roads	.1%	.3%	1.8%	21%	76.4%	.5%
Replace structurally deficient bridges	.3%	.6%	3%	20%	75.4%	.6%

7. In your opinion, does Cumberland County have too much, not enough, or just the right amount of the following types of land uses:

Types of Land Use	1 – Way Too Much	2 – Somewhat Too Much	3 – Just Right Amount	4 – Somewhat Not Enough	5 – Way Not Enough	I’m not sure
Big box retail	13.7%	24%	48.5%	8.3%	1.4%	4%
Shopping centers	12.8%	23.7%	47.8%	11.7%	2.3%	1.7%
Warehousing	41.7%	23.5%	22.9%	3.9%	1%	7.1%
Manufacturing	4.1%	7.1%	29.4%	34.4%	12.4%	12.8%
Professional office	4.5%	11.2%	53.9%	17.7%	3.4%	9.3%
Educational facilities (i.e. schools, libraries, etc.)	2.2%	4%	56.6%	27.5%	5.1%	4.5%
Health care and human services (i.e. hospitals, nursing homes, etc.)	1.1%	3.9%	63.8%	22.8%	3.5%	5%
Agriculture	.4%	2%	37.4%	33.8%	19.8%	6.7%
Open Space	.6%	1.9%	32.8%	35.8%	24.1%	4.8%



Types of Land Use (continued)	1 – Way Too Much	2 – Somewhat Too Much	3 – Just Right Amount	4 – Somewhat Not Enough	5 – Way Not Enough	I’m not sure
Mixed uses (i.e. more than one use on a lot or in a building; different uses located on different lots located close to one another)	4.3%	10%	34.8%	18%	4.7%	28.3%
Recreational facilities	7%	1.5%	36%	44.8%	12.1%	4.8%

8. In your opinion, does Cumberland County have too much, not enough, or just the right amount of the following residential development types in Cumberland County:

Housing	1 - Way Too Much	2 – Somewhat Too Much	3 – Just Right Amount	4 – Somewhat Not Enough	5 – Way Not Enough	I’m not sure
Single family detached	5.6%	11.1%	50.7%	18.1%	3.3%	11.1%
Two-family attached	5.3%	13.5%	48.5%	10.4%	1.1%	21%
Apartments	7.8%	13.5%	37.8%	19.8%	3.8%	17.3%
Townhouses	10.9%	18.2%	40.9%	13.6%	2.4%	14.1%
Tiny homes (i.e. very small houses under 500 square feet of floor area)	4.8%	5.2%	19.3%	17.9%	11.4%	41.4%
Mobile homes	16.4%	23.1%	33.5%	3.2%	1.1%	22.7%
Multigenerational housing (i.e. In-law quarters, additional residential unit on an existing residential lot for family members)	1.8%	2.5%	22.8%	25.8%	10.6%	36.6%
Age restricted housing (i.e. housing for ages 55+)	2.8%	5.2%	35.4%	24.1%	6.7%	25.7%

Thank you for providing feedback to the Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan by completing the survey!



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