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Beaver County Launches “Beaver County “FOCUS” Project FOCUS is an Implementable Comprehensive Plan for Beaver County’s Future

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Beaver County, PA: The Beaver County Office of Planning and Redevelopment, with support from the Beaver County Commissioners, is launching an update to the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Beaver County is applying groundbreaking techniques during this project to draw more input from the community, municipalities, and County Officials and Agencies on what the County’s direction should be for the next 5-15 years.

Beaver County will use a new “implementable” approach for which the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development advocates. Under this new approach, the Comprehensive Plan becomes a record of decisions made and actions committed to and initiated during the planning process. Beaver County will also use new methodology by drawing input from residents and municipalities, along with the input of elected and appointed officials which have historically been the core of the planning process. This approach will generate a deliverable plan that facilitates on-going review and revision, as opposed to the “static” documents traditionally produced for comprehensive plans.

“We have been working very hard in anticipation of the update to the Comprehensive Plan and we are thrilled to be putting Beaver County at the forefront of the State’s standards by executing the “implementable” approach,” said Director of the Beaver County Office of Planning and Redevelopment Lance Grable. “We are grateful to the Commissioners for their support of the actions to get this project started.”

The Beaver County FOCUS project will launch at a kickoff event on Jan. 25. The approach to draw input from the community will be introduced during the event. Following the kickoff event, residents will have the opportunity to take part in FOCUS groups to identify issues and opportunities facing Beaver County and find capacities in which to carry out recommendations. Later phases of the project will engage the County’s municipalities as well as County officials and agencies.

For more information about Beaver County FOCUS, please contact the Beaver County Commissioner at (724) – 770 – 4421.

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