

2020 Planning Commission Annual Report

The Beaver County Planning Commission expresses its appreciation to the Office of Planning and Redevelopment Staff and the Residents of Beaver County for their determination and participation throughout the year to make Beaver County a better place to reside and work.



COUNTY FORMED IN 1800

Beaver County was created in 1800 from parts of Allegheny and Washington Counties. The new county was divided into six townships. Hanover Township represented the Washington County contribution. North Beaver Township coincided with the First District of Donation Lands. The other four townships were divided by natural boundaries: the Beaver and Ohio Rivers and Raccoon Creek.

The original boundary description read as follows:

That those parts of the counties of Allegheny and Washington included within the following boundaries, viz., Beginning at the mouth of Big Sewickley Creek on the Ohio River; thence up the said creek to the west line of Alexander's district of depreciation lands; thence northerly along the said line and continuing the same course to the north line of the first donation district; thence westerly along the said line to the western boundary of the State; thence southerly along the said boundary across the Ohio river to a point in the said boundary, from which a line to be run at the right angle easterly will strike White's mill on Raccoon Creek, and from such point along the said easterly line to the said mill, leaving the said mill in the County of Beaver; thence on a straight line to the month of Big Sewickley Creek, the place of beginning; be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county to be henceforth called Beaver County; and the place of the holding of the courts of justice shall be at Beavertown in the said county.

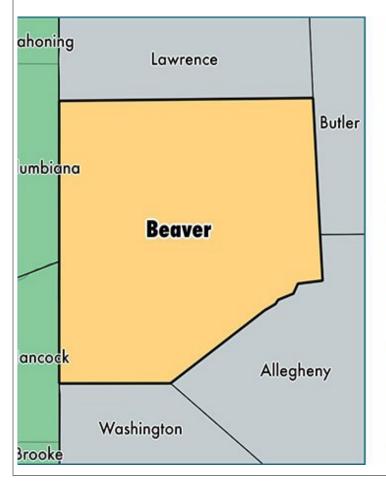
Beaver County lost one third of its territory and a half dozen townships in 1849, when Lawrence County was formed from Beaver and Mercer Counties. The new county line was drawn through Beaver County without regard for existing township lines, North Beaver Township one of the original townships from 1800, and three others, Wayne, Shenango, and Slippery Rock, were wholly within the new county. In addition parts of four townships were excised by the new boundary.



Beaver County Geographic Location

The County of Beaver is located in Southwestern Pennsylvania approximately 20 miles northwest of the City of Pittsburgh and bordered by Columbiana County in the state of Ohio; Hancock County in the state of West Virginia; and the counties of Allegheny, Butler, Lawrence, and Washington in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (*The map below shows Beaver County's location in the State of Pennsylvania*)

Beaver County encompasses approximately 444 square miles (about one percent of the area of Pennsylvania,) making it one of the smaller counties in the state. Beaver County lies in the foothills of the Allegheny mountain range with gently rolling hills and valleys throughout the area and is divided by the Ohio and Beaver Rivers. It is comprised of 54 small municipalities consisting of 2 third class cities, 29 boroughs, 5 first class townships, 17 second class townships and a portion of the Borough of Ellwood City, each with its own governing body. Major roadways include Interstate 76 (the Pennsylvania Turnpike), Interstate 376, State Routes 18, 30, 51, 65 and 68.





Beaver County Board of Commissioners

The Beaver County Planning Commission is required by the *Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, as amended, Article II, Section 207* to submit by March 1st an annual report of its activities and projects for the previous year. This annual report fulfills the Beaver County Planning Commission's (BCPC) obligation as outlined in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (PA MPC), Section 207; Conduct of Business. The report's content highlights all relevant business undertaken by the Commission and staff throughout 2020. At this time, Beaver County presents the 2020 Annual Report.



Daniel Camp-Chairman 2015-present



Jack Manning 2020-present



Tony Amadio, 2008-present



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Beaver County Flanning Commission Board

The Beaver County Planning Commission (Planning Commission) was established by the Beaver County Board of Commissioners (BOC) by resolution, dated May 19, 1945 as amended by resolution dated July 13, 1945 and is empowered to perform its duties as provided in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247 as amended).

The Beaver County Planning Commission Board is comprised of nine (9) residents of Beaver County who volunteer their time to serve on the board. Board members are appointed by the Board of Beaver County Commissioners to serve 4-year staggered terms. The chairperson and vice chairperson are selected by the Planning Commission board members and each serves a two-year term. This board holds a public meeting the third Tuesday of every month at the Beaver County Courthouse in the Beaver County Office of Planning and Redevelopment Conference Room at 12:30 P.M. Members are listed below.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Beaver County Planning Commission (BCPC) is to enhance the quality of life in and around Beaver County by being a reliable and objective planning source and partner. The BCPC is to provide strategic, coordinated, and objective guidance and oversight to the growth, planning, and development activities of Beaver County. It is the goal of the Commission to ensure that Beaver County's future is characterized by a healthy environment, economy, and society achieved through proactive planning, citizen representation, effective communication, and the provision of professional services from the Beaver County Planning Commission.

Our Vision

In meeting the goals and desires of citizens and adhering to state and local requirements, there will be balanced development, job opportunities, safe buildings, maintained infrastructure, enhanced environment, and participation in the region.

Beaver County Flanning Commission Board

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Statutory Authority for Planning

The responsibility for planning in Pennsylvania has been delegated to each local municipality and county. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), Act 247 of 1968, P.L. 805, as reenacted and amended, 53 P.S. § 10101, et seq., is the legislation that conveys planning authority and sets the ground rules that a municipality must follow.

Specifically, Article II, Section 201 of the MPC provides the municipal governing body with the legal authority to establish, by ordinance, a planning agency. A governing body has several choices when it decides to create a planning agency within its municipality. It can create a planning commission, planning department or both; or, instead of a commission or department, the governing body may create a planning committee composed solely of members of the governing body. Since many municipalities opt to establish a planning commission, this publication specifically addresses the planning commission form of organization.

In Pennsylvania, the Municipalities Planning Code is the uniform planning and land use enabling law for all municipalities and counties, including those under home rule, but not for the cities of Philadelphia (consolidated with Philadelphia County) and Pittsburgh.

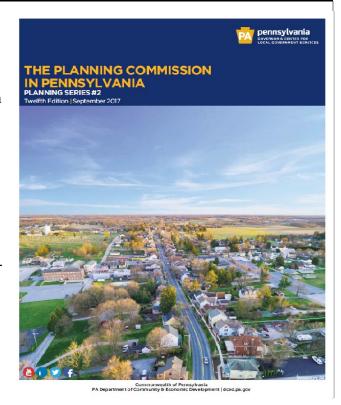
The MPC requires that the planning commission be created by ordinance enacted by the governing body and requires that it be abolished in the same manner

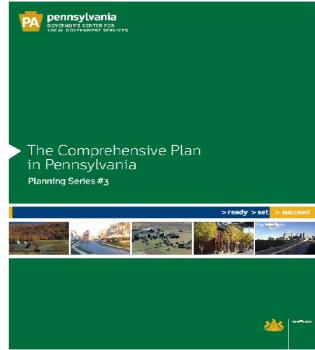
A planning commission acts as an advisor to the governing body. Its principal role is stipulated in Section 209.1 of the MPC: A planning commission is required – at the request of the governing body – to prepare a comprehensive plan for the long-term growth, development, and well-being of the municipality. (For more information on comprehensive plans, please see Planning Series #3 The Comprehensive Plan in Pennsylvania.) Under Section 209.1 of the MPC, a planning commission is also empowered to:

- Make recommendations to the governing body concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map.
- Prepare and present to the governing body a zoning ordinance, and make recommendations to the governing body on proposed amendments to it.
- Prepare, recommend, and administer subdivision and land development and planned residential development regulations.
- Prepare and present to the governing body a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments thereto. Refer to The Planning Commission and Building Code Enforcement section below.
- Do such other acts or make studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by the MPC.
- Prepare and present to the governing body an environmental study.



- Submit to the governing body a recommended capital improvements program.
- Prepare and present to the governing body a water survey, which shall be consistent with the State Water Plan and any applicable water resources plan adopted by a river basin commission. The water survey shall be conducted in consultation with any public water supplier in the area to be surveyed.
- Promote public interest in, and understanding of, the comprehensive plan and planning.
- Make recommendations to governmental, civic, and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals.
- Hold public hearings and meetings.
- Present testimony before any board.
- Require from other departments and agencies of the municipality such available information as relates to the work of the planning agency.
- In the performance of its functions, enter upon any land to make examination and land surveys with the consent of the owner.
- Prepare and present to the governing body a study regarding the feasibility and practicability of using renewable energy sources in specific areas within the municipality.
- Review the zoning ordinance, subdivision and land development ordinance, official map, provisions for planned residential development, and such other ordinances and regulations governing the development of land no less frequently than it reviews the comprehensive plan.





In addition to the duties and responsibilities authorized by Section 209.1 of the MPC, a governing body may by ordinance delegate approval authority to a planning commission for subdivision and land development applications. Generally, larger municipalities or counties delegate this approval authority to a planning commission or department and many such municipalities and counties are large enough to have full-time professional staff.

Board Message

On the behalf of the Beaver County Planning Commission (BCPC) Board, enclosed is the Planning Commission's 2020 Annual Report. The Planning Commission looks forward to working with the Beaver County Board of Commissioners in 2021 by providing thoughtful recommendations that help guide the growth and development of Beaver County both now and in the future.

A core function of the Beaver County Planning Commission is working directly with the County Office of Planning and Redevelopment by providing the review of all proposed Subdivision Plans, Land Development Plans, Ordinances, and Amendments before they are approved by the local municipality.

The Beaver County Planning Commission will help to seek new and revised goals and objectives for our County. As we look forward, we would encourage the BCPC to participate with and help foster extensive public outreach to determine the desires of citizens in shaping the growth and development of Beaver County.

Beaver County Planning Commission

Beaver County Office of Flanning and Redevelopment

Section 208. Planning Department Director. For the administration of each planning department, the appointing authority may appoint a director of planning who shall be, in the opinion of the appointing authority, qualified for the duties of his position. Each such appointment shall be with the approval of the governing body, except where the governing body is the appointing authority. The director of planning shall be in charge of the administration of the department, and shall exercise the powers and be subject to the duties that are granted or imposed on a planning agency by this act, except that where a municipality creates both a planning commission and a planning department, the director of planning shall exercise only those powers and be subject to only those duties which are specifically conferred upon him by ordinance enacted pursuant to this article.

Director's Message

Since its inception in 1945, the Beaver County Planning Commission has been tasked with assisting county residents and leaders with managing the land use that is a constant for our county. The work of the Office of Planning and Redevelopment is critical to the future of our County. I'm pleased to share this publication, highlighting our accomplishments during the past year. As development continues to increase I anticipate many new types of development in our communities. The Planning Commission is committed to assisting property owners, municipal governments, and other economic development agencies with technical assistance pertaining to land use. The primary focus of the commission and staff in 2021 is to continue the work on preparing for a new county comprehensive plan and prepare for future development opportunities.

As you can see this publication of the Annual Report signifies the progressive changes that are on the way for Beaver County. As mentioned before, the thoughtfulness and joviality of the Public, Board of Commissioners, Planning Commission Board and staff make it clear to me that the community is committed to the well-being of its residents of Beaver County.

Joseph C West
Director of Planning



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County/Municipal Plans and Ordinances

County Comprehensive Plan

In 2020 the Beaver County Office of Planning and Redevelopment, with the support of the Beaver County Board of Commissioners, launched a project to update the Beaver County Comprehensive Plan. The project to launch the Comprehensive plan is called the "FOCUS" project. This implementable approach is being advocated by the Pennsylvania Department of Economic Development. Beaver County will also use a new methodology by drawing input from residents, municipalities, appointed and elected officials.

Municipal Comprehensive Plans

The Beaver County Planning Commission received no municipal comprehensive plans for review in 2020.

Municipal Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances

The Beaver County Planning Commission received no request to review a proposed Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance in 2020.

Municipal Zoning Ordinances

The Beaver County Planning Commission received no requests to review a proposed Zoning Ordinance

Municipal Zoning and Subdivision Amendments

In 2020, the Beaver County Planning Commission received **13** requests for review of municipal zoning and subdivision ordinance amendments. The following chart shows the complete list of reviews; it <u>does</u> <u>not</u> show those actually adopted by the municipalities.

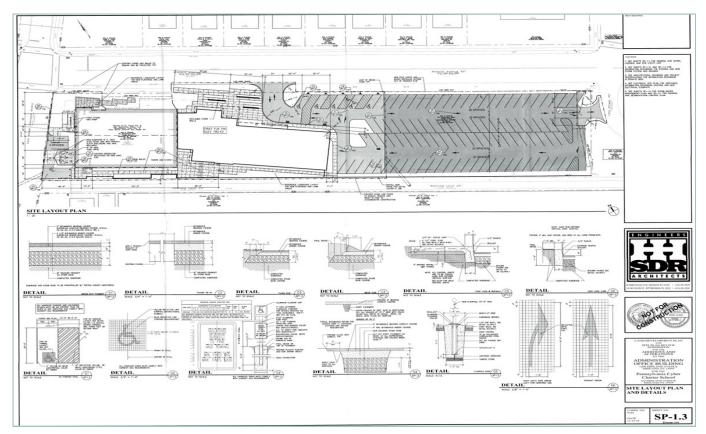
Municipality	Month	Description
Chippewa Twp	January	Zoning Map Review (Bowser Zoning Map Amendment Request)
Darlington Twp	January	Conditional Use (Don Fry request) — Not a Zoning Amendment — Waiver Request
Economy Boro	January	Zoning Amendment (Breezeway limits)
Greene Twp	January	Zoning Amendment (Solar Energy Systems)
Aliquippa City	February	Zoning Amendment - O'Reilly Auto Parts
North Sewickley Twp	March	Amended Zoning Ordinance
Independence Twp	March	Solar Energy Facilities—Ordinance amendment
Ohioville Boro	April	Updated Zoning Ordinance
Hanover Twp	August	Solar Energy Systems—Ordinance amendment
Bridgewater Boro	August	Zoning Amendment (Parcel # 17-001.1006.000)
Daugherty Twp.	November	Zoning Amendment (Definitions and various other changes)
New Sewickley Twp	November	Zoning Amendment (Definitions and various other changes)
New Sewickley Twp	November	Subdivision Ordinance Amendment (Definitions and various other changes)

Land Development Process

The following definition for <u>Land Development</u> is found in Act 247, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (PMPC). Please consult the PMPC and the local municipality for other requirements.

LAND DEVELOPMENT - any of the following activities:

- (1) The improvement of one lot or two or more contiguous lots, tracts or parcels of land for any purpose involving:
 - (i) A group of two or more residential or nonresidential buildings, whether proposed initially or cumulatively, or a single nonresidential building on a lot or lots regardless of the number of occupants or tenure; or
 - (ii) The division or allocation of land or space, whether initially or cumulatively, between or among two or more existing or prospective occupants by means of, or for the purpose of streets, common areas, leaseholds, condominiums, building groups or other features.
- (2) A subdivision of land.
- (3) Development in accordance with Section 503(1.1).



The picture above is an example of a Land Development in Midland Borough submitted for review



Subdivision and Land Development Activity

This annual report is a summary of the subdivision, land development, municipal amendments, land use environmental reviews, other reports, and applications received by the Beaver County Planning Commission (BCPC) for review and comment as authorized by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247 as amended). It is not intended, nor should it be interpreted, as a summary of the amount of construction activity or the number of housing units built within the county or a particular municipality during 2020. Information on construction activity can be obtained by contacting the municipality.

The information in this report provides an indication of what areas in the county might undergo development in the future. Comparisons are made with data from previous years to provide an indication of development trends in the county. A concerted effort was made to eliminate duplication of the number of residential units and the amount of nonresidential development proposed in the previous years. The number of lots and/or acreage of development were based on the most current plan submitted for review.

The number of reviews for 2020 reflects all the proposals submitted and reviewed during the year, including those that may have also been reviewed in a previous year at an earlier plan stage. Where a subdivision or land development was reviewed more than once in the current year due to different planning stages, it was counted more than once as a reviewed proposal. This allows for an accurate account of the number of reviews conducted by staff during the year.

Subdivision and Land Development Activity

In accordance with Sections 502 and 704 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247 as amended), all applications for subdivisions, land developments, and planned residential developments reviewed by municipalities must be submitted to the county planning agency for review and comment. The following information on the next several pages describes the proposed residential and nonresidential subdivision and land development activity reviewed by the Beaver County Planning Commission in 2020.

Land Potentially Impacted by Proposed Development

Subdivision and Land development activity has a significant impact on the amount of land developed in the future. *The chart on pages 19 and 20* shows the percentage of land potentially impacted by proposed development in 2020. *In addition the chart* provides a municipal breakdown of the amount of land that may be affected by the proposed land developments that were submitted for review in 2020.



2020 Land Developments

Municipality	Name
City of Aliquippa	PTV 1103—Aliquippa Dollar General Store LD
	(Aliquippa) Water Filtration Plant LD
Baden Borough	Concordia Lutheran Ministries LD
Beaver Borough	McIntosh Square LD
Big Beaver Borough	Lindy Paving Koppel—Garage Pl LD
	West Gate Business Park Commerce Dr LD
	Boulevard Auto Center LD
City of Beaver Falls	BC Christian School—Proposed Gymnasium LD
	Getgo #3016—Center Twp LD
	Stefanik Industrial Park LD (Center/Hopewell Twps)
	Villas of Pine Shadow LD
Center Township	Union Cemetery Preliminary LD
	Center Twp Municipal Complex LD
	Center Twp Public Works Facility LD
Chippewa Twp	Chippewa Heights Phase I LD Rev.
Daugherty Twp	Dollar General New Brighton LD
Economy Borough	Dollar General LD
Greene Township	Be-Pine 1 & Be-Pine 2 LLC, Solar Energy Systems LD
Hopewell Township	Kelar Properties LLC—Washington St Apt Complex LD
Independence Township	Gaucho Solar Farm LD
Koppel Boro	Koppel WWTP Disinfection Improvements LD
Midland Borough	12th Street Extension Land Development LD



2020 Subdivisions and Land Developments by Municipality

Municipality	Subdivisions	Lots	Acres	Land Develop- ments	Existing Acres	Developed Acres
City of Aliquippa	3	4	465.38	3	4.95	4.31
Ambridge Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baden Borough	2	3	1.33	1	428	184
Beaver Borough	1	1	.48	1	.37	.37
City of Beaver Falls	2	2	38	1	1.61	0.5
Big Beaver Borough	3	8	81.93	3	59.36	4.0
Bridgewater Borough	1	2	.40	0	0	0
Brighton Township	8	16	369.27	0	0	0
Center Township	15	93	189.61	9	130.46	71.92
Chippewa Township	6	21	63.34	1	10	2.45
Conway Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Darlington Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Darlington Township	1	1	37.62	0	0	0
Daugherty Township	7	14	237.48	1	23.83	20
East Rochester Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastvale Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Economy Borough	4	52	145.24	1	1.60	1.60
Ellwood City Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fallston Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frankfort Springs Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin Township	4	7	148.44	0	0	0
Freedom Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgetown Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glasgow Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greene Township	3	6	105.64	1	436	184
Hanover Township	2	4	112.10	0	0	0
Harmony Township	1	2	25.13	0	0	0
Homewood Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hookstown Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hopewell Township	9	12	132.63	1	33	33



2019 Subdivisions and Land Developments by Municipality

Municipality	Subdivisions	Lots	Acres	Land Develop- ments	Existing Acres	Developed Acres
Independence Township	2	4	67.06	1	161.57	161.57
Industry Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Koppel Borough	0	0	0	1	2.1	0.5
Marion Township	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midland Borough	1	1	.32	2	142.28	35
Monaca Borough	2	4	17.56	0	0	0
New Brighton Borough	3	12	2.35	0	0	0
New Galilee Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Sewickley Township	10	21	462.77	0	0	0
North Sewickley Township	11	29	244.72	0	0	0
Ohioville Borough	4	12	22.15	0	0	0
Patterson Heights Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patterson Township	0	0	0	0	0	0
Potter Township	3	66	71.16	0	0	0
Pulaski Township	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raccoon Township	4	9	160.36	0	0	0
Rochester Borough	1	1	.14	0	0	0
Rochester Township	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shippingport Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Beaver Township	5	11	179.23	0	0	0
South Heights Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanport Township	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Mayfield Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Township	1	2	.15	0	0	0
Total	119	420	3284.37	27	1377.71	655.52

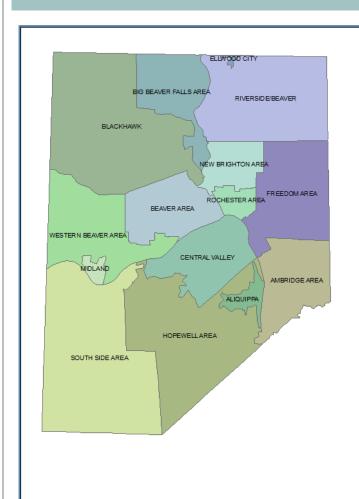
Total Number of Subdivisions and Land Developments = <u>146</u>

Total Acreage of Subdivisions and Land Developments = 4662.08





2020 Subdivisions by School District

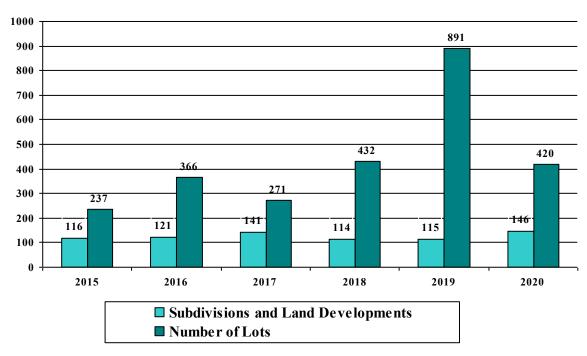


School District	Lots	Acres
Aliquippa	4	.465.38
Ambridge Area	37	171.70
Beaver Area	19	370.15
Big Beaver Falls Area	12	82.46
Blackhawk Area	33	280.19
Central Valley Area	163	278.33
Ellwood City (BC)	0	0
Freedom Area	21	402.77
Hopewell Area	25	360.05
Midland	1	.32
New Brighton Area	26	239.83
Riverside Beaver Co.	36	393.16
Rochester Area	1	.14
South Side Area	10	217.74
Western Beaver Area	12	22.15
Total	420	3,284.37

A breakdown of lots proposed and acres affected by each school district is shown above. The number of lots proposed does not necessarily mean that the lots will be developed; therefore the impact of the subdivisions on the local school districts cannot be accurately determined. A large percentage of the subdivisions submitted were minor subdivisions (two lots or less) that generally have little effect on school enrollment.

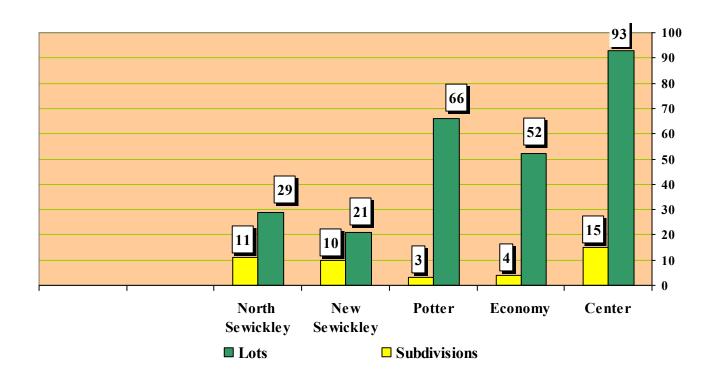


Total Number of Subdivisions, Land Developments, and Number of Lots in 2020



In 2020, the Beaver County Planning Commission reviewed **78** lot line adjustments): **41** were major subdivisions (3+ lots), and **27** were land developments (multi-family or non-residential). Lots created or proposed for development numbered **420.** A total of **4,662.08** acres were affected.

Top 5 Municipalities for Subdivisions and Number of Lots in 2020





PENNVEST

The *Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority* (PENNVEST) was established in 1988 as a revolving fund to improve the state's deteriorating infrastructure. The fund is available to help communities finance sewage and water system projects and is usually awarded in the form of low-interest loans. The Beaver County Planning Commission did not receive any applications for review and comment in 2020.



Water Allocation Application

During 2020, the Beaver County Planning Commission did not receive any Water Allocation Applications for review and comment.

Community Development Program

CDBG Funded Projects -

Community Development of Beaver County -Midland Sanitary and Combined Sewer Improvements Midland Borough.



Agricultural

Act 537 Sewage Facility Plan Revisions | Plan Updates

The *Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act 537*, as amended, was enacted on January 24, 1966 to correct existing sewage disposal problems and prevent future problems. To meet this objective, the Act requires proper planning in all types of sewage disposal situations. Local municipalities are largely responsible for administering the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Program. To assist local municipalities in fulfilling this responsibility, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) provides technical assistance, financial assistance, and oversight. In 2020, the Beaver County Planning Commission reviewed 7 Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Revisions.

Month	Applicant	Municipality
January	BASF Corp —Sanitary Wastewater Pump Station	Potter Twp
January	Chippewa Trails Development	Chippewa Twp
February	Siegel Plan #4	Franklin Twp
April	Upper Moon Run Interceptor Upgrade Project	Center Twp
June	Montgomery Ridge at Yellow Gate Estates	Potter Twp
November	Dollar General	City of Aliquippa
November	O'Reilly Auto Parts	City of Aliquippa

Agricultural Security Areas

The *Agricultural Security Law (Act of June 30, 1981, P.L. 128, No. 43, as amended)* allows municipalities to create Agricultural Security Areas (ASA) when petitioned by farmers committing a minimum of 250 acres and meeting minimum acreage size. An ASA provides the landowner with additional protection from changes in surrounding land uses that could restrict his ability to farm successfully, such as complaints from adjacent residential subdivisions, condemnation by government and/or public utilities and assessments for new sewer and water lines running by his property. It does not restrict the farmer's ability to sell his land for development. A municipality must submit the proposals to the County Planning Commission for review and comment prior to creating an Agricultural Security Area, the state-mandated 7-Year Review of its ASA, and any proposed additions/deletions between and during the mandated 7-year Reviews. In 2020, there were no 7 year reviews submitted.

Agricultural Conservation Easements: An interest in land, less than fee simple, that represents the right to prevent the development or improvement of a parcel for any purpose other than agricultural production. The easement may be granted by the owner of the fee simple to any third party or to the Commonwealth, to a county governing body or to a unit of local government. It shall be granted in perpetuity as the equivalent of covenants running with the land. The exercise or failure to exercise any right granted by the easement shall not be deemed to be management or control of activities at the site for purposes of enforcement of the act of October 18, 1988 (P.L. 756, No. 108), known as the "Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act." The chart on the next two pages shows a summary of Agricultural Conservation Easements (ACE) purchased by each county since the program started in 1988.



Agricultural

PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Agricultural Conservation Easements by County as of December 2020

County	Number of Farms	Number of Acres	Purchase Price	Average Price per Acre
Adams	177	23,105	\$2,155,875	\$1,825
Allegheny	38	3,803	\$21,497,856	\$5,653
Armstrong	7	688	\$1,321,151	\$1,920
Beaver	32	3,343	\$9,487,338	\$2,838
Bedford	18	3,855	\$2,138,334	\$555
Berks	778	75,284	\$161,913,538	\$2,131
Blair	56	8,391	\$8,985,273	\$1,071
Bradford	18	4,317	\$3,767,189	\$873
Bucks	204	16,713	\$149,073,962	\$8,920
Butler	62	6,559	\$20,977,535	\$3,198
Cambria	20	3,146	\$3,270,802	\$1,040
Carbon	23	1,721	\$4,277,855	\$2,485
Centre	56	8,283	\$19,352,594	\$2,336
Chester	388	31,710	\$177,083,149	\$5,584
Clinton	28	2,769	\$2,886,557	\$1,042
Columbia	41	4,496	\$4,354,614	\$969
Crawford	6	1,736	\$1,735,504	\$1,000
Cumberland	182	20,527	\$55,644,263	\$2,711
Dauphin	192	18,432	\$25,838,316	\$1,402
Delaware	2	198	\$2,678,360	\$13,527
Erie	77	9,277	\$16,282,828	\$1,755
Fayette	24	2,784	\$3,280,121	\$1,178
Franklin	140	17,865	\$33,983,092	\$1,902
Fulton	4	239	\$637,362	\$2,671
Greene	9	938	\$1,248,828	\$1,332
Huntingdon	10	1,169	\$1,500,991	\$1,284
Indiana	11	1,167	\$2,313,365	\$1,982
Juniata	22	2,827	\$2,064,778	\$730
Lackawanna	73	5,873	\$11,052,760	\$1,882



PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Agricultural Conservation Easements by County as of December 11, 2020

County	Number of Farms	Number of Acres	Purchase Price	Average Price per Acre
Lancaster	892	74,788	\$195,950,470	\$2,620
Lawrence	30	2,948	\$3,245,697	\$1,101
Lebanon	171	19,306	\$34,015,916	\$1,762
Lehigh	361	25,667	\$88,880,118	\$3,463
Luzerne	34	3,467	\$9,806,633	\$2,829
Lycoming	85	10,192	\$10,000,386	\$981
Mercer	62	9,857	\$8,134,338	\$825
Mifflin	26	2,838	\$3,254,142	\$1,147
Monroe	120	8,058	\$24,104,820	\$2,991
Montgomery	167	10,085	\$115,751,531	\$11,477
Montour	14	1,005	\$975,894	\$971
Northampton	211	17,329	\$74,103,735	\$4,276
Northumberland	23	2,573	\$3,347,439	\$1,301
Perry	63	9,664	\$6,944,599	\$719
Pike	2	210	\$584,164	\$2,788
Potter	9	1,390	\$1,074,985	\$774
Schuylkill	110	11,417	\$13,569,156	\$1,189
Snyder	24	2,707	\$3,506,831	\$1,295
Somerset	13	1,832	\$3,078,918	\$1,680
Sullivan	9	733	\$871,286	\$1,189
Susquehanna	36	6,819	\$6,162,689	\$904
Tioga	25	3,198	\$3,551,937	\$1,111
Union	91	9,355	\$12,960,404	\$1,385
Warren	2	310	\$294,652	\$951
Washington	43	6,704	\$13,297,298	\$1,983
Wayne	50	6,189	\$7,997,441	\$1,292
Westmoreland	108	13,730	\$29,731,651	\$2,166
Wyoming	12	1,855	\$2,082,862	\$1,123
York	290	43,670	\$80,954,171	\$1,854
Grand Total	5,781	589,109	\$1,549,038,351	\$2,629.46



Projects for Review and Comment

Projects for Review and Comment

In 2020 <u>63</u> projects were submitted to the Planning Commission for endorsement/consistency review.

Month	Applicant/Project/Description	Municipality
January	Beaver Falls Mun Auth—Freedom Water Storage Tank Project	Freedom Boro
January	Beaver Falls Mun Auth—45th Street Water Storage Tank Project	West Mayfield Boro
January	Midland Boro—Combined & Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project	Midland Boro
January	New Sewickley Twp—Green Valley Park Stormwater Improvements	New Sewickley Twp
January	New Sewickley Twp—Pine Run Rd Sanitary Sewer Ext—PA Small Water & Sewer Grant	New Sewickley Twp
January	New Sewickley Twp—Pine Run Rd Sanitary Sewer Ext.—H2O grant	New Sewickley Twp
January	Center Twp Water Auth—Center Grange Rd Waterline Replacement—H2O Grant	Center Twp
January	Center Twp Water Auth—Brodhead Waterline Replacement - H2O Grant	Center Twp
January	East Rochester Boro—Fifth St Storm Sewer Improvements—PA Small Water & Sew Grant	East Rochester Boro
January	New Sewickley Twp—Green Valley Park Improvements Project	New Sewickley Twp
January	North Sewickley Twp – Sewer Line Extension Project – PA Small Water & Sewer Grant	North Sewickley Twp
January	Beaver Falls Mun Auth—Eastvale Water Treatment Plant Project	Eastvale Boro
January	Koppel Boro—PA American Water Co—Koppel WWTP Project	Koppel Boro
February	GPPT LLC—BE Pine 1 LLC and BE-Line 2 LLC Solar Energy System Project	Greene Twp
February	Ambridge Boro—Henning St Park Development Project Support Letter—DCNR Grant	Ambridge Boro
March	Giant Eagle - Proposed GetGo gas station Project	Center Twp
March	1224 Dutch Ridge Development, LLC—Deerfield Preserve Development Project	Brighton Twp
April	Crossgates—Adam's Place LLC—Westgate Bus Park—Business in our Sites Grant	Big Beaver Boro
April	Carnegie Free Library of Beaver Falls—Keystone Grant support letter	Beaver Falls
April	Center Twp — Center Twp Sanitary Auth—Upper Moon Run Interceptor Upgrade Project	Center Twp
May	Beaver Falls—Library Park—DCNR grant application	Beaver Falls City
May	Heart & Soul Communities—Ambridge, Beaver Falls, & Rochester	3 areas
May	Independence Twp—Gaucho Solar LLC—Proposed Gaucho Solar Farm Project	Independence Twp
		Big Beaver Boro
May	Big Beaver Boro—Big Beaver Park Improvements Phase I Project	Rochester Boro
May	Rochester Boro Sewer & Maintenance Auth—Rochester Pollution Reduction Plan Project	
May	Economy Boro—ETC Northeast Field Services, LLC—B15 Well Connect Slope Remediation	Economy Boro
May	Rochester Twp—Sunoco Pipeline LP—Vanport Junction to Allegheny Pipeline Repair Project	Rochester Twp
June	Monaca Boro—Monaca Gateway Project—support letter	Monaca Boro
June	New Sewickley Twp—Green Valley Upper Park Improvements—DCED grant	New Sewickley Twp
June	Brighton Twp—Two Mile Run Park Trails Project	Brighton Twp
June	Aliquippa Municipal Water Auth—Water Treatment Plant Replacement Project	Aliquippa City
June	BC CED—Westgate Access Road Project—support letter	Big Beaver Boro
June	Brighton Twp – 1224 Dutch Ridge Development, LLC – County Notification Form	Brighton Twp
July	Beaver Falls Mun Auth—New Brighton Fishing Park Improvements Project	New Brighton Boro
July	ETC Northeast Pipeline, LLC—Revolution Pipeline LLC Project	5 areas
July	PTV 1103 LLC—Aliquippa Dollar General Store Project	Aliquippa City
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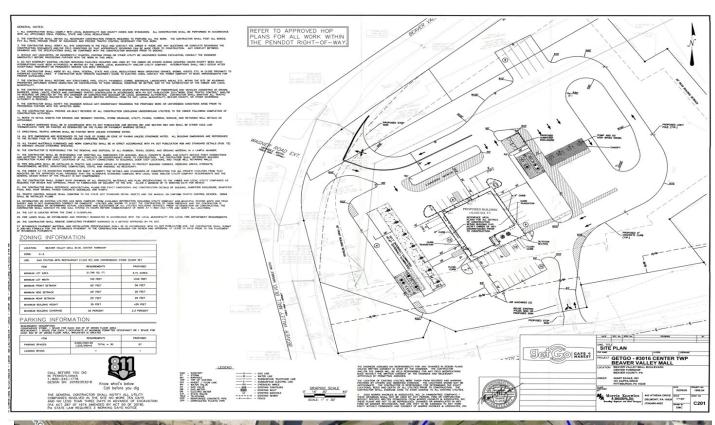


Projects for Review and Comment (cont'd)

Month	Applicant/Project/Description	Municipality
August	Patterson Twp—Darlington Rd Sidewalk Improvements Project - Multi modal Transporation Grant	Patterson Twp
August	Midland Boro—Greenways, Trails & Recreation Grant—Recreation Improvements	Midland Boro
August	Aliquippa Tyler Community Youth Center—Rehab Facility	Aliquippa City
August	Community Dev. of BC—CDBG Funded projects—Aliquippa, Eastvale, Koppel & South Heights	Various areas
September	Beaver Falls Mun Auth—Eastvale Filter Plant Project	Beaver Falls City
September	Center Twp—Center Twp Public Works Facility Project	Center Twp
September	IBEW Local Union 712 Redevelopment Project	Vanport Twp
September	Center Twp—Center Twp Municipal Complex Improvement Project	Center Twp
September	Skyline Metals LLC - Skyline Metals Development Project	Harmony Twp
September	Koppel Boro—Arthur St Streetscape Improvement Project	Koppel Boro
October	Dutch Ridge Assoc, LP—Antler Ridge Project	Brighton Twp
October	Beaver Falls Mun Auth—Eastvale Water Treatment Plant Project	Eastvale Boro
October	Aliquippa -DCED Multimodal Trans Fund—Fifth Ave. Improvements Phase I Project support letter	Aliquippa City
October	Aliquippa- DCED Multimodal Trans Fund—Fifth Ave. Improve. Phase I — Consistency Letter	Aliquippa City
October	Aliquippa City—CED—DCED Multimodal Trans Fund—Tin Mill Site Project	Aliquippa City
October	PA Turnpike Comm—Beaver River Bridge Replacement—North Sewickley, Big Beaver, Homewood	Various areas
October	Boos Development Group, Inc.—county notification—O'Reilly Auto Parts Store—Brodhead Rd	Aliquippa City
October	Watco Transloading, LLC—concrete batch plant	Midland Boro
November	Midland LP—12th Street Ext Project—County notification form	Midland Boro
November	Center Township Sanitary Authority — Chapel Road Interceptor Upgrade	Center Twp
November	North Country Hiking Trail Shelter Project	Darlington Boro
November	Darlington Road Sidewalk Improvements	Patterson Twp
November	Lovi Road and Freedom Crider Road Intersection Improvements	New Sewickley Twp
November	Sherwood drive Bridge Replacement	Big Beaver Boro
December	Zallo Subdivision Road Improvements	Franklin Twp
December	Beaver Falls Municipal Authority — Chippewa Tank Rehab	Chippewa Twp
December	Brighton Township Municipal Authority — Center Drive Electrical Improvements	Brighton Twp

Projects for Review and Comment

The Photo below shows the 2020 Getgo Land Development for Review and Comment







Termit Application Notifications

The *Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection* (*Act 14*, as amended) requires that all applicants for non-mining environmental permits give written notice to each municipality in which they are located. These notices are forwarded to the County Planning Commission for review. In 2020 the Beaver County Planning Commission received and reviewed a total of <u>131</u> notifications.

Permit Application Type	<u>Quantity</u>
Air Quality Permits	11
Encroachment Permits	31
Mining Activity Permits	-
NPDES Permits	34
Oil & Gas Permits	27
Railroad Permits	1
Solid Waste Permits (residual, municipal, etc.)	1
Water Quality Permits	5
Water Management Plan/Withdrawal Plan Permits	3
Water Supply/Allocation	4
Other/Miscellaneous	14
Total	131





Solid Waste (Municipal, Residual, and Hazardous Waste)

Permit applications for the operation of solid waste storage, treatment, processing and disposal facilities are subject to review by the Beaver County Planning Commission pursuant to **Section 504 of the Solid Waste Management Act of 1980,** as amended. In 2020, the Planning Commission received **no** solid waste permit applications for comment.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

Each year since 2003, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), through the **Stormwater Management Act**, requires municipalities with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) to apply for NPDES discharge permits. This addresses issues involving groundwater contamination in the waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Beaver County, along with 29 municipalities are required annually to:

- Inspect and conduct tests on the county/municipal-owned outflows
- Prepare a yearly report to DEP
- Publish an annual public notice to its citizens concerning protection of stormwater

Beginning in 2007, the Beaver County Planning Commission prepared an annual joint publication of the required advertisement for all MS4 municipalities that are within or that serve Beaver County. Each municipality pays its prorated portion of the advertisement cost. The BCPC continues to coordinate this collaboration every year. In 2019 Beaver County was granted a waiver therefore the Planning Commission is no longer coordinating the MS4 joint advertisement.

SPC Appalachian Regional Commission - Area Development Program (ARC)

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local governments. Established by an act of Congress in 1965, the ARC is composed of the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a federal co-chair appointed by the President. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission oversees local participation through a multi-county advisory board. There were no ARC grants in 2020 in Beaver County.

Floodplain Management and Training

Floodplain Management and Training

When it comes to floodplain management and training, the Pennsylvania Association of Floodplain Managers (PAFPM) has become a leader across the State. In 2020 Dan Distler was appointed Chairman of the Pennsylvania Association of Floodplain Managers (PAFPM).

Floodplain Maps



EPA Brownfields Grant update

In 2020 the Beaver County Planning Commission applied for and received another \$600,000.00 Brownfield Coalition Grant through the Environmental Protection Agency.

PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION: Beaver / Ohio River Brownfield Assessment Coalition

The Coalition has targeted a mix of former steel and industrial sites for industrial and economic redevelopment, as well as for supportive housing and community facilities. The Coalition plans to perform 8 or more Phase I plans; up to 5 Phase II and 3 or more remedial plans. The Beaver County Planning Commission OPR Staff will work with the consultant to choose several sites in Beaver County in 2021.





Transportation

The Southwestern Tennsylvania Commission

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is the federally-designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) responsible for the region's transportation planning process that supports the effective operations, maintenance and improvement of a regional transportation system, including the movement of people and goods, protection and enhancement of communities and the environment, and continuing development of the regional economy.

.2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for Southwestern Pennsylvania

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is one of the core products of SPC's cooperative, coordinated and comprehensive (3c) metropolitan transportation planning process. The 2019-2022 TIP for Southwestern Pennsylvania specifically identifies the region's highest priority transportation projects programmed for advancement over the next four years. The TIP includes a variety of transportation investments, including improvements made to the roadway system, public transportation, rail and other intermodal projects, as well as bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The TIP document is amended regularly to reflect the most current funding and project information and is updated comprehensively every two years.

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"SPC maintains Public Participation Panels (PPPs) for each county in its transportation planning region. Residents do not need to travel outside their own county to address SPC. PPP meetings are open to the public. Appointed Members represent the population of their respective counties in regards to age, income, ethnicity, special needs, and special interests. Members help to 'get the word out' about what they learn at meetings to the groups they represent. They also assist SPC by reaching out to involve the general public."

Source for information above

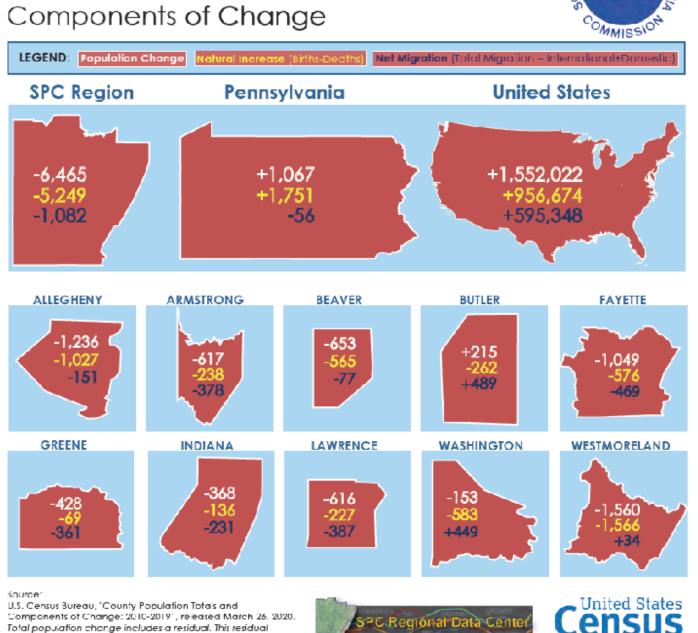
https://www.spcregion.org/programs-services/transportation/

In 2020, The Beaver County Planning Commission had a significant role in transportation planning. Again the Beaver County Planning Commission was involved with adding Beaver County priority road projects to the TIP. In addition, The Beaver County Board of Commissioners and the Beaver County Planning Commission OPR staff was successful in securing a \$250,000.00 Smart Grant through the FHA to pay for a study of Brodhead Road. Beaver County matched 20% of the Grant with \$62,500.00. The total amount to complete the grant will be \$312,500.00. Additionally, the Office of Planning and Redevelopment staff has taken the role of being a voting member at the SPC TTC meetings.

Census Population

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Population Change July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019



Total population change includes a residual. This residual represents the change in population that cannot be attributed to any specific demographic component.





2020 CENSUS: On November 2, 2020 the Office of Planning and Redevelopment staff completed the Complete Count Committee close out report for the U.S. Census. Beaver County surpassed State and National Averages for the Early Census Self-Response. Because of the leadership of Beaver County Planning Commission OPR staff and a diverse groups of volunteers, the 2020 Census in Beaver County was a success.





Census Population



Population -- 2010-2019



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	Decennial Population Count	Annual Population Estimates									
County	April 1, 2010	July 1, 2010	July 1, 2011	July 1, 2012	July 1, 2013	July 1, 2014	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017	July 1, 2018	July 1, 2019
USA	308,745,538	309,321,666	311,556,874	313,830,990	315,993,715	318,301,008	320,635,163	322,941,311	324,985,539	326,687,501	328,239,523
Pennsylvania	12,702,379	12,711,160	12,745,815	12,767,118	12,776,309	12,788,313	12,784,826	12,782,275	12,787,641	12,800,922	12,801,989
SPC region	2,574,959	2,575,577	2,577,928	2,576,568	2,575,057	2,570,005	2,560,028	2,549,911	2,537,139	2,529,883	2,523,418
Allegheny	1,223,348	1,223,957	1,228,297	1,230,911	1,233,700	1,233,027	1,228,827	1,226,426	1,220,141	1,217,281	1,216,045
Armstrong	68,941	68,981	68,613	68,176	67,964	67,579	66,860	66,397	65,991	65,352	64,735
Beaver	170,539	170,630	170,310	170,056	169,726	168,977	168,241	166,758	165,654	164,582	163,929
Butler	183,862	184,115	184,687	184,929	185,103	185,778	185,936	186,240	186,828	187,638	187,853
Fayette	136,606	136,441	136,015	135,288	134,601	133,999	133,252	132,350	131,309	130,323	129,274
Greene	38,686	38,607	38,363	38,026	37,856	37,755	37,402	37,209	36,846	36,661	36,233
Indiana	88,880	88,862	88,626	88,216	88,140	87,417	86,747	85,155	84,743	84,441	84,073
Lawrence	91,108	91,018	90,522	89,883	89,258	88,644	88,122	87,325	86,546	86,128	85,512
Washington	207,820	207,938	208,059	208,296	208,046	207,963	207,718	207,386	207,075	207,018	206,865
Westmoreland	365,169	365,028	364,436	362,787	360,663	358,866	356,923	354,665	352,006	350,459	348,899

Source: Census Bureau's "Annual Resident Population Estimates, Estimated Components of Resident Population Change, and Rates of the Components of Resident Population Change for States and Counties: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019", released March 26, 2020.



Population Change



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	Components of Change								Components of Change								
			April 1,	2010 to July 1, 20	July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019												
	Total Natural		Vital 8	Events		Net Migration		Total	Natural	Vital Events		Net Migration					
County	Population Change ¹	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	Internat'l ²	Domestic	Population Change ¹	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	Internat'l ²	Domestic			
USA	19,481,418	11,621,558	36,275,313	24,653,755	7,859,860	7,859,860	0	1,552,022	956,674	3,791,712	2,835,038	595,348	595,348	0			
Pennsylvania	99,121	90,377	1,297,472	1,207,095	17,332	274,060	-256,728	1,067	1,751	135,190	133,439	-56	19,532	-19,588			
SPC region	-51,603	-39,214	237,553	276,767	-10,326	31,490	-41,816	-6,465	-5,249	24,554	29,803	-1,082	2,613	-3,695			
Allegheny	-7,258	-6,146	120,930	127,076	-157	27,900	-28,057	-1,236	-1,027	12,668	13,695	-151	2,392	-2,543			
Armstrong	-4,324	-1,807	6,055	7,862	-2,477	15	-2,492	-617	-238	643	881	-378	0	-378			
Beaver	-6,602	-4,294	15,258	19,552	-2,131	161	-2,292	-653	-565	1,506	2,071	-77	9	-86			
Butler	3,973	-1,249	16,601	17,850	5,404	711	4,693	215	-262	1,714	1,976	489	58	431			
Fayette	-7,327	-4,243	12,440	16,683	-2,972	436	-3,408	-1,049	-576	1,244	1,820	-469	7	-476			
Greene	-2,452	-410	3,632	4,042	-2,035	-3	-2,032	-428	-69	361	430	-361	-1	-360			
Indiana	-4,812	-894	7,555	8,449	-3,912	643	-4,555	-368	-136	760	896	-231	50	-281			
Lawrence	-5,645	-2,383	8,207	10,590	-3,229	196	-3,425	-616	-227	863	1,090	-387	9	-396			
Washington	-984	-5,086	18,285	23,371	4,337	805	3,532	-153	-583	1,926	2,509	449	47	402			
Westmoreland	-16,172	-12,702	28,590	41,292	-3,154	626	-3,780	-1,560	-1,566	2,869	4,435	34	42	-8			

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Census 2020

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² Net international migration for the United States includes the international migration of both native and foreign-born populations. Specifically, it includes: (a) the net international migration of the foreign born, (b) the net migration between the United States and Puerto Rico, (c) the net migration of natives to and from the United States, and (d) the net movement of the Armed Forces population between the United States and overseas.



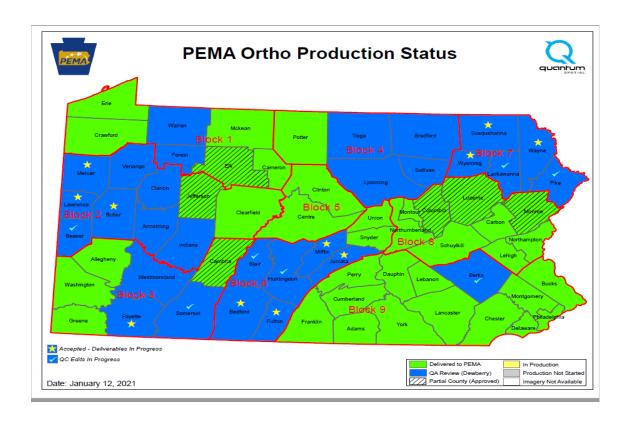
Geographic Information System (G.J.S.) Activities

GIS is used to support planning-related activities, activities in the Redevelopment Authority, the Agricultural Land Preservation Program, EMS, Assessment and other county departments. County agencies along with Baker Engineering and ESRI work together to make sure the system functions at full capacity to meet the unique needs of each office. The web portal is free to the public for assessment.

One major project this year has been the development of a Beaver County Atlas, in conjunction with Michael Baker. Once completed and rolled out the Atlas will be an upgrade to the current GIS Portal. It will include zoning information, points of interest, and demographic data.

In 2020 a reassessment began to take place in the County which will utilize Pictometry and GIS functions thereby improving our current programs.

The photo below shows a PEMA of Pennsylvania showing the Ortho Production Status





Professional Planning Services to Boards and

Agencies

Department staff performs administration, GIS technical support, and map preparation including copying for a variety of county departments, county agencies, and Nonprofit advisory entities. They are as follows:

GIS technical support:

Agricultural Land Preservation Board of Beaver County

Beaver County Planning Commission Board

Beaver County Conservation District

Beaver County Recorder of Deeds

Redevelopment Authority of Beaver County Board

Community Development of Beaver County

District Attorney, Courts, and Detectives

Department of Public Works

Election Bureau

Liquid Fuels

Recreation and Tourism

Corporation for Economic Development

Beaver County Sherriff 's Department

In addition, our staff serve on several state and county boards:

Serve on the Board of the Pennsylvania Association of Floodplain Managers

Serve on the Board of the Inclusion, Diversity, and Awareness Council in Beaver County

Serve on the Board of PUSH for Beaver County



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This report summarizes the actions and efforts of the Beaver County Planning Commission for calendar year 2020. It has been prepared by the Beaver County Office of Planning and Redevelopment staff and is submitted to the Beaver County Board of Commissioners

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