



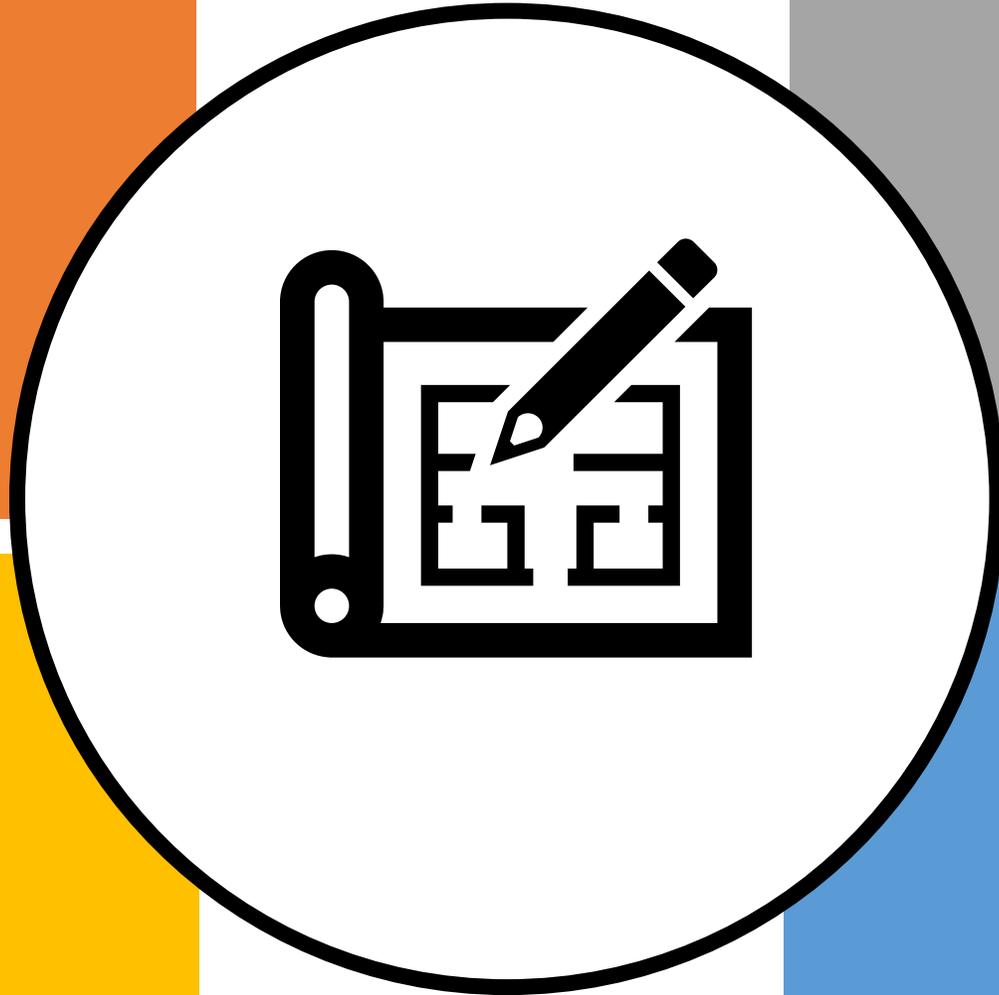
**BERKS COUNTY**  
**Planning Commission**

Presentation to RATS Coordinating Committee  
September 18, 2025



# THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

An official statement  
of the County's future  
land use goals



An overall view of  
how the many  
pieces of the  
community  
should work

A tool for  
evaluating  
proposed land  
development projects

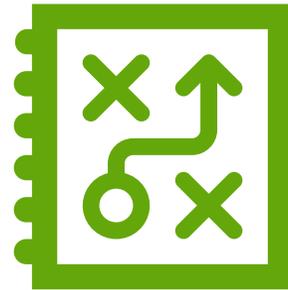
Serves as a  
guide for the  
future development  
of the County

# The Implementable Comprehensive Plan



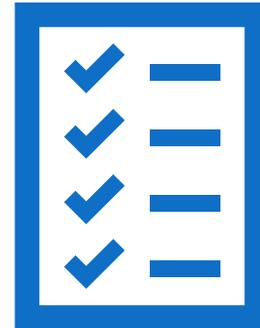
**Focus on  
Relevant Land  
Use Development  
Issues**

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**Creation of  
Workable  
Ideas and  
Action Plans**

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**Identifies the  
Capacity and  
Partners to  
Implement**

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**Community  
Ownership**

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# MPC Requirements

## Section 301 – Municipalities Planning Code

**1** Development Objectives

**2** Land Use Plan

**3** Transportation Plan

**4** Housing Needs Plan

**5** Community Facilities Plan

**6** Energy Conservation Plan

**7** Natural/Historic Resources Plan

**8** Water and Wastewater  
Infrastructure Plan

**9** Statement of Compatibility

**10** Implementation Strategies

# Plan Process



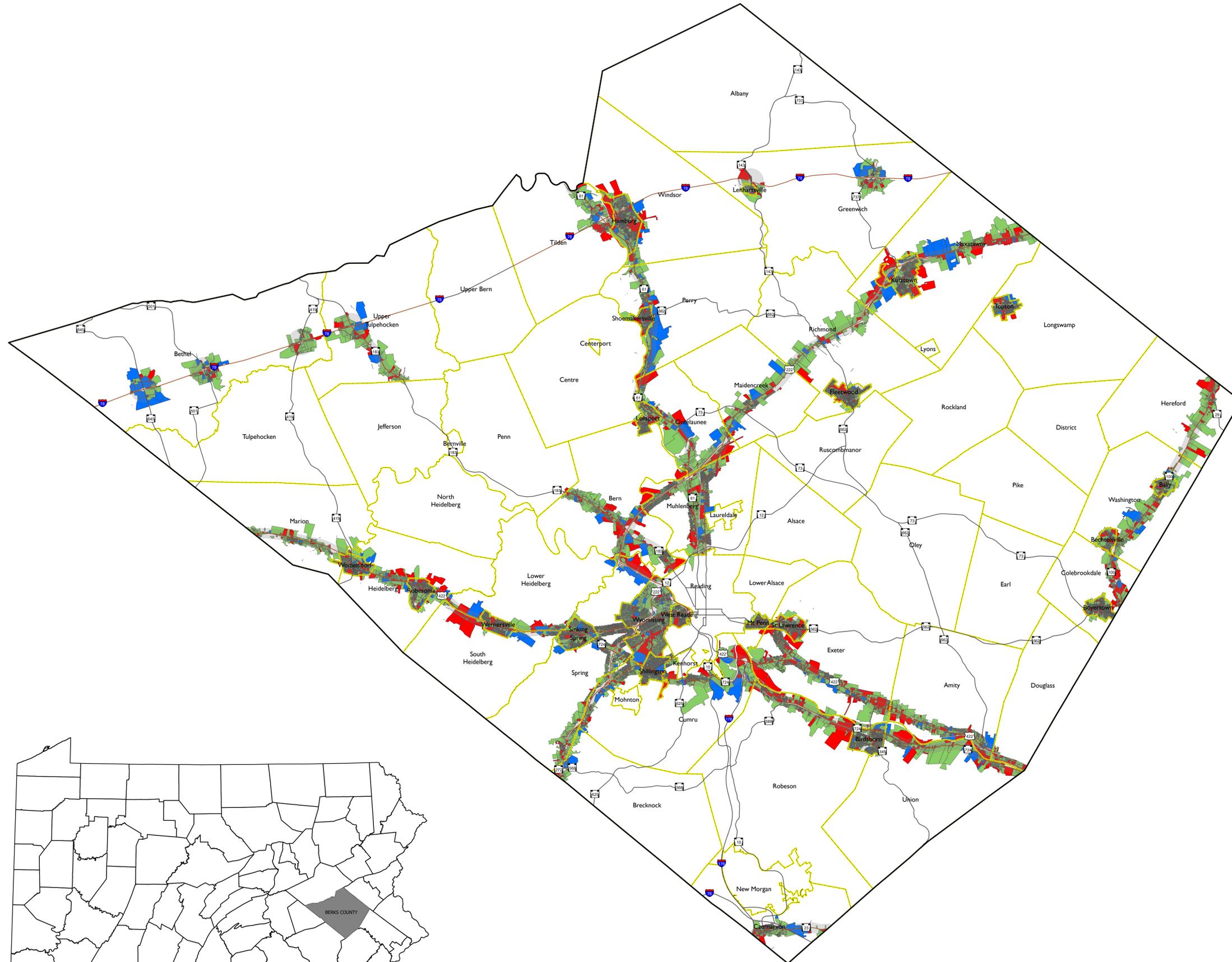
# Tools

Placer Ai

Interactive Polling

GIS and Interactive Mapping

# BERKS COUNTY Corridor Buildout



### Legend

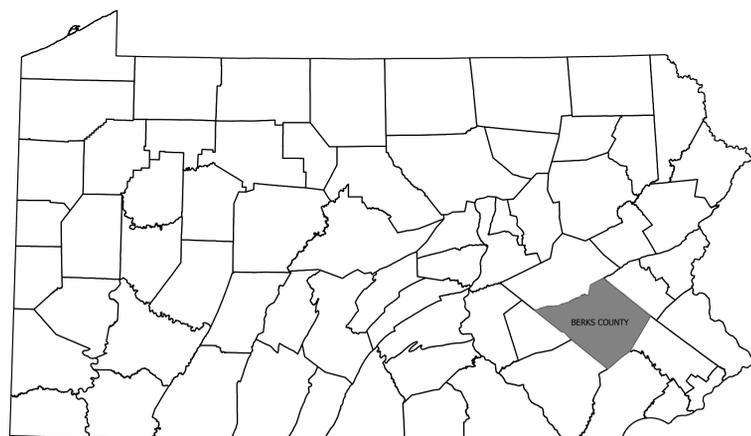
- Corridor (1000 ft buffer) and Interchanges (1/2 mile radius)
- Parcels Intersecting Corridor (40,878)
- Vacant Parcels within Corridor (3,697)
- Reviewed Subdivision and Land Development Plans
- Corridor Centerline
- Major Roads
- Municipal Boundaries

Number of Boroughs: 20  
 Number of Townships: 28  
**Total Municipalities: 48**

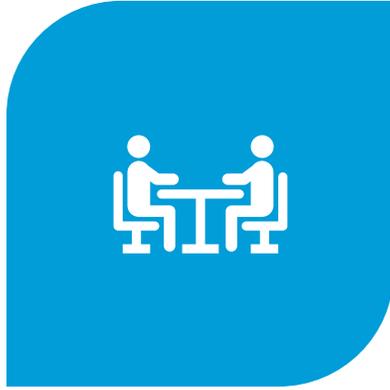
**\*Attached is a list of the municipalities by corridor**

Source: Berks County Planning Commission GIS, Berks County GIS, Berks County Mapping Department

TRCA, BAB 07/25



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PARTNERS



FOCUS GROUPS



NEW METHODS

Outreach Plan

Community  
Engagement



# SURVEY

**HELP US  
PLAN OUR FUTURE**  
Complete Our Quick Survey and  
**Make a Difference!**

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# Outcomes



A Comprehensive plan that establishes specific goals, actionable steps, and collaborative partnerships to guide land use development and preservation for the County, municipalities, and stakeholders.



A Practical plan designed to support funding applications for the County, municipalities, and partners.



A Guide for municipalities and partners to develop regional planning documents to address land use development and preservation.



*Greetings!*

The Berks County Planning Commission is excited to begin preparing a new, state of the art, implementable Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will be guided by the [10 Smart Growth Principles](#).

Our goal is to produce a document that will promote cooperation and coordinated planning among municipalities that supports balanced growth, protects valuable land resources, and maintains the unique identities of our local communities.

Our mission is to have a process that includes all segments and sectors of our community and economy, and to produce a Plan with a clear vision for the future that all Berks Countians will be proud of.

We invite you to join us in the planning process! Please continue to visit this page for updates about the planning process and upcoming public engagement events!

THE  
PROCESS

THE  
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