

## INTRODUCTION

Center Township has been aware of the importance of planning for over thirty (30) years. In February 1968, a Planning Commission was created by the Board of Supervisors to assist in the creation of planning documents and recommendations throughout the Township. In the early 70's, the Township indicated its commitment to planning through its involvement in the Comprehensive Plan for Central Butler County. In 1982, the Township completed an update to the original regional plan, focusing on issues important to the Township. That plan recommended policies aimed at providing a well-balanced tax base, primarily comprised of single family residential development, and to encourage other types of developed where adequate municipal services exist.

This Plan update expands upon the goals and objectives developed in the previous studies (some of the recommendations made in the early 70's document are still supportable today), and generates additional statements addressing today's issues. Land use, natural resources, open space/agricultural preservation, housing, economic development, community facilities and traffic/circulation are re-evaluated with regard to present needs and those deemed necessary for the next 10-15 years.

The intent of this plan update for Center Township is to ensure that the Township maintains a quality of life that benefits the residents through the provision of adequate growth policies, or preservation programs, and services which provide for their health, safety, morals, and general welfare.