

# **NATURAL RESOURCES ROUNDTABLE #2 CLEARFIELD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OCTOBER 11, 2005**

## **ATTENDEES**

Jodi Brennan, Director of Clearfield County Planning Office  
Meredith Krejny, Planning Specialist of Clearfield County Planning Office  
Sandy Fink-Barrett, Director of Clearfield County Recreation & Tourism Authority  
Chuck Failing, Director of Clearfield County GIS Department  
Beth Rosevear, Park Manager of Parker Dam State Park  
Bob Merrill, Jr., District Forester of Moshannon State District Forest  
Carl Undercoffer, President of Clearfield County Senior Environmental Corp  
Donna Carnahan, Watershed Specialist for County Conservation District  
Lou Ann Swope, Natural resource Conservation Service  
Bob Golden, Representing River Hill Power  
Gerry Hatcher, County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee  
Haley Sankey, Canaan Valley Institute

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Those in attendance gave a brief introduction of themselves and whom they were representing.

## **REVIEW GOALS OF LAST ROUNDTABLE**

County Planning Director, Jodi Brennan, asked participants if there were any additions or modifications to the last roundtable minutes. She asked specifically if there were any additional goals that we should add. Lengthy discussion entailed as to how many of the goals could fall into five categories A) Resource Conservation/Protection B) Land Infrastructure C) Business Minded Planning D) Public Relations/ Education E) Forest/Agricultural Management.

## **DEVELOP IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR TOP 5 GOALS**

Participants were provided a list of the top five goals that were prioritized by participants at the first roundtable. They were asked to assist in developing an implementation strategy for achieving those top five goals. Participants indicated that Goal #4- "Encourage businesses that are willing to clean-up acid mine drainage" really should be an implementation strategy for Goal #1- "Develop county plan to attract environmentally friendly economic development..". Therefore goal #4 was eliminated and added as an implementation item under goal #1

Following is a summary of the feedback provided by those participants by goal.

### **1. Goal: County Plan for Environmentally Friendly development** **"Businesses that promote a healthy community" (C)**

- Develop an inventory of county's natural resources data

- Work with CCEDC, other agencies to compile data
- Identify kinds of jobs / industries county wants to attract (what is “environmentally – friendly”?) low impact, high yield industries
- Focus on eco – tourism
- Need to educate IDA and EDC about viability to tourism industry (need to change leaders mindsets)
- Need to have storm water management plans in place too protect from opportunistic development
- Define incentives that work with state (DEP, etc.) and local agencies (i.e. EDC etc.)
- Work with existing programs that help small businesses
- State (DEP, etc) and local agencies consider requiring businesses to provide matching funds for AMD clean up in exchanged for other incentives

## **2. Goal: Restore Key Streams (A)**

- Identify key streams
  - Get priority lists from watershed groups
  - Apply for funding from state, federal and grant programs
- Work with BAMR on larger cleanups
- Perform assessment projects (first step to receiving grants for clean ups)
- Consider various methods for restoration
- Use existing inventory of key acid mine drainage sites
- Perform smaller clean up projects to show successes and provide sense of hope
- Encourage increased community involvement through education and outreach
- Acknowledge / reward volunteer efforts > remember to use existing programs (e.g. Earth Day, Make a Difference Day, etc.)
- Encourage businesses that are willing to clean up AMD

## **3. Goal: Countywide Land Use Planning (B)**

- Continue efforts to encourage municipal zoning and other land use planning tools (e.g. SALDOs, etc.)
- Compile list of “best use” areas (i.e. places where certain development is wanted / not wanted) based on municipal input
- County to update county land use mapping
- Educate municipalities citizenry about benefits of land use planning, need to be pro active
- Provide example ordinances
- Utilize land choice program through DCNR to educate youth about land and use issues

**5. Goal: Cohesive Message (D)**

- Start with school children and work up
- Need to decide what the county is going to be: develop identity based on municipal and citizen input (others?)

Participants were thanked for participating and were informed that the comprehensive plan update will continue into next year, so there is still time for additional goals to be submitted to the planning office. Minutes will be prepared and sent to participants in the near future. Minutes from all minutes will also be made available on-line at the county's planning website.