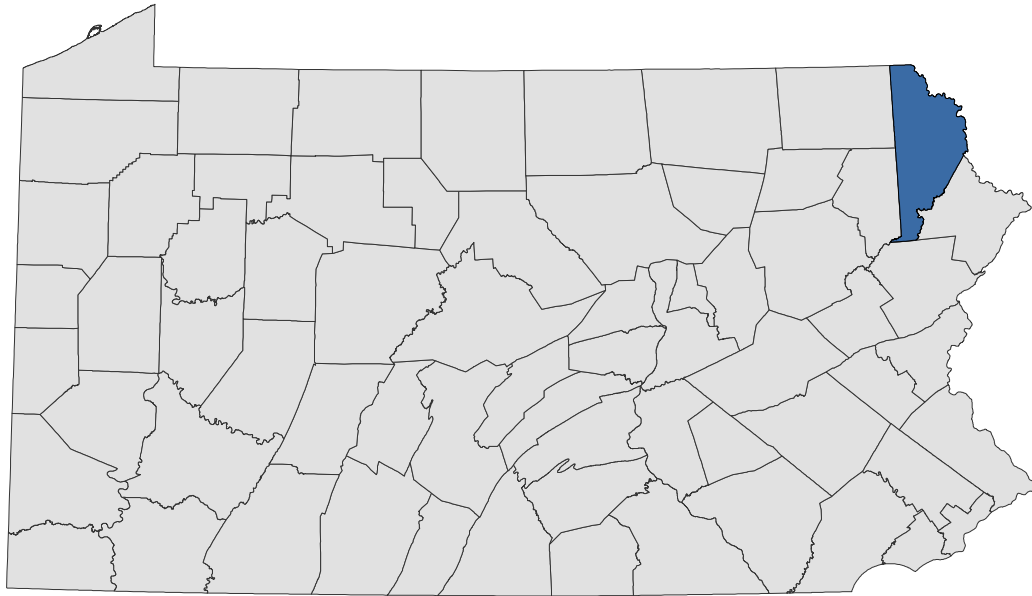


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Dear Commissioners:

Presented herein, is the Wayne County Planning Commission's Annual Report. On behalf of both the Planning Commission Board and the Department staff, this report is intended to inform you of the planning activities of 2013. It will also serve as an opportunity to apprise the public of planning issues in Wayne County.

Transportation, Sewage, and GIS/Technology were the principal subjects in 2013.

Transportation, because of the need for Wayne County to approach its transportation planning with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) as an independent county rather than being part of a massive metropolitan planning organization (MPO). The MPO was mandated by the federal government because East Stroudsburg and its adjoining municipalities in Monroe County were designated an urbanized area as a result of the 2010 Census. By Wayne County being an independent county rather than being part of an urban bureaucracy centered in Monroe County should result in a better delivery of transportation improvements throughout Wayne County.

Sewage, because of an attempt by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to create repressive regulations to special protection waters in Pennsylvania which would affect over 94% of Wayne County. In the end, the Pennsylvania Legislature passed a law which pre-empted DEP's attempt at implementing these sanctions which would be disastrous to Wayne County's future.

GIS and technology projects grew, because of the increased requests from other county offices for assistance as they complete their tasks and meet their responsibilities to the public. In addition, the public has increased their requests for GIS related information.

All of these topics, along with a review of the subdivision and land development activity for the year, are summarized in this report.

This annual report is also available on the County's website (Planning link) at [www.co.wayne.pa.us](http://www.co.wayne.pa.us).

We look forward to working with you in 2014.

Sincerely,

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