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Dear Commissioners:

We are pleased to submit to you the Wayne County Planning Commission's 2011 Annual Report. Act 247, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, requires all planning agencies to prepare a written report annually to the governing body. While this document fulfills that legal obligation, it also helps to inform local governments and the public of our planning activities through the year.

As you know, the most challenging event of the year was in December when the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department was combined with the Planning Department. This consolidation is a work in progress. Flexibility is vital in efforts of this kind. Through 2012 the staff will continue to advance to make this new assimilation successful.

The planning staff has continued to work with local municipalities as they work through their planning projects. Part of the local municipal outreach includes educational planning seminars, conducted on site, for those municipalities who request it.

In 2011 the staff reviewed 102 subdivision and land development applications. These applications involved 60 new lots and 138 lot additions (lot improvements). Nineteen new lots were created in Sterling, more than any other municipality. Berlin followed, where 11 new lots were created.

The Wayne County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is in effect in Dyberry, Prompton, and South Canaan. The other 25 Wayne County municipalities have adopted their own ordinance, and in those, the Planning Department's role is that of review and comment, as required by Act 247.

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

We look forward to working with you in 2012.

Sincerely,

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