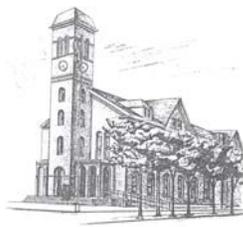


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Dear Editor:

As public officials, we're well aware of concerns for the future of our great county. But we also know how difficult it can be to make sure everyone's voices are heard, and not just those of a few people—quite often the *same* few people. Thus, we're writing to strongly encourage your involvement in a project that is of key importance for the future of Clearfield County.

The Clearfield County Planning Department is in the process of developing a new countywide comprehensive plan. The project is being funded by a Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

The comprehensive plan will be a vision for the future of Clearfield County. The plan will examine issues such as housing, economic development, education, sewer and water, natural resources, and many others. Whether you are a lifelong resident of the county or a new transplant to our area, we think you will find that the plan includes some topic that is near and dear to you.

As a result, we encourage all Clearfield County residents to get involved in this planning process. Some residents may receive a survey in the mail. We ask that you return it. Five public meetings will be held this fall at various locations around Clearfield County. We hope that you will see value in attending one of these meetings.

This is a chance for you to have a say in the direction Clearfield County takes in the coming years. We urge you to get involved and help Clearfield County create a vision for a better tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Rex D. Read, Chairman

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