



LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING

Serving on the Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC)

So you want to be an LCPC member!

You know that Lancaster County is a special place – and great places don't just happen. To ensure that the county remains a special place in the future, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners appoints Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC) members to be leaders and catalysts for innovative planning and placemaking.

The commission is a nine-member volunteer board that accomplishes its mission with the assistance of the Lancaster County Planning Department, a department of county government. Six of the commission members represent different regions within the county, and three serve at large. Terms are four years, and members can be reappointed.

Who's eligible?

First, you need to live in Lancaster County. Second, you need to meet the requirements for the type of position you're seeking.

- **Regional members** represent a particular region within the county. To be a regional member, you need to be a 1) municipal elected official, 2) municipal planning commission member, or 3) municipal manager. Additionally:
 - If you are not a municipal elected official, you must be nominated by one before being appointed.
- **At-large members** typically 1) represent historically underrepresented groups or 2) have a special familiarity with “major areawide citizen interests” such as housing, education, economic development, etc.
 - To be an at-large member, you do not need to be nominated by a municipal elected official.

What's the commission's role?

The commission plays an advisory role in the community, providing guidance to the public, private, and nonprofit sectors on factors that contribute to our quality of life – particularly land use and transportation issues.

Its primary responsibility is to work with the Lancaster County Planning Department to prepare a countywide comprehensive plan and work with the community to implement that plan. The county's most recent plan – places2040 – was adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 2018. Using places2040 as a guide, the commission also reviews and comments on local and regional comprehensive plans, zoning issues, and subdivision and land development projects.

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What are the benefits of serving on the commission?

Serving on the commission is an opportunity to create the kind of future we all want to see in Lancaster County. In this role, LCPC members can:

- Learn more about planning issues that affect the community, and the decision makers involved in these issues; and
- Share their skills and experience with colleagues from other parts of the county; and
- Make the county a better place to live, work, play, and visit.

What's expected of an LCPC member?

We're looking for people who:

- Bring a commitment and passion to making Lancaster County an even better place in the future;
- Have an interest in or professional experience in land use, transportation, and related issues;
- Are eager to build awareness of, educate, and engage the community in planning issues and the work of the commission; and
- Look at planning issues from a countywide perspective, while also serving as liaison to a particular region or interest area.

Additionally, we ask LCPC members to:

- Attend LCPC meetings (currently once a month, 12 per year) and review materials prior to these meetings;
- Attend regional meetings and other LCPC events and workshops, as needed;
- Serve as a member of the Lancaster County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and attend its meetings (5 per year); and
- Serve on committees such as the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC), Nominating Committee, etc. as requested by the LCPC chair.

Application Process

For more information – and to apply – please visit our “Serving as an LCPC Member” webpage: <https://lancastercountypanning.org/269/Serving-As-An-LCPC-Member>