Facilitating inclusive dialogue
LCPC works with planning partners including municipalities, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and community stakeholders to ensure full participation in planning at the county, regional, and local level.

Creating shared visions and plans
LCPC strives to create comprehensive plan elements which reflect the interests of the community. LCPC also works with municipalities to develop regional and local plans.

Helping communities achieve results
Through a professional staff experienced in many aspects of planning, LCPC works with planning partners and local communities to develop, fund, and implement strategies for achieving results at the local level.
WHY we do what we do

We believe that Lancaster County is a special place. We also know that great places don't just happen. The purpose of the Lancaster County Planning Commission is to ensure that the county remains a special place in the future.

OUR VISION

WHAT we do

To be the leader and catalyst for innovative planning and placemaking in Lancaster County.

2016 Initiatives

COUNTYWIDE

Lancaster County Integrated Comprehensive Plan: Civic Engagement
LCPC staff will focus on engaging its public, private, and nonprofit partners in the places2040 planning process. Online surveys, community conversations, focus groups, regional meetings, the places2040 website and social media will all be used to solicit input for “framing the future” of the county.

Buildable Lands Analysis
Buildable land and potential redevelopment opportunities inside Designated Growth Areas will be identified. This inventory will be used to develop future growth scenarios for places2040.

Connections 2040: Long-Range Transportation Plan 2016 Update
A draft plan will be made available for public review in May. Public comments will be addressed, and the final plan will be adopted as an element of the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan in the fall.

Active Transportation Plan
The City of Lancaster, the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee, and the county will continue to work on coordinated bicycle and pedestrian plans which will address the growing interest here in “active transportation.” Public input will be sought at meetings and through social media and WikiMapping.

LCPC Planning Partners Educational Program
This program will again focus on comprehensive planning, placemaking, and active transportation. In addition a series on subdivision and land development review will be offered for local officials, engineers, surveyors, developers, and other land use professionals.

PLACEMAKING – Communities, Corridors and Landscapes

Placemaking refers to the design of places and the experiences they make possible. Placemaking involves identifying spaces needing improvement, assessing conditions, visioning the future, and developing plans to make it happen. Placemaking focuses on communities, corridors, and landscapes.

Complete Streets Implementation
LCPC staff will continue to work with municipalities to incorporate Complete Streets concepts into local plans and ordinances. Staff will partner with Lancaster General Health on a Complete Streets implementation workshop as well as walkability audits for interested communities.

Old Philadelphia Pike Heritage Byway
LCPC staff will promote a multi-municipal approach to planning for this corridor as a “whole place.” Staff will seek the participation of additional townships in the process. Developing goals for making the corridor a better place to live, work, and visit will be the focus of these efforts.

Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway
The Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee will initiate a feasibility study and conceptual design for this proposed 11-mile multipurpose hiking, biking, and buggy path in 2016. This pathway will provide an alternative transportation route for commuters in the greater Lancaster area.

Susquehanna Riverlands Conservation Landscape
LCPC staff will continue to assist Susquehanna Heritage, York County, and other partners in protecting additional natural lands, enhancing recreation trails, and promoting tourism within the Riverlands.