

Nittany Valley Comprehensive Plan Update – Discussion July 20, 2017

DRAFT Version 7 -- Blocks shaded in green indicate revisions to 2013 document.

Community Planning Goals for NV Regional Plan Update -- 2014

Based on an evaluation of the 2004 Comp Plan Recommendations completed in 2012 - 13

The Nittany Valley Region serves as an "edge community", being located at the fringe of a metropolitan area and connected to that area by state and interstate highways. The Region generally provides its residents with access to economic opportunities, jobs, and services. More affordable housing and access to urban amenities have made the NV Region grow at a faster pace than its neighboring metropolitan area. But precisely because the NV Region is such an attractive place to settle, it faces pressure to continue to provide more housing and services to new residents.

Anchored by core communities that are characterized by a compact street design and a downtown or village center, the NV Region's historically significant architecture and public spaces provide valuable resources for economic revitalization. Still the region's villages and downtown struggle to compete for tenants and customers with office parks, regional malls, and big box stores. Food, lodging and associated services is making these places increasingly popular.

Goal		Bellefonte	Benner	Marion	Spring	Walker	Region
<i>Natural and Cultural Features</i>							
1	Implement a well-head / borehole protection plan for water supplies			X			
2	Participate in source water protection planning.					X	
3	Develop new strategies for stormwater management and maintenance						X
<i>Public Services</i>							
4	Improve process of land development review, and allocate manpower						X
5	Initiate discussions for a shared police strategy with ultimate implementation.						X
6	Initiate discussions for a shared fire service strategy with ultimate implementation.						X
7	Install dry hydrants in rural areas, where possible.						X
8	Initiate discussions for shared mandatory trash collections.						X

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Public Utilities

9	Identify sewage management districts and implement an on-lot sewage management system					X	
10	Bellefonte Borough Authority consider extension of public water	X	TO BE REMOVED				
11	Encourage growth to utilize existing utilities in more compact patterns						X
12	Bring water and sewer service to Shiloh Road area		X				

Transportation

13	Adopt uniform road design criteria across the NV region						X
14	Improve bike and pedestrian corridors, in whole or in sections, throughout the region including Zion Back Road, the Canyon Trail, the Bellefonte Central Rail Trail, and the Spring Creek Navigation Canal Trail						X
15	Maintain CATA service at present level or greater.						X
16	Encourage greater use of public transportation options, such as CATA Commute.						X

Environment

17	Evaluate areas for establishment of riparian buffers with goal to stabilize banks and limit encroachment.		Original wording was: Develop and implement riparian buffer regulations				X
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Economic Development

18	Support economic development along highway corridors						X
19	Inventory brownfields and pursue redevelopment options.						X
20	Identify and maintain the under utilized sites and property inventory.						X
21	Explore and maintain Keystone designations: KIZ, KOZ, Keystone Community	X	X		X		
22	Preserve and promote agricultural economic endeavors that strengthen agricultural sustainability		X	X	X	X	

23	Broadband / Internet: Support net neutrality						X
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Housing

24	Determine the "right size" or density of affordable housing for the region.		Original wording was: Consider opportunities for affordable housing				X
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