

# GROWING TOGETHER

A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR CENTRAL LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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The following is a glossary that provides a succinct explanation of the activities of the organizations and institutions mentioned throughout this report.

**Agricultural Preservation Organizations** – Organizations such as Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board, Lancaster Farmland Trust, American Farmland Trust, and Pennsylvania Land Trust Association that work to preserve agriculture and farmland.

**Amtrak** – An agency created by Congress to operate the national passenger railroad system. Amtrak also offers commuter train service under contract to local public transit authorities.

**Building Industry Association of Lancaster County (BIA)** – A trade organization of residential builders and others involved in the home building industry that represents and promotes its members through various programs and events.

**Business Organizations** – Organizations that represent some component of the business community, such as Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Lancaster Downtown Investment District Authority, Pennsylvania Dutch Visitors and Convention Bureau, Lancaster Alliance, and Lancaster County Economic Development Corporation.

**City of Lancaster** – Includes the City Council, City Planning Commission, other City departments, appointed and elected officials, and staff.

**Community Development Corporations (CDC)** – Non-profit, community-based organizations that work to revitalize the economic and social base of low-income urban and rural communities. They usually have a specific geographic focus and are engaged in a wide range of development activities.

**Conservation Organizations** – Organizations that work to preserve and protect the natural environment such as the Lancaster County Conservancy and watershed associations.

**Cultural Organizations** – Organizations that contribute to the cultural activities of Central Lancaster County such as Fulton Opera House Foundation, Pennsylvania Academy of Music, Lancaster Museum of Art, Bethel Harambee Historical Services, Demuth Foundation, and many art galleries.

**Developers** – Individuals or corporations engaged in the development or redevelopment of real estate properties.

**Environmental Education Coalition (EEC)** – A group consisting of the Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation, Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13, Lancaster County Conservancy, Lancaster County Conservation District, and North Museum.

**Franklin and Marshall College (F&M)** – The Franklin and Marshall College is a private, coeducational institution of higher learning in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

**Fulton Opera House** – A theater built in 1852 that is a premier venue for live professional theater in Central Pennsylvania.

**Garden Clubs** – Membership organizations that promote gardening, floral design, and/or civic and environmental responsibility.

**Greenways and Park Advisory Board (GPAB)** – An advisory body within the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee that provides recommendations surrounding the creation and maintenance of parks and greenways.

**Hempfield Area Recreation Commission** – A not-for-profit organization that provides affordable recreation activities in the Hempfield area.

**Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County (HPT)** – A not-for-profit organization that exists to preserve and protect significant buildings and places in Lancaster County through education, advocacy, and action.

**Historical Organizations** – Organizations that work to preserve historic structures or other historical materials, such as the Lancaster County Historical Society, East Petersburg Historical Society, James

Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland, and Rock Ford Foundation.

**Homeowners Association** – An organization comprised of dues-paying neighbors, which is responsible for managing common areas within a housing complex and enforcing covenants, conditions, and restrictions.

**Housing Organizations** – Organizations that provide a variety of housing programs in Central Lancaster County such as Lancaster County Housing Authority, Lancaster City Housing Authority, Lancaster Housing Opportunities Partnership, Housing Development Corporation, Habitat for Humanity, and Community Action Program.

**James Street Improvement District** – A not-for-profit organization funded by corporate and institutional contributions, and grants from area foundations, which contracts with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to promote, plan, and advocate for a growing, diverse, urban community in Northwest Lancaster City.

**Keep Lancaster Beautiful (KLB)** – An affiliate of Keep America Beautiful focused primarily on litter prevention, beautification, and environmental education in Lancaster City.

**Lampeter Strasburg Recreation Commission** – A not-for-profit, intergovernmental organization that provides for affordable recreation opportunities for all community members. Provides services to West Lampeter Township, Strasburg Borough, and Strasburg Township.

**Lancaster Alliance** – A group of leaders from civic-minded major employers that focuses on areas such as housing, education, jobs, crime prevention, and economic development.

**Lancaster Bicycle Club** – A road-based recreational club for cyclists at all levels.

**Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI)** – A not-for-profit service organization made up of business and professional people working to improve the business environment in Lancaster County.

**Lancaster Community Safety Coalition (LCSC)** – A community-based, non-partisan, not-for-profit organization that works toward the goal of a safer Lancaster City.

**Lancaster County** – Lancaster County government, including the Lancaster County Commissioners and any departments that can assist in implementation of this plan, except for the Lancaster County Planning Commission and the Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation, which are listed separately.

**Lancaster County Citizens Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Council (BPAC)** – An advisory committee to the Metropolitan Planning

Organization regarding bicycle and pedestrian issues related to the County's transportation planning process.

**Lancaster County Coalition for Smart Growth** – A coalition of a cross-section of stakeholders interested in developing Smart Growth principles for Lancaster County related to agriculture, community planning, economic development, housing, human resources, and natural and cultural resources.

**Lancaster County Conservancy (LCC)** – A private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting Lancaster County's diminishing supply of open land.

**Lancaster County Conservation District (LCCD)** – A subdivision of state government that works closely with County and local agencies and is responsible for conservation work within the county.

**Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation (LCDPR)** – A department of County government that provides recreational facilities and programs in six regional parks and two recreational trails.

**Lancaster County Economic Development Corporation (LCEDC)** – A not-for-profit organization formed in 1986, the LCEDC works to encourage, enhance and foster economic development. The LCEDC is engaged in the recruitment and retention of capital investment and jobs in Lancaster County.

**Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority** – An organization that acts on behalf of the Lancaster County Commissioners to carry out housing, homeless assistance, community planning, and economic development activities.

**Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC)** – The appointed members, staff, and advisory committees and task forces of the Lancaster County Planning Commission.

**Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA)** – An authority appointed by the Lancaster County Commissioners to manage solid waste and recyclable materials in an environmentally safe, reliable, and efficient manner.

**Lancaster County Transportation Authority (LCTA)** – An authority appointed by the Lancaster County Commissioners to assist the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and others in implementing highway projects in Lancaster County.

**Lancaster County Transportation Coordinating Committee (LCTCC)** – The officially designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Lancaster County.

**Lancaster Downtown Investment District Authority (DID)** – A nonprofit municipal authority dedicated to the continued economic vitality of downtown Lancaster.

**Lancaster Farmland Trust** – A private not-for-profit organization working to preserve farms in Lancaster County.

**Lancaster Hiking Club** – A club that organizes hikes and maintains the Conestoga Trail.

**Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership (LHOP)** – A public-private partnership that seeks to expand affordable housing opportunities in Lancaster County and help more families buy homes.

**Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee (LIMC)** – A council of governments of 13 municipalities in Central Lancaster County that have joined together to cooperate on key local government activities.

**Lancaster Recreation Commission** – An intergovernmental, not-for-profit agency that provides year-round recreational programming.

**Lancaster-York Heritage Region** – An organization committed to identifying, preserving, and promoting the rich culture and heritage of York and Lancaster counties.

**Land Trusts** – Private, not-for profit organizations designed to preserve and protect landscapes through techniques such as conservation easements.

**Land Use Advisory Board (LUAB)** – An advisory board recommended by this plan to be convened by the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee to assist with implementing land use strategies.

**Libraries** – Public or private facilities that house books, periodicals, and other media materials for referencing or borrowing.

**Local Colleges** – Institutions of higher learning such as Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster Bible College, Lancaster General College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania College of Art and Design, and Stevens State School of Technology.

**Media** – Forms of mass communication including newspapers, television, radio, and billboards, among others.

**Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** – The organization consisting of the Lancaster County Transportation Coordinating Committee and the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee that is responsible for planning, programming, and coordination of federal highway and transit investments in Lancaster County.

**Municipalities** – The city, boroughs, and townships that are members of the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee. Responsibilities for implementing the strategies of this plan may lie with the elected officials (mayor and council in Lancaster City and boroughs, commissioners in Manheim Township, and supervisors in other townships), planning commissioners, other appointed officials, or staff, depending on the action required.

**Norfolk Southern** – A freight railway company that operates in the eastern United States.

**Pennsylvania Advocates for Nutrition and Activity / Lancaster Advocates for Nutrition and Activity (PANA/LANA)** – State and local organizations that work to promote policies and environments that support healthy eating and activity.

**Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)** – A state agency that supports the growth and development of businesses and communities throughout Pennsylvania.

**Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)** – State agency responsible for the integration of programs and policies related to all modes of transportation.

**Pennsylvania Dutch Convention and Visitors Bureau (PDCVB)** – A not-for-profit corporation founded in 1958, with more than 550 members, dedicated to the promotion of tourism in the entire Lancaster County region.

**Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC)** – An independent Pennsylvania agency that provides fishing and boating opportunities through the protection and management of aquatic resources.

**Pennsylvania Greenways** – Led by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, this program unites governments, citizens, and not-for-profits to promote a network of greenways throughout the state.

**Pennsylvania Legislature** – The General Assembly of Pennsylvania, consisting of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Two Senate districts and six House districts include parts of the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee area.

**Plain Sects** – Religious groups including Mennonites, Amish, and Brethren.

**Property Owner** – A holder or proprietor of land.

**Public** – The citizens and stakeholders of Central Lancaster County.

**Recreation Organizations** – Groups such as the Lancaster Recreation Commission, Hempfield Area Recreation Commission, Lampeter-Strasburg Recreation Commission, and Manheim Township Parks and Recreation Department.

**Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA)** – A county authority that provides bus, countywide shared ride (paratransit), shuttle, and special transportation services.

**School Districts** – The six school districts that provide public education in the LIMC area: Conestoga Valley, Hempfield, Lampeter-Strasburg, Lancaster, Manheim Township, and Penn Manor.

**Sewer and Water Authorities** – Authorities serving the LIMC area, including Lancaster Area Sewer Authority (LASA), Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority (SLSA), Municipal Authority of East

Hempfield, East Lampeter Sewer Authority, Lancaster Municipal Authority, and Manheim Township General Municipal Authority.