

Who Should Attend?

- Municipal Staff
- Elected Officials
- Municipal Planning Commission Members
- Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee Members
- Zoning Hearing Board Members
- Farmland & Conservation Stakeholders
- Interested Members of the Public



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Planning for Agriculture



**A informational workshop on
Agricultural Land Preservation
Planning Tools and Programs**

Date:
May 16, 2017
3:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Location:
Cumberland County
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310 Allen Road
Conference Room B
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Agricultural Land Preservation

Agriculture is an important industry and land use in Cumberland County and Pennsylvania. There are over 1,400 farms in Cumberland County and agriculture represents about 45% of the County landscape. Statewide, Cumberland County ranks #8 in total value of agriculture products, at approximately \$200M in crops and livestock products. The County is a leader in the dairy and cattle industries, ranking #5 in cattle and #7 in milk production statewide.

Agriculture preservation is an important investment in our economy, our environment and the overall quality of life. Preservation of Cumberland County's best working farmland benefits the agricultural community by securing the land base that is required to sustain agricultural operations and produce food and fibers. In today's market place, large clusters of farmland are needed to create a long-term business environment for farm operations.

The workshop is designed to provide an overview of the various planning tools a municipality can utilize to conserve important agricultural areas. Additionally, the course will cover county, municipal and non-profit farmland preservation programs as well as other services and education strategies that promote and preserve the agriculture industry.

Course Outline

- Importance of Agriculture
- Cumberland County Land Partnerships Plan
- Agriculture & the Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning and Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance Provisions for Agriculture
 - ⇒ Agriculture Preservation Zoning
 - ⇒ Accessory Agriculture Related Businesses
 - ⇒ Urban Agriculture—Community Gardens, Farmer's Markets, etc.
- Agricultural Security Area (ASA) Program
- Cumberland County Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACE) Purchase Program - *AKA Farmland Preservation*
- Municipal & Non-profit Land Protection Programs
- Other Tools:
 - ⇒ Clean & Green Program
 - ⇒ Education & Promotional events— one day farm tours, local food events, biking & driving tours, etc.



Registration Form

Registration deadline May 10. There is no fee for this class. Complete the registration form and mail or email to the address below:

Name _____

Position/Title _____

Municipality _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Session Selection* (circle one):

3-5 PM 6-8 PM

***Each session requires a minimum of 8 attendees to be held**

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