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How do I make sure that my plan is ready to be recorded?

The York County Office of the Recorder of Deeds has specific requirements for what must be on a plan and how that information is formatted before a plan can be recorded. Below are requirements and recommendations from the Recorder of Deeds office on how to format required information on plans:

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- Signatures and acknowledgement clauses should be listed separately.
- Signatures are required to be in ink and original.
- Signature lines must have the name of the signer typed underneath the signature along with their title and company name (as applicable).
- Refer to the York County Assessment and Tax Claim Office records for the correct names and spellings on the current property deed. Names and signatures need to be the way the owners took title.
- Acknowledgement clauses must be dated on or after the date of the document. Also, be sure the acknowledgments are in full and correct; notary blocks should have the state & county of their notary, and all names/titles must be listed correctly (including titles of the signer and company name from the signature section, when applicable).
- The names printed under the signature lines and the names typed in the notary clause must be exactly the same. The names of owners signing a plan should agree throughout the plan to avoid rejections.
- The notary needs to sign and place their stamp legibly below the acknowledgement clause.
- If a plan is located in more than one municipality (i.e., a parcel involved in a subdivision spans across municipal boundary lines), all municipalities involved should approve the plan, and signature blocks for the governing bodies of all municipalities involved should be provided on the plan with applicable signatures and dates of plan approval. If a municipality defers their review of the plan to another municipality because of a lack of involvement in the actual subdivision/land development within their municipality, a letter from that municipality stating such deferral should be provided with the plan at the time of recording (this letter should be either a section on the plan, or if the letter is a separate piece of paper, it needs to be taped securely on the plan by having all sides completely taped down). [SEE MORE](#)

REGIONAL FREIGHT SUMMIT 2025

OCTOBER 28, 2025

WYNDAM GARDEN YORK,
2000 LOUCKS ROAD,
YORK PA 17408

SIGN-IN & BREAKFAST 8AM-9AM
SESSIONS 9AM-3PM LUNCH PROVIDED



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CCABA@YCPC.ORG

Proposed Ordinance/ Plan/Map Amendments	Staff	LGAC	YCPC
<u>YCPC Project #25-025</u> - North Codorus Twp Zoning Ord Amend Text: Flexible Residential Overlay (F-R)	Adopt	Adopt	Adopt
<u>YCPC Project #25-026</u> - Heritage Adams County Historic Preservation Plan	Adopt	No Action	Adopt
<u>YCPC Project #25-027</u> - Southern York County Regional Comp Plan Regional Comprehensive Plan Update	Not Adopt	Adopt	Not Adopt
<u>YCPC Project #25-028</u> - Dillsburg Borough Zoning Ordinance Amendment Text: Establishments that Manufacture or Sell Alcoholic Beverages as a Conditional Use in the T-C Town Center District and C-H - Commercial Highway District	Adopt	Adopt	Adopt
<u>YCPC Project #25-029</u> - East Manchester Township Zon Ord Amend Text: Noise	Adopt	Adopt	Adopt
<u>YCPC Project #25-030</u> - East Manchester Twp Sub and Land Dev Ord Noise Study	Adopt	Adopt	Adopt



We are happy to announce that PennDOT will open the application site for the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside of the Surface Block Grant Program (TA Set-Aside) on July 14, 2025.

The TA Set-Aside provides funding for projects that enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improve access to public transportation, create safe routes to schools, preserve historic transportation structures, provide environmental mitigation, create trails that serve a transportation purpose, and promote vulnerable road user safety.

Eligible project sponsors must submit draft applications by September 5, 2025, for District review. After review, final applications may be submitted until October 31, 2025. Selections from participating large MPOs will be due January 23, 2026. The statewide project selection committee will meet in March 2026 to recommend projects for receipt of statewide TA Set-Aside funds. Approximately \$70 million in statewide funds will be made available.

The TA Set-Aside guidance document has been updated to incorporate revisions based on feedback received from the Districts and Planning Partners from past rounds. We've also created a video to help guide potential sponsors through the application process. These items will be housed on [PennDOT's TA Set-Aside website](#), and are currently available for review. Please refer to the website and guidance document for eligible project types and sponsors.

An informational webinar will be held on July 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Webinar details can be found on the TA Set-Aside website and in the guidance document at this link: [TA Set-Aside guidance](#).

Questions about the TA Set-Aside program can be directed to RA-pdTASA@pa.gov or 717.775.3276.



York County, America250PA Dedicate Semiquincentennial Bell at Camp Security in Springettsbury Township

America250PA and York County celebrated the official unveiling of Pennsylvania's newest Semiquincentennial Bell on July 9 at Camp Security in Springettsbury Township – the last remaining undeveloped site of a Revolutionary War prison camp site in the United States.

The bell dedication event, hosted in partnership with York County, is the third in a series of commemorative bell installations across the Commonwealth, each recognizing a site of historical significance as Pennsylvania prepares to celebrate America's 250th anniversary in 2026.

“History was made here in York County,” said York County President Commissioner Julie Wheeler, noting that York hosted the Second Continental Congress in 1777 and 1778, where the Articles of Confederation were adopted as the nation's first binding constitution.

“American independence may have been first declared in Philadelphia, but I would argue that American unity found its voice here in York County,” Wheeler added. “So today, we celebrate York's special place, not just in America's history, but in America's DNA.”

Modeled after the replica Liberty Bell donated by Queen Elizabeth II for America's Bicentennial in 1976, each bronze Semiquincentennial Bell is a permanent public installation designed to invite reflection, pride, and connection to the Commonwealth's diverse contributions to the American story.

The first bell was unveiled at The Dennis Farmin Susquehanna County in the summer of 2023, recognizing the legacy of free African Americans who established and sustained the oldest continuously Black-owned farm in the United States.

The second bell was unveiled at the Hawley Silk Mill in Wayne County in the fall of 2024, honoring the immigrant women and children who formed the foundation of Pennsylvania's industrial workforce during the 19th century.

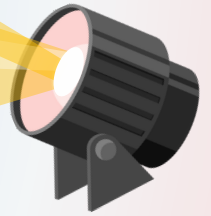
The Camp Security bell marks the third permanent installation and reflects how Revolutionary-era Pennsylvanians balanced security, survival and shared responsibility in uncertain times. After the war, materials from the camp—logs, stones, and timber—were salvaged by York residents and repurposed to help build the young nation. Some of those materials may still stand in homes near the site today.

“That's our story as Pennsylvanians—and as Americans,” said Cassandra Coleman, Executive Director of America250PA. “We carry forward the pieces of what came before. We use them to build, to innovate, and to remember. The Semiquincentennial Bell project highlights Pennsylvania stories that were too often left out of the history books. The Camp Security Bell honors a turning point in our history and anchors that pivotal moment in the heart of York County.”



Caption: America250PA Semiquincentennial Bell at Camp Security in York County, PA - July 9, 2025 | Photo Credit: Jim Phipps

Municipal Spotlight Hopewell Township



Originally incorporated from Shrewsbury Township in July 1767 (Pennsylvania State Archives), Hopewell Township continues to be a community that embraces the rural nature of southern York County while also accommodating growth.



Now home to approximately 5,271 residents (2020 Census), the Township has experienced an increase in residential development in recent years as well as the expansion of commercial and even industrial uses across its 26.8 square miles. This includes several new neighborhoods comprised of single-family and town homes, an Amish schoolhouse, as well as the addition of the new Wellspan Shrewsbury Hospital that is currently under construction. A solar facility and mini storage are two uses that have been presented for land development within the last year. A proactive approach to solar was taken in 2022 with the implementation of a Solar Energy Ordinance that included the creation of a solar energy overlay district.

Hopewell Township currently employs 5 road crew members and 2 office personnel. The road crew is responsible for approximately 67.55 miles of Township maintained roads, including all snow removal and road repairs. The Township is especially proud of its in-house paving operation. Each year several projects are completed entirely by the road crew using Township owned equipment. Only the material is delivered from an outside source. The Township has also implemented the use of an ArcGIS system to log and track infrastructure. The investment that Hopewell has made in having a dedicated crew and well-maintained equipment has enabled the Township to save money over time and provide the community with a road network that is in great condition.

The Hopewell Area Recreation Complex continues to be a favorite in the community. The park serves as an excellent location for bird watching, star gazing, youth sporting events, and exercise. The on-site pavilion is a popular location for picnics, gatherings, and events such as birthday parties- all on a first come, first serve basis.

In terms of new municipal projects and plans, Hopewell is currently awaiting the completion of a new 2026 Mack dump truck that will replace an older model. The Township is also considering ways to make more improvements to the municipal property on Bridgeview Road. American Rescue Plan funds were previously used to construct a new salt shed and an equipment storage shed. The funds were also used to add a smartboard and technology upgrades to the meeting room, allowing all public meetings to be streamed via Zoom.



Services for Rural Communities

The USDA offers several programs to assist rural communities.

Eligible areas are defined as “Any area other than a city or town with a population greater than 50,000, and the area adjacent to such a city or town.” Programs include grants to municipalities for Community Development initiatives; Energy, Water and Environmental Programs, and loans for Housing opportunities. For more information on these programs, please visit [USDA’s Pennsylvania Programs website](#).

Share Your Feedback to Shape the Future of the Bay

Local governments are crucial partners in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and now is a critical time to help shape the future of this work. The Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership is revising the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, a road map to protect the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

From July 1 through September 1, the Partnership is accepting public feedback on these proposed changes. Input from local governments is vital to ensure the updated goals and strategies reflect real-world needs and on-the-ground priorities.

Ready to make your voice heard? Submit comments on the draft revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement via email to comments@chesapeakebay.net.

Have questions or want to learn more before submitting feedback? Check out this [website](#) tailored specifically for local governments and join the Local Government Advisory Committee and Local Leadership Workgroup for an informational webinar on Wednesday, August 13th at 12 - 1 pm.

US CENSUS BUREAU RELEASES

2024 MUNICIPAL POPULATION ESTIMATES

The US Census Bureau has issued population estimates for county subdivisions (municipalities). Population estimates are released annually and are the most accurate data to use for total population in the years between the decennial censuses.

highlights

from 2020 to 2024

- York County total population (2024) is 471,240
- West Manheim Township had greatest increase with +1,866 (↑ 20.6%), followed by Dover Township +1,699 (↑ 0.8%)
- Spring Garden Township is the only municipality to lose population (-44) since 2020
- 13 municipalities have a population greater than 10,000; 6 municipalities have a population less than 500
- Population of York City (2024) is 45,241 (↑ 1% from 2020)
- York Township is the most populated township (31,218); Yorkana has the lowest population for boroughs (238)
- The County's population increased 6.2% since 2020- only 4 municipalities had \geq 6.2% increase during the same period

Questions or other data needs, please contact Anne Walko at awalko@ycpc.org or visit:

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