



Connecting Our Communities

AUGUST 2026

*Facilitating communication
and exchange of ideas
in local municipal planning*



In This Newsletter

- LGAC/YCPC Actions
- PA Greenways & Trails Summit
- Municipal Spotlight
- Cooling Stations
- 250 PA/Bells Across America
- Subdivision/Land Development Plan Reviews
- Age Friendly York County
- Municipal Open Space Preservation
- Traffic Safety Survey

What Is an Agrihood?

An agrihood (agricultural neighborhood) is a planned residential development that is intentionally designed around an active agricultural component, such as a working farm, community garden, orchard, vineyard, or other agricultural use.

Unlike typical cluster residential developments where open space is maintained primarily for recreational purposes or to protect sensitive natural features, agrihoods incorporate agriculture as a defining feature of the community. The agricultural area is designed to remain a productive farm and is often managed by the development's Homeowners Association.

Some of the activities/uses typically associated with the agricultural aspect of agrihoods include:

- Farm Stands & Markets
- Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) & Harvest Shares
- Farm Dinners & Events
- Wellness & Education Programs
- Resident Grocery & Delivery

From a recent survey for the York County Open Space and Trails Plan, 91% of York County residents who responded stated that they consider open space to be very important, and 76% feel the same way about farmland. Agrihoods integrate agriculture into their design to produce fresh, locally grown produce, protect open space, and provide a farm-to-table lifestyle for the residents of the development. This approach can help maintain agricultural character, support local food systems, and reduce the fragmentation of productive farmland that can occur through lot-by-lot subdivisions.

Because agrihoods involve both residential development and agricultural preservation, municipalities considering permitting agrihoods as a use should carefully consider where they are permitted within the broader framework of local and county planning policies. Such developments are most appropriate within designated growth areas identified in county and municipal comprehensive plans, where future development is intended to be directed and supporting infrastructure exists or is planned for. Much like other forms of cluster developments, limiting agrihoods to planned growth areas helps align development with future land use goals while avoiding unintended pressure for residential expansion into rural areas.

As with any development type, the specific design, management structure, and regulatory approach can vary. Municipalities evaluating agrihoods as a potential use should consider how the agricultural and residential components will function together over the long term, how agricultural land will be preserved and managed, and how the development supports the goals established in applicable comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances.



Proposed Ordinance/ Plan/Map Amendments

LGAC/YCPC ACTIONS

Recommended Actions Staff LGAC YCPC

YCPC Project 26-038 - Paradise Twp Zoning Ord Amend
Text: Data Centers

Adopt

Adopt

Adopt

YCPC Project 26-039 - West Manchester Twp Zoning Ord Amend
Map: R-6 Residential to I-2 Light Industrial

Not Adopt

Not Adopt

Not Adopt

YCPC Project 26-040 - Lower Chanceford Twp Zoning Ord Amend
Text: Data Centers

Not Adopt

Not Adopt

Not Adopt

YCPC Project 26-041 - East Manchester Twp Zoning Ord Amend
Map: (R-1) Low Density Residential to (AO) Apt/Office and (I) Industrial

Not Adopt

Not Adopt

Not Adopt

YCPC Project 26-042 - Winterstown Borough SALDO Amend
Text: Driveways

Adopt

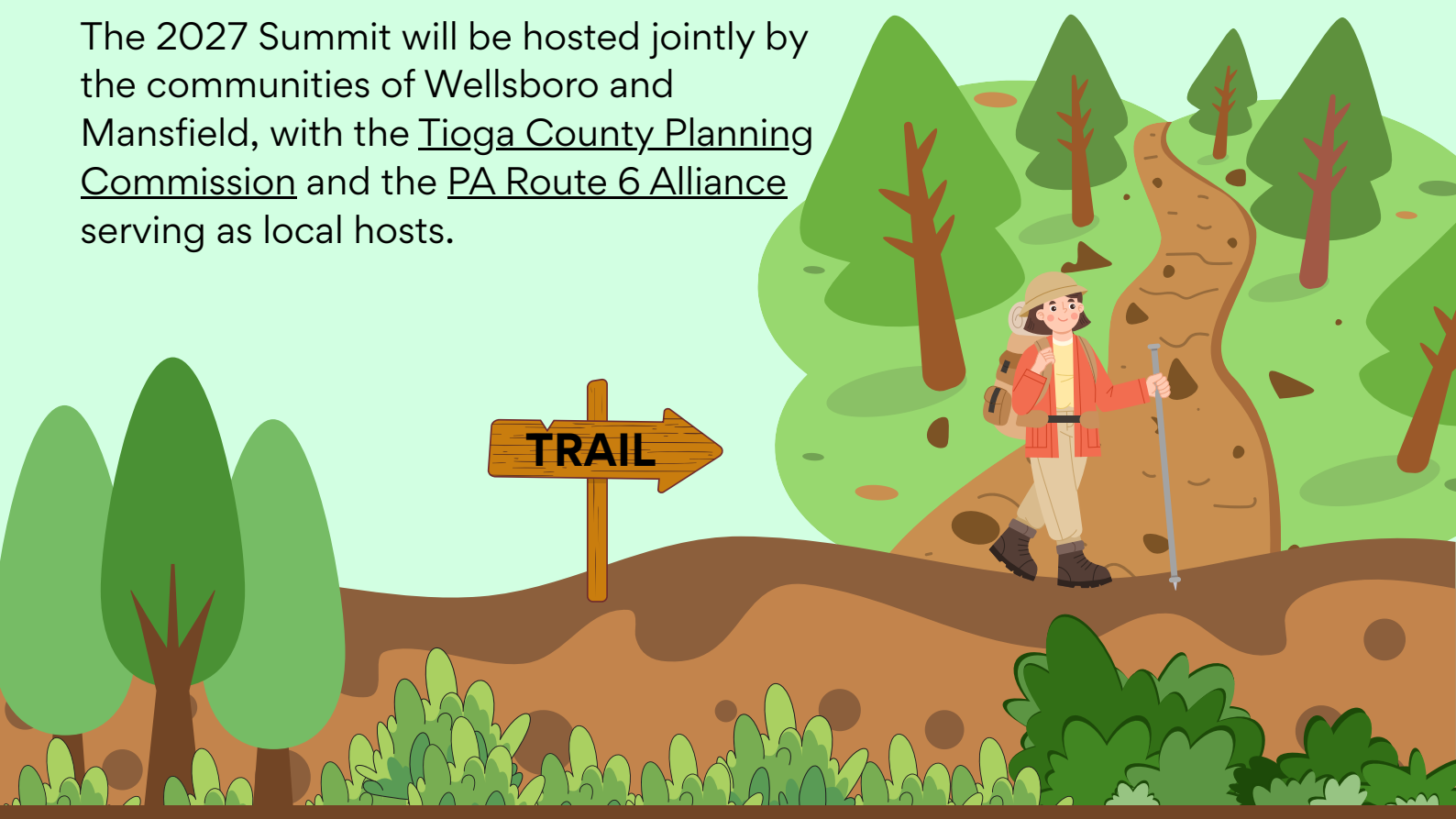
Adopt

Adopt

Pennsylvania Greenways and Trails Summit September 19-21, 2027- Wellsboro & Mansfield

The Pennsylvania Greenways and Trails Summit is the Commonwealth's premier biennial gathering of trail professionals, planners, advocates, volunteers, and outdoor enthusiasts. Through educational sessions, mobile workshops, and networking, the summit advances Pennsylvania's greenways and trail systems.

The 2027 Summit will be hosted jointly by the communities of Wellsboro and Mansfield, with the Tioga County Planning Commission and the PA Route 6 Alliance serving as local hosts.



Cooling Station Here!



With the oppressive summer heat, York County Mapping has created an interactive map to help residents locate cooling stations throughout the county.

The map identifies two types of cooling locations: those that are open to seniors only and those that welcome the general public.

Each listing includes the facility name, address, and hours of availability, making it easy to find a nearby location when temperatures rise.

Residents are encouraged to use this resource to stay safe and cool during periods of extreme heat.

[Click Here for Map](#)



 August 19, 1749, the County of York was created as the fifth county of Pennsylvania, the first county west of the Susquehanna River.

 July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress signed and adopted the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia and proclaimed to King George III of England that the thirteen States of America were united as an independent sovereign nation

 November 15, 1777, the Second Continental Congress met at the Courthouse in the square of York and adopted the Articles of Confederation, our nation's first constitution, which for the first time was referred to the "United States of America."

On July 3rd and 4th York County held multiple celebrations with events at First Friday and on Saturday a cultural fair on the rail trail, a whistle concert with patriotic songs from a factory whistle, musical performances, a baseball game with the York Revolution and to end the day a fireworks display.

BELLS ACROSS AMERICA

York Installation Dedications

Dedication of the art installations of seven local artists Liberty Bells which were painted to showcase York County's rich history in celebration of the 250th year of the United States founding.

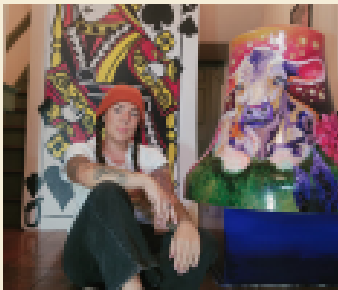
More information available [here](#)



Chelsea Foster
"The Energy of
York County"

August 26 ★ 2:00^{PM}

York City
History Center Rail Trail
205 W. Phila Street, York, 17401



Annelise Vuono
"Dusk on
the Farm"

September 15 ★ 2:00^{PM}

Dillsburg Borough
Dillsburg Borough Office
233 S Chestnut St, Dillsburg, PA 17019



Andi Simpson
"She Lays in
the Valley"

October 15 ★ 2:00^{PM}

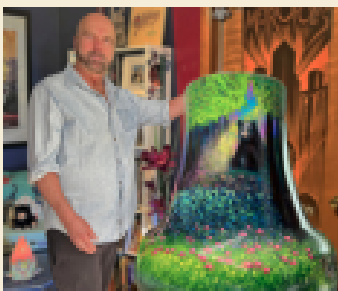
York Township
Brillhart Station Rail Trail
Days Mill Road & Brillhart Station Road York, PA 17403

★ **EXCLUSIVE
UNVEILING** ★
**YORK COUNTY
VETERANS DAY
PROGRAM**

Paul Godfrey
"Military & First
Responder Bell"

November 7 ★ 8:00^{AM}

North York Borough
Court of Valor at Prospect Hill Cemetery
700 North George Street, York, PA 17404



Brett Greiman
"Susquehanna
Riverlands,
circa 1608"

November 19 ★ 2:00^{PM}

East Manchester Township
John Rudy Park Rail Trail Stop
400 Mundis Race Rd, York, PA 17406

Subdivision/Land Development Plan Reviews

The Municipal Planning Division of the York County Planning Commission (YCPC) tracks many different planning characteristics occurring in York County. One of those characteristics is the number of subdivision and land development plans reviewed.

For example, since January 1, 2025, the YCPC has reviewed 362 subdivision and land development plans.

Here is a breakdown of some of the municipalities that have submitted the largest number of plans over that period.



Municipality	Plan Numbers
Fairview Township	25
York Township	21
Manchester Township	20
Penn Township	18
Peach Bottom Township	17
Windsor Township	14
Washington Township	12
Hanover Borough	11
Lower Chanceford Township	11
Newberry Township	11
Paradise Township	11
Conewago Township	10
Dover Township	10
Jackson Township	10
Lower Windsor Township	10
North Codorus Township	10
West Manchester Township	10



Age Friendly York County Quarterly Newsletter!

The quarterly newsletter for Age Friendly York County hit inboxes the last week of July. If you did not receive it and would like to be included, please sign up here, <https://mailchi.mp/yccf/899s5ywjyr>. You can also check out this quarter's newsletter by clicking [HERE](#). This edition seeks to collect data from Age Friendly Partners, and that includes you, York County municipalities. This edition also shares the action that's happening in York County. Check it out!



YORK COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA





MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

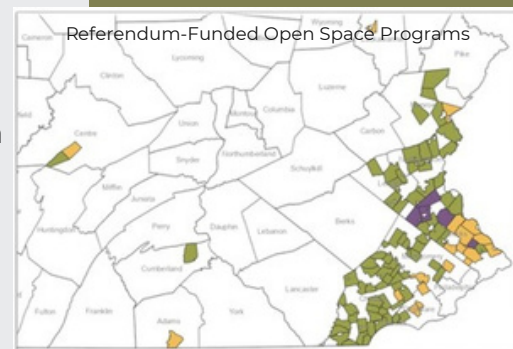
Protecting open space has long been important to York County. There are many benefits from open space that are environmental, social and economic. Open space creates jobs, enhances agriculture, provides educational opportunities, promotes health and wellness, conserves natural resources and improves our water and air quality

A recent update from WeConservePA focuses on open space protection at the municipal level. Below, learn more about the status of municipal open space referendums statewide and the upcoming 2026 Municipal Open Space Summit.

OPEN SPACE REFERENDUM

Land preservation can occur at the municipal level. In PA, local governments can establish earned income and real estate taxes dedicated to land acquisition and easements. Pennsylvania Act 153 of 1996 ("OpenSpace Lands, Acquisition and Preservation") authorizes municipalities(excluding counties) to do this, established by voter referendum.

WeConservePA recently released Local Municipal Open Space Referendums in Pennsylvania, 2026 Status Report. It is a report of the voting outcomes and funds generated by the local municipal open space referendums. The Report provides data, outcomes and locations from across Pennsylvania. https://library.weconservepa.org/library_items/2176



MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE SUMMIT

WeConservePA is also sponsoring a municipal open space summit to be held on November 13, 2026 at the Washington at Historic Yellow Springs in Chester Springs, PA. This summit will bring together municipal leaders, staff, elected officials, volunteers, and conservation to focus on strengthening local open space protection efforts. The two educational tracts will focus on (1) helping municipalities to effectively administer existing open space protection programs and (2) assisting communities interested in pursuing a dedicated open space tax or bond referendum. Summit information and link to register can be found here:

[WeConservePA- 2026 Municipal Open Space Summit.](#)



To receive updates from WeConservePA about land conservation in PA, subscribe:

[HTTPS://WECONSERVEPA.ORG/GET-INFORMED/](https://weconservepa.org/get-informed/)

Help Improve Roadway Safety

TRAFFIC SAFETY SURVEY
TRAFFIC SAFETY SURVEY
TRAFFIC SAFETY SURVEY
TRAFFIC SAFETY SURVEY
TRAFFIC SAFETY SURVEY
TRAFFIC SAFETY SURVEY



York County is beginning work on a Transportation Safety Action Plan to improve roadway safety, and we want to hear from you. Please take a moment to complete a brief survey and tell us about the traffic safety issues you have experienced in York County. Your input is important and will be used as we develop the Action Plan.

