

Overall Issues Facing County and Steps Forward

The planning process identified a number of major issues that can be summarized as follows

- ❑ *Decentralized developmental approach* – message, County/Regional information, incentives, site and building information/mapping, etc.;
- ❑ *Equalizing regional access in underserved sections of the County* – affects communities and economic competitiveness;
- ❑ *Multiplicity of municipalities, school districts, authorities, commissions and development-related agencies* – results in tax base issues, duplication of services, cost-inefficiencies and uncoordinated planning;
- ❑ *Maintaining and sustaining various types of communities and governance* – older urban areas, rural and agricultural areas, small villages, suburban areas and recreational areas; and
- ❑ *Addressing water quality issues* - resolving long-term Acid Mine Drainage and sanitary sewage overflow issues - affects communities, nature tourism and quality of life.



Goals, objectives, recommendations and implementation measures attempt to address these and other issues in a manner that sustains the County through the first third of the 21st Century. Overall, the County role is one of *coordination*, not an easy task in a County that is essentially a microcosm of the diverse larger society. Within this coordinative effort, the suggested *Cambria County Planning Commission* responsibilities include:

- ❑ Monitors and is central focus of County Plan implementation;
- ❑ Offers land use planning, access management and related technical assistance to Growth Area communities in land use/development follow-up; and
- ❑ Assists in the development and maintenance of a centralized inventory of development sites.



APPENDICES

- Appendix A Adopting Resolution of December 16, 2011**
- Appendix B Community Workshop #1 Summary**
- Appendix C Planning Retreat Summary July 15, 2011**
- Appendix D Community Workshop #2 Summary**
- Appendix E Community Workshop #3/Public Meeting Summary**
- Appendix F Public Hearing Presentation**