

Notable Plan for Rural Preservation

Manheim Central Region Comprehensive Plan Lancaster County, PA

In 1993, Manheim Borough, Penn Township, and Rapho Township adopted the Manheim Central Region Comprehensive Plan, which was the first regional comprehensive plan in Lancaster County to incorporate urban growth boundaries.

Strategic Update 2000

Strategic Update 2000 is intended to be used as an addition to the Comprehensive Plan with actionable strategies that the region can use to further the policies adopted in 1993. A Strategy or Policy Statement and Components (action items) accompany each strategy. The strategies include:

- Urban Growth Boundaries Reassessment
- Turnpike Interchange Growth Area
- Agriculture Preserv. / Industry Promotion Dialogue
- Industrial Redevelopment
- Economic Development
- Main Street Area Enhancement/Preservation
- Open Space Subdivision and Land Development

Website

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It is important that the proper balance of farming/development be sought and continually maintained. Such determinations will require local officials to periodically “take the pulse” of the Region at large.

Exerpt from Manheim Central Region
Comprehensive Plan



Strategy: Agriculture Preservation / Industry Promotion Dialogue
This strategy focuses on sustaining the agricultural heritage and industry in the Manheim Central Region. It recognizes agriculture as consisting of three systems: economic (farm profitability), ecological (environmental stewardship) and social (quality of life for farm families and rural communities). The strategy focuses on the initiation of a community dialogue for sustaining agriculture that is economically viable, environmentally sound and socially just.