



County Commissioners
Charles H. Martin, *Chairman*
James F. Cawley, Esq., *Vice Chairman*
Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW



Contact: Chris Edwards or Ann Machesic
215-348-6415

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 2, 2010

NEWS

HELP SHAPE THE DIRECTION OF BUCKS COUNTY Commissioners, Planning Commission Seek Public Input through 2010 Comprehensive Plan Survey

The Bucks County Planning Commission is in the midst of updating and revising the county's Comprehensive Plan. To that end, the Planning Commission joins the Board of Bucks County Commissioners to invite residents, business owners and others with an interest in the county's present and future to participate in the Bucks County Comprehensive Plan Survey.

The survey, which can be accessed online at: <http://www.buckscounty.org/compsurvey.aspx> is intended to collect the opinions of residents, business owners, municipal officials, and others on issues that will be addressed in the county Comprehensive Plan. The plan will provide a guide for shaping the direction of the county. It addresses many issues that impact quality of life standards, such as agricultural preservation, natural resource protection, transportation, housing, economic development, recreation, and community services. "We encourage all Bucks Countians to take advantage of this opportunity to offer opinions about our county, what we do well, what we could do better, and what are the most important issues facing us in the future," Commissioner Chairman Charles H. Martin noted.

Planning Commission Executive Director and county Chief Clerk Lynn T. Bush explains that the "guiding principles" of the county Comprehensive Plan include, but are not limited to, reflection of public input and concerns, guidance of growth and development to places where it makes sense, protection of areas that should be preserved such as farmland, municipal open space, natural and historic resources, and reinvestment in older developed areas such as boroughs and first-generation suburban communities. "We are excited about reaching out to our county residents to learn more about what the county can do to protect and enhance our communities," stated Ms. Bush.

The deadline to participate in the survey is **August 23, 2010**. Hard copies of the survey are also available at Bucks County government buildings.

-30-