

# Presentation to Business & Community Advocacy Council

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#### THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

An official statement of the County's future land use goals



An overall view of how the many pieces of the community should work together

A tool for evaluating proposed land development projects

Serves as a guide for the future development of the County

## The Implementable Comprehensive Plan



Focus on
Relevant Land
Use Development
Issues



Creation of
Workable
Ideas and
Action Plans



Identifies the Capacity and Partners to Implement



Community Ownership

Plan Process

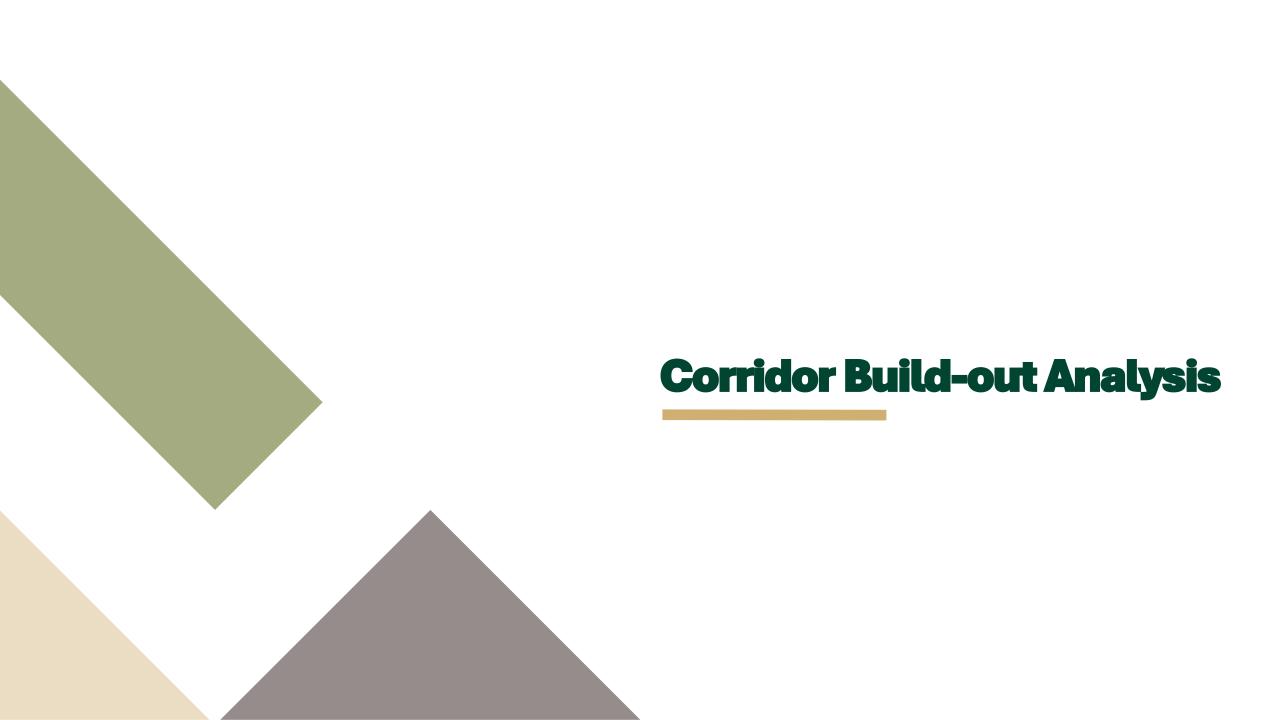


### Tools

Placer Ai

**Interactive Polling** 

**GIS and Interactive Mapping** 

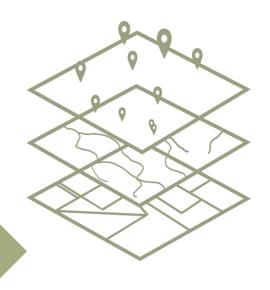


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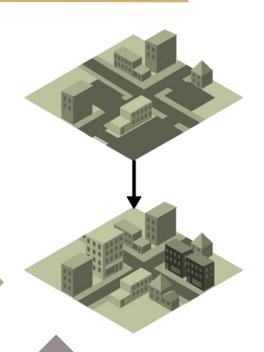


### What is the Corridor Build-out Analysis?

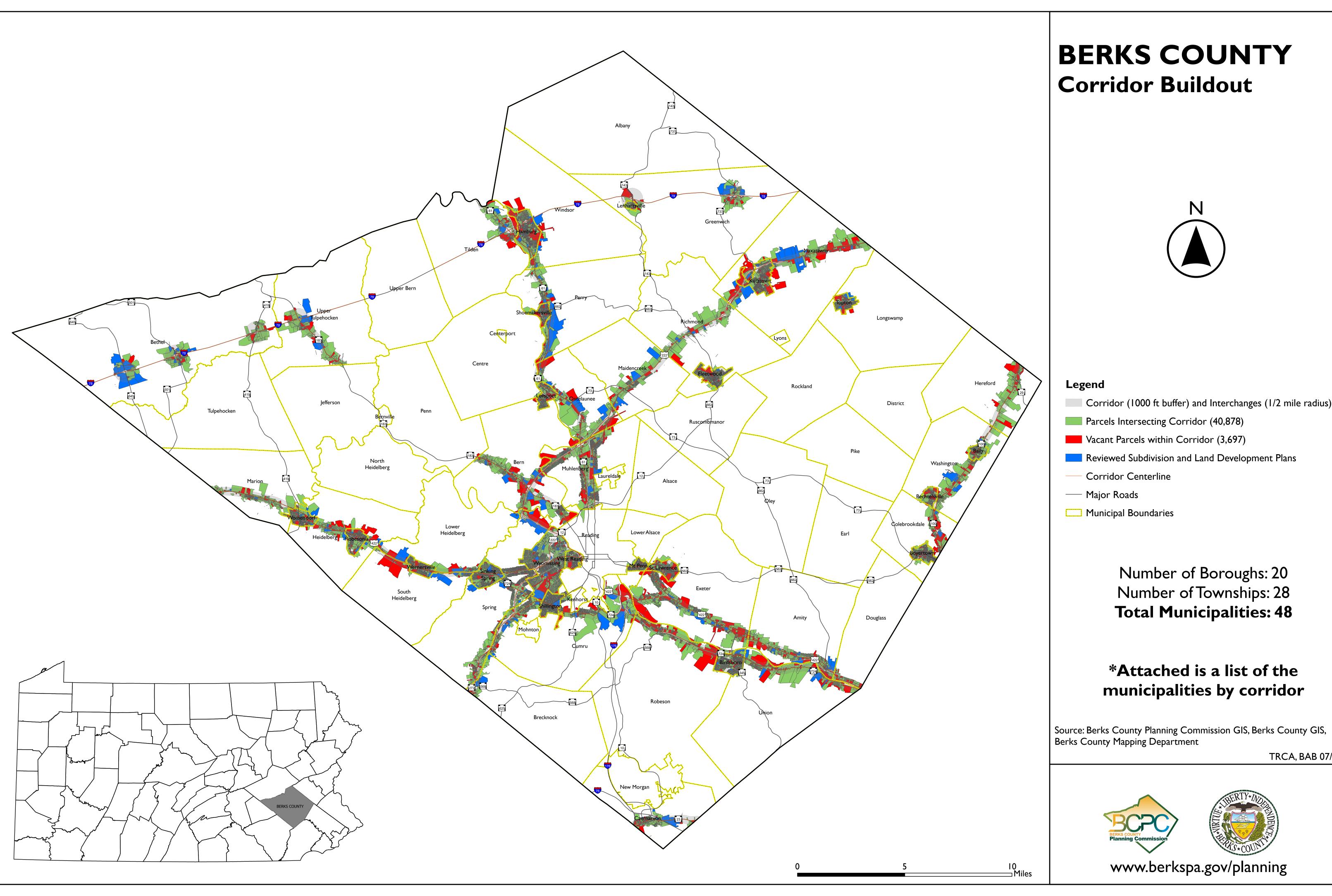


- The Corridor Build-out Analysis is a land use study of parcels within 1,000 feet of center line along designated transportation corridors in municipalities within Berks County. The goal is to identify development and redevelopment opportunities along the corridors and utilize GIS tools to estimate what can be developed by right in the area, based on existing zoning regulations.
- The result of the analysis will show how much Commercial/Industrial square footage and Residential units can be built within the area, respecting zoning and observing existing constrains.

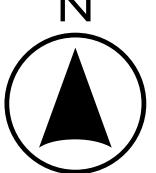
## Why is the Corridor Build-out Analysis important?



- The Corridor Build-out Analysis is an important part of the new county comprehensive plan.
- Informed decision making. Strategic Planning.
- Support infill development/redevelopment near existing infrastructure.
- Preserve Agricultural and Conservation land.
- Coordination with municipalities comprehensive plans.
- Visualize potential urban density and anticipate impacts.



## **BERKS COUNTY Corridor Buildout**



- Corridor (1000 ft buffer) and Interchanges (1/2 mile radius)

Number of Boroughs: 20 Number of Townships: 28

\*Attached is a list of the municipalities by corridor

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### **Municipalities in the Corridor Build-out Analysis**

#### **Townships:**

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- 2. Bern
- 3. Bethel
- 4. Brecknock
- 5. Caernarvon
- 6. Colebrookdale
- 7. Cumru
- 8. Douglass
- 9. Exeter
- 10.Greenwich
- 11.Heidelberg
- 12.Hereford
- 13.Lower Heidelberg
- 14.Maidencreek

#### 15.Marion

- 16.Maxatawny
- 17. Muhlenberg
- 18.Ontelaunee
- 19.Perry
- 20.Richmond
- 21.Robeson
- 22. South Heidelberg
- 23.Spring
- 24.Tilden
- 25.Union
- 26.Upper Tulpehocken
- 27. Washington
- 28.Windsor

#### **Boroughs:**

- 1. Bally
- 2. Bechtelsville
- 3. Birdsboro
- 4. Boyertown
- 5. Fleetwood
- 6. Hamburg
- 7. Kutztown
- 8. Leesport
- 9. Lenhartsville
- 10.Mt Penn

- 11.Robesonia
- 12.Shillington
- 13.Shoemakersville
- 14. Sinking Spring
- 15.St Lawrence
- 16.Topton
- 17.Wernersville
- 18. West Reading
- 19.Womelsdorf
- 20. Wyomissing

## **Next steps**



- Analyze proposed land use designations for vacant and underutilized parcels.
- Estimate the cost and revenue of future development/redevelopment. - Fiscal Impact to municipality. (Base for other in-depth economic development studies).

#### https://bit.ly/BerksCountyCompPlan



Greetings!

The Berks County Planning Commission is excited to begin preparing a new, state of the art, implementable Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will be guided by the 10 Smart Growth Principles.

Our goal is to produce a document that will promote cooperation and coordinated planning among municipalities that supports balanced growth, protects valuable land resources, and maintains the unique identities of our local communities.

Our mission is to have a process that includes all segments and sectors of our community and economy, and to produce a Plan with a clear vision for the future that all Berks Countians will be proud of.

We invite you to join us in the planning process! Please continue to visit this page for updates about the planning process and upcoming public engagement events!









# Thankyou



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