

**APPENDIX B**

**PUBLIC WORKSHOPS #2 THROUGH PROJECT  
COMPLETION**

## **WORKSHOP SUMMARIES**

### **January 28, 1998**

Elk County held a "kick off" meeting on January 28, 1998. Invitations were extended through public advertisement and notices to municipalities and other interested parties. Public surveys were distributed to municipal governments and its citizenry, and made available at the January 28, 1998 meeting.

The meeting presented an introduction to comprehensive planning and plan components and outlined the importance of each component to the comprehensive planning process, land use planning, and growth management.

The meeting outlined the need for an update to the 1968 plan under DCED's SPAG program. Ways that the public might choose to be involved in the planning process were suggested. Public input was invited as an essential component of the plan development.

### **February 25, 1998**

A public workshop was held on February 25, 1998. Several review committees were established to review portions of the background data developed and to offer input/suggestions.

### **March 25, 1998**

A workshop held on March 25, 1998 addressed housing and physical environment. Background data was presented and a draft of the plan's housing goals and objectives was offered for committee review and input. Participating municipalities were asked to provide existing municipal level comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, subdivision/land development ordinances, on-lot sewage disposal ordinances, public sewer pretreatment ordinances, and related information which might be used as a part of the background analysis for infrastructures, land use, and housing components of the Comprehensive Plan.

Bob Dippold of the Elk County Conservation District provided soil surveys to be used for base map development. Volunteers were used to color code soil units relevant to base map preparation.

### **May 27, 1998**

The May 27, 1998 workshop presented the findings of the County wide survey disseminated at the onset of the project. The residency of the 52 respondents were as follows:

- 24% Unidentified
- 23% Fox Township
- 15% Borough of Ridgway
- 15% Jones Township

- 13% City of St. Marys
- 4% Borough of Johnsonburg
- 2% Spring Creek Township
- 2% Jay Township
- 2% Ridgway Township

Survey topics presented at this workshop included Environmental Attitudes, Housing Attitudes, Economic Attitudes, Utilities and Infrastructure Attitudes, and Solid Waste Attitudes.

U.S. Census data indicating income, employment, and poverty statistics were provided. Labor and Industry data indicating trends in various sectors of the labor market was presented. The public expressed a strong interest in seeing data beyond that available from Labor and Industry (L&I). Data available from L&I provides labor market information for only industries which employ 25 persons or more. Discussions centered around the significance of support industries to local economic and use of the ANF resources.

### **July 22, 1998**

A workshop was held on July 22, 1998 which presented the background analysis for economics and for infrastructure.

The workshop presented the community survey results in the areas of recreation and land use.

Ongoing discussion on Infrastructure and Economic continued. Information related to consistency between Act 247 and Act 537 was addressed. Problem areas related to public sewerage service and ongoing efforts to remove infiltration and inflow from most of the plants in the County was discussed. The significance of support manufacturing industries was addressed since data from Labor and Industry's (L & I) tables do not evaluate industries employing less than 25 persons. It was noted that Elk County is home to approximately 114 industries that are not accounted for in the L&I data available to project the County's economic climate. A breakdown of these 114 industries by number of persons employed was provided.

Background data for recreation and land use was presented. For recreation, this consisted of an inventory of State and Federal and forest lands, Community parks, trails networks, senior citizen centers, and youth programs. For land use, this consisted of an inventory of Municipal level Act 247 Comprehensive Plans, Subdivision and Land Development ordinances, and zoning ordinances. Land use data from the 1968 plan was presented.

### **November 10, 1998**

The November 10, 1998 workshop presented the draft map to be included in the background study indicating existing land use and housing condition information. Input from all attending was sought on the use of growth management tools within the individual municipalities in Elk County including the use of growth boundaries. Land use issues were discussed. Areas where present development has existing incompatible land use and areas where problems are

anticipated to arise relating to incompatible development if no land use management tools are implemented in the individual municipalities of Elk County were discussed.

The Million Dollar Highway in Fox Township, the location of future land fill areas, if any, was discussed. The uses of planning tools such as zoning and growth boundaries was discussed as the use of such tools relate to compatible development, economic growth, environmental integrity, and sprawl. The optimum location for marketing new industrial growth in the County was also discussed.

**APPENDIX C  
RELATED INFORMATION**

**SAMPLE MUNICIPAL SURVEY  
SAMPLE COMMUNITY SURVEY  
MEDIA RESPONSE  
PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION  
PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION**

**ELK COUNTY**  
**MUNICIPAL SURVEY**  
**COMMUNITY ISSUES AND LAND USE**

**Elk County** is presently preparing for a review of its Comprehensive Plan. One purpose of this plan is to help establish policies for future growth, land use, and resource conservation in the future. **YOUR PARTICIPATION** in this survey will help the County ensure that the Comprehensive Plan accurately reflects the true desires and goals of its' local governments. Your responses to this survey will help in shaping the counties near and long term future.

One survey is being provided to each municipality in the County. **Try to answer as many questions as possible.** To assist the County in compiling the surveys, please return your completed survey in the self addressed and stamped envelope as soon as possible. We appreciate your cooperation.

**Background Planning**

1. Does your municipality have its own Comprehensive Plan?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (Year \_\_\_\_\_)                      No \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. What other municipal wide plans does your municipality have. Please check.
  - a.) Your own Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan? \_\_\_\_\_ (if yes, year \_\_\_\_\_)
  - b.) A Stormwater Management Plan? \_\_\_\_\_ (if yes, year \_\_\_\_\_)
  - c.) A Subdivision and Land Developed Ordinance? \_\_\_\_\_ (if yes, year \_\_\_\_\_)
  - d.) Zoning? \_\_\_\_\_ (if yes, year \_\_\_\_\_)
  
3. Does your municipality have a Local Planning Commission? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please provide current members and current address for each.

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4. Please indicate if any municipal officials would have an interest in being an active member in committees formed to develop individual facets of the County wide Comprehensive Plan. If so, please provide names, contact telephone No., and list the areas of interest i.e:

_____	Attitude Surveys
_____	Housing Surveys
_____	Land Use Surveys
_____	Historic Resources
_____	Transportation
_____	Employment/Industry Trends
_____	Education
_____	Recreation
_____	Other

5. What issues are most frequently concerns in your municipality:

**Circle your choice**

Elaborate if desired in space provided.

a. **Public water service**      Major concern      Occasional concern      Minor concern

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b. **Private water service**      Major concern      Occasional concern      Minor concern

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c. **Public sewer service**      Major concern      Occasional concern      Minor concern

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d. **On-lot sewage disposal**      Major concern      Occasional concern      Minor concern

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e. **Stormwater**      Major concern      Occasional concern      Minor concern

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f. **Prime Agricultural Land Preservation**      Major concern      Occasional concern      Minor concern

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g. **Land Development (commercial/industrial growth)**      Major concern      Occasional concern      Minor concern

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h. **Housing** Major concern Occasional concern Minor concern

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i. **Wetlands** Major concern Occasional concern Minor concern

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j. **Natural Resource Conservation** Major concern Occasional concern Minor concern

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k. **Resource Extraction** Major concern Occasional concern Minor concern

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l. **Transportation** Major concern Occasional concern Minor concern

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m. **Recreational Opportunities** Major concern Occasional concern Minor concern

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n. **Environmental i.e. municipal waste** Major concern Occasional concern Minor concern

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o. **Government services, i.e. police, ambulance, fire protection** Major concern Occasional concern Minor concern

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p. **Education i.e. schools libraries, childrens programs, elderly programs** Major concern Occasional concern Minor concern

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