



A. Background

County residents rely on publicly provided services in many aspects of their daily lives. Services provided under County auspices are wide ranging and encompass such issues as marriage licensing, transportation services, judicial administration, waste removal, and emergency services. The County's capacity to provide desired services in an effective and efficient manner will direct future growth in a manner that can either ensure or negate the perception of the County as a desirable place to live, work, and play.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the provision of certain services falls under the jurisdiction of County Government. This section provides an overview of the services assumed by the County of Greene. Chapter 6-Public Facilities, of the Greene County Comprehensive Plan shall be understood to comply with the requirements specified in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247 as reenacted and amended, for *"a plan for community facilities and utilities, which may include public and private education, recreation, municipal buildings, fire and police stations, libraries, hospitals, water supply and distribution, sewerage and waste treatment, solid waste management, storm drainage, and flood plain management, utility corridors and associated facilities, and other similar facilities or uses."*

Existing Studies

Greene County Comprehensive Plan (Candeub, Fleissig and Associates, 1979)

The 1979 Greene County Comprehensive Plan included a review of the five school districts and vo-technical schools to address public education. Recreation facilities were inventoried and assessed. The 1979 Comprehensive Plan included an inventory of public buildings, both County and Municipal. Volunteer Fire Departments, Hospitals, Libraries, Museums, and cultural facilities were listed and assessed. Finally, the 1979 Plan provided a review of existing public water and sewerage providers, and solid waste management.

Greene County Municipal Waste Management Plan (1994)

This plan was developed to ensure that the County fulfills its obligation with respect to municipal waste management planning according to Act 101: Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act. It describes existing waste generation and future capacity of landfill sites and examines the benefits of recycling. The study found that the County's recycling rate is only 5.8 percent, well below its goal of 25 percent it set to achieve by 1997.

Greene County Review and Recommendations by the Richard King Mellon Foundation (2000)

The scope of the project was for the author to familiarize himself with the Greene County leadership, human service and economic development issues and opportunities. Based upon the findings, the study recommends a stronger link between Waynesburg College and Greene County; the creation of a new partnership is needed that is capable of receiving and balancing both public and private resources and agendas; a public/private partnership to accomplish strategic initiatives in the area of economic development, planning and tourism; and the creation of a public/private industrial development partnership.

Greene County Education Consortium Educational Master Plan (2004)

The study was undertaken in order to provide a master plan for the consortium, which is comprised of the five school districts (Carmichaels Area, Central Greene, Jefferson Morgan, Southeastern Greene and West Greene), the Greene County Area Vocational-Technical School of Education and the Greene County Economic Development Council. The plan is intended to provide guidance for all entities to "move in a common direction with energy, enthusiasm and resources," by linking educational changes with economic development.

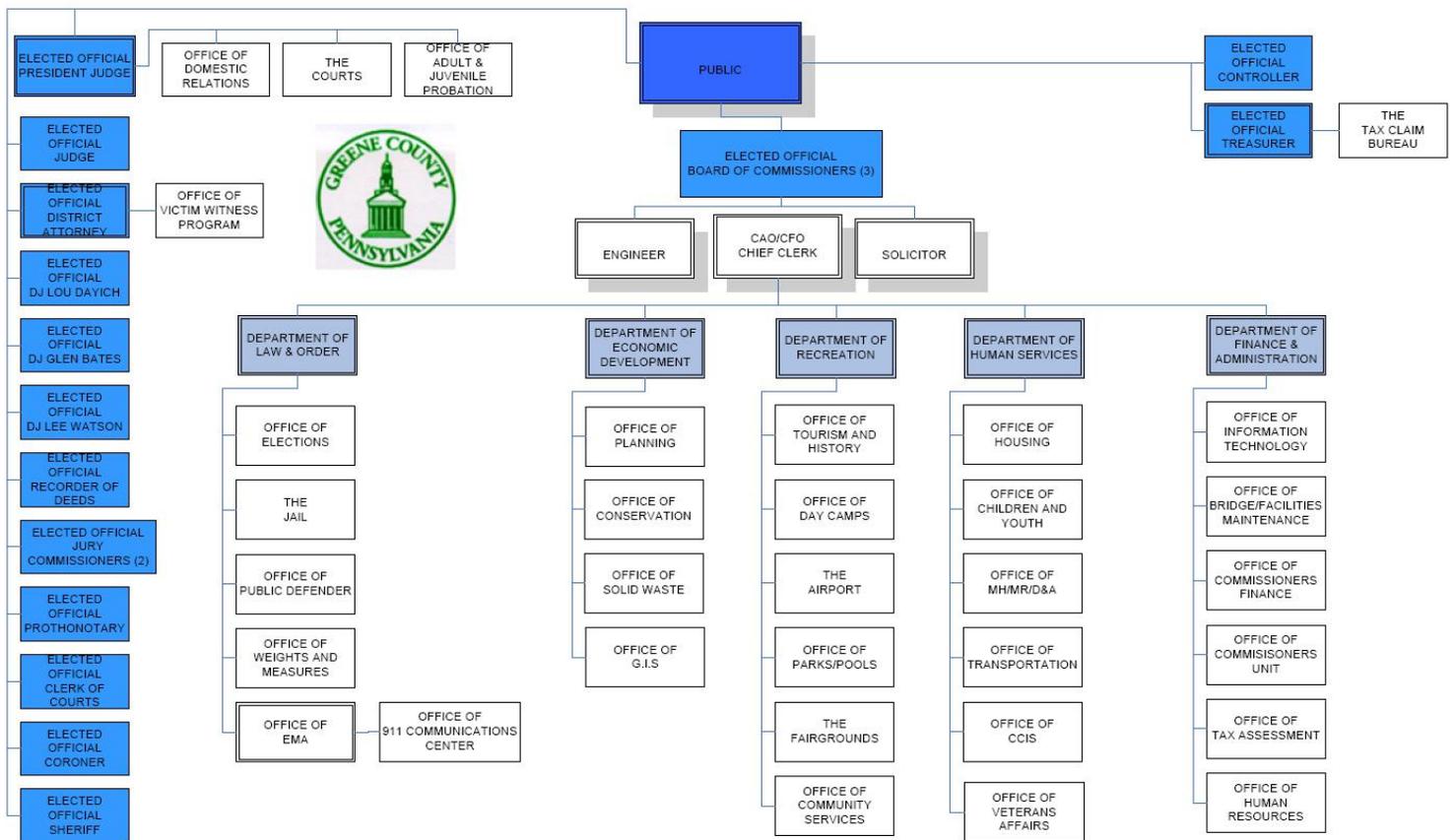
Greene County MAGIC Map (2005)

This study was initiated to provide an examination of assets and needs in Greene County. The county-wide assessment investigated local health and human service organizations, educational institutions, government entities, and business and civic organizations. Discussion groups and surveys were conducted with three groups – community resident, businesses and human service providers. Surveys were mailed to randomly selected households in Greene County, businesses, and service providers. The final report presented findings in seven areas including, Family Stability, Safe Communities, Life Enrichment for Adults and Seniors, Early Care and School Success, Physical Health, Resource Coordination, and Community Infrastructure.



Public Amenities Resources

Counties are required by County Code to provide certain services to their citizens. The following chart displays the organization of Greene County's administration, elected officials, departments, and offices. The public directly elects a Board of Commissioners (3), Controller, Treasurer, President Judge, Judge, District Attorney, District Judges (3), Recorder of deeds, Jury Commissioners (2), Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts, Coroner, and Sheriff.



Elected Offices

Controller ~ elected by the general public and is responsible for the preparation of the annual Controller Report, which upon external audit, becomes the County's financial statements; annual Financial Report to the Department of Community & Economic Development.; annual Liquid Fuel Revenue & Expense Report; Investigates wasteful spending and reports of fraud and abuse; reviews purchase orders, invoices, and code for payment; draft checks; works with Budget Director on compiling information for annual budget; and handles any managerial issues.

Treasurer ~ elected by the general public and is responsible for receipt, custody and disbursing of monies and, as an agent of the state, the issuing of dog, hunting and fishing licenses.

The Tax Claim Bureau was established under Act 542 of 1947 for the consolidation of all delinquent real estate tax claims into one agency as a convenience to local officials, property owners, prospective purchasers, and title searchers. The Bureau collects delinquent real estate County, Township or Borough and School taxes and then distributes the monies back to the various entities. The Tax Claim Bureau conducts Upset, Judicial and Private Sales of unpaid real estate tax properties during the year.

Court of Common Pleas (Judges) ~ Court of Common Pleas is administered by the county. Each county has one or more judges who are elected to sit on the bench and hear criminal and civil court cases. Counties support the courts with corrections and criminal justice programs such as the county prison, juvenile detention center, probation, and/or criminal investigation units.

Domestic Relations Office ~ responsible for assisting victims of domestic violence through community and victim education about both the scope of the problem of domestic violence and available services. The Greene County Women's Center (GCWC) (a satellite office of Washington Women's Shelter, Inc.) provides support groups, children's programs, and training programs.

District Attorney's Office ~ the District Attorney prosecutes criminal cases arising in Greene County, providing necessary legal support to police investigators and continuing to represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the trial of a case and the years of appeals which may follow.

Magisterial District Judges ~ Greene County has three district judges, who have jurisdiction over summary cases, landlord/tenant cases, civil cases up to \$8,000, vehicle code violations, and crimes code violations. They preside over arraignments and preliminary hearings, set and accept bail, issue search and arrest warrants and presides over dog, fish and game violations.

Recorder of Deeds ~ the repository and record manager for all papers relating to Wills and estates as well as all real estate transactions. These documents are part of Greene County's permanent records and must be protected from loss, theft or damage. It is also the responsibility of this office to provide efficient and timely service to the public while preserving the integrity of public records. The primary requirement of the office is to record deeds, mortgages, liens, surveys, plats, land contracts, condominiums, financing statements, related documents and other miscellaneous real estate documents, instruments pertaining to the transfer and encumbrances of all land and properties within Greene County.



Jury Commissioners ~ responsible for filling the Jury list at the beginning of each year with the names of approximately 1,500 citizens of Greene County. Throughout the year, Court Orders are issued requesting that a certain number of jurors be impaneled to hear the Civil and Criminal cases coming before the court. The Jury Commissioners then select the appropriate number of jurors who are to report for the scheduled term.

Prothonotary's Office ~ the keeper/clerk of the civil records/division for the court. The Prothonotary is elected to serve a four-year term as the legal custodial of documents filed with the County Court of Common Pleas and the Prothonotary's filing duties are set by Pennsylvania statutes, the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Greene County Local Rules of Court.

Clerk of Courts Office ~ responsible for keeping records for the criminal courts, bail bonding, collection of court fines, costs and restitutions, issuing and keeping records of marriage licenses, final accounts of estate, settlement of small estates, guardianship for incarcerated person(s) and other miscellaneous tasks.

Coroner's Office ~ responsible for investigating all deaths of a suspicious or violent nature. When inquests are warranted, the Coroner is empowered to perform autopsies, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and issuance of certificates of death where death occurs without medical attention or attendance.

Sheriff's Office ~ The Sheriff's Office was formed to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, administer the civil process, serve and enforce court orders, issuance of licenses to carry firearms, and provide security for the courthouse and all county property.

Board of Commissioners

Greene County citizens elect a Board of Commissioners, comprised of three members, who are responsible for the oversight of the County. The Board of Commissioners directly supervises the County's engineer, chief clerk, and solicitor.

Chief Clerk ~ appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to oversee the County departments. The responsibilities of the Chief Clerk are to keep the books and accounts of the board of county commissioners, the salary board, and the pension board; to record and file all proceedings and papers from meetings; to attest all orders and voucher checks issued by the county commissioners; and to perform all other duties pertaining to the office as chief clerk. The Chief Clerk ensures that everything is done legally under the County Code and finalizes documents with the "County Seal."

Solicitor ~ appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to represent them as their General Counsel. The Solicitor is the legal advisor to the Commissioners and attorney for

the County and its officials. The solicitor draws up contracts and assures a legal basis for all County governmental functions.

Department of Finance & Administration

Office of Information Technology (IT) ~ provides administrative services, systems and programming, technical services, network services, computer services, operations functions, production support, user support, and web support. As of January of 2007, the County began offering municipal website hosting, where Greene County municipalities can provide information to the IT department and gain a webpage on the County's website.

Office of Bridge / Facilities Maintenance ~ responsible for maintenance, repair and cleaning of all County-owned buildings, which includes the County Courthouse, Fort Jackson Building, Ben Franklin Building, the County Office Building, Greene County Jail, the Airport, county Transportation facility, County Pools, and the Fairgrounds. The department aids in facilities planning, coordinates a county-wide safety program, works with outside contractors, develops and maintains ongoing and long-term facilities maintenance activities, installs common cabling systems, provides a work site for community workers. The Department also maintains bridges and facilities throughout the county; is responsible for major renovation projects to county-owned buildings; and handles the building and maintenance requirements for all 87 of the County's bridges.

Office of Commissioners Finance ~ comprised of a Finance Director, Purchasing Agent, Budget Director, and Accounts Receivable Clerk.

Office of Tax Assessment ~ the Greene County Assessment Office determines the Fair Market Value of all taxable property within the county. The office is responsible for the production and maintenance of high quality, accurate, timely and unbiased records of property ownership, description, mailing addresses and assessment as well as the maintenance of the existing Geographical Information System (GIS) to make available accurate and detailed information for the assessment function, planning and development functions, analysis and other needs of county, state and federal officials.

Office of Human Resources ~ responsible for recruiting for open positions, managing the employment classification and compensation system, employee benefit programs such as medical and dental insurance, payroll, administering personnel policy and procedures, and working to resolve employee relations issues.



Human Services Department

The Human Services Department provides administrative capability so that the county can properly exercise its management and control responsibilities to assure that public funds are used properly, effectively and efficiently; improves coordination between services; and identifies needs in the county and actively pursues public and private resources to meet them.

Office of Housing ~ the housing coordination program assists individuals and families by referring them to the appropriate agencies who utilize HAP (Homeless Assistance Program) dollars, McKinney/Vento funds to prevent homelessness, and/or Emergency Food & Shelter funds through FEMA such as Community Action SW or the Salvation Army, and if eligible refer them to the Emergency Shelter Assistance Program through the County Assistance Office. Referrals are made to Southwestern Pa Legal Aid Services, Inc. for landlord issues such as evictions, foreclosures, habitability cases, and credit repair. For mortgage default counseling, Homeowners Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP), and credit /budget counseling, referrals are made to Community Action Southwest. The department also packages grants / loans to provide eligible persons the opportunity to buy or build a decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling or to assist very low-income owners of modest single-family homes in rural areas, for home improvements to remove health and safety hazards or to make a home accessible for household members with disabilities.

Office of Children and Youth ~ Children and Youth Services (CYS) supports families through education and preventive services and to protect children from abuse, neglect and dependency when families cannot or do not provide adequate parental care. Program responsibilities focus on the following areas: assessment and determination of risk; monitoring; placement; foster care services; and family visitation.

Office of MH / MR / D&A ~ administrative oversight of Mental Health Services (MH) in the County, including program contracting and monitoring; oversight of the commitment process; child and adolescent service system program (CASSP) coordination; and County consumer support program (CSP).

The Mental Retardation (MR) Services Program includes program contracting and monitoring; generic case management; waiver case management; and early intervention service coordination and monitoring.

The County also provides Drug & Alcohol (D&A) Services to County residents at no cost; and all information is kept strictly confidential. The primary function is to increase client retention in and completion of treatment in order to move clients toward recovery and self-sufficiency; and to increase client access to core services such as primary health care, mental health care, stable and secure living environment, positive support networks, vocational training and employment.

Office of Transportation ~ transports eligible riders to and from destinations in and around Greene County; the program is available to anyone living in Greene County once they have pre-registered. Advance reservations are required; shared-ride transportation services and specialized transportation for handicapped individuals are offered.

Office of CCIS ~ provides Subsidized Child Day Care Services for low income families in Greene County in which the parent(s) are working or in a qualifying training program. There is a CCIS for Subsidized Child Day Care available to residents of every County in the state of Pennsylvania.

Office of Veterans Affairs ~ provide a network of veterans assistance programs and services to Greene County Veterans, their spouses, and their dependents. These services include but are not limited to, compensation and pension claims, healthcare applications (VA hospitals and Champ VA), DIC and pension claims, life insurance, funeral and burial benefit claims; providing flags and holders for deceased veterans and to organizations for Memorial Day. In addition to cemeteries, emergency assistance, education benefits, home loans, veterans license plates.

Department of Recreation

The Department of Recreation was established to oversee the daily operation of recreation in Greene County. The County owns 798 acres of land, of which 201 acres are County Parks.

Office of Tourism & History ~ promotes and markets tourism in Greene County as an economic development tool. Currently, the department is developing a marketing strategy to attract more visitors to the many tourist attractions located in Greene County.

Office of Day Camps ~ six week day camp program that begins in the middle of June and ends the last of July. Hours of operation are from 10:00am - 3:00pm and the camp is free to all children of Greene County, ages 5 - 15.

The Airport ~ provides the aviation community a clean, safe and efficient environment enhancing the recreational and/or working relationship with the County.

Office of Parks / Pools ~ mission is to provide adequate facilities and programs that will create a variety of activities enabling the general public to spend their leisure time within Greene County.

Fairgrounds ~ create a clean and safe environment that will enable the Fairgrounds facility to be fully utilized to its maximum potential.



Office of Community Services ~ develop an atmosphere that will create a sense of well being and self-respect for the designated clients.

Department of Economic Development

The Greene County Department of Economic Development serves as the administrative umbrella for a number of County departments. The main responsibilities include countywide grant coordination, small business development, preparation and administration of grants for small municipalities; housing rehabilitation services; solid waste and recycling; and conservation district for the county. The department is also responsible for the preparation of comprehensive plans for development within the county; the administration of the county subdivision and land development ordinance (SALDO); reviewing proposals for all municipal and county requests for state and federal assistance; to act as liaison between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Greene County Government; provide data and maps of the county; and to publish an annual directory of county, township and borough officials.

Office of Planning ~ the Greene County Planning Commission was formed nearly 50 years ago to oversee the subdivision of land and the land development activity in Greene County.

The Greene County Industrial Development Authority (GCIDA) is responsible for the creation, attraction and retention of business by offering financial assistance through bond issues, Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) loans, Machinery and Equipment Loan Financing (MELF), conventional financing, bridge financing, etc. The GCIDA is the lead agency for industrial recruitment and expansion and through the support of local government, GCIDA provides "one-stop shopping" for manufacturing and distribution investors interested in site locations for new or expanding operations.

Office of Conservation ~ the Greene County Conservation District was formed on July 18, 1956, at the request of county citizens to provide for the conservation of soil and watershed protection and flood protection, preserve woodland and wildlife, protect public lands, preserve the tax base, and to protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people. Responsibilities include promoting the awareness of conservation practices and their effects; figure prominently to any activities that have an effect on the natural resources; offer technical assistance to private landowners and municipalities that request help; and provide an assessment of environmental complaints.

Office of Solid Waste ~ the solid waste office maintains a working relationship with the waste haulers who are licensed to pick up, and landfills that are authorized to accept municipal waste from, which involves ongoing contact with these businesses; processing of the tonnage information, remaining capacities, and quarterly fees that are received by the County based on the tonnage of waste received at the landfills from the municipalities. The recycling office spearheads recycling efforts in the county, including maintaining a

working relationship with the only recycling processing facility in the county, GreeneARC recycling at Ruff Creek.

Office of GIS ~ the Community GeoPortal is an internet-based geographic information system (GIS) that will allow efficient sharing of geospatial data among subscribers and part of an economic development strategy to attract high technology business to Greene County. Geospatial technologies are widely recognized as essential public policy and management tools that enable more informed decision-making, greater efficiency, increased accountability, and better management. County officials, municipal government officials and senior management of regional institutions are aware that geospatial data plays a critical role in public administration of emergency management, monitoring public health and public safety, crime control, tax assessment, fleet, traffic, facilities and municipal infrastructure management, environmental assessment, and economic development.

Department of Law & Order

Elections ~ oversees all elections to ensure a democratic process and fluid voting system, including maintaining the Voter Registration, inspection of election equipment, and ensuring the accessibility and availability of polling locations.

The Jail ~ The Greene County Prison is overseen by a Prison Board while daily operations are run by the warden and corrections officers. The prison had a daily population rate of 108 in 2006.

Office of Public Defender ~ established to provide constitutionally required representation of indigent criminal defendants. In Juvenile Court, the Public Defender's Office represents minors accused of being delinquent.

Office of Weights & Measures ~ responsible for inspecting and monitoring all transactions in which a commodity or service is bought or sold and a weighing and measuring device is used. The purpose for the Weights and Measures Office is to assure the rights of the consumer are protected from deliberate fraud and unintentional errors. The office also protects the business owner by detecting errors that are affecting him and his business in a negative way.

Office of EMA ~ The Greene County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is responsible for the creation and implementation of plans to respond and recover from emergencies such as storms, floods, explosions or other disasters including response to hazardous material spills or release into the environment and/or acts of terrorism.

The 911 Communications Center system provides emergency dispatch service to everyone in the county, making sure the police, ambulance or fire companies get to where they are needed.



Public Amenities Snapshot

Greene County, like most counties in Pennsylvania, is governed by a board of three County Commissioners elected every four years by the registered voters. The Board of Commissioners oversees the function and operation of the County and represents the best interests of the citizens. Other officials are also elected to perform administrative functions within County Government: the Controller, Treasurer, Coroner, Register & Recorder, Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts, Sheriff, District Attorney and two Judges, three District Justices, and Jury Commissioners. Under the direction of these officers, the County maintains important legal records such as real estate deeds, marriage licenses, adoption papers and court records.



Greene County Courthouse (Mackin, 2007)

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B. Data & Analysis

Public Safety

Local emergency response services are not offered as a County-provided service. The Greene County Emergency Management Agency (911) is responsible for managing the delivery of emergency communications (Act 78 of 1990, Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act), emergency management (Title 35, Emergency Management Services Code), hazardous materials (Act 165 of 1990, Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning and Response Act), emergency medical services (Act 45 of 1985, Emergency Medical Services Act), and general public safety related education. The Greene County 911 Center is located 55 West Greene Street in Waynesburg Borough.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management was created in 1978 as the lead agency or entity, to coordinate multi-organizational community planning, response and recovery. Emergency Management personnel assist in times of disaster; educate others in handling emergency situations; and help people plan and prepare for unexpected natural events and/or terrorist attacks.

Emergency Management is a comprehensive, integrated program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, for emergencies and disasters of any kind. No public or private entity is immune to disasters and no single segment of society can meet the complex needs of a major emergency or disaster of its own.

Part of the Emergency Management responsibility is the response to a hazardous materials release. The County has entered into a contract with Weavertown Environmental Group to provide hazardous materials response services for the County. Weavertown is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Weavertown is dispatched through the Greene County 911 Center. Weavertown is a certified hazardous materials team by the PA Emergency Management Agency. Weavertown maintains a professional working relationship with the County Emergency Management Agency and the local volunteer fire companies.

PA Region 13 Task Force

The idea for the PA Region 13 Task Force came from the exploration of the ideas and philosophies developed during 3 years of discussion in the Pittsburgh Allegheny County-Weapons of Mass Destruction working group. The group realized that during any significant "All Hazards" or terrorism event the entire Region or multiple Counties could be called upon to assist the local responders.

The foundation of PA Region 13 is set in place by an unprecedented intergovernmental agreement between the 13 Counties and City of Pittsburgh in Southwestern PA.

The strength of PA Region 13 comes from the strong support and leadership from our 36 County Commissioners, Allegheny County Chief Executive, and Pittsburgh Mayor. Our County/City Elected Officials have empowered the 14 Emergency Management Coordinators to represent the interests of the individual County/City governments on a daily basis.

The Inaugural meeting was held on November 9, 1998, at the Allegheny County Emergency Management Office. Coordinators from 12 counties and one from the City of Pittsburgh convened to prepare and plan for a potential domestic terrorism event from a regional perspective. Mercer County was admitted into the working group on May 20, 1999, resulting in a total of thirteen counties.

The PA Region 13 Task Force is recognized under State Law Act 227 as one of 9 in the Commonwealth. PA Region 13 covers a population of 3.1 million over a 9,550 square mile area. There are 706 local Municipalities, 713 Fire Departments, 392 Police Departments, 203 EMS Agencies, 65 Hospitals, 15 State Certified Hazardous Materials Teams, and 2 Explosive Teams. The Region 13 Task Force prides itself in have a strong relationship between Local, County, State, and Federal Organizations.

To the credit of all PA Region 13 Task Force members, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Association of Counties, and the National Domestic Preparedness Office have recognized the organization as a model organization for intergovernmental cooperation in fighting the threat and consequences of terrorism.

PA Region 13 has been working hard to secure funding, training, and equipment for the group's initiatives. Current activities include: implementing and supporting the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security WMD programs and equipment distribution. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Emergency Preparedness, Metropolitan Medical Response System development, training and equipment acquisition and working with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency in developing a region- wide plan and comprehensive training exercises.



Greene County 911

All requests for emergency assistance is available through Greene County 911. The 911 Center is a fully Enhanced 911 Wireline System. Wireline Enhanced 911 means that a person calling from a wired telephone in Greene County will be connected to a Greene County 911 Telecommunicator. Along with the voice connection the telephone number from the caller's phone and the location of that phone will be displayed on a computer screen in the 911 Center in front of the Telecommunicator.

The 911 Center is a fully Phase 2 Compliant 911 Wireless System. When a person dials 911 from a cellular phone the cellular tower is programmed to forward the 911 call to the most appropriate 911 Center. This call is connected to a Greene County 911 Telecommunicator. Along with the voice connection the Telecommunicator is also provided automatically with the location of the cellular tower, provider of the cellular service, and the callers telephone number. The Telecommunicator can then activate a Phase 2 rebid and request location information of the cellular caller. The voice connection is maintained the entire time however data is now provided that shows the probable location of the cellular caller. The location is usually within a radius of 20 meters.

Greene County 911 recently added a mapping function to our Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD). Now the Telecommunicator not only sees the text data identifying the callers location but now it automatically appears on a digital map on a screen in front of them.

County Animal Response Team

In 2004, the State Animal Response Team (SART), the Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team (PASART), and the CART programs were implemented into Pennsylvania by a large network of organizations, businesses, federal and state government agencies and local coordinators and volunteers to meet the animal-related disaster response needs of the Commonwealth. PASART, SART, and CART are not only there to protect cats and dogs; they also protect the \$4.6 billion agricultural industry in Pennsylvania. Protecting the livestock industry is critical to our state and national economy and food supply". Goals of PASART are as follows:

1. To facilitate a rapid, coordinated, and effective response to any emergency affecting animals
2. To decrease the health and safety threat to humans and animals
3. To minimize the economic impact of emergencies affecting animals
4. To prevent or decrease the spread of disease during emergencies affecting animals

Greene County Bio-Security

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) is a national program that provides guidelines and education for the beef cattle production. The program raises consumer confidence through offering proper management techniques and a commitment to quality within every segment of the cattle industry. Producers have embraced BQA because it is the right thing to do; but they have also gained through increased profitability. The Pennsylvania BQA program is designed to bring best management practices to the farm that, along with HACCP principles applied at slaughter and processing facilities will ensure a safe, wholesome, uniform sized beef product for consumers. Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point program (HACCP) is a process of determining what could go wrong, planning to avoid it, and documenting what you have done, with the additional step of validation and monitoring success. As of January 1, 2000, all livestock processing plants have developed HACCP programs according to USDA guidelines, which include food borne bacterial pathogen control. Voluntary producer driven programs have proven very successful and will continue to allow industry the flexibility needed to produce safe, wholesome food in an economical manner. There are 80 BQA Certified Farmers/Producers in Greene County.

Police Coverage

The majority of Greene County receives police coverage through the Pennsylvania State Police. The State Police provides police services for municipalities without police departments. The Waynesburg Barracks can be contacted at 724-627-6151 or 911. Three of the 26 municipalities have their own police departments: Waynesburg Borough, Carmichaels Borough, and Cumberland Township. The police department coverage areas are depicted on *Figure 6-1: Police and Fire Coverage*.

Greene County maintains a Sherriff's Office, which has seven full-time deputies that perform the following duties:

1. Issue licenses to carry firearms
2. Serve bench warrants
3. Protect citizens from abuse
4. Provide courtroom security
5. Receive / provide law enforcement training
6. Transport prisoners



Fire Protection

Greene County has sixteen volunteer fire departments, whose coverage areas are also shown on *Figure 6-1: Police and Fire Coverage*.

Bobtown / Dunkard Volunteer Fire Company (724-839-7140)
Carmichaels & Cumberland Township Fire Company (724-966-5700)
Center Township Volunteer Fire Company (724-499-5259)
Clarksville Fire Department (724-377-1460)
Crucible Volunteer Fire Company (724-592-5359)
Graysville Volunteer Fire Company (724-428-4171)
Greensboro Volunteer Fire Department (724-943-3800)
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department (724-883-3901)
Morris Township Volunteer Fire Department (724-428-4321)
Mt. Morris Volunteer Fire Department (724-324-2015)
Nemacolin Volunteer Fire Company, Carmichaels (724-966-7408)
New Freeport Volunteer Fire Company (724-447-2541)
Rices Landing Fire Department (724-592-5765)
Richhill Township Volunteer Fire Company (724-428-4242)
Wayne Township Fire Company (724-451-8222)
Waynesburg Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company (724-627-5426)



Clarksville VFD (Mackin, 2007)

Emergency Service Responders

Advanced life support service is provided through EMS Southwest, which maintains stations in Franklin Township and Cumberland Township. Basic life support service is then provided the following entities:

Bobtown Dunkard Township Volunteer Fire Company
Clarksville Volunteer Fire Company
Greensboro Monongahela Township Volunteer Fire Company
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company
Mt. Morris Legion EMS
Nemacolin Volunteer Fire Company
Rices Landing Volunteer Fire Company
Richhill Township Volunteer Fire Company

Figure 6-2: EMS Providers identifies the response areas for each of the providers. EMS – Southwest also responds as backup to all of the municipalities in Greene County.

Solid Waste Management

Counties are responsible for the disposal of solid waste and are required to prepare a plan that addresses solid waste management as mandated by the Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act. The Greene County Commissioners last prepared a Municipal Waste Management Plan in 1994 and are in the process of completing an update to this plan. The County received a grant of \$2,000 to underwrite the revision of the county municipal waste management plan through the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act.

Landfills

In 1994, the County projected that 24,700 tons of municipal waste would be generated by 2004. Municipal waste was transported to seven collection sites (four in Pennsylvania and three in West Virginia). The following seven landfills are currently authorized to accept municipal waste from Greene County as provided for in the Greene County Solid Waste Plan, five are located in Pennsylvania while Wetzel County Landfill is located in West Virginia:

- BFI Waste Systems of North America
- ONYX Waste Services
- Greenridge Reclamation
- Kelly Run Sanitation, Inc.
- Sanitary Landfill
- Wetzel County Landfill



Haulers

The Municipal Waste Plan for Greene County noted that the County operates on an open market system to dispose of waste; meaning that, independent haulers collect municipal waste and dispose of the waste at a landfill of their choice. Municipalities may enact solid waste ordinances to regulate trash and garbage storage, none of the Greene County municipalities provided municipal trash collection services as of the writing of the 1994 plan. As of December of 2006, there were 26 solid waste haulers providing service to Greene County, as shown in Table 6-1.

Table 6-1: solid Waste Haulers				
Name	Address	County	PADEP Authorization	Vehicles
Clarksville Sanitation	540 Center Street, Fredericktown, PA 15333 (724) 377-1929	Washington	WH5796	1
Waste Management of PA Inc	Arden Station Road, Washington, PA 15301 (724) 222-3272	Washington	WH1436	11
Rozner's Refuse	1070 Wayne St, Washington, PA 15301 (724) 222-7711	Washington	WH0964	2
Onyx Waste Services CBF Inc.	1184 McClellandtown Road, McClellandtown, PA 15458 (724) 437-7336	Fayette	WH1502	29
J C Sanitation	McClellandtown PA 15401 (724) 425-9702	Fayette	WH2442	7
Kathryn Trucking	McClellandtown PA 15401	Fayette	WH2119	3
Fayette Waste	632 Old Route 51, Waltersburg, PA 15488 (724) 430-0100	Fayette	WH3215	8
Lynch Sanitation	Perryopolis	Fayette	WH0591	2
Marilungo's Disposal Service	15401 LeMont Furnace (724) 438-2602	Fayette	WH0111	1
D. B. Disposal	433 Rehobath Church Rd, Perryopolis, PA 15473 (724) 736-0937	Fayette	WH0161	11
County Hauling Corporation	901 Tyrol Boulevard, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 (724) 929-7694	Fayette	WH0048	10
Agape Trucking	RR 906, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 (724) 684-7388	Fayette	WH3443	5
Walls Sanitation	Blacksville, WV 26521 (304) 432-8300	West Virginia	WH3234	5

Recycling

Recycling efforts are overseen by the Greene County Department of Economic Development. The only recycling processing facility in the County is at Greene County Association for Retarded Citizens (Greene ARC) in Ruff Creek. As of 2007, only six municipalities sponsored voluntary recycling programs within their communities. However, there are eleven recyclable drop-off locations throughout the County. In conjunction with the PA CleanWays of Greene County, the County also organizes and conducts a number of recycling events, including, but are not limited to:

- Collection events for tires, used motor oil, and white goods
- Chemsweep in cooperation with the PA Department of Agriculture and Penn State Cooperative Extension
- Overseeing the operations of the eleven recycling trailers in the County
- Identification and cleanup of illegal roadside dumpsites
- Speaking engagements to civic organizations and school groups to educate and promote recycling
- Addressing individual citizen's needs in regards to solid waste and recycling issues through daily phone calls and direct contact

Public Education

The public education system in Greene County is divided into five school districts. *Figure 6-4: School Districts* depicts the district boundaries along with the location of the schools.

[Carmichaels Area School District \(CSD\) – www.carmarea.org](http://www.carmarea.org)



Carmichaels Area Junior / Senior High School (Greene County, 2007)



Carmichaels Area School District is comprised of two municipalities:

- Carmichaels Borough
- Cumberland Township

In 1979, this school district had plans to replace three elementary schools with one facility and rehabilitate its Junior High School. Currently, CSD operates just two facilities – the Carmichaels Elementary Center and the Carmichaels Junior / Senior High School.

Carmichaels Area Elementary Center

Carmichaels Area School District has one elementary school, located at 225 North Vine Street in Carmichaels Borough, houses kindergarten through sixth grade. The Elementary Center was constructed in 1991 to replace the three elementary schools. The school has its own gymnasium, cafeteria, playground area, library, music suite, and computer labs.

Carmichaels Area Junior / Senior High School

The Carmichaels Area Junior / Senior High School is located at 300 West Green Street in Carmichaels Borough and is home to all students in grades seven through 12. Once a student enters the tenth grade, he or she must choose one of two possible career paths - academic or technology. The academic curriculum requires a class every year in math, English, social studies, science and at least two years of a foreign language. The technology curriculum requires applied math, English, social studies and applied science. Students in this program attend the Greene County Vocational Technical School for their specialized courses.

Central Greene School District (CGSD) – www.cgisd.org

Central Greene School District (CGSD) became a merged district in 1962 when six municipalities agreed to the jointure:

- Franklin Township
- Perry Township
- Washington Township
- Wayne Township
- Waynesburg Borough
- Whiteley Township

The district is comprised of two elementary schools (K-5), one middle school (6-8), and one high school (9-12). The 1979 Comprehensive Plan noted the significant travel times experienced by children who attend this school district. The plan noted minor problems with insufficient recreational facilities, but no serious facility concerns.

Perry Elementary School

The Perry Elementary School is located in Mt Morris, Perry Township. The school houses students who live in Perry, Whiteley and Wayne Townships.

Waynesburg Central Elementary School

Waynesburg Central Elementary School is located at 90 Zimmerman Drive in Waynesburg Borough. The school houses students who live in Franklin Township, Washington Township, and Waynesburg Borough.

Margaret Bell Miller Middle School

Margaret Bell Miller Middle School is located at 126 Lincoln Street in Waynesburg Borough. The Middle School is for all students in the school district.

Waynesburg Central High School

Waynesburg Central High School is located at 30 Zimmerman Drive in Waynesburg Borough. The High School is for all students in the school district.

Jefferson-Morgan School District (JMSD) – www.jmsd.org

Jefferson-Morgan School District is comprised of five municipalities:

- Clarksville Borough
- Jefferson Borough
- Jefferson Township
- Morgan Township
- Rices Landing Borough

In 1979, the Jefferson-Morgan School District was noted to have two elementary schools in poor condition and recommended that the Junior-Senior High School be remodeled. The School District was proposing to construct a new elementary school and consolidate all elementary students into a new building. Currently, the School District operates two facilities: the Jefferson-Morgan Elementary School (K-6) and the Jefferson-Morgan Junior-Senior High School (7-12), both of which are located in next to each other in Jefferson Township. School facilities can be rented by outside groups for a fee.

Jefferson-Morgan Elementary School

In the 1980's, the elementary schools were consolidated into one building, located at 1351 Jefferson Road in Jefferson. The building was most recently renovated in 2002. The building has 36 classrooms, including an art room, library, gymnasium, two computer labs and four special education classrooms.



Jefferson-Morgan Junior-Senior High School

The junior-senior high school is located next to the elementary school at 1351 Jefferson Road. The district administration offices are also located in the junior-senior high school. The building itself is over 50 years old and has 38 classrooms, which include an art room, library, gymnasium, technology education, music room and four special education classrooms. The school also has a new baseball field.

Southeastern Greene School District (SEGSD) – www.segsd.org



Mapletown Jr. / Sr. High School (Mackin, 2007)

Southeastern Greene School District is comprised of four municipalities:

- Dunkard Township
- Greene Township
- Greensboro Borough
- Monongahela Township

The 1979 Comprehensive Plan noted the Southeastern School District as having three elementary schools that lack adequate utility services and were obsolete or in poor physical condition. The Middle and High School buildings were in need of additional space to accommodate special activities.

Bobtown Elementary School

The Bobtown Elementary School is located in Dunkard Township.

Penn Pitt Elementary School

The Penn Pitt Elementary School is located in Dunkard Township.

Mapletown Middle / High School

The Mapletown Middle / High School is located in Monongahela Township.

West Greene School District (WGSD) – www.wgsd.org



West Greene Middle-Senior High School (Mackin, 2005)

West Greene School District is the largest geographically of the five districts in Greene County. It is comprised of eight municipalities:

- Aleppo Township
- Center Township
- Freeport Township
- Gilmore Township
- Gray Township
- Jackson Township
- Morris Township
- Richhill Township
- Springhill Township

The 1979 Comprehensive Plan identified overcrowding in every school building. At that time, school officials were planning to convert the Junior-Senior High School into a Middle School and build a new High School building. Currently, the School District operates two elementary schools (K-5), a middle school (6-8), and a high school (9-12).



Graysville Elementary School

Built in 1970, Graysville Elementary is a unique structure recognized for its round design located at 1029 West Roy Furman Highway in Gray Township. One of two elementary schools in the West Greene School District, Graysville elementary houses 311 students ranging from all-day.

Springhill / Freeport Elementary School

The Springhill / Freeport Elementary School is located at 1011 Deep Valley Road in Springhill Township.

West Greene Middle-Senior School

The West Greene Middle-Senior School is located at 1352 Hargus Creek Road in Center Township.

[Greene County Career and Technology Center – www.grvt.org](http://www.grvt.org)

The Greene County Area Career and Technology Center is located at 60 Zimmerman Drive in Waynesburg Borough. The Vo-Tech school offers 13 courses in occupational training and vocational and technical fields:

- Automated Accounting Classroom
- Auto Body Classroom
- Auto Mechanics Classroom
- Building Construction Occupations Classroom
- Culinary Arts Classroom
- Child Care Classroom
- Computer Information Technology Classroom
- Cosmetology Classroom
- Drafting Classroom and Spacestars GIS
- Electrical Occupations Classroom
- Health Assistant Classroom
- Machine Shop Classroom
- Welding Classroom

Enrollment

Table 6-2: Greene County School District Enrollment compares each school district in terms of student enrollment from 2002 through 2007. Central Greene has the largest enrollment while Southeastern Greene has the smallest. Geographically, West Greene is the largest of the districts and operates five schools, although it ranks third in terms of enrollment. Of the five school districts, Carmichaels Area is the only one that has not seen a large decrease in enrollment between 2002 and 2007. West Greene has experienced the largest enrollment decrease.

Table 6-2: Greene County School District Enrollment					
	Carmichaels Area	Central Greene	Jefferson-Morgan	Southeastern Greene	West Greene
2002-2003	1,139	2,268	975	739	1,069
2003-2004	1,130	2,310	942	687	1,007
2004-2005	1,084	2,316	939	682	963
2005-2006	1,112	2,224	895	688	936
2006-2007	1,138	2,147	888	719	878

Source: PA Dept of Education (2007)

Table 6-3: Greene County School District Enrollment Projections shows estimated enrollment for the next ten school years. Jefferson-Morgan and West Greene are expected to experience the largest enrollment decreases, while the other three districts are expected to see slight increases.

Table 6-3: Greene County School District Enrollment Projections					
	Carmichaels Area	Central Greene	Jefferson-Morgan	Southeastern Greene	West Greene
2007-2008	1,162	2,164	836	699	842
2008-2009	1,161	2,156	829	692	778
2009-2010	1,159	2,174	831	698	738
2010-2011	1,166	2,164	800	709	703
2011-2012	1,165	2,175	779	723	655
2012-2013	1,173	2,199	774	738	610
2013-2014	1,171	2,230	753	756	576
2014-2015	1,194	2,267	736	772	549
2015-2016	1,221	2,325	721	795	524
2016-2017	1,216	2,375	695	818	501

Source: PA Dept of Education (2005 & 2007)



School District Performance

Table 6-4: Greene County School District Performance relates current information regarding graduation rates, teacher qualifications, and testing scores for mathematics and reading.

Table 6-4: Greene County School District Performance						
	Carmichaels SD	Central Greene SD	Jefferson-Morgan SD	Southeastern Greene SD	West Greene SD	PA Average
Met or Exceeded State Graduation Rate	92%	91%	90%	91%	90%	88%
Male	89%	92%	89%	92%	94%	86%
Female	94%	90%	92%	88%	87%	89%
Percent of Highly Qualified Teachers	100%	98%	100%	100%	100%	96.99%
District's Overall Results in Mathematics*	49%	61%	41%	35%	60%	45%
Male	59%	59%	41%	36%	62%	
Female	38%	64%	42%	34%	57%	
District's Overall Results in Reading*	55%	62%	51%	48%	55%	54%
Male	59%	57%	44%	42%	52%	
Female	51%	68%	58%	55%	57%	

* As captured by performance and participation results of students who took the PSSA in Grades 5, 8, 11
 Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability, 2006

Overall, graduation rates fare well in comparison to averages posted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as do teacher qualifications. The testing Scores in Jefferson-Morgan and Southeastern Greene School Districts fall below the statewide average for Mathematics for both male and female students. Carmichaels Area males rank very high in Mathematic testing scores, while female scores are much lower. Jefferson-Morgan and Southeastern Greene are lower in district wide scores but females outscored the state average and their male counterparts in the category of Reading. Reading testing scores show that female students in Carmichaels test lower than the male students. Male students perform lower than the females in West Greene School District in Reading.

School District Concerns

The 1979 Greene County Comprehensive Plan identified four priority concerns of the public education system serving the County.

1. Small elementary schools throughout the County that were in deteriorated physical condition
2. Long travel times of children on school buses
3. Uneven rate of property tax levees between western and eastern sections of the County

4. The system of division of the five school districts created inefficiencies and duplication of effort

While many of the physical deficiencies of school buildings have been addressed, the other issues continue to surface, particularly low enrollment and the tax disparity. Table 6-5: Greene County School District Millage compares millage rates within the Greene County public school system. West Greene offers the lowest rate while Jefferson-Morgan and Southeastern Greene maintain the highest. None of the school districts offer a low-income exemption for taxes, making the burden on families all the more.

Table 6-5: Greene County School District Millage Rates

	Carmichaels Area	Central Greene	Jefferson-Morgan	Southeastern Greene	West Greene
Millage Rates 2007-2008	20.20	22.27	23.09	23.00	19.50
% in Free Lunch Program	46%	46%	44%	68%	44%

Source: PA Dept of Education (2007)

Comparing millage rates to school districts in neighboring Fayette County, Greene County taxes are extremely high. Fayette County has seven (7) school districts, whereby millage rates range from 11.08 in Brownsville to 16.16 in Belle Vernon.

The National School Lunch Program is a federally assisted meal program that operates in public and non-profit private schools and residential daycare institutions throughout the country. School districts and independent schools that choose to take part in the lunch program receive cash subsidies from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodity from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for each meal served. In return, the schools must serve lunches that meet Federal requirements and offer free or reduced-price lunches to eligible children (<http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/>).

The Federal Poverty Guidelines set the poverty level in 2006 at \$20,000 for a family of four (<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/06fedreg.htm>). Children from families with incomes at or below 130 percent of the poverty level (about \$26,000 for a family of four), children in families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and children in families receiving food stamp benefits are eligible for free lunches. Children in families whose income is between 130 percent and 185 percent of the poverty level (between \$26,000 and \$37,000 for a family of four) are eligible for reduced price lunches (http://www.pde.state.pa.us/food_nutrition/cwp/). All of the districts have more than 40 percent of students in the program, although Southeastern Greene has the highest percentage of students enrolled in the free lunch program, at almost 70 percent. . With



Southeastern Greene also having the highest millage rate, it is likely that many families living in the district struggle to pay their school taxes.

Educational Consortium

The Greene County Educational Consortium completed an Educational Master Plan in 2004. The Greene County Educational Consortium refers to “an informal agreement among school and economic development leaders to seek a focused, united effort by the five school districts, the vocational-technical school and regional business and industrial representatives to accomplish a common set of goals, strategies and tactics that will both enhance the quality of life across the county and improve the public education system.” The Master Plan included a survey of a group of selected external stakeholders to assess the various strengths, weaknesses and needs of the Greene County schools. While the responses do not reflect a reliable sample for the County as a whole, they can be used to provide insight into the perceived concerns regarding the school districts.

Common issues shared by the public schools:

- Lack of diversity in schools and region
- Need more advanced academic coursework for all students to prepare them for college and the workforce
- Need to address drug and alcohol issues
- Need to improve academic achievement of all students, especially related to No Child Left Behind and Pennsylvania standards
- Need to address financial issues related to the declining tax base
- Need to address decreasing enrollment issues
- Need to create a variety of career paths for students and develop options for alternative education
- Need to create the infrastructure to network technology
- Need to consider a consolidation of school districts
- Lack of other educational agencies in the County to supplement public schools

In addition to the external stakeholder survey, the Educational Master Plan also surveyed an internal group of representatives from all five school districts and the vocational-technical school. This internal assessment centered around common areas including the maintenance of community centers; staff training in technology; reinventing the vocational technical school; enhancing basic skill; educating the whole child; and familiarizing participants with the “edunomics” concept. “Edunomics” refers to a “rural economic development approach with a primary focus on adjusting to a competitive, service-based global economy through a holistic approach and incorporating the strategies of total comprehensive community planning and development within the dimensions of education, the economy, and the environment.” In addition, the consolidation of school districts and the more efficient use of resources also emerged as long-term considerations.

The Greene County Educational Consortium is responsible for implementation and evaluation of these goals with technical assistance from the Tri-State Area School Study Council. The Educational Master Plan identified seven educational, organizational, and economic goals for 2004-2009, which were developed from the concerns of both the internal and external stakeholder surveys.

1. Continue the development of community centers and connect the day and evening programs.
2. Educate all staff and stakeholders on the "edunomics" concept.
3. Provide training of all district staff on appropriate technology skills.
4. Establish the vocational-technical school as a legitimate response for workforce development.
5. Review and revise the vocational-technical school to more accurately reflect the "Keys to Work" and job skills needed for the "edunomics" concept.
6. Initiate efforts to improve skills of all students in reading, writing and mathematics in all schools.
7. Initiate efforts to concentrate on the education of the "whole child," building self esteem to include a focus on substance abuse concerns.

Integrating the Educational Consortium and Master Plan into the Greene County Comprehensive Plan will be essential for the County to achieve the goals as summarized here. The Educational Master Plan notes strategic issues that the County should address to support implementation of the plan.

1. Enhance public transportation
2. Improvement roads
3. Improve infrastructure
4. Create a more desirable housing stock
5. Increase employment opportunities
6. Increase opportunities for retail development



Higher Education

Waynesburg University

Waynesburg University is a four-year private Christian university that offers doctoral, graduate and undergraduate programs in more than 70 academic concentrations. Founded in 1849 as Waynesburg College, it became renamed Waynesburg University in 2007. Waynesburg has its main campus in Waynesburg Borough and has three satellite adult centers located in the Pittsburgh region (Southpointe, Monroeville, North Hills). Between undergraduate, graduate, and adult education programs, there are over 2,000 students enrolled at Waynesburg University.



Waynesburg University (Mackin, 2005)

Greene County Education Center

Westmoreland County Community College offers educational services at seven satellite locations in southwestern Pennsylvania, in addition to their main campus in Greensburg. Established in the fall of 1999, the Greene County Education Center is located in the EverGreene Technology Park. Classes are conducted in the evenings at the Greene County Vocational Technical School and at each of the five high schools. Courses offered include accounting, allied health, biology, business, computers, early childhood, economics, electronics, English, human services, mathematics, nursing, psychology, sociology and speech.

Library System

The Greene County Library System is headquartered in the historic Thomas Hughes House, located in Jefferson Borough. The formal public library system is comprised of Bowlby Library in Waynesburg Phone: 724-627-9776 and the Flenniken Library in Carmichaels Phone: 724-966-5263. Questions may be directed to 724-852-1878.



Thomas Hughes House (Mackin, 2005)

Other Library locations:

- Greene County Law Library located at the County Courthouse in Waynesburg: 724-852-5290 Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm
- Bobtown Library Phone: 724-839-7325
- Citizens Library Phone: 724-222-2400
- Fredericktown Area Public Library Phone: 724-377-0017
- Waynesburg College Library Phone: 724-852-3278 / 724-627-8191



Hospitals

Greene County is home to the Southwest Regional Medical Center, which is located at 350 Bonar Avenue in Waynesburg Borough. The facility, formerly the Greene County Memorial Hospital, was purchased by Essent Healthcare in the fall of 2005. Since that time, nearly \$2 million was invested into the facility and services. The hospital has 74 beds, including a five-bed intensive care unit and 15-bed behavioral health care unit. In addition, the hospital has donated \$50,000 to support community activities, such as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the Humane Society, the GCMH Foundation, the Waynesburg and Carmichaels Chambers of Commerce, Waynesburg College and local high schools. For more information on the Southwest Regional Medical Center, visit their web page online at <http://www.sw-rmc.com/>.



Southwest Regional Medical Center (Mackin, 2007)

Senior or Assisted Living Institutions

There are three assisted living facilities located within Greene County.

1. Beverly Healthcare (Waynesburg) 111 beds are available. Contact (724) 852-2020
2. Rolling Meadows (Waynesburg) 121 beds are available. Contact (724) 627-3153
3. Southwest Regional Medical Center (Waynesburg) 20 beds available. Contact (412) 627-3101

Senior Citizen Centers

There are ten senior citizen centers located within Greene County.

1. Bobtown: 24-839-7133
2. Carmichaels: 724-966-2290
3. Clarksville: 724-377-1144
4. Jefferson: 724-883-4144
5. Mt. Morris: 724-324-5396
6. Waynesburg: 724-627-6366
7. West Greene: 724-852-1510
8. Greene County Elder Care Center (Waynesburg): 724-852-2012
9. Waynesburg Senior Center: 724-627-6366
10. Mt. Morris Senior Citizen's Center (Mt. Morris): 724-324-5396

Recreational Facilities & Services

The Greene County Recreation, Parks, Trails and Greenways Plan was developed concurrently with the Comprehensive Plan update and is a stand alone document that can be reviewed by contacting the Greene County Department of Economic Development. For the purposes of the Comprehensive Plan, only a brief summary is included.

The Greene County Department of Recreation was established to oversee the daily operation of recreation in Greene County. The County owns 798 acres of land, of which 201 acres are County Parks. Responsibilities of the department include running the Fairgrounds, the Central Greene Pool, the Carmichaels Pool, seven Day Camps, the Greene River Trail, the Greene County Airport, and Community Service in the County. In addition, on June 2, 2005 the County Commissioners approved the transfer of ownership of Mon View Park in Greensboro from the Greensboro-Monongahela Township Volunteer Fire Company and Monongahela Recreation Federation, Inc. to the County. The Department is overseen by a full-time director, who reports to the County Commissioners. The Recreation Director is responsible for the development of programs at each of the County parks, providing technical assistance to local municipalities and all maintenance at County-owned facilities.

The department is also charged with the responsibilities of future park development and open space acquisition. For approximately five years, the acquisition of open space in the County has been a major responsibility for the Recreation Director. Negotiations with coal companies to obtain additional open space have been a primary focus for both the Commissioners and the Recreation Director. The County has taken over the ownership of two former mining areas which will become recreation focal points for residents to use in their leisure time.

Another important function of the Department of Recreation is to provide technical assistance to local municipalities within the County boundaries. This comes in the form of recommendations from the Recreation Director for local park / facility development. Municipalities are able to obtain,



through a County Park Grant Program, up to \$3,000 for local projects. This particular program is a cooperative venture of the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Recreation in an effort to assist local park development.

State-Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

In Greene County, the largest publicly owned park and recreation facilities are owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Within the County, there are over 13,000 acres of State Game Lands (SGL). In addition to the State Game Lands, the Pennsylvania Game Commission also owns approximately 1,000 acres of land in the southern tip of Wayne Township. Hunting is open to the public along with fishing on this property.

Ryerson Station State Park

Ryerson Station is located in the northwest portion of Greene County in Richhill Township. The entire park encompasses over 1,000 acres and is the largest park in the County. In April of 2004, "Friends of Ryerson Station State Park" was established to focus on issues and concerns facing Ryerson. Friends of Ryerson is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization and has become an incorporated chapter of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forest Foundation. As a non-profit organization, Friends of Ryerson can accept donations on behalf of the Park for DCNR-approved projects and is currently working on obtaining funds to improve the Park, as well as to bring in tourism dollars to western Greene County. A Board of Directors has been established to oversee the organization, with Pennsylvania State Representative DeWeese serving as the Chairman of the Board. To date, Friends of Ryerson has raised funds including \$25,000 from Representative DeWeese, \$6,000 from Duke Energy, and \$3,000 from the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency.

The highlight of the park used to be the 62-acre Duke Lake, which was the main recreational lake for Greene County residents until July 2005, when DCNR and DEP uncovered cracks and water seepage during inspections in the dam's spillway. Within days, the lake was drained for safety reasons and in August of 2005, a section of the dam spillway was removed to prevent the reservoir from refilling after heavy rains.

A Task Force of local and state representatives was formed immediately by DCNR and local elected officials to assure that factual information was available to the public and to guide the process of rebuilding and restoring Ryerson Station State Park. As the Task Force was initiating their actions, Representative H. William DeWeese and Senator Barry Stout crafted a survey for county residents that solicited comments about recreation in the western Greene area as well as the county as a whole. The goal of the survey was to gather feedback that would create goals and objectives for the Task Force to work towards and implement.

The results were compiled and 536 responses were received. A summary of the results follows:

- 33.15% visit Ryerson primarily for fishing
- The largest percentage of visitors (17.11%) engaged in fishing, with picnicking a close second
- The largest percentage had enjoyed swimming over the past two years, with fishing a close second
- 37.47% visit Ryerson more than 11 times per year
- Duke Lake received the highest number of votes as the facility that would cause people to visit the park more than once a week
- The majority of respondents (62%) prefer that Duke Lake be dredged and replaced in its entirety (62 acres), while 1/4 felt it should be replaced larger
- The largest percentage of respondents felt that there should not be additional recreational facilities developed at the Park, while some would like bike trails and horse riding trails
- The majority (54%) would volunteer time and/or labor to help the "Friends of Ryerson" with Park projects or events
- The majority (58%) would be willing to serve on a focus group to assist with planning and projects to improve the Park
- Respondents were divided (46% to 45%) over whether they would be willing to travel to other county lakes and ponds that were sufficiently stocked by the Fish & Boat Commission for fishing and/or non-motorized boating

Additionally, legal proceedings have begun against CONSOL Energy Inc. in regard to the structural failure of the dam. Consol's local mine, Bailey Mine, had mined as close as 900 feet to the dam, and this mining may have played a role in the damage to the dam. Design and construction of a new dam will be conducted through the Pennsylvania Department of General Services and is expected to begin during 2008. Governor Edward Rendell and Secretary DiBerardinis have committed to advance the dam reconstruction concurrently as legal action advances.



Greene County-Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

Greene County Department of Parks and Recreation owns and operates eight recreational facilities, which includes three swimming pools. The county airport is included as a recreation facility due to the fact that recreational events are held at the site and it has the potential to expand its recreational capacity.

Foundation Coal Aquatic Center

In 2007, Greene County replaced the Central Pool Complex with the Foundation Coal Aquatic Center, which offers free parking, new playground equipment, picnic areas, pavilions, and the following features:

- Nine (9) Certified Lifeguards on-duty
- Snack Bar
- Special events room—\$40 rental fee for 3 hours. (12:30 - 3:30 p.m. or 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.). Admission to pool is sold separately; one free admission per rental.
- Bath house complete with lockers, restrooms, showers and changing facilities;
- 300,000 gallon competition-sized pool with eight (8) lap lanes, 2 diving boards and a 12' diving pool;
- 40'x40' Children's play area;
- 148' spiral water slide;
- 25' straight water slide;
- 180' "lazy river" with tubes for floating;

The park is open Sunday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Eastern Pool Complex

The Eastern Pool Complex is located on a ten-acre parcel adjoining the Wana B Park in Cumberland Township. The pool was constructed in 1980 in a Z-shaped configuration and is handicapped accessible. Swim lessons and various competitions are held at this facility. A wading pool is located next to the main pool. Also located on the complex are a concession area, restrooms, and a large pavilion. The pavilion is available to all residents for rental fee.

The pool facilities are in good condition and in need general maintenance. The County installed new fencing in 2007 and is planning on installing a new water slide in the fall of 2008.

Dreamer Memorial Park

Dreamer Memorial Park is located along Majorsville Road in the northwest corner of Richhill Township. Donated to the County by the Dreamer family, the park occupies approximately ten acres of property, most of which is wooded. The park consists of a large stone monument, which pays tribute to four wars: Revolutionary War, Civil War, Spanish American War, and World War (I). Four small stone memorials recognize the Marines, Soldiers, Sailors and Nurses. Also present is a small family (Dreamers) cemetery.

Greene County Fairgrounds

The Greene County Fairgrounds are located along PA Route 21 in Franklin Township, east of Waynesburg. The Fairgrounds site encompasses 47 acres and is also home to the Greene County Department of Recreation. Fairgrounds facilities include the following:

1. Department of Recreation Building—houses offices for the Recreation Director, Secretary, Maintenance Foreman, and Community Service Coordinator.
2. 4H Building—a 60'x60' two-story building that is the most rented facility in the Fairgrounds. The downstairs is a rental facility, comprised of an open hall with a kitchen, restrooms, mechanical room, and storage room. The upstairs is a large open room with restroom, mechanical room, and is handicap accessible. There is no access between floors.
3. Auction Building—a 36'x100' building with a kitchen, restrooms, and tables and chairs. The building is the second most rented facility, with flea markets twice a week, Sunday Bingo by the Humane Society, and auctions as scheduled.
4. Agricultural Building / Arena Barn—a large building that contains bleacher seating for approximately 800 people, a concession area, restrooms with showers, and a horse corral. This building is utilized for motor cross shows, cattle shows, and other events.
5. Race Horse Barn—48 stalls, county performs general maintenance while the boarders are responsible for cleaning.
6. 4H Barn—the local 4H club operates the building and rents it from the County. It has dirt floors, wash stalls, and horse stalls.
7. Covered Bleachers—seat 1800 people with a concrete observatory deck that is 2/3 the length of the bleachers. There is also a supply room in the bleachers. The flea market is held under the bleachers and the County charges a \$6.00 set-up fee.
8. Two Pole Buildings—42'x108' each, one has a concrete floor and one has a dirt floor. There are 12 picnic tables with a small landscaped area around the front of the buildings.
9. Maintenance building—used to store equipment and is also rented out.



Mason Dixon Historical Park

Approximately 287 total acres, Mason Dixon Park spans across state borders from Greene County, Pennsylvania into Monongalia County, West Virginia. The West Virginia side of the park encompasses 153 acres and is more developed. The Pennsylvania portion of Mason Dixon Park is approximately 134 acres and consists of beautiful wooded hillsides and open space. Dunkard Creek transverses through the park and contains large mouth, small mouth, and spotted bass. The PA side also contains an archaeological and historically sensitive protected area. The southern end of the Catawba Trail in Greene County runs through the park and one of the Adirondack shelters is located on the property. One of the original Mason Dixon markers is on the trail, with the following engravings on each side: PA, W VA, MD, and 1883. An historic oil derrick is also located along the Catawba Path in the park.

Mon View Park

In June of 2005 the ownership of Mon View Park was transferred from the Greensboro-Monongahela Township Volunteer Fire Company and Monongahela Recreation Federation Inc. to Greene County. Facilities at Mon View Park include two ball fields, a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, two horseshoe pits, a swimming pool, a roller rink, a bath house, six pavilions, a concession stand, restrooms, and playground equipment.

The Mon View Park Project involves four stages. The first two stages, which have already been completed, involved updating the pump station and the roller rink. Currently, the County is updating the playground facilities, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2008. The final stage will involve the removal of the decking around the pool facility and replacing the gutters, with an expected completion date of the end of 2009.

The Roller Rink and Community Center was officially opened on April 11, 2008 and welcomed over 200 skaters for its opening night. The facility has a snack bar / concession area, skate rental area, updated sound system, a large wooden skate floor, and newly reconstructed ceiling. The facility can house special events such as parties and larger community events (concerts, speakers, etc.) of over 250 persons. Currently the facility is only open on the weekends, but the overall plan has for special events to be reserved during the week with advance notification. The Department of Recreation hired a Park Manager, whose role is to oversee this facility.

Greene County Tennis Courts

The new tennis courts were relocated in 2007 and are currently being utilized by many parties including local residents, athletes traveling from outside the county, as well as the local school districts. The surface is state of the art and contains three new courts, new fencing, and a new lighting system. Later this year the Department of Recreation will be adding bathrooms that will be available to the public.

Greene County Airport

The Greene County Airport is located adjacent to Route 21 just east of I-79. Occupying 140 acres, the Airport contains the following facilities:

- 36 hangers—there are 34 planes and one hanger used for equipment and one for community service.
- Runway – 75'x 3500'
- Restaurant
- District Justice Office
- Tourism Office
- Maintenance area
- Flight School Office—operated separately
- Full motion simulator—also has a helicopter landing area and a remote control area.

The maintenance for the Airport is handled by the maintenance workers from the Fairgrounds. Approximately 30 percent of the area at the Airport is mowed. The Airport is utilized for recreation as host of Airport Days, plane rides, and by Waynesburg University and Waynesburg High School for their women's Cross Country teams.

In 2004, the Greene County Commissioners commissioned L. Robert Kimball and Associates to complete a Master Plan Update for the Greene County Airport. The Update is scheduled to be completed in 2008 and will include a business plan and marketing plan and will contain strategies to maximize the potential of the Airport in terms of economics and recreation.

In 2007, the Department of Recreation hosted a successful drag racing event at the Airport. On three days between July and September, the Airport welcomed street legal drag racers to race head to head on the airport runway.



C. Development Strategies

Public facilities is a very broad subject, ranging from public safety services to education. The focus of the development strategies for the Greene County Comprehensive Plan are those strategies that the County can implement in order to improve the public facilities and services that fall under the auspices of County government.. The public survey, public meetings, and focus groups for the comprehensive planning process were designed to gather public opinion regarding the provision of County services and identify areas that need improvement. The priority issues identified by the public were the need for more cooperation among municipalities to plan for future development and growth and the need for more County provided services (grant writing, technical assistance, etc.).

GOAL: Ensure the effectiveness of County Government

Strategy: Improve communication among county agencies, departments, and municipalities.

Strategy: Adopt and implement the Greene County Solid Municipal Waste Management Plan.

Strategy: Adopt and implement the Greene County Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Trails/Greenways Plan.

GOAL: Improve emergency preparedness & response

Strategy: Develop cooperative relationships between public safety and other community agencies and governments.

Strategy: Support efforts to educate the public, government, and businesses on how to prepare and react to community-wide emergencies.

Strategy: Encourage and support efforts of health care providers and emergency responders to coordinate emergency preparedness plans and to run practice drills to assure that such plans are practical and user friendly.

Strategy: Expand the Greene County CART resources and develop a written plan of action.

GOAL: Strengthen the provision of health & human services

- Strategy:** Develop cooperative relationships between social service agencies and governmental entities.
- Strategy:** Support efforts to address issues identified in the Greene County MAGIC Map: Charting a course for healthier families and communities in Greene County.
- Strategy:** Assess the feasibility of offering human service programs at satellite locations within Greene County communities.
- Strategy:** Increase service provider awareness of Greene County Find-Out, an online resource for Greene County residents and service providers (www.greenefindout.org).
- Strategy:** Continue to offer and expand cross systems training of ambulance providers.
- Strategy:** Examine ways to improve communication among organizations in Greene County—consider the Fayette County example of the electronic Shared Intake form managed by the Fayette County Community Action Agency.

GOAL: Maintain the viability of municipal emergency service providers

- Strategy:** Create a forum to identify shared facility and service opportunities.
- Strategy:** Provide grant writing and technical assistance to municipal service providers.
- Strategy:** Create a regular evaluation of local service provider capabilities.
- Strategy:** Identify and develop sources of public safety related funding.
- Strategy:** Coordinate a forum to identify and resolve the financial conflicts for reimbursement of public safety providers.



GOAL: Support & strengthen the education system

Strategy: Support efforts to position the vocational-technical school as a premier educational institution equipped with advanced technological tools to ensure a well-rounded and skilled workforce.

Strategy: Support the efforts of the Greene County Educational Consortium to coordinate school district activities and improve the public education system.

Strategy: Recognize and address the key issues identified by the Greene County Educational Consortium which include the lack of public transportation, need for better housing and road and infrastructure improvements, lack of employment opportunities, and need for additional retail development.

GOAL: Support & enhance access to libraries

Strategy: Increase awareness of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Library Development to offer subsidies and grants for improved services, technology, public library construction and networking.