

## **Comprehensive Planning**

A County Comprehensive Plan, as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247 as reenacted and amended), is important because it represents a compilation of local facts and statistics presented in an orderly and systematic manner that aids local county or municipal officials in preparing for the future. In essence, a Comprehensive Plan is a "blueprint" for the future development of a county or municipality. It can also be said that municipalities (or counties) prepare such plans in order to improve their ability to: (1) adapt to the expected; (2) to create the desirable; and (3) to avoid the undesirable.

The staff of the County Planning Commission has completed an update to the existing Cambria County Comprehensive Plan which was assembled in 1982. The Update provides short- and long-range recommendations and implementation strategies to assist municipalities with developing comprehensive plans and related growth management documents. The Plan identifies various land use planning tools that can be implemented at the municipal level to manage development in a manner consistent with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC Act 247). Consistent with recent revisions to Act 247, the Cambria County Comprehensive Plan now includes a Water Supply Plan and Natural and Historic Resources Plan. The Cambria County Comprehensive Plan Update can be viewed on the web at <http://www.elibrary.state.pa.us>