

CENTRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION & LAND USE AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

JOINT MEETING SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2025 MEETING

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The CRPC took action on the following items:

HARRIS TOWNSHIP CH. 12 ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE II USE REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

CRPC supported the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to define and regulate short-term rental uses, balancing both owner rights with community interests. These amendments respond to the growing prevalence of short-term rentals as an alternative to traditional travel lodging while ensuring compatibility with residential neighborhoods and the Township's character. The proposed regulations establish clear standards for where and how short-term rentals may operate, with an emphasis on owner-occupied properties. A letter of support, with CRPC comments, was forwarded to the Harris Township Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

HARRIS TOWNSHIP CH. 12 ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE XIV - SIGNS AMENDMENT

CRPC supported the proposed amendments to Harris Township's Chapter 12 Article XIV Sign Ordinance, to eliminate content-based regulations and achieve compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Reed v. Gilbert (2015). These amendments remove distinctions between sign types based on their message content, replacing them with content-neutral regulations that focus on objective criteria such as size, location, and duration. A letter of support, with CRPC comments, was forwarded to the Harris Township Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

CRPC & LUCI held discussions and provided feedback on the following items:

DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC SEWER ACCESS FOR REGIONAL PARKS (HESS FIELD & BEYOND)

The LUCI Committee continued the discussion from the August 7 LUCI meeting on Harris Township's request for the Centre Region COG to begin planning for a future public sewer extension to the John Hess Softball complex. Following earlier feedback that creating an exception for COG-owned land would conflict with the RGB/SSS Implementation Agreement, staff reframed the issue as broader policy questions. The LUCI and CRPC discussion centered on whether park facilities should receive different consideration from other development requests.

The committee agreed that staff should seek municipal input on 3 questions:

1. Does the municipality support establishing a policy that all public parkland may consider having access to public sewer infrastructure if economically viable?

2. Does the municipality support CRPA and the LUCI Committee developing an amendment to the RGB/SSA Agreement to define criteria and a process for parkland to request a DRI?

AND/OR

3. Does the municipality believe this discussion should be part of the Comprehensive Plan Update and Act 537 Plan process?

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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (ATP) UPDATE

The Centre County Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was completed and adopted by the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) Coordinating Committee in November 2024. This initiative reviewed items related to improving mobility for bicyclists, pedestrians, and other forms of mobility such as horse and buggies and wheels (scooters and ATVs) to the extent that data is available in Centre County. The plan utilized existing bicycle and pedestrian plans and other relevant information such as crash data, Environmental Justice populations, and gaps in the system.

The emphasis of the plan was to:

- Hear from the Centre County communities about their concerns with possible project development
- Develop a draft safety action plan (link below)
- Advance activities and programs for these modes of transportation
- Work toward reducing fatalities and serious injuries county wide by 22% by 2034
- Complete the League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community application for the Centre Region
- Support the CCMPO application for a SS4A planning grant in September 2024

A landing page for the Active Transportation Plan was created for the planning process, and it is located here: <https://ccatp-centrecog.hub.arcgis.com/>. On this website you can find the ATP report (click on image at bottom of home page) and online survey results under the public engagement tab.

As part of the draft safety action plan effort by the CCMPO Safety Subcommittee and resulting Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant award, a landing page for the SS4A project is available here: <https://www.crcog.net/SS4a>.

The following data developed as part of the ATP is available on this website and includes the:

- Centred on Safety - Safety Action Plan
- Centre County Crash Dashboard
- High Injury Network and Level of Stress Analysis for bicyclists and pedestrians

**LUCI is scheduled
to meet next on
November 6th at
12:15 p.m.**

**The CRPC is
scheduled to meet
next on November
6th at 7:00 p.m.**