

Hardwick Township's comments on the Warren County Cross Acceptance Report draft of 8 Nov 2004

Notes from **22 November** meeting.

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The Cross Acceptance Team recommends the following changes to the Nov 8 Draft:

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Key Concepts

- 1. Planning that is comprehensive, citizen based, collaborative, coordinated and based on capacity analysis.**

to the above key point, Hardwick proposes adding the following:

“and reflective of the wishes and character of the individual municipalities in a manner that is consistent with the State Plan. For example, the State Plan should allow rural municipalities to pursue open space, farmland preservation and maintenance of their rural character.”

- 3. Planning should be closely coordinated with and supported by investments, programs and regulatory actions.**

Planning for growth, including growth in appropriate areas of rural municipalities should be coordinated with investments and regulatory actions...

in the first comment sentence following the key point, Hardwick proposes striking the phrase “including growth in the appropriate areas of rural municipalities”

and adding the following phrase at the end of the sentence:

“and such activity should be initiated at the request of the local municipality”

So the final wording would read:

Planning should be closely coordinated with and supported by investments, programs and regulatory actions. Such activity should be initiated at the request of the local municipality.

3. Development and re-development

Regarding this Planning Outcome...

Hardwick Township strongly advocates that the State Plan must explicitly recognize that not all towns have, or need to have, a town center. For example, in Hardwick's case, Blairstown and Stillwater serve as our "town centers."