

2010 Planning Excellence Award for Public Outreach

Landscapes2—Chester County Comprehensive Policy Plan

The Chester County Board of Commissioners received the 2010 Planning Excellence Award for Public Outreach by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA-PA). The awards committee said the county's efforts to involve residents and landowners in the planning process exemplified the "best and brightest in Pennsylvania for 2010."



Focus groups

A series of Focus Group meetings were held to help define contemporary concerns, issues, and perspectives of the citizens of Chester County.



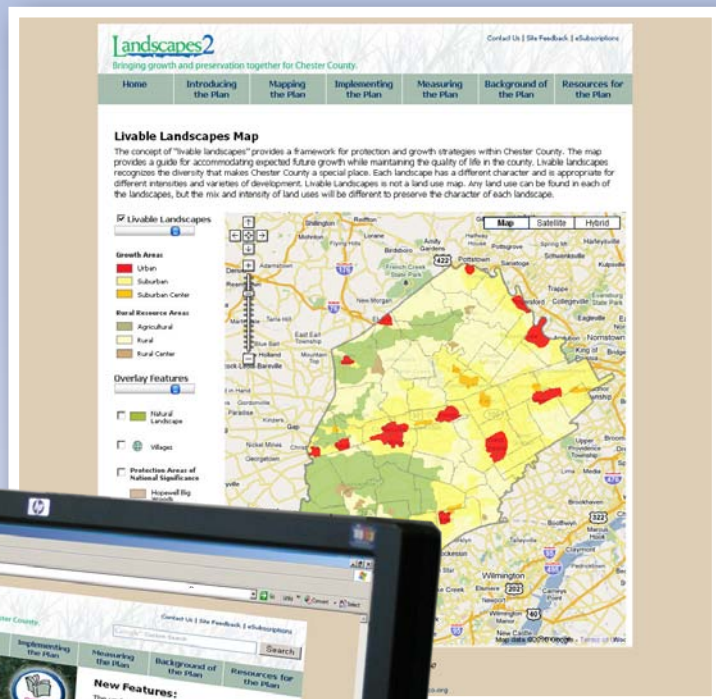
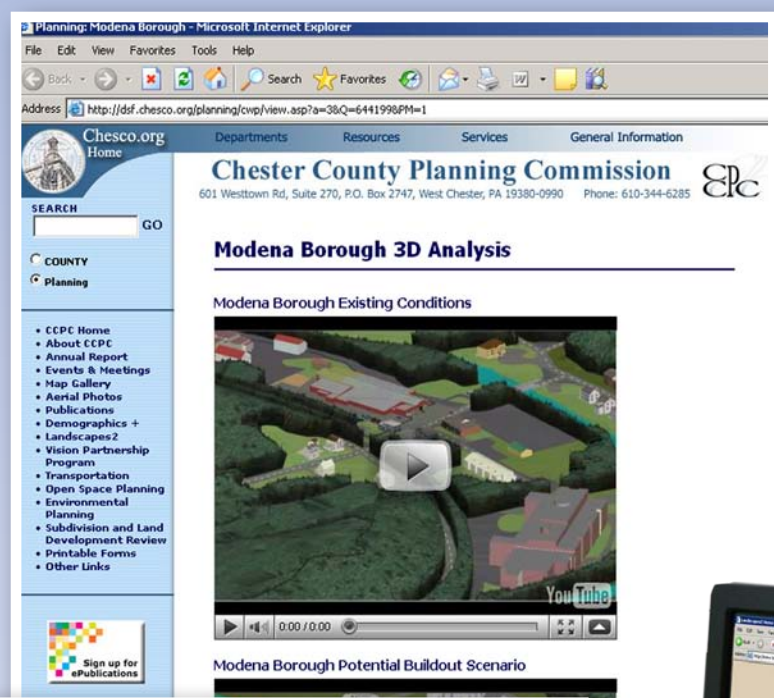
Community involvement

The Landscapes2 plan involved an interactive, cooperative process, including a public opinion survey, an opportunity to offer comments, and the availability of online resources.



Online technical tools

Online 3D modeling was used to promote awareness of planning solutions and serves as an effective educational tool.



Plan Steering Committee

A Plan Steering Committee was formed by the Board of Commissioners to serve as a sounding board for solutions to the challenges facing Chester County.

Innovative interactive mapping

An online interactive map, entitled Livable Landscapes, allows interested parties to explore the plan visually and has become quite popular as a planning tool.

Electronic book format

Landscapes2 is presented on the website www.Landscapes2.org as an electronic book with pages that turn and a prominent table of contents for simplifying searches.

Landscapes2 is a web-based plan

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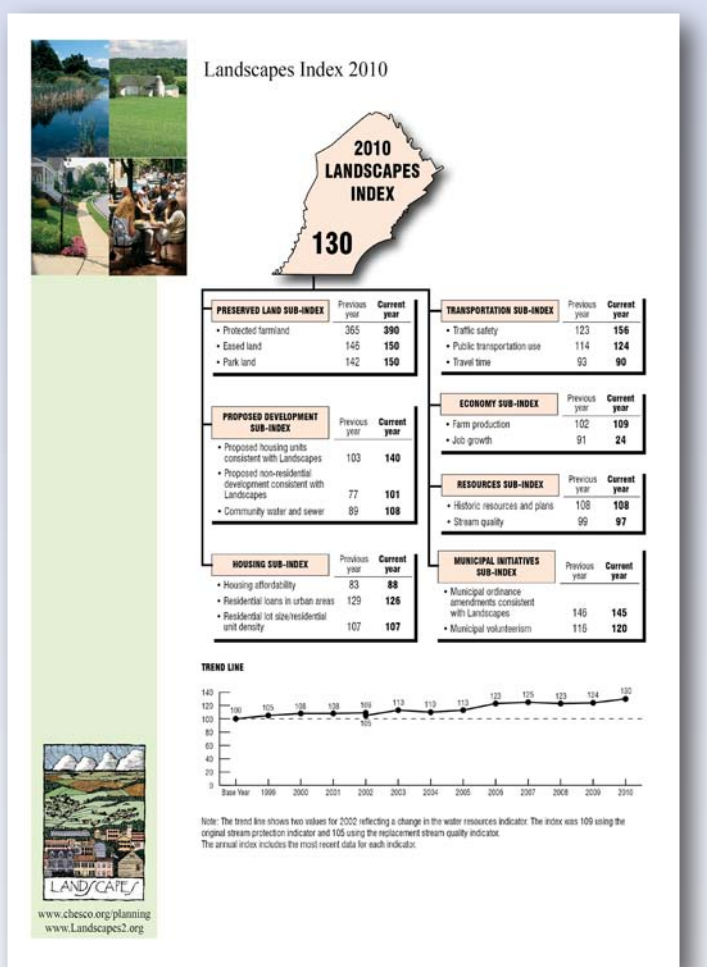
Plan adoption

Landscapes2 was unanimously adopted by the Chester County Board of Commissioners at a well attended public hearing.



Landscapes2 initiatives for change

Landscapes2 advances three initiatives for change that serve to distill the various actions recommended by the plan.



Landscapes Index 2010

The Landscapes Index, a type of report card, measures the progress made toward achieving the goals of the plan on an annual basis.

