

GREENWAYS and.....HAM?



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I. Why Greenways and Open Space Planning?

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Open Space

Open Space is undeveloped land that can be either publicly or privately owned. It includes agricultural land, forests, public parks, and water bodies such as lakes and rivers.





Farmland



Forests

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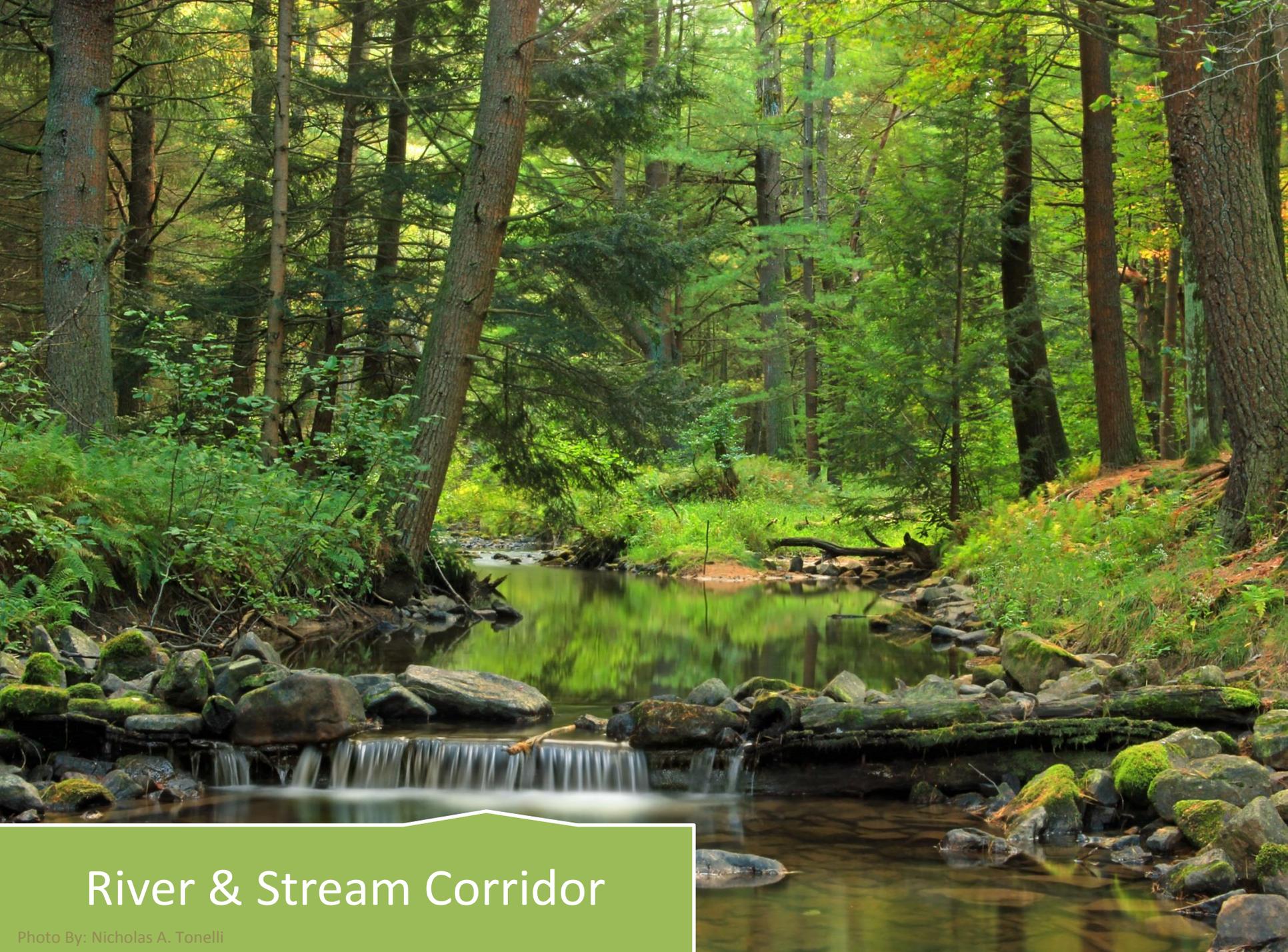


Parkland

Greenways

Greenways are corridors of open space that follow linear landscape features such as a river, ridge line, utility corridor, canal, or abandoned railroad.





River & Stream Corridor

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Trail Corridor



Rail Corridor

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II. Planning Process and Schedule

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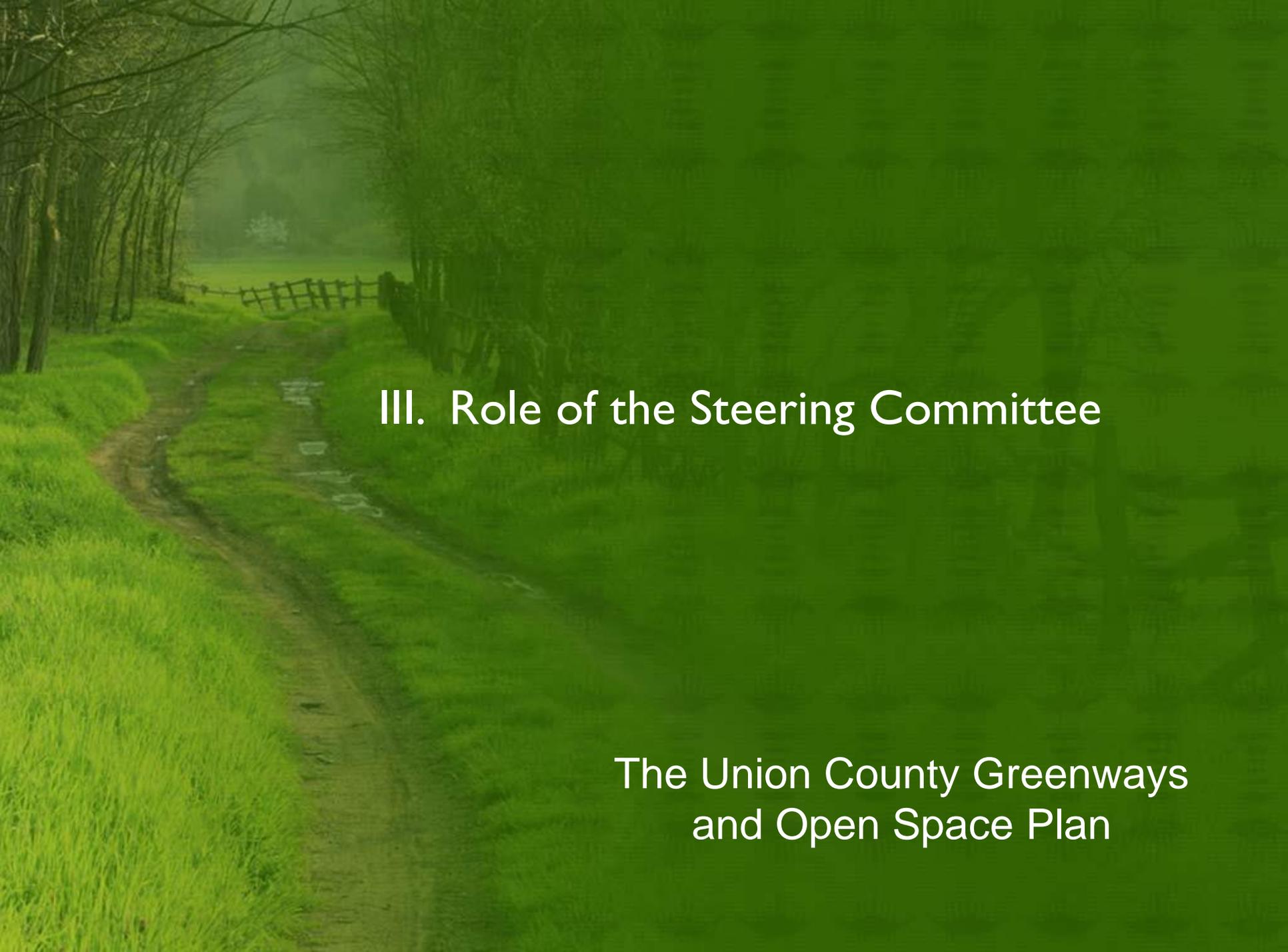
Planning Process



Your Turn

- What do *you* want this plan to accomplish?



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III. Role of the Steering Committee

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Steering Committee Role



Inform

Review

Publicize

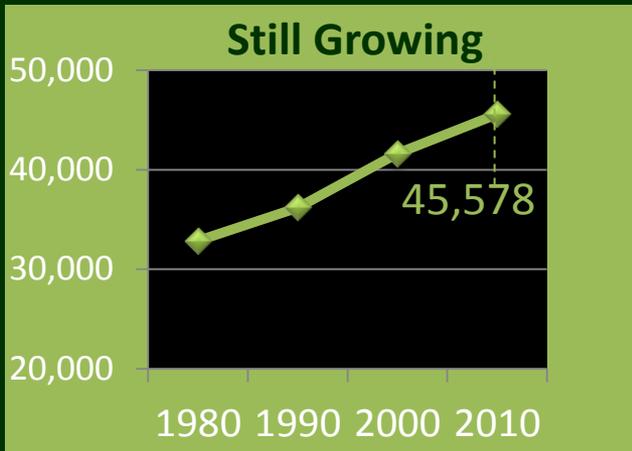
Monitor

A dirt road winds through a lush green field. The road is flanked by tall grass on the left and a line of trees on the right. In the distance, a wooden fence is visible. The overall scene is a peaceful, rural landscape.

IV. Existing Conditions and Trends

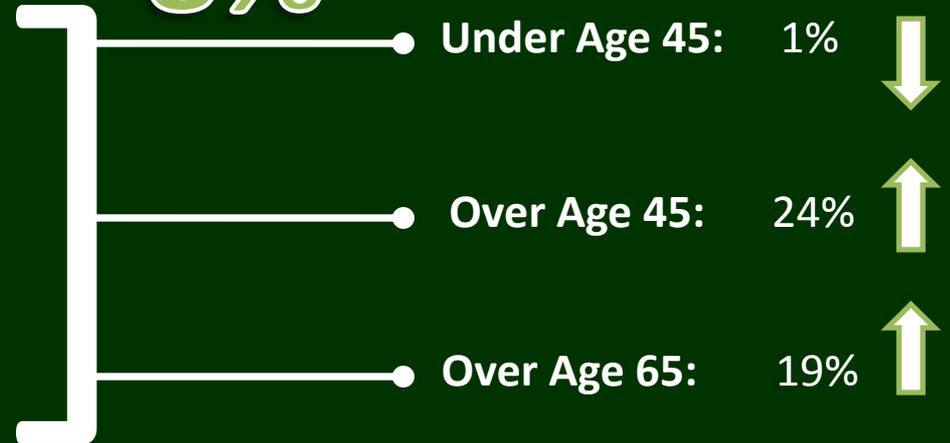
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POPULATION BY THE NUMBERS



8%

Change From 2000 to 2010



MEDIAN AGE INCREASED
35.8 to 38.5



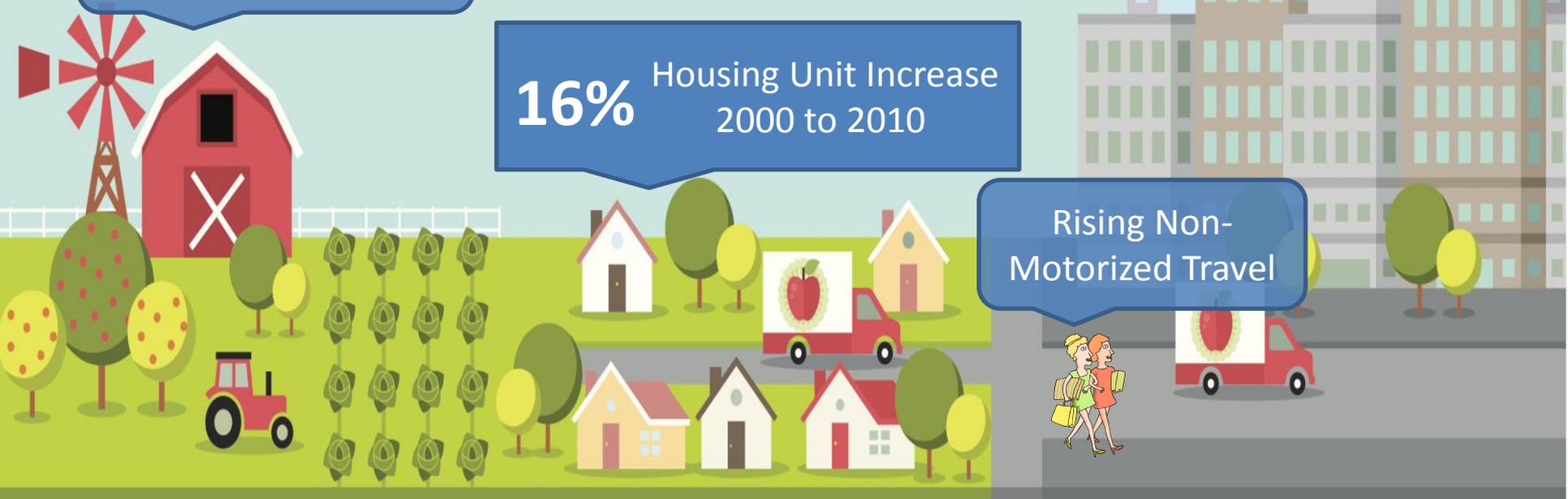
MORE TRENDS

Improved Agricultural
Economics

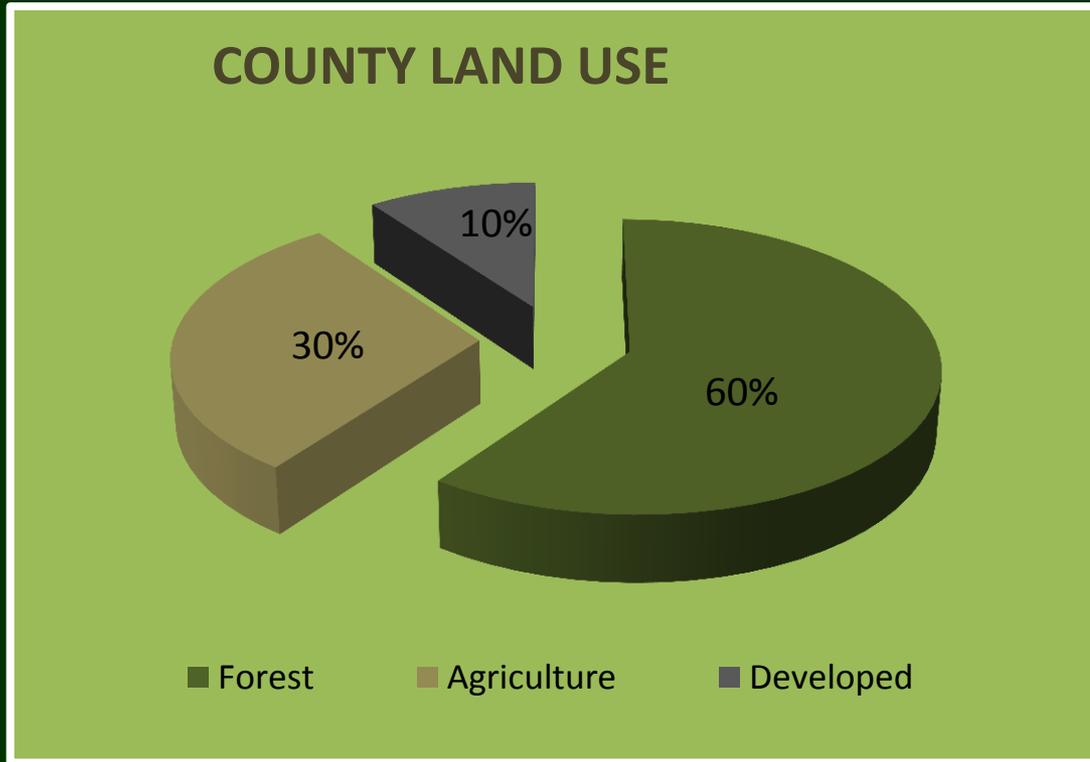
16% Housing Unit Increase
2000 to 2010

Population slightly more
urbanized in 2010

Rising Non-
Motorized Travel



Open Space Conditions



39%
Amount of land
permanently
protected

Outdoor Recreation Trends

Top 10 Cited Recreation Activities*

Walking (street, sidewalks, trails)

Scenic Driving

Visiting Historic Sites

Picnicking

Swimming

Wildlife Viewing

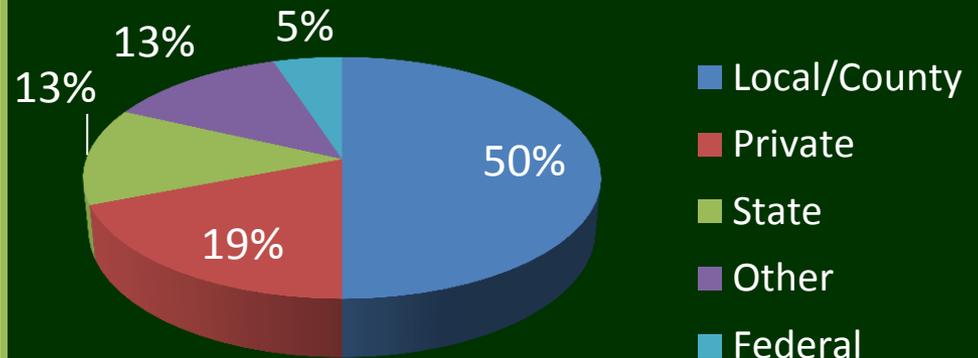
Visiting Nature Centers

Night Sky Viewing

Bicycling

Bird Watching

Where do people go?*



TRENDING UP — Kayak related, Stand Up Paddling, Off-Road Triathlon, & Adventure Racing



TRENDING DOWN — Snowshoeing, Skiing, Snowboarding, and Rafting

Outdoor Recreation Trends

Since 1990
hunting down
17% in PA

Wildlife
viewing
increasing

Since 1990
fishing down
20% in PA

\$2.8 Billion Spent
on Wildlife Related Recreation

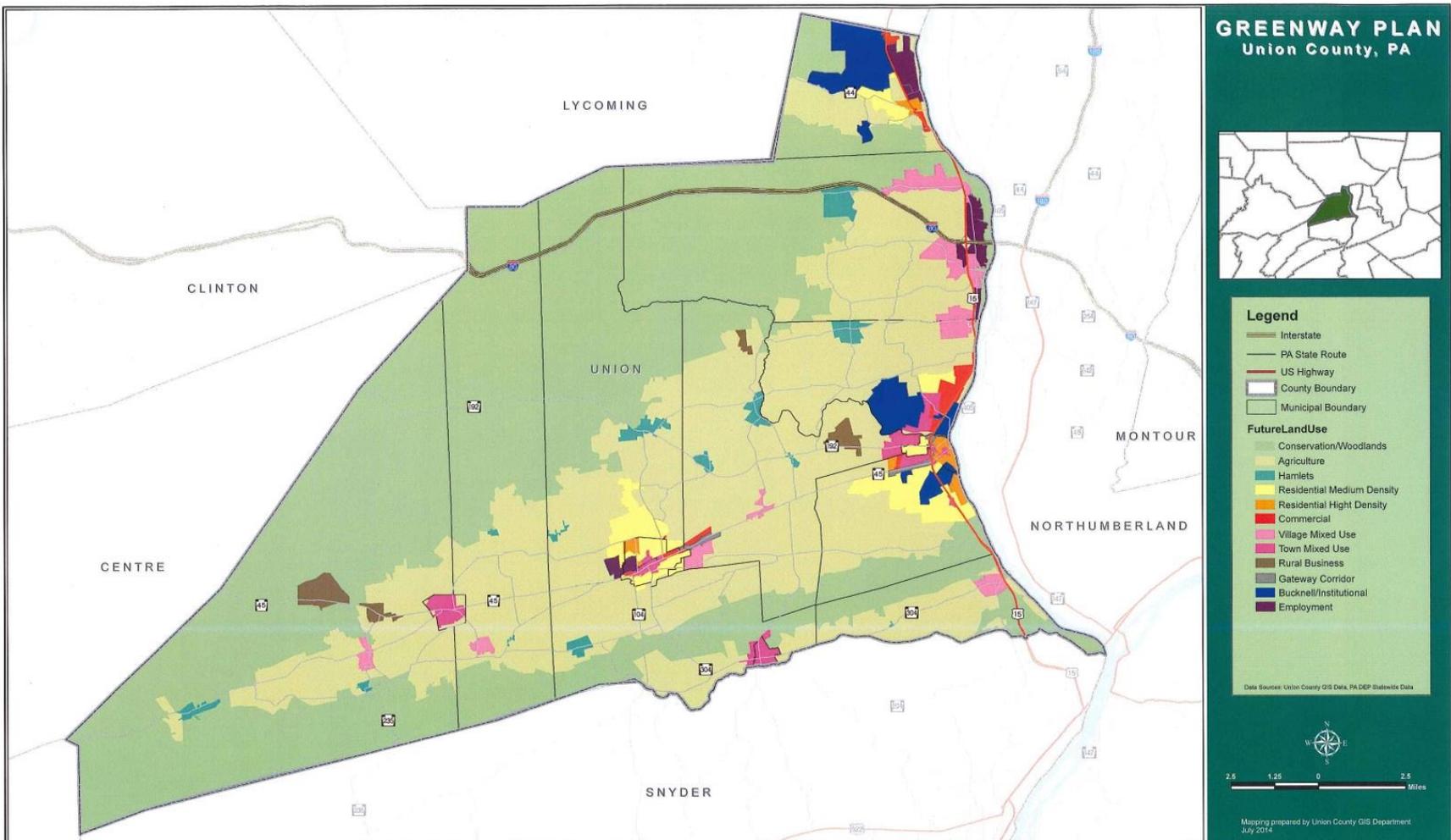


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V. Review of Current Plans and Policies

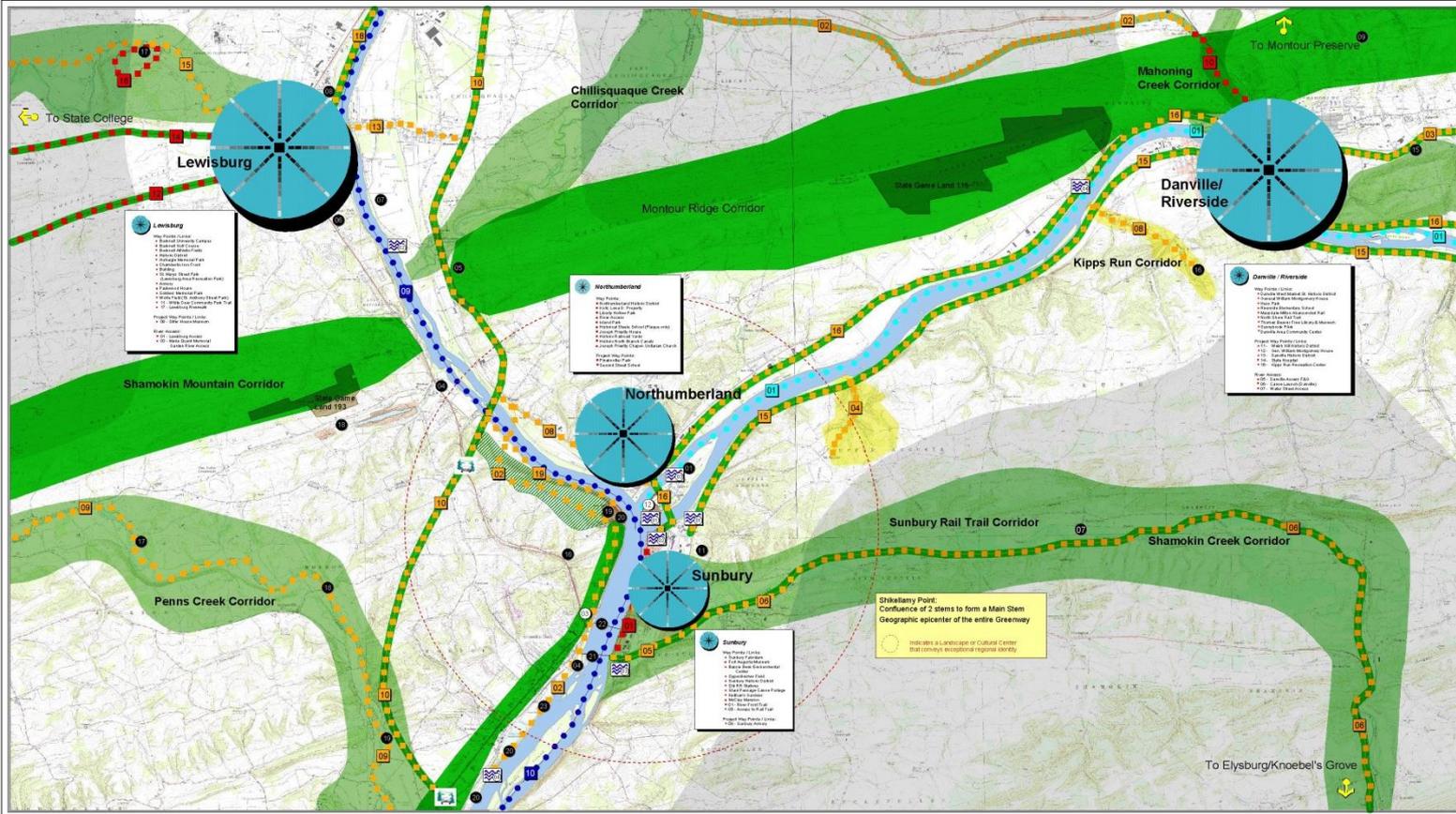
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Comprehensive Plans



Future Land Use

Greenway & River Conservation Plans

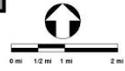


- Way Points**
- Legend:**
- 01: NPCC Campground
 - 02: NPCC Mahoning State
 - 03: NPCC Campground
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- River Access**
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"HUB" COMPONENTS	"GREENWAYS" COMPONENTS	OPEN SPACE FRAMEWORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network Hub Journey Point Waypoint (contingent) Waypoint (contingent) River Access Portal Satellite Hub 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network Corridor Major Corridor Minor Corridor Spur Land-Based Links Water-Based Links 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Preserved Private Preserved Important Natural Areas



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VI. Next Steps

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What's Next?

- Team will gather & evaluate information and report back to the Committee
- Public involvement (when, where, how much format?)
- Future Steering Committee Meetings



Questions?

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