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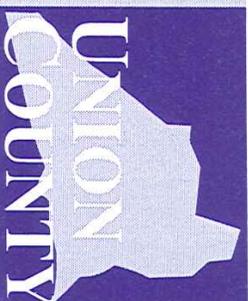
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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 37 OF 2009**  
**ADOPTING THE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE**  
**PLAN TITLED: *CULTIVATING COMMUNITY:***  
***A PLAN FOR UNION COUNTY'S FUTURE.***

**WHEREAS**, Section 302 (d) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (PA MPC), Act 247 of 1968, P. L. 805, requires county comprehensive plans to be updated every 10 years and Union County's previous plan was more than 10 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union County comprehensive plan is titled: *Cultivating Community: A Plan for Union County's Future*; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan was guided by the Union County Planning Commission, a countywide advisory committee, and multi-municipal advisory teams to ensure the county plan is consistent with new and existing multi-municipal plans of the county's municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan was prepared based on input received from the public through an intense outreach campaign that included, but was not limited to, the following: county advisory team composed of diverse community stakeholders; planning area/multi-municipal advisory teams; stakeholder interviews and focus groups; a statistically valid random household survey; involvement of youth through middle school programs; a dedicated website [www.cultivatingcommunity.net](http://www.cultivatingcommunity.net); meetings and presentations to civic and community groups; an information booth at the county fair; a series of three public meetings held around the county in each planning area so citizens could identify key concerns and issues; a series of three public meetings held in the planning areas where citizens actively participated in determining a preferred plan for future growth and development in the county; and open houses where residents could further comment on future growth alternatives; and

**WHEREAS**, a series of three public meetings, pursuant to public notice, were held on April 21 and April 22, 2009 in the designated planning areas within the county to present the plan to the public and announce a 60-day comment period from April 21, 2009 through June 22, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal governing bodies and planning commission members had an initial opportunity to review and comment on the plan (along with copies of the public input received) until July 31, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union County Planning Commission, after revisions made based on public and municipal comments, recommended the plan for adoption at its October 13, 2009 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code copies of the Plan were provided to all county municipalities and school districts and to contiguous counties, municipalities, and school districts for the required forty five (45) day comment period; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing of the Union County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to public notice, was held at 3:45 PM on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to accept comments on the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Union County has made no substantial changes to the Cultivating Community Plan since the public hearing and has determined that it should not be substantially revised in whole or in part; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union County Board of Commissioners finds the Cultivating Community Plan to be beneficial to the health, safety, and welfare of current and future citizens; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Union County Board of Commissioners, Union County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

The Union County Board of Commissioners, hereby adopts "*Cultivating Community: A Plan for Union County's Future*", and each component thereof including the maps, charts, and textual matter, of which a complete copy is attached hereto as Exhibit A, as the comprehensive plan for Union County, Pennsylvania.

DULY ADOPTED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2009 by the Union County Board of Commissioners, Union County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

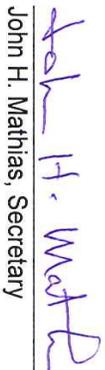
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Diana L. Robinson, Chief Clerk

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