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Public Meetings to Discuss County SALDO Project

INDIANA COUNTY, PA – The Indiana County Planning Commission invites the public to discuss an important project, the update to the Indiana County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). The Planning Commission would like to share key information about the SALDO with the public, and receive community feedback on the work that has been done to date.

In-person public meetings will be hosted throughout the County between the dates of Nov. 23rd and Dec. 7th. Four meetings will be held virtually through Zoom (see information below). The meeting dates, start times and locations are as follows:

In-Person

Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, 6:00 pm, East Mahoning Township Community Park/ Marion Center Park Hall – 22823 PA-403 Marion Center, PA 15759

Monday, Nov. 29th, 6:00 pm, Yellow Creek State Park Environmental Learning Center – 2-216 Pond Ln, Penn Run, PA 15765

Tuesday, Nov. 30th, 6:00 pm, Saltsburg Borough Office – 320 Point St, Saltsburg, PA 15681

Wednesday, Dec. 1st, 6:00 pm, Coral/Graceton Volunteer Fire Recreation Hall – 437 1st Ave Coral, PA 15731

Virtual (Zoom)

Monday, Dec. 6th at 1:30 pm and again at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 7th at 1:30 pm and again at 6:00 pm

Virtual Meetings Link: <https://tinyurl.com/CountySALDO>

Meeting ID: 821 7007 0234

Call-in number: +1-301-715-8592

This SALDO will replace the County's existing Subdivision Ordinance that was adopted in 1962 and last amended in 1990. The new SALDO will include a revised and improved Subdivision Ordinance with an added Land Development component. The new SALDO will be an instrument for assuring that land development regulations and requirements are met and that all citizens and interested parties are treated fairly and equitably. It will serve as a means to address issues related to the health, safety and welfare of the community while protecting public and private property and ensuring responsible development.

The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) provides that all municipalities have the right to adopt and administer local land use regulations, including Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances. It is then the responsibility of the County to serve the role of administering land use regulations in all of the municipalities within its boundaries that do not currently administer their own adopted ordinance. Currently, Indiana, Homer City, and Blairsville Boroughs as well as White, Burrell and East Wheatfield Townships do administer SALDO's of their own. The Indiana County Subdivision Ordinance is in effect in 32 of the 38 municipalities in the County.

Over the past four years, Indiana County Office of Planning & Development (ICOPD) staff been working in collaboration with a four-member subcommittee of the Planning Commission as well as the Pittsburgh based planning consulting firm, Environmental Planning & Design, LLC to tackle this key recommendation from the most recent Comprehensive Plan for Indiana County. *Where We Live: A Comprehensive Plan for Indiana County* was adopted by the Indiana County Commissioners in September of 2012.

For any questions or concerns regarding the public meetings or Indiana County SALDO Project, please contact Josh Krug, Deputy Director, Planning at 724-465-3877 or via email at jkrug@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us

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