

# THE INSIDE STORY



## **Allegheny Places**

In November 2008, Allegheny County adopted its first countywide comprehensive plan, which sets recommendations, guidelines and standards for land development, conservation and economic initiatives. The county's commitment to sustainable practices is evident throughout the plan, and especially in the sections regarding economic development, housing, parks, open space, greenways, transportation, environmental resources and energy conservation.

Among the comprehensive plan's recommendations are: expanding the region's parks and trails system; promoting energy conservation; eliminating urban, agricultural and industrial pollution runoff to protect streams and watersheds; promoting transit-oriented development at key transit stations and along major transit corridors; promoting the use of green building techniques and energy-efficient housing design; and encouraging developments that will minimize impacts on greenfields.

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