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**Community Climate Action Planning Forums Kick-off with Local Governance**

*The first event will be held virtually on Tuesday, October 20 from 6-7:30 pm*

**Boiling Springs, PA** – Changing climate has caused and will continue to cause impacts to public health, infrastructure, emergency services, and major economic contributors like agriculture, tourism, and recreation. Beginning Oct. 20, a series of community forums regarding Climate Action Planning will be hosted through 2021 by community groups and agencies in the Cumberland Valley.

The forums will review what is already being done about changing climate, and how citizens, municipalities, and related organizations can get involved to expand and accelerate efforts.

The first event, coordinated by Cumberland County Planning Department, will be held virtually on Tuesday, October 20 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and will include expert presentations and a question and answer session.

The purpose of these forums is to learn more about the role and importance of local government, climate action planning programs available in Pennsylvania such as the Local Climate Action Program through the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection, and Cumberland County’s commitment to climate change mitigation. Two additional events are planned for December 2020 and February 2021.

All attendees must register for the virtual event, visit <https://bit.ly/2XO9CA>. Logon instructions for the webinar will be emailed prior to the event. Series information and registration will be available at <https://bit.ly/34UZrAw>.

The series is a partnership between the Cumberland Conservation Collaborative, the South Mountain Partnership, Cumberland County Planning Department, the Center for Land Use and Sustainability at Shippensburg University, and the Center for Sustainability at Dickinson College, and Carlisle Borough.

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#### **About Carlisle Borough**

Founded in 1751, Carlisle Borough is one of Pennsylvania's most treasured historic communities. Located in picturesque south-central Pennsylvania, Carlisle's history is rich, ideals are plentiful, and diversity abundant. Strolling through historic downtown, one is greeted by unique architecture, quaint shops, and overall serenity. With a reputation as a growing and viable community, historic Carlisle continues to meet the ever-evolving economic needs of its citizens. Success is evident on every street corner; from small businesses to large corporations, Carlisle is embracing the world of tomorrow. The combination of small and large retail businesses, along with the addition of technology-based firms, and strong service industries, the community has reinvented itself. Carlisle's cultural environment is a diverse mix typified by its award-winning restaurants, [downtown theater](#), historic sites, and multi-cultural events. One doesn't need to venture outside the town's limits to dine on world cuisine, discover artisans, experience unending entertainment, or enjoy recreational activities.

#### **About the Center for Land Use and Sustainability at Shippensburg University**

The Center for Land Use and Sustainability (CLUS) of Shippensburg University has grown to become a key resource for collaborative research throughout central Pennsylvania and the northeast region. The mission of the CLUS is fostering healthy, vibrant, and sustainable communities through applied research, experiential learning opportunities, and interdisciplinary, cross-sector partnerships. Our vision is to be a leader in transforming scientific research into social innovations that promote a thriving economy while preserving resources and reducing the impacts of climate change. Learn more: <https://centerforlanduse.org/>

#### **About the Cumberland Conservation Collaborative**

The Cumberland Conservation Collaborative is a partnership of community organizations, business leaders, educational institutions, governmental agencies and citizens united in voice and action to enhance the quality of life in Cumberland County by restoring, enhancing and protecting our natural resources. The CCC's three guiding principles include: Conserve, restore, and enhance the natural resources of Cumberland County; preserve and expand parkland, forests, tree cover and green space, trails and trail networks, sidewalks and bikeways, waterway and riparian corridors; and encourage healthy community design strategies. For more information about the CCC or the forum, visit the Cumberland Conservation Collaborative website or contact Rick Rovegno, Board Chairman for the CCC, at 717-991-6740 or [rovegnos@pa.net](mailto:rovegnos@pa.net)

#### **About the Dickinson Center for Sustainability Education**

The Dickinson Center for Sustainability Education creates and supports opportunities for students, faculty members and others to learn about, innovate for and advance sustainability. Our approach to sustainability is broad, encompassing promotion of social justice, equity, economic opportunity, civic responsibilities and environmental stewardship. Our methods emphasize learning through experience, testing and demonstrating sustainable solutions in living laboratories, collaborating with diverse partners and supporting innovative course development, research, creative projects, peer-to-peer education and campus and community events and action.

#### **About the South Mountain Partnership**

The South Mountain Partnership is a public-private partnership is led by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and has grown into a coalition of citizens, businesses, non-profits, and government agencies and officials. Together, these partners collaborate in conserving the South Mountain landscape to enrich the quality of life and sustain the sense of place of the region's citizens and communities. The South Mountain landscape covers portions of Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, and York counties. The South Mountain ridgeline, the northern terminus of the Blue Ridge Mountains, lies at the heart of the landscape, but equally important are the surrounding valleys. Communities in the 400,000-acre region have thrived off fertile limestone agricultural lands, the timber that fed iron furnaces, the plentiful game and wildlife, and abundant, pure spring water that is captured by the mountains' permeable soils and released into the valley. For more information about the South Mountain Partnership, visit [www.southmountainpartnership.org](http://www.southmountainpartnership.org) or contact Katie Hess, Director, at 717-609-4581.