



The Board Walk

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AIRPORT

Department of Planning and Development

The Greene County Commissioners have previously hired L. Robert Kimball & Associates, Architects and Engineers of Ebensburg, PA, and are pleased to announce the Start-Up of the Airport Master Plan. The Airport Master Plan study will include a public outreach program to set short and long term planning goals and establish facility requirements based on future aviation forecasts and demands. Other elements of the Master Plan include an economic feasibility study, the installation of a Global Positioning System (GPS) instrument approach, and an airport marketing plan. Priority improvements anticipated at the airport include construction of new hangar space, the development of an Airport Business Park, and infrastructure improvements intended to make the airport attractive for future development. The majority of funding for the \$171,000 Airport Master Plan project is being provided by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and channeled through PENNDOT's Bureau of Aviation. Greene County is providing 2.5 % of the total costs. The master plan and feasibility study are expected to be complete within one year. For further information, please contact the Department of Planning and Development.

BEST PRACTICES/USER GUIDE HANDBOOK

Information Technology

Information Technology completed and distributed 22 hard copies and 224 PDF copies of the "Best Practices and User Guide"; a handbook designed specifically for County employees that cover all aspects of working with County computers and the County wide-area network. Topics covered include: hardware, software, security of data, HIPPA compliance, e-mail use, controlling spam and spyware, and basic troubleshooting.

COUNTY WIDE-AREA NETWORK

Information Technology

The Pennsylvania State Police inspected and approved the County's wide-area network with regards to our connectivity to the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the proposed integration of the 911 Computer-aided dispatch system. The County was informed that new regulations require the County to encrypt transmissions between the 911 Center and other County offices as soon as possible.

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

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The Greene County Geographical Information System (GIS) Committee, at the direction of the Board of Commissioners, has opened the County's private-access, web-based, property record card system to beta testers. The site will remain in testing until June when it will be brought online as a for-pay service provided only to licensed professionals and municipal officials. The property record card website provides comparative searches of properties within Greene County, detailed mapping information, and sales and assessment information.

INMATE PROJECTS

Greene County Prison

Some of the projects completed by inmates from the Greene County Prison last year included: sidewalk repair, brush cutting, curb repair, painting and repair of pavilion and painting of the community firehall; all being located in Greensboro. A viewing deck for the wetlands on State Gamelands #223 was constructed and improvements to the firearms training range used by Wildlife Conservation Officers was completed. More projects will be listed in a later release

WESTMORELAND CO. COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Through the sponsorship of the Greene County Commissioners, 379 residents have taken advantage of the sponsorship tuition rate of \$62.00 per credit for the 2003/2004 year. To apply for this rate, students must be a Greene County resident and complete a sponsorship form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Financial aid awards will be applied toward tuition charges before sponsorship funds may be applied. Double tuition (\$124.00 per credit) will be charged to all students until Greene County sponsorship eligibility requirements are met. To apply for Greene County sponsorship, call the Greene County Center at 724.627.3464 or the WCCC Financial Aid Office, at 1-800-262-2103, ext. 4063.

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