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## Commissioners expected to adopt county's comprehensive plan

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WAYNESBURG - Commissioners are expected to adopt the county's comprehensive plan and the recreation plan at their regular meeting today. The plans have been in the works for at least the last three years.

"We're very happy to finally be wrapping this up," noted Commissioner Pam Snyder.

The long-range plan includes a few general ideas on how to improve the economy by encouraging industries that could do well in Greene County, such as mining, health care, transportation and warehousing, tourism, retail and information technology.

The plan also covers topics such as housing, historic preservation, agriculture, environmental stewardship and improving transportation. The state requires counties to have an up-to-date comprehensive plan and having one should help Greene County's chances of obtaining grant funding from the state and federal governments.

The recreation plan includes recommendations on how to promote Greene County for tourism. Some of the ideas include developing a coal heritage park at Ruff Creek, building a riverfront park at the former Crucible Mine, creating an all-purpose sports facility near the Waynesburg I-79 interchange and developing an agritourism program that taps farms as potential tourist attractions.