

In 2005, Hamilton Township, Stroud Township, Pocono Township, and Stroudsburg Borough, Monroe County, Pa. created a Community Vision as part of a Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

Community Vision

The HSPS (Hamilton Twp., Stroud Twp., Pocono Twp., and Stroudsburg Borough) Region is an attractive community in which to live, work, and vacation, characterized by a high quality of life; diversity of landscapes and settled areas; a balanced and vital economy providing family sustaining jobs for residents; efficient alternative modes of travel; extensive preserved open space; access to protected scenic, natural, historic, and cultural resources; a variety of recreational and social opportunities; managed, balanced and controlled development consistent with available infrastructure and the Region's Plan for the Future; reasonable taxation; intermunicipal cooperation; social cohesion; and assimilation of new residents.

Stroudsburg Borough remains a unique, vital commercial and residential center with attractive streetscapes, safe pedestrian scale, preserved neighborhoods and historic areas, and numerous opportunities for community interaction. Hamilton, Stroud and Pocono Townships contain distinct suburban, rural and village areas. Their landscape is characterized by preserved farmland, wildlife habitats, woodlands, ridgelines and stream corridors, viewable from roads free from uncharacteristic signage and lighting. Housing is available in the Region for people in all stages of life.

Growth is managed. It occurs at designated locations where adequate infrastructure is available or is made available by developers. Environmental and historic resources are protected. Significant areas of open space are preserved, integrated into developments, and connected to open space systems in other developments. Impacts of development are analyzed and mitigated, and buffering and landscaping is generous. Community character is respected, as is land suitability and carrying capacity. Developers provide necessary recreation facilities and road improvements and when required impact fees are paid. Development is concentrated and well planned – it is not stripped along the Region's roads. Access to roads is managed and coordinated.

Growth is also balanced. Residential and limited retail development is balanced by other appropriate environmentally responsible business development at locations designated in the Future Land Use Plan.

The diverse elements in the natural and built environment contain and are interconnected by a comprehensive system of greenways and open space readily accessible to the Region's residents. People may also move efficiently throughout the Region via automobile and transit systems which are safe, convenient, interconnected, and support the Region's Future Land Use Plan.