

Chapter 7 – Community Facilities

Community facilities not only enhance the quality of life for residents but they are also a very important component in the development of an area. Community facilities include not only public services but private services as well. These services and facilities include parks and recreation, utilities, school districts, police, fire departments, and ambulance services. Current capacity, future requirements and the potential demand for these facilities and services are evaluated so that Juniata County can be prepared to provide these services if the need should arise. Community Facilities as discussed herein are graphically shown on **Map 7-1**.

Public Schools

There are two public school districts that serve residents of Juniata County. Each school district provides public education for students in kindergarten through twelfth grades. The two public school districts within Juniata County are Juniata County School District and Greenwood School District.

Juniata County School District

Juniata County School District is the largest public school district that serves Juniata County. The school district has nine elementary schools, one junior high school, and two high schools (Grades 9-12). The Juniata County School District serves the entire county with the exception of Greenwood Township. **Table 7-1** displays the enrollment numbers for the Juniata County School District in the 2006-2007 school year. Enrollment projections for Juniata County School District show a slight negative growth trend after the 2007-2008 school year. Due to the slight negative growth projections school facilities do not face major capacity concerns over the next 7-10 years; however, the school district is pursuing an overall plan to address the growth of the student population and the district’s existing buildings and infrastructure. **Table 7-2**, displays the projected enrollment numbers through the 2013-2014 school year.

Table 7-1: Enrollment, Juniata County School District, 2006-2007 School Year, (1 of 2)

School	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Total
Fayette Township Elementary School	34	30	44	31	27	36	32	234
Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School	42	34	38	43	42	39	-	238
Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School	22	19	18	14	18	16	-	107
Monroe Township Elementary School	22	26	21	24	35	36	40	204
Thompsontown-Delaware Elementary School	14	17	15	50	23	12	16	117
Tuscarora Valley Elementary School	23	24	16	21	17	23	-	136
Walker Township Elementary School	15	17	22	21	26	14	-	115
Mountain View Elementary School	32	40	39	36	22	38	-	207
Susquehanna Township Elementary School	14	20	18	11	-	-	-	63

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

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Table 7-1: Enrollment, Juniata County School District, 2006-2007 School Year, (2 of 2)

School	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
Tuscarora Junior High School	158	165	166	-	-	-	-	489
East Juniata High School	-	89	94	90	98	103	102	576
Juniata Senior High School	-	-	-	178	183	153	119	637
Total								3,123

Table 7-2: Projected School Enrollments for the Juniata County School District

School Year	Projected Enrollment
2007-2008	3,141
2008-2009	3,110
2009-2010	3,083
2010-2011	3,059
2011-2012	3,045
2012-2013	3,035
2013-2014	3,034

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

Greenwood School District

Greenwood School District serves Greenwood Township in Juniata County, along with several municipalities in Perry County. The school district has one elementary school and one joint middle school and high school. Both school facilities are located within Perry County. **Table 7-3** displays the enrollment numbers for Greenwood School District for the 2006-2007 school year. Enrollment projections for the Greenwood School District indicate a steady increase through the 2013-2014 school year. Enrollment projections for the Greenwood School District are shown in **Table 7-4**.

Table 7-3: Enrollment, Greenwood School District, 2006-2007 School Year (1 of 2)

School	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Total
Greenwood Elementary School	66	63	64	74	59	61	62	449

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

Table 7-3: Enrollment, Greenwood School District, 2006-2007 School Year (2 of 2)

School	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
Greenwood Middle School	-	63	74	-	-	-	-	137
Greenwood High School	-	-	-	65	65	78	70	278

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

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Table 7-4: Projected School Enrollments for the Greenwood School District

School Year	Projected Enrollment
2007-2008	861
2008-2009	866
2009-2010	867
2010-2011	884
2011-2012	895
2012-2013	913
2013-2014	931

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

Private Schools

There are 12 private schools within Juniata County that provide residents with an alternative to public education. The vast majority of the private schools within the county are church related. **Table 7-5** lists the private schools that serve Juniata County and the enrollment numbers for each school in the 2006-2007 school year where data was available.

Table 7-5: Private School Enrollments in Juniata County

School Name	Location	Total Enrollment
Black Rock Amish School	Mifflintown	22
Breezy Hollow Amish School	Mifflintown	18
Cocolamus Christian School	McAlisterville	38
East Salem Amish Parochial School	Thompsontown	26
Goodwill Mennonite Christ Day School	Thompsontown	35
Juniata Mennonite School	McAlisterville	220
Kurtz Valley Amish School	Mifflintown	28
Laurel Run Amish School	McAlisterville	24
Mountain View Amish School	Port Royal	24
Red Rock School	Mifflintown	29
Ridgeside School	Mifflintown	26
Shade Mountain School	Mifflintown	59

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

Post-Secondary Education

Continuing education is an important factor in ensuring an educated workforce. There are no institutions of higher education located within Juniata County; however, there are twelve colleges and universities within a reasonable driving distance from the county.

- Bucknell University, Union County
- Dickinson College, Cumberland County
- Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC), Dauphin County
- Juniata College, Huntingdon County
- Lock Haven University of PA, Clinton County

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- Messiah College, Cumberland County
- Penn State Dickinson School of Law, Cumberland County
- Penn State, Harrisburg Campus, Dauphin County
- Penn State, University Park, Centre County
- Pennsylvania State College of Medicine, Dauphin County
- Shippensburg University of PA, Cumberland County
- Susquehanna University, Snyder County

Additional opportunities for higher education are available in Lewistown Borough in Mifflin County. A two-year associate degree program is available at the South Hills School of Business and Technology; Penn State degree courses are taught at the Regional Business Center; a three-year Registered Nurses program is available at the Lewistown Hospital, and an LPN program is taught at the Juniata-Mifflin Counties Area Vocational Technical School.¹

Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 and the Tuscarora Regional Community College

Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 is one of 29 intermediate units in Pennsylvania. Intermediate units are educational service agencies designed to facilitate and enhance educational programs and services throughout the state. Intermediate Unit 11 serves Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, and Mifflin Counties.

In the fall of 2004, the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit brought together a steering committee to explore the feasibility of the establishment of a community college for the region. The committee was formed as a result of collective recognition that chronic unemployment and underemployment of an indigenous workforce were persistent obstacles to economic health and family-sustaining opportunities in the four county region. The consensus among the steering committee was that educational attainment and raising levels of economic prosperity are directly correlated. Further, there was recognition of the link between economic decline and a high concentration of workers who were in need of retraining. The Tuscarora Intermediate Unit is currently serving as the facilitation agency for the development of a community college for the region, to be named Tuscarora Regional Community College, which is pending approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania State Board of Education as Pennsylvania's fifteenth community college.²

Public Libraries

There is currently one public library located in Juniata County. The Juniata County Library facility is centrally located in Mifflintown Borough and offers over 64,000 books, audio books, periodicals, DVDs, VHS tapes, and



¹ Juniata Area Valley Chamber of Commerce

² Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11

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music CDs. The library circulates 131,940 items per year. The Library also provides public access computers and internet access, copier services, interlibrary loan services, and children's programs to the residents of the County.

More information about the library can be found on their web page at - www.juniatalibrary.org/

Greenway, Open Space, and Rural Recreation

Juniata County and Mifflin County recognize the importance of greenway, open space and recreation planning and have jointly prepared a Greenway, Open Space and Rural Recreation Plan. That plan is being developed parallel to this plan and will be the primary source of information on existing recreation facilities and recommendations to improve access to greenways, open space, and recreation in the county.

The plan can be reviewed at <http://www.co.juniata.pa.us/planning.php>

Municipal Parks and Recreation Facilities

County and municipal parks and recreation facilities are discussed in the Juniata/Mifflin County Greenway, Open Space, and Rural Recreation Plan. The full plan can be reviewed at <http://www.co.juniata.pa.us/planning.php>

Healthcare Facilities

There are no hospitals located within Juniata County. The closest major healthcare facility is the Lewistown Hospital located in Lewistown. Lewistown Hospital is a 139-bed acute care hospital that serves a population of approximately 80,000 in Mifflin, Juniata, and surrounding counties.

The hospital was established in 1905 and provides inpatient, outpatient, wellness, and community services. In addition to providing a wide variety of services, the hospital serves as one of the largest employers of residents in Juniata Counties, providing employment opportunities for 1,000 full time and part time employees, and medical staffing of 128 physicians and allied health practitioners representing specialties ranging from family medicine to internal medicine, cardiology, and infectious disease.

The Geisinger Medical Group also has a large presence in Juniata and Mifflin Counties. Its Lewistown location is a two-story, 18 physician practice clinic offering primary care and specialty services. The Geisinger Medical Group is located in the twin borough area which is centrally accessible to all residents of the county; however, it is not easily accessible by residents living in the far reaches of the county. It is a three provider community practice offering primary care to area residents. Both clinics offer same day appointments and numerous free health related events and screenings throughout the year.³

³ Juniata Valley Area Chamber of Commerce

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During the presentation of the plan at the 2008 Juniata County Association of Township Supervisors convention it was noted that Juniata County has a physician shortage issue due to the death of two long standing doctors in the county. The Geisinger Medical Group is centrally located in the Mifflintown area which is accessible to all residents of the county; however, it is not easily accessible by residents living in the far reaches of the county.

This plan recognizes that access to healthcare is an important component to an individual's quality of life; therefore, supports efforts to increase the availability and accessibility of doctors in the county.

Emergency Services

Emergency services provide a valuable service for the safety and well being of Juniata County residents. The life and property saving services that the police, fire and ambulance squads provide are vital to the community's quality of life. The Juniata County Department of Emergency Services handles emergency management responsibilities and works closely with all of the police, fire and ambulance services located within Juniata County. The department is comprised of an emergency management office and a 9-1-1 emergency communications center. The 9-1-1 emergency communications center provides 24-hour emergency service for calls in Juniata County.

EMS

Emergency medical services within Juniata County are provided by six EMS units including Central Juniata EMS, Fayette Township EMS, Lack Tuscarora EMS, Port Royal EMS, Richfield Ambulance League, and Thompsontown Ambulance League.

Fire Protection Services

Fire protection services are provided to residents of the county by eight fire companies. Those fire companies include Beale Township Volunteer Fire Company, Delaware Township Fire Company, Mifflintown Hose Company No. 1, Fayette Fire Company, Friendship Fire Company #1, Mifflin Fire Department #2, Richfield Fire Department and Thompsontown Fire Department.

Beale Township Volunteer Fire Company

Type of Fire Department:	Volunteer
Department Run By:	Local
Number of Fire Stations:	1
Number of Career Firefighters:	0

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Number of Volunteer Firefighters:	27
Number of Paid per Call Firefighters:	0
Non-Firefighting Employees:	0
Non-Firefighting Volunteers:	5

Delaware Township Fire Company

Type of Fire Department:	Volunteer
Department Run By:	Local
Number of Fire Stations:	1
Number of Career Firefighters:	0

Number of Volunteer Firefighters:	18
Number of Paid per Call Firefighters:	0
Non-Firefighting Employees:	0
Non-Firefighting Volunteers:	4

Mifflintown Hose Company No. 1

Type of Fire Department:	Volunteer
Department Run By:	Local
Number of Fire Stations:	1
Number of Career Firefighters:	0

Number of Volunteer Firefighters:	45
Number of Paid per Call Firefighters:	0
Non-Firefighting Employees:	0
Non-Firefighting Volunteers:	0

Fayette Fire Company

Type of Fire Department:	Volunteer
Department Run By:	Local
Number of Fire Stations:	1
Number of Career Firefighters:	0

Number of Volunteer Firefighters:	30
Number of Paid per Call Firefighters:	0
Non-Firefighting Employees:	0
Non-Firefighting Volunteers:	15

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Friendship Fire Company #1

Type of Fire Department:	Volunteer
Department Run By:	Local
Number of Fire Stations:	1
Number of Career Firefighters:	0
Number of Volunteer Firefighters:	30
Number of Paid per Call Firefighters:	0
Non-Firefighting Employees:	0
Non-Firefighting Volunteers:	20

Mifflin Fire Department #2

Type of Fire Department:	Volunteer
Department Run By:	Contract fire department
Number of Fire Stations:	1
Number of Career Firefighters:	0
Number of Volunteer Firefighters:	52
Number of Paid per Call Firefighters:	0
Non-Firefighting Employees:	0
Non-Firefighting Volunteers:	10

Richfield Fire Department

Type of Fire Department:	Volunteer
Department Run By:	Local
Number of Fire Stations:	1
Number of Career Firefighters:	0
Number of Volunteer Firefighters:	24
Number of Paid per Call Firefighters:	0
Non-Firefighting Employees:	0
Non-Firefighting Volunteers:	15

Thompsontown Fire Department

Type of Fire Department:	Volunteer
Department Run By:	Local
Number of Fire Stations:	1
Number of Career Firefighters:	0

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Number of Volunteer Firefighters:	33
Number of Paid per Call Firefighters:	0
Non-Firefighting Employees:	0
Non-Firefighting Volunteers:	3

Source: Fire Departments Net - www.firedepartments.net/county/PA/JuniataCounty.html

Police Protection Services

Similar to other rural areas, Juniata County does not have a regional police force and is served by the Pennsylvania State Police. **Table 7-6** displays the crime statistics in Juniata County for 2005 through 2007. The crime rates seem to have slightly increased over the two year period. Alcohol related crimes, property offenses, and assaults make up the largest percentages of the crimes in Juniata County for all three years.

Table 7-6: Crime Statistics, 2005-2007

Offense	2005	2006	2007*
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	21	19	24
Robbery	8	1	5
Assaults	88	145	150
Property Offenses	325	357	314
Arson	6	1	5
Drug Violations	18	21	32
Alcohol Crimes	80	87	139

*Data through November, 2007
Source: Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting

Based upon input received through the community survey and public participation meetings, access to emergency services was not seen as a major problem; however, overall emergency preparedness and police response was identified as a concern. Since the initiation of this project, Juniata County collaborated with Perry County and Mifflin County in the preparation of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan which address overall emergency preparedness.

Municipalities and service providers must continually evaluate growth trends in order to ensure adequate maintenance and expansion of services, especially the municipalities that have been identified in the High Growth and Rural Growth Areas as shown on the Future Land Use Map. It is unlikely that municipalities will create individual police departments during the life of this plan and as a result will continue to rely in the Pennsylvania State Police for police protection. As growth in the county continues the need to explore local or regional policing will become a priority. However, until that time surfaces it is important to work closely with the Pennsylvania State Police to ensure adequate police protection is provided.

Implementation of this plan through local comprehensive plans and ordinance will result in a coordinated development pattern which will permit controlled expansion of fire and EMS services. It is important that sufficient staffing, facilities, and equipment are available to maintain

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the current level of service. Municipalities should work with their emergency service providers and explore methods of improving their financial structure, recruitment, and discuss consolidation and regionalism, especially in the growth areas of the county.

Public Water and Sewage Services

Dense development, like that which has occurred in the boroughs of Juniata County, is often driven by the availability of public facilities including the availability of public water and sewer services. There are currently eight water/sewer authorities located within Juniata County. **Table 7-7** and **Table 7-8** provide information on the public water and sewer systems in the county.

- East Waterford Sewer Authority
- Fermanagh Township Sewer Authority
- Mifflintown Municipal Authority (Water)
- Thompsontown Municipal Authority (Water and Sewer)
- McAlisterville Area Joint Authority (Water and Sewer)
- Port Royal Municipal Authority (Water and Sewer)
- Richfield Area Joint Authority (Water)
- Twin Boroughs Sanitary Authority (Sewer)

Table 7-7: Public Sewer

Facility Name	System Capacity	Average Usage per Day	Peak Usage per Day	Peak Usage Exceeds System Capacity	Customers	
					Residential	Non-Residential
Twin Boroughs Sanitary Authority	.900 MGD	.450 MGD	--	No	1,441	238
Port Royal Municipal Authority	.20 MGD	.088 MGD	.127 MGD	No	465	14
East Waterford Sewer Authority	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Fermanagh Township Sewer Authority	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Thompsontown Municipal Authority	.105 MGD*	.066 MGD	.090 MGD	No	--	--
McAlisterville Area Joint Authority	.130 MGD	.058 MGD	.088 MGD	No	--	--

Source: Local Authorities

* - An agreement is in place with a local developer to upgrade the plant to .200 MGD to accommodate a 250 unit subdivision.

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Table 7-8: Public Water

Facility Name	System Capacity	Average Usage per Day	Peak Usage per day	Peak Usage Exceeds System Capacity	Customers	
					Residential	Non-Residential
Port Royal Municipal Authority	--	104,000 gpd	140,000 gpd	--	544	22
Richfield	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
Thompsontown	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
McAlisterville	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
Mifflintown Municipal Authority	645,000gpd	465,000 gpd	713,000 gpd	Yes	1,450	--

Source: Local Authorities
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Solid Waste Management

Solid waste management programs vary throughout Juniata County. The four boroughs and some of the townships contract licensed solid waste haulers to provide the service for their residents but in the remaining townships it is up to the residents to choose their own solid waste hauler.

Based on historical data (1993-1999) from the 2003 Solid Waste Management Plan updates, approximately 32 tons per day of municipal waste was generated in the county and disposed through the Mifflin County Solid Waste Authority’s facilities. This quantity does not include source separated and recycled material.

Juniata County employs a three-pronged approach to effective solid waste management:

1. Encouragement of waste minimization efforts by residents and businesses through educational and promotional programs;
2. Encouragement of waste reduction, including recycling, composting and reuse, through financial and technical assistance, educational and promotional campaigns; and
3. Arrangements for proper disposal of unrecycled municipal waste at state-of-the-art landfills.

The County has several municipalities that have implemented voluntary source-separation recycling programs with curbside collection programs: Port Royal, Thompsontown, Mifflin and Mifflintown Boroughs. The county has three recycling drop-off points: Cocalamus Creek Disposal Service, Kramer’s Recycling, and Dunn’s Recycling.

Other Community Facilities

Electric Facilities

Pennsylvania Power and Light (PPL) primarily provides electric service to the eastern half of Juniata County. The following municipalities are serviced by PPL:

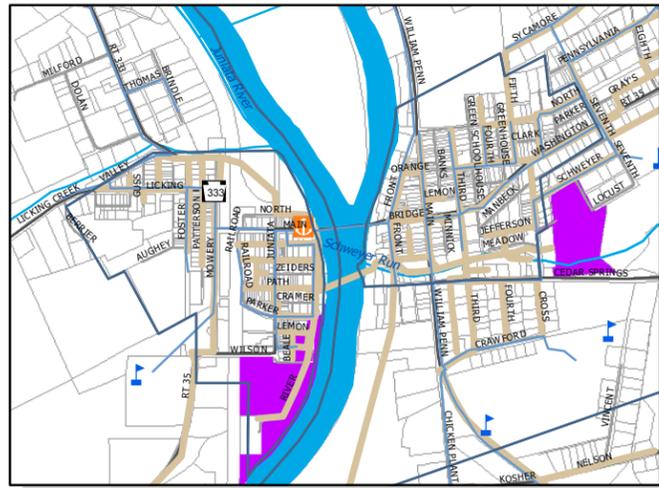
- Mifflin Borough
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- Port Royal Borough
- Thompsontown Borough
- Delaware Township
- Fayette Township
- Fermanagh Township
- Milford Township
- Monroe Township
- Greenwood Township
- Susquehanna Township
- Turbett Township
- Walker Township

The remaining portions of the county are served by First Energy (Penelec) and Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

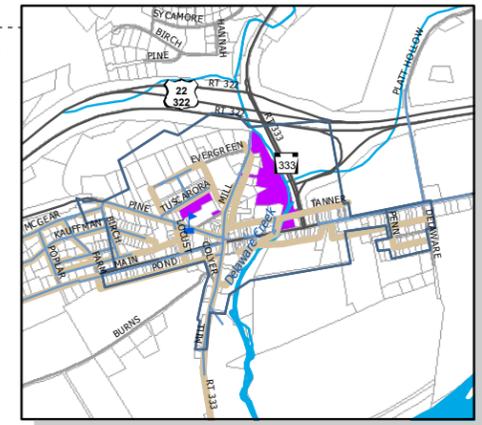
Cable Services

Cable services for the county are provided by Nittany Media, Inc. Other providers' include Dish and Direct TV. During the public participation meetings access to high speed internet was identified as being very important. The need for high speed internet is vital for business development and opens opportunities for residents to work from their homes. The Land Use chapter identifies areas of the county that should contain high speed internet and other forms of advanced communications such as adequate cellular phone coverage.

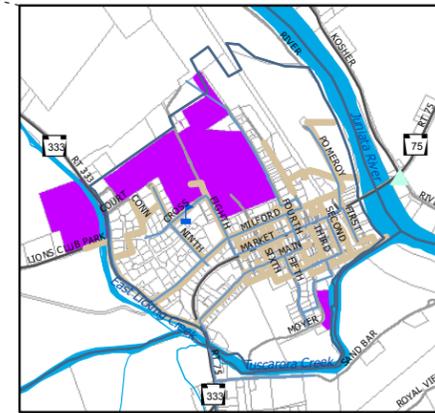
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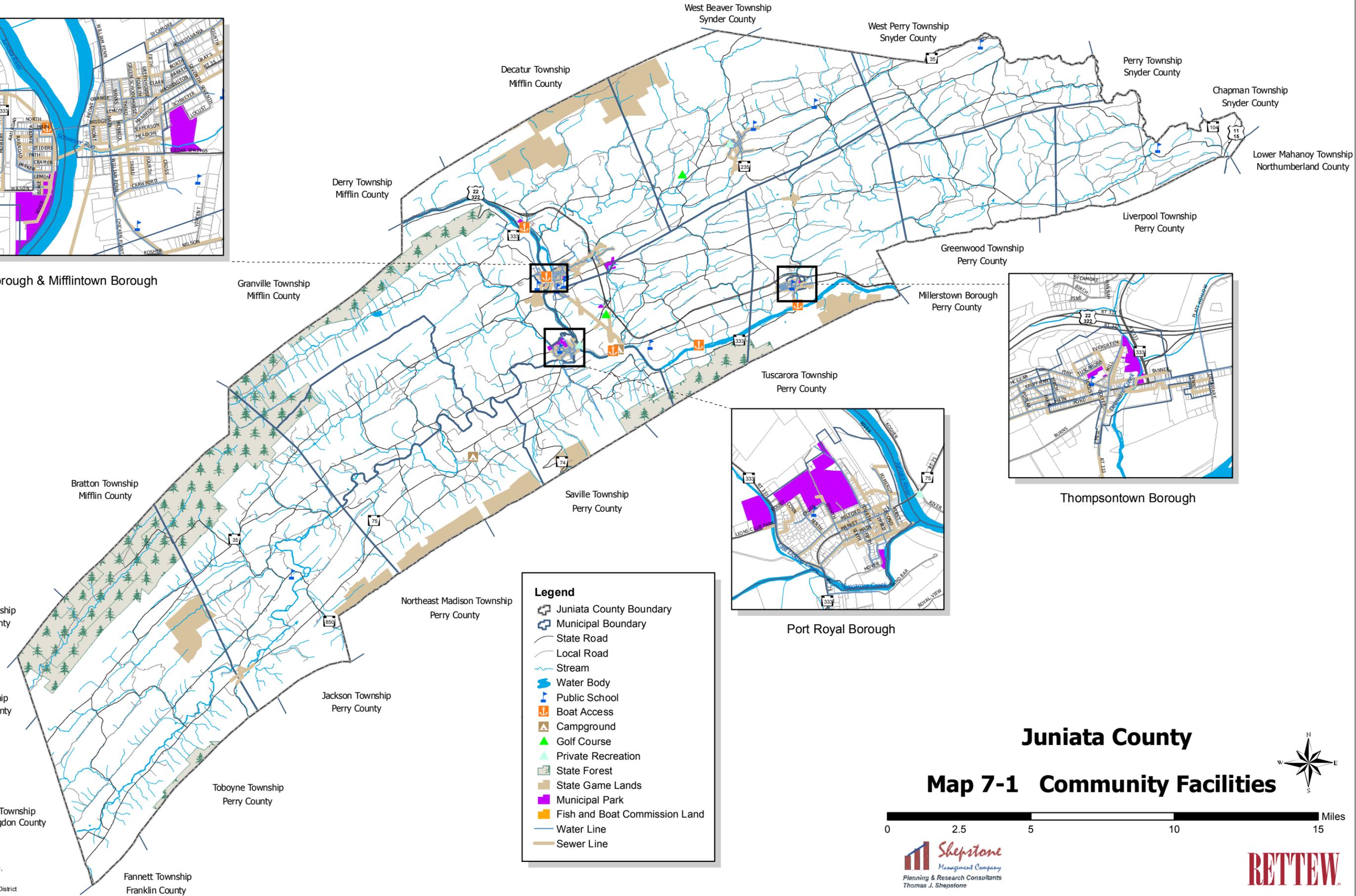
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Thompsontown Borough



Port Royal Borough



Legend

- Juniata County Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- State Road
- Local Road
- Stream
- Water Body
- Public School
- Boat Access
- Campground
- Golf Course
- Private Recreation
- State Forest
- State Game Lands
- Municipal Park
- Fish and Boat Commission Land
- Water Line
- Sewer Line

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Map 7-1 Community Facilities



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