

**ARTICLE II  
DEFINITIONS**

**201 Tense, Gender and Number**

Words in the present tense include the future tense; words used in the masculine gender include the feminine and the neuter; words in the singular include the plural and those in the plural include the singular.

**202 General Terms**

- A. The words *applicant, developer, person, subdivider* and *owner* include a corporation, unincorporated association and a partnership, or other legal entity, as well as an individual.
- B. The word *street* includes thoroughfare, avenue, boulevard, court, expressway, highway, lane, arterial, and road.
- C. The word *building* includes structures and shall be construed as if followed by the phrase *or part thereof*.
- D. The term *occupied* or *used* as applied to any building shall be construed as though followed by the words *or intended, arranged, or designed to be occupied or used*.
- E. The word *lot* includes plot, parcel, tract, site, or any other similar term.
- F. The word *abut* shall include the words *directly across from*.
- G. The words *should* and *may* are permissive.
- H. The words *must, shall, and will* are mandatory and directive.

**203 Terms Or Words Not Defined**

Where terms or words are not defined, they shall have their ordinarily accepted meanings or such as the context may imply.

**204 Specific Terms**

Terms or words used herein, unless otherwise expressly stated, shall have the following meanings:

**ACCESSORY USE OR STRUCTURE** - A use of land or of a structure or portion thereof incidental and subordinate to the principal use of the land or building and located on the same lot with such principal use. A portion of a principal building used for an accessory use shall not be considered an accessory structure.

**ADD-ON SUBDIVISION / ADDITION SUBDIVISION** - (Also known as a *lot improvement subdivision* or *lot-line adjustment subdivision*.) The transfer of land to an existing contiguous parcel in order to increase the size of the contiguous parcel provided the grantor's remaining parcel complies with all provisions of this Ordinance. The subdivided lot shall not be considered a separate new lot.

**AGRICULTURAL USE** - An enterprise that is actively engaged in the commercial production and preparation for market of crops, livestock and livestock products and in the production, harvesting and preparation for market or use of agricultural, agronomic, horticultural, silvicultural and aquacultural crops and commodities. The term includes an enterprise that implements changes in production practices and

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procedures or types of crops, livestock, livestock products or commodities produced consistent with practices and procedures that are normally engaged by farmers or are consistent with technological development within the agricultural industry. It includes necessary structures within the limits of the parcel and the storage of equipment necessary for production.

**AGRICULTURAL BUILDING** - A building that houses an agricultural use, such as barns, pole barns and equipment sheds. This shall not include buildings used for the processing or transformation of agricultural products such as slaughter houses, canning plants, dairy bottling, and sawmills.

**ALLEY** - A minor right-of-way, privately or publicly owned, primarily for service access to the rear or sides of properties.

**ALTERATIONS** - As applied to a building or structure, means any change or rearrangement in the structural parts or in the existing facilities, or an enlargement, whether by extending on a side or by increasing in height, or the moving from one location or position to another.

**APPLICANT** - A landowner or developer, as hereinafter defined, who has filed an application for a subdivision or land development, including his heirs, successors and assigns.

**APPLICATION** - Every plan submission, whether preliminary or final, required to be filed and approved prior to start of construction or development (including but not limited to, an application for a building permit) for the approval of a subdivision plat or plan or for the approval of a development plan.

**AVERAGE WIDTH** - The gross square footage of a lot divided by the longest side line distance; used as a calculation in determining the design of a lot. The lot minimum average width measurements for Flag Lots shall be made using the main portion of the lot and shall not include the access corridor.

**BLOCK** - A tract of land, a lot or groups of lots, bounded by streets, public parks, water courses, boundary lines of the Municipality, unsubdivided land or any combination of the above.

**BUFFER** - A strip of land that separates one use from another use or feature and is not occupied by any building, parking, outdoor storage or any use other than open space or approved pedestrian pathways. It is used to provide separation between incompatible uses to affect a visual barrier, reduce noise, block physical passage between uses, and reduce dust and litter. The separation may be effected by fencing, dense vegetative planting, the provision of additional setback distances, berms or a combination thereof. In general, widths of buffers are increased as the density or opaqueness of the barrier decreases. A buffer yard may be a part of the minimum setback distance; but land within an existing street right-of-way shall not be used to meet a buffer yard requirement.

**BUILDING** - Any structure having a roof supported by columns or walls and intended for the shelter, housing or enclosure of any individual, animal, process, equipment, services, goods or materials of any kind or nature.

**BUILDING COVERAGE** - The percentage of the area of the lot covered or occupied by the total horizontal projected surface area of all buildings on the lot and including accessory buildings and structures (including covered porches, carports and breeze ways, but excluding open and uncovered patios and decks).

**BUILDING HEIGHT** - The vertical distance of a building measured from the average ground level to the highest part of the structure, excluding chimneys.

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**BUILDING, PRINCIPAL** - A building or buildings in which is conducted the main or principal use of the lot on which said building is situated.

**CALIPER** - The diameter of a tree's trunk measured twelve (12) inches above the ground.

**CAMPGROUND OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK** - A tract of land, or any portion thereof, primarily used to provide sites for the temporary use of tents or recreational vehicles, as hereinafter defined, for camping purposes, with a charge for the leasing, renting or occupancy of such space. All campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks shall be considered a recreational subdivision or land development. Note: An area of a parking lot designated for recreational vehicles (for instance, a truck stop) is not considered a campground.

**CAMPSITE** - A lot within a recreational vehicle park or campground to be used for camping purposes, and acting as a site for travel trailers, truck campers, camper trailers, motor homes, or tents, marked by the developer on a plan as a numbered, lettered, or otherwise identified tract of land.

**CARTWAY (ROADWAY)** - The portion of a street right-of-way paved or unpaved intended for vehicular use, including the travelway and shoulders.

**CLEAR SIGHT TRIANGLE** - An area of unobstructed vision at a street intersection(s), defined by lines of sight between points at a given distance from the intersecting street right-of-way lines.

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING** - A building that houses a commercial use.

**COMMERCIAL USE** - Any use of land involving an occupation, employment, or enterprise that is carried on for profit by the owner, lessee or licensee.

**COMMISSION OR PLANNING COMMISSION** - The Susquehanna County Planning Commission.

**COMMON AREA** - All of the real property and improvements dedicated for the common use and enjoyment of the residents of a particular development; including, but not limited to, open land, development improvements, common facilities, and recreation area.

**COMMON FACILITIES** - Improvements in a development that are not required by the County but have been constructed as part of a development for the common use and enjoyment of the residents of that development; including, but not limited to, community centers, recreation buildings and structures, and administrative and maintenance buildings.

**COMMON OPEN SPACE** - A parcel or parcels of land or an area of water, or a combination of land and water within a development site designed and intended for the use and enjoyment of residents of a development, not including streets, off-street parking areas, and areas set aside for public or community facilities.

**COMMUNICATIONS ANTENNA** - Any device used for the transmission or reception of radio, television, wireless telephone, pager, commercial mobile radio service or any other wireless communications signals, including without limitation omni directional or whip antennas and directional or panel antennas, owned or operated by any person or entity licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to operate such device. This definition shall not include private residence mounted satellite dishes or television antennas or amateur radio equipment including without limitation ham or citizen band radio antennas.

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COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT BUILDING - An unmanned building or cabinet containing communications equipment required for the operation of communications antennas.

COMMUNICATIONS TOWER - A structure other than a building, such as a monopole, self-supporting or guyed tower, designed and used to support communications antennas.

COMMUNICATION TOWER, HEIGHT OF - The vertical distance measured from the ground level to the highest point on a communications tower, including antennas mounted on the tower.

COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN / COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - The complete plan or any part of the plan for the development of Susquehanna County adopted in accordance with the MPC.

CONSERVATION AREA, PRIMARY - Those areas of a development tract that are comprised of environmentally sensitive lands on which development is not permitted.

CONSERVATION AREA, SECONDARY - Those areas of a development tract which are somewhat less sensitive than primary conservation areas and which may be critical to the effect the development will have on both the natural environment and the rural character of the community.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT - A right or interest in land granted primarily for the preservation of the land in its undeveloped state but which may allow limited development (e.g., a residential structure) and other compatible uses such as agriculture and forestry.

CONSERVATION OPEN SPACE - That part of a particular conservation design subdivision development tract set aside for the protection of sensitive natural features, farmland, scenic views and other primary and secondary conservation areas identified by this Ordinance. Conservation open space may be accessible to the residents of the development or it may contain areas of farmland or forestland that are not accessible to project residents or the public.

COUNTY - The County of Susquehanna, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CROSSWALK OR INTERIOR WALK - A right-of-way or easement for pedestrian travel across or within a block.

CUL-DE-SAC - A minor street having one end open to traffic and being permanently terminated at the end other by a vehicular turnaround.

DEAD END STREET - A street or portion of a street with only one vehicular outlet but which has a temporary turnaround and which is designed to be continued when adjacent open land is subdivided.

DEDICATION - The deliberate appropriation of land by its owner for any general and public use, reserving to himself no other rights than those that are compatible with the full exercise and enjoyment of the public uses to which the property has been devoted.

DEVELOPER - Any landowner, agent of such landowner or tenant with the permission of such landowner, who makes or causes to be made, a subdivision of land or a land development.

DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENTS - See *improvements*.

DOUBLE FRONTAGE LOT - A lot extending between and having frontage on a major traffic street and a minor street, and with vehicular access solely from the latter.

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DRAINAGE FACILITY - Any ditch, gutter, pipe, culvert, storm sewer or other structure designed, intended, or constructed for the purpose of diverting surface waters from or carrying surface waters off streets, public right-of-way, parks, recreational areas, or any part of any subdivision, land development, or contiguous land areas.

DISTURBED AREA - Any area of land that has been altered so that the surface of the soil has physically been graded, excavated or otherwise exposed.

DRIVEWAY - A privately owned and constructed vehicular access from an approved private or public road into a lot or parcel having frontage on the said road.

DWELLING - A structure or portion thereof that is used exclusively for human habitation.

DWELLING, LOT LINE HOUSE - A single-family, detached dwelling on an individual lot, with the building set on, or close to, one side property line, so that the lot essentially has only one side yard. This side yard and the rear yard constitute the primary outdoor living areas for the dwelling. Typically, no windows are placed in the building wall that is on the lot line. If the building is set on the lot line, a five (5) foot easement is provided on the adjacent property along the lot line for necessary access and maintenance of the building wall.

DWELLING, MULTI-FAMILY - (See also *multi-family project*.) A building or buildings designed for occupancy by three (3) or more families living independently of each other in separate dwelling units. The term *multi-family dwelling* shall include condominium as well as non-condominium housing units including the following construction types:

- A. RESIDENTIAL CONVERSION TO APARTMENTS - Conversion of an existing single family detached dwelling into three (3) to five (5) dwelling units and not exceeding two and one-half (2 ½) stories in height.
- B. GARDEN APARTMENT - Multi-family dwelling originally designed as such; containing three (3) or more dwelling units and not exceeding two and one-half (2 ½) stories in height, not including townhouses.
- C. TOWNHOUSE - Multi-family dwelling of three (3) or more dwelling units of no more than two and one-half (2 ½) stories in height in which each unit has its own front and rear accesses to the outside, no unit is located over another unit and each unit is separated from any other unit by one or more common fire resistant walls.
- D. MEDIUM HIGH-RISE APARTMENT - Multi-family dwellings of more than two and one-half (2 ½) stories but not exceeding the height limitations (in feet) of this Ordinance.

DWELLING, SINGLE-FAMILY - A detached dwelling unit accommodating one family, but excluding mobile homes as defined in this Ordinance.

DWELLING, TWO-FAMILY – A dwelling accommodating two families either with units that are attached side by side through the use of a party wall, and having one side yard adjacent to each dwelling unit; or upstairs/downstairs units. (See also *multi-family project* for two-family dwellings in a multi-family project.)

DWELLING UNIT - One (1) or more rooms in a dwelling structure, including a kitchen, sleeping facilities, bath and toilet, designed as a household unit for extended periods of occupancy for living and

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sleeping purposes by not more than one (1) family at a time.

EASEMENT - A right-of-way granted, but not dedicated, for limited use of private land for a public or quasi-public purpose, within which the lessee or owner of the property shall not erect any permanent structure.

ENGINEER - A professional engineer licensed as such in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ENGINEER, COUNTY - A professional engineer licensed as such in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, duly appointed as the engineer for the County and/or Planning Commission.

FLOODPLAIN - A relatively flat or low land area which is subject to partial or complete inundation from an adjoining or nearby stream, river or watercourse; and/or any area subject to the unusual and rapid accumulation of surface waters from any source.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE - Area covered by roofs, concrete, asphalt or other man-made cover which has a coefficient of runoff of 0.7 or higher. The County Engineer shall decide any dispute over whether an area is *impervious*.

IMPROVEMENT - For the purpose of classification as a land development or major subdivision, as defined in this Article II, a physical addition or change to the land that may be necessary to make the land suitable for the proposed use or extension of use, including but not limited to, buildings, structures, additions to buildings and structures, roads, driveways, parking areas, sidewalks, stormwater controls and drainage facilities, landscaped areas, utilities, water supplies and sewage disposal systems, and any work involved with highway reconstruction.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING - A building that houses an industrial use.

INDUSTRIAL USE - Any commercial use engaged in the basic mechanical, chemical or other transformation of extracted or raw materials or substances into new products or materials, including, but not limited to, the assembly of component parts, the manufacturing or transformation of products for use by other manufacturers the blending of materials such as lubricating oils, plastics, resins or liquors, or other basic production processes; or any commercial use producing products predominately from previously prepared materials, finished products and parts, including, but not limited to, research, engineering or testing laboratories, assembly from components, fabrication of products, textile and clothing manufacturing, warehousing, distribution centers, furniture or other wood products production and the like.

INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING - A building that houses an institutional use.

INSTITUTIONAL USE - Any use of land owned and operated by a government body or agency including, for example, public schools, parks, civic centers, municipal buildings, solid waste disposal facilities, nursing homes, and hospitals; or uses operated by non-profit, community-based organizations for the general use of the public, including for example churches, fire houses, ambulance buildings, libraries, nursing homes, hospitals, sanitariums and clinics.

LAND DEVELOPMENT - (1) A subdivision of land; (2) the improvement of one lot or two or more contiguous lots, tracts or parcels of land for any purpose involving:

- A. A group of two or more residential or nonresidential buildings, whether proposed initially or cumulatively, or a single nonresidential building on a lot or lots regardless of the number of occupants or tenure; or,
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- B. The division or allocation of land or space, whether initially or cumulatively, between or among two or more existing or prospective occupants by means of, or for the purpose of, streets, common areas, leaseholds, condominiums, building groups or other features.
- C. The expansion or addition to a nonresidential building or the change or expansion of any nonresidential use that involves any of the following as measured cumulatively from the effective date of this provision:
  - 1. The addition of twenty-five (25) percent or more of floor area to the building; or
  - 2. The increase by five thousand (5,000) square feet or more, or twenty-five (25) percent or more, (whichever is less) of impervious area (including building area) on the parcel; or,
  - 3. Any increase in impervious area which will result in the generation of storm water in such volume as will not be controlled by existing storm water facilities pursuant to the requirements of this Ordinance.

The definition of land development shall not include the following:

- A. The conversion of an existing single-family detached dwelling or single family semi-detached dwelling into not more than three (3) residential units, unless such units are intended to be a condominium.
- B. The addition of an accessory building, including farm (agricultural) buildings, on a lot or lots subordinate to an existing principal building.

LANDOWNER - The legal or beneficial owner or owners of land including the holder of an option or contract to purchase (whether or not such option or contract is subject to any condition), or a lessee, if he is authorized under the lease to exercise the rights of the landowner or other persons having a proprietary interest in the land.

LOT - A designated parcel, tract or area of land, regardless of size, established by a plat or other legal means, and intended for transfer of ownership, use, lease or improvements or for development, regardless of how or if it is conveyed.

LOT, CORNER - A lot situated at and abutting the intersection of two (2) streets having an interior angle of intersection not greater than one hundred thirty-five (135) degrees.

LOT, DOUBLE FRONTAGE - A lot extending between and having frontage on a major traffic street and a minor street, and with vehicular access solely from the latter.

LOT, EXISTING OF RECORD - Any lot or parcel of property that is legally in existence and properly on file with the Susquehanna County Recorder of Deeds.

LOT, FLAG OR PANHANDLE - A lot with access to the bulk of the lot provided by a narrow corridor from the adjoining public road.

LOT SIZE - The horizontal land area contained within the lot lines of a lot, measured in acres or square feet.

LOT SIZE, MINIMUM – The size of a lot that is required to allow for improvement of the lot while

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meeting all applicable regulations, but in no case less than the size required by Table VI-I. In the case of a flag lot, the lot area shall not include the access corridor.

**LOT COVERAGE** - That portion or percentage of the lot area which is covered by buildings; paved and unpaved walkways, roads, driveways and parking areas; pavement; or other impervious surfaces.

**LOT DEPTH** - The average horizontal distance between the front lot line and the rear lot line. In the case of a flag lot, the depth measurement shall not include the access corridor but shall be made on the main portion of the lot.

**LOT IMPROVEMENT SUBDIVISION** – (see *Addition Subdivision / Add-on Subdivision*)

**LOT LINE, FRONT** - The line separating the lot from any street. In the case of a flag lot, the lot line where the narrow access corridor widens shall be considered the front lot line.

**LOT LINE, REAR** - The lot line most distant from and most parallel to the front lot line.

**LOT LINE, SIDE** - Any lot line other than a front or rear lot line.

**MASS** - A grouping of three (3) or more trees, each at least one and one-half (1.5) inch in caliper, within an area of one hundred (100) square feet.

**MATURE TREE** - Any tree of six (6) inches or more in caliper, whether standing alone, in tree masses, or woodlands. A mature tree shall be a healthy specimen and shall be a desirable species, as determined by the Commission with the assistance of a professional forester.

**MEDIATION** - A voluntary negotiating process in which parties in a dispute mutually select a neutral mediator to assist them in jointly exploring and settling their differences, culminating in a written agreement which the parties themselves create and consider acceptable.

**MINIMIZE** - To reduce to the smallest amount possible. *Minimize* does not mean to *eliminate* but rather that the most substantial efforts possible under the circumstances have been taken to reduce the adverse effect of the action (such as grading, clearing, construction, etc.).

**MOBILE HOME** - A transportable, single family dwelling intended for permanent occupancy, office or place of assembly contained in one unit, or in two units designed to be joined into one integral unit capable of again being separated for repeated towing, which arrives at a site complete and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, and constructed so that it may be used without a permanent foundation, and which is subject to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations.

**MOBILE HOME LOT** - A parcel of land in a mobile home park, improved with the necessary utility connections and other appurtenances necessary for the erection thereon of a single mobile home as defined by this Ordinance.

**MOBILE HOME PARK** - A parcel or contiguous parcels of land which has been so designated and improved that it contains two (2) or more mobile home lots for the placement thereon of mobile homes as defined by this Ordinance.

**MPC** - The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act of 1968, P.L.805, No.247 as reenacted and amended

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MULTI-FAMILY PROJECT - Any development of a single parcel of property that includes one (1) or more buildings containing three (3) or more dwelling units. Any residential development which proposes the construction of two (2) or more two-family dwellings on one (1) parcel of property shall also be considered a multi-family project. Two-family dwellings in a multi-family project shall be considered townhouses.

NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING - A building that houses a nonresidential use.

NONRESIDENTIAL USE - Any commercial, industrial or institutional use of land, or any other use of land that is not for residential purposes, but excluding agricultural uses.

OPEN LAND OR OPEN SPACE - That part of a particular development tract set aside for the protection of sensitive natural features, farmland, scenic views and other primary and secondary conservation areas identified by this Ordinance. Open land may be accessible to the residents of the development and/or the Commission, or it may contain areas of farmland, forestland or conservancy lots which are not accessible to project residents or the public.

PA DEP / DEP - The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

PA DOT - The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE - A written instrument which may be accepted by the Planning Commission in lieu of the requirement that certain improvements be made by a developer before the plan is granted final approval and released for recording, which shall provide for the deposit with the Commission of financial security in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of any improvements or common amenities including, but not limited to, roads, sanitary sewage facilities, water supply and distribution facilities, storm water detention and/or retention basins and other related drainage facilities, recreational facilities, open space improvements and buffer or screen planting which may be required.

PLAN OR PLAT - A map or drawing indicating the subdivision or resubdivision of land or a land development which in its various stages of preparation including the following:

- A. SKETCH PLAN - An informal plan, identified as such with the title Sketch Plan on the map, indicating salient existing features of a tract and its surroundings and the general layout of the proposal to be used as a basis for consideration by the Commission.
- B. PRELIMINARY PLAN - A complete plan identified as such with the wording Preliminary Plan in the title accurately showing proposed streets and lot layout and such other information as required by this Ordinance, such plan prepared by a qualified professional (see definition of qualified professional).
- C. FINAL PLAN - A complete and exact plan identified as such with the wording Final Plan in the title, with a qualified professional's seal (see definition of qualified professional) affixed and prepared for official recording as required by this Ordinance to define property rights, proposed streets and other improvements.
- D. RECORD PLAN - The copy of the final plan which contains the original endorsements of the Planning Commission and which is intended to be recorded with the County Recorder of Deeds.

PLANNING COMMISSION - The Susquehanna County Planning Commission.

POSITIVE DRAINAGE - Sufficient slope to drain surface water away from buildings without ponding.

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**PRIMITIVE TYPE CAMPING FACILITY** - An overnight camping facility with no improvements beyond those required by law; no permanent structures other than tent platforms, privies and maintenance buildings; and designed and restricted to accommodate only persons using tents or similar apparatus, not including any vehicle on wheels.

**PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE** - The building in which the primary use of a lot is conducted. Any building that is physically attached to a principal building shall be considered part of that principal building.

**PUBLIC HEARING** - A formal meeting held pursuant to public notice by the governing body or planning agency, intended to inform and obtain public comment, prior to taking action in accordance with this ordinance and the MPC.

**PUBLIC MEETING** - A forum held pursuant to notice under the act of July 3, 1986 (P.L.388, No. 84), as amended, known as the "Sunshine Act."

**PUBLIC NOTICE** - Notice published once each week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the County. Such notice shall state the time and place of the hearing and the particular nature of the matter to be considered at the hearing. The first publication shall not be more than thirty (30) days and the second publication shall not be less than seven (7) days from the date of the hearing.

**PUBLIC UTILITY TRANSMISSION TOWER** - A structure, owned and operated by a public utility electric company regulated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, designed and used to support overhead electricity transmission lines.

**QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL** - An individual authorized to prepare plans pursuant to §503(1) of the MPC which states that *plats and surveys shall be prepared in accordance with the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L. 913, No. 367), known as the "Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law," except that this requirement shall not preclude the preparation of a plat in accordance with the act of January 24, 1966 (P.L. 1527, No. 535), known as the "Landscape Architects Registration Law," when it is appropriate to prepare the plat using professional services set forth in the definition of the "practice of landscape architecture" under section 2 of that act.*

**RECREATIONAL SUBDIVISION OR LAND DEVELOPMENT** - The division or redivision of a lot, tract or parcel of land by any means into two or more lots, tracts, or parcels of land involving changes in existing lot lines for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of lease, rent, sale, or transfer of ownership to provide a site for occupancy by travel trailers, truck campers, camper trailers, motor homes, or tents for transient use, whether or not a fee is charged. Campgrounds, RV parks, primitive camping grounds and other similar facilities shall fall under this definition.

**RECREATIONAL VEHICLE** - A vehicular type of unit initially designed as temporary living quarters for recreational camping or travel use, which either has its own motor power or is mounted on, or drawn by, another vehicle. The basic types of recreational vehicles are:

- A. **CAMPER TRAILER** - A vehicular unit mounted on wheels and constructed with collapsible partial sidewalls that fold for towing by another vehicle and unfolds at the campsite.
  - B. **MOTOR HOME** - A vehicular unit built on a self-propelled motor vehicle chassis.
  - C. **TRAVEL TRAILER** - A vehicular unit, mounted on wheels, of such size (no more than 500 square feet) and weight as not to require a special highway movement permit when drawn by a
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motorized vehicle.

- D. TRUCK CAMPER - A portable unit, designed to be loaded onto, or affixed to, the bed or chassis of a truck.
- E. SELF-CONTAINED UNIT - A unit which:
  - 1. Can operate without connections to external sewer, water and electrical systems, and
  - 2. Has a toilet and holding tank for liquid waste, and
  - 3. Contains water storage facilities and may contain a lavatory, kitchen sink and/or bath facilities connected to the holding tank.

REPLAT / RESUBDIVISION - A change in the map of an approved or recorded subdivision plat if such change affects any street layout on the map or area reserved thereon for public use, or any lot line, or if it affects any map or plan legally recorded prior to the adoption of any regulations controlling subdivision.

RESERVE STRIP - A parcel of ground in separate ownership separating a street from other adjacent properties or from another street.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING - A building or portion thereof that is used exclusively for human habitation, including, but not limited to, single-family, two-family and multi-family dwellings, and mobile homes.

REVERSE FRONTAGE LOTS - Lots which front on one street and back on another with vehicular access solely from only one street.

RIGHT-OF-WAY - The total width of any land reserved or dedicated as a street, drainage way or for other public or semi-public purposes.

RUNOFF - That portion of rainfall or snow-melt that does not enter the soil, but moves off the surface.

SCREEN - A device, material or construction used to conceal an element of a development from other elements or from adjacent development or public road rights-of-way, which may include walls, fences, topography, berms, natural and planted vegetation or other means approved by the Commission.

SETBACK - An open unoccupied space which shall extend the full depth or width of a lot and which shall not be occupied by any building. Front setbacks shall be measured from the edge of the road right-of-way and other setbacks from property lines perpendicular to the road/property line to the nearest point of the structure.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM -

- A. COMMUNITY - A public or private system designed to collect sewage from two (2) or more principal structures, and convey the sewage to a separate lot or location for treatment.
  - B. ON-SITE - A system designed to collect, treat and dispose of sewage from a single principal structure
  - C. SHARED - A system designed to collect sewage from two (2) or more principal structures on the same lot where the system is contained on the same lot as the principal structures. (Note: Any sewage disposal system serving two (2) or more lots shall be considered a community sewage disposal.)
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**SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT** - A sanitary sewage collection and treatment system meeting the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in which sewage is carried from individual lots or dwelling units by a system of pipes to a community treatment and disposal facility or system which may be publicly or privately owned and operated, and which uses mechanical, biological and chemical processes to treat and dispose of domestic sewage in accord with DEP Rules and Regulations involving an effluent discharge to surface waters.

**SEWER CONNECTION (as used in Article VII)** - All pipes, fittings and appurtenances from the drain outlet of the mobile home to the inlet of the corresponding sewer riser pipe.

**SEWER RISER PIPE (as used in Article VII)** - That portion of the sewer lateral that extends vertically to the ground elevation and terminates at each mobile home lot.

**SIGHT DISTANCE** - The required length of roadway visible to the driver of a passenger vehicle at any given point on the roadway when the view is unobstructed by traffic.

**SHOULDER** - The improved portion of a street immediately adjoining the cartway or travelway.

**SPECIMEN TREE** - Any tree with a caliper that is twelve (12) inches or more in diameter at breast height or is of exceptional character as determined by the Commission.

**STREET** - A strip of land including the entire right-of-way intended for use as a means of vehicular and pedestrian circulation.

- A. **COLLECTOR** – Gather traffic from minor and local access streets and feed this traffic to connector and arterial streets and expressways. Collector streets carry heavier traffic volumes than local streets although they also provide direct access to individual uses located along them. Collector streets serve more than two hundred (200) dwelling units.
- B. **MINOR** - Provide direct access to individual uses or gather traffic from local access streets and feed this traffic to collector streets. Minor streets serve from twenty six (26) to two hundred (200) dwelling units.
- C. **LOCAL** - Provide direct access to individual uses and serve as the connecting link between the beginning and end point of a trip and the higher categories of streets. Local streets serve from three (3) to twenty-five (25) dwelling units.
  - 1. **CUL-DE-SAC** - A local access street that is permanently terminated at one end by a vehicular turnaround and intersects another street at the other end.
- D. **MARGINAL ACCESS** - A street that is parallel and adjacent to a major traffic street. They provide access to abutting properties and control of intersections with major traffic streets.
- E. **PRIVATE ACCESS DRIVE** - Provides access to no more than three (3) lots from an approved street where the residential lots do not have frontage on an approved street.

**SUBDIVIDER** - See *developer*.

**SUBDIVISION** - The division or redivision of a lot, tract, or parcel of land by any means into two (2) or more lots, tracts, parcels or other divisions of land including changes in existing lot lines for the purpose,

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whether immediate or future, of lease, partition by the court for distribution to heirs or devisees, transfer of ownership or building or lot development: Provided however, that the subdivision by lease of land for agricultural purposes into parcels of more than ten (10) acres, not involving any new street or easement of access or any residential dwelling, shall be exempted.

- A. MINOR SUBDIVISION - any subdivision of ten (10) lots or less as enumerated from May 15, 1972, fronting on an existing public street, not involving any new street or streets or the extension of municipal facilities, including but not limited to sewers and water lines, and not involving the creation of any public improvements.
- B. MAJOR SUBDIVISION - Any subdivision that is not a minor subdivision, addition subdivision or lot line adjustment subdivision.
- C. ADDITION SUBDIVISION - (Also known as *an add-on or lot improvement subdivision*.) A minor subdivision involving the realignment of lot lines or the transfer of land to increase the size of an existing contiguous lot provided the grantor's remaining parcel complies with all provisions of this Ordinance and no new lots are created; or the combination or re-allotment of small lots into a larger lot or lots. An addition lot may not be separately conveyed from the new parcel without approval of the Commission
- D. LOT-LINE ADJUSTMENT - any minor subdivision that proposes a minimum change in an existing single lot line between two parcels.

SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED - Where, in the judgment of the municipal engineer, at least ninety (90) percent (based on the cost of the required improvements for which financial security was posted pursuant to this Ordinance) of those improvements required as a condition for final approval have been completed in accordance with the approved plan, so that the project will be able to be used, occupied or operated for its intended use.

SURVEYOR - A professional land surveyor licensed as such in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

TENT - A moveable shelter made of canvas or other similar new material and supported by a pole or poles.

TOWNSHIP – The Township of Clifford, Susquehanna County, unless noted otherwise

TRAVELWAY - The portion of the cartway used for normal movement of vehicles.

WATER CONNECTION (as used in Article VII) - All pipes, fittings and appurtenances from the water-riser pipe to the water inlet pipe of the community water system in the mobile home park.

WATERCOURSE - A stream or river with perennial, intermittent or seasonal flow.

WATER RISER PIPE (as used in Article VII) - That portion of the water service pipe that extends vertically to the ground elevation and terminates at each mobile home lot.

WATER SERVICE PIPE (as used in Article VII) - All pipes, fittings valves, and appurtenances from the water main of the mobile home park community water system to the water outlet of the distribution system within the mobile home.

WATER SUPPLY, COMMUNITY - A public or private system designed to supply and transmit drinking

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water from a common source from a separate lot or location to two (2) or more principal structures.

WATER SUPPLY, INDIVIDUAL SYSTEM ON CONSERVATION LAND - A system for supplying and transmitting drinking water to a single dwelling or other use from a source located on adjacent conservation land via a use and access easement.

WATER SUPPLY, ON-SITE - A system to supply and convey drinking water to a single principal structure from a source located on the same lot.

WATER SUPPLY, SHARED - A system to supply and convey drinking water to two (2) or more principal structures on the same lot where the water source is located. (Note: Any water system serving two (2) or more lots shall be considered a community water supply.)

WETLAND - An area of land where the presence of water (at least during part of the year) determines the soil characteristics of the site and the species of vegetation growing on the site; said areas meeting the most current applicable state and federal criteria; and being regulated by the PA DEP and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

WOODLAND - A stand of predominantly native vegetation covering at least one (1) acre, consisting of at least fifty (50) percent cover of mature trees of varying size.

YARD - An open unoccupied space which shall extend the full depth or width of a lot and which shall not be occupied by any building. Front yards shall be measured from the edge of the road right-of-way and other yards from property lines perpendicular to the road/property line to the nearest point of the structure.

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