

# Landscapes Index 2010



<b>PRESERVED LAND SUB-INDEX</b>	Previous year	Current year
• Protected farmland	365	<b>390</b>
• Eased land	146	<b>150</b>
• Park land	142	<b>150</b>

<b>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SUB-INDEX</b>	Previous year	Current year
• Proposed housing units consistent with Landscapes	103	<b>140</b>
• Proposed non-residential development consistent with Landscapes	77	<b>101</b>
• Community water and sewer	89	<b>108</b>

<b>HOUSING SUB-INDEX</b>	Previous year	Current year
• Housing affordability	83	<b>88</b>
• Residential loans in urban areas	129	<b>126</b>
• Residential lot size/residential unit density	107	<b>107</b>

<b>TRANSPORTATION SUB-INDEX</b>	Previous year	Current year
• Traffic safety	123	<b>156</b>
• Public transportation use	114	<b>124</b>
• Travel time	93	<b>90</b>

<b>ECONOMY SUB-INDEX</b>	Previous year	Current year
• Farm production	102	<b>109</b>
• Job growth	91	<b>24</b>

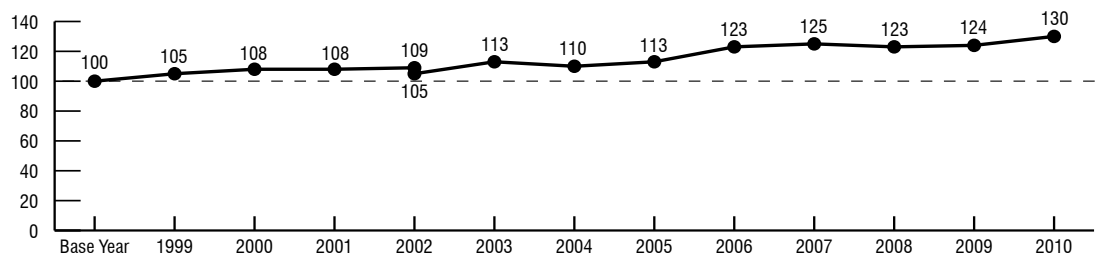
  

<b>RESOURCES SUB-INDEX</b>	Previous year	Current year
• Historic resources and plans	108	<b>108</b>
• Stream quality	99	<b>97</b>

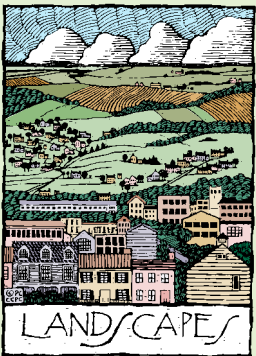
  

<b>MUNICIPAL INITIATIVES SUB-INDEX</b>	Previous year	Current year
• Municipal ordinance amendments consistent with Landscapes	146	<b>145</b>
• Municipal volunteerism	116	<b>120</b>

## TREND LINE



Note: The trend line shows two values for 2002 reflecting a change in the water resources indicator. The index was 109 using the original stream protection indicator and 105 using the replacement stream quality indicator. The annual index includes the most recent data for each indicator.





The Chester County Planning Commission created the Landscapes Index, based on eighteen indicators, to measure progress toward achieving the goals of Landscapes. Each indicator has base year data to serve as a starting point for measuring a trend. The data for each indicator has been converted to a base year value of 100. Each year the indicator value is updated by comparing current data to the base year data. A value above 100 represents an improvement and a value below 100 represents a decline from the base year.

The Landscapes Index is the average of all eighteen indicators. Although each indicator is updated annually, the data year is not the same for all indicators due to the use of many sources. The 2010 Index includes indicators with data for 2008 or 2009. The Landscapes Index provides a simple, annual snapshot of how current conditions compare to conditions that existed around the time Landscapes was adopted. The trend line created by the Landscapes Index shows the long-term degree of progress toward reaching the goals of Landscapes.

Additional information and detailed data for each of the indicators can be found on the websites [www.chesco.org/planning](http://www.chesco.org/planning) and [www.Landscapes2.org](http://www.Landscapes2.org).

