



Greetings
from *Pike County!*
—PENNSYLVANIA—

Pike County is the same very special place that you, your parents, and even your grandparents remember (of course with a few more modern amenities).

Pike County's unique natural amenities have attracted many families to visit the County for decades – enjoying family vacations, summer camp experiences, fishing with friends, or other recreation opportunities.

Our lakes, streams, rivers and groundwater are pristine, and Pike County's forested countryside covers 80% of our county land area.

These significant forests provide for continued protection of our high quality waters and important natural habitats. In fact, Pike County ranks third in Pennsylvania for biodiversity and is tied for the greatest number of bald eagle nests in the state.



Pike County has any number of unique natural assets which continue to make it a very special place to visit.

**Think we want to lose these unique treasures?
Not a chance.**

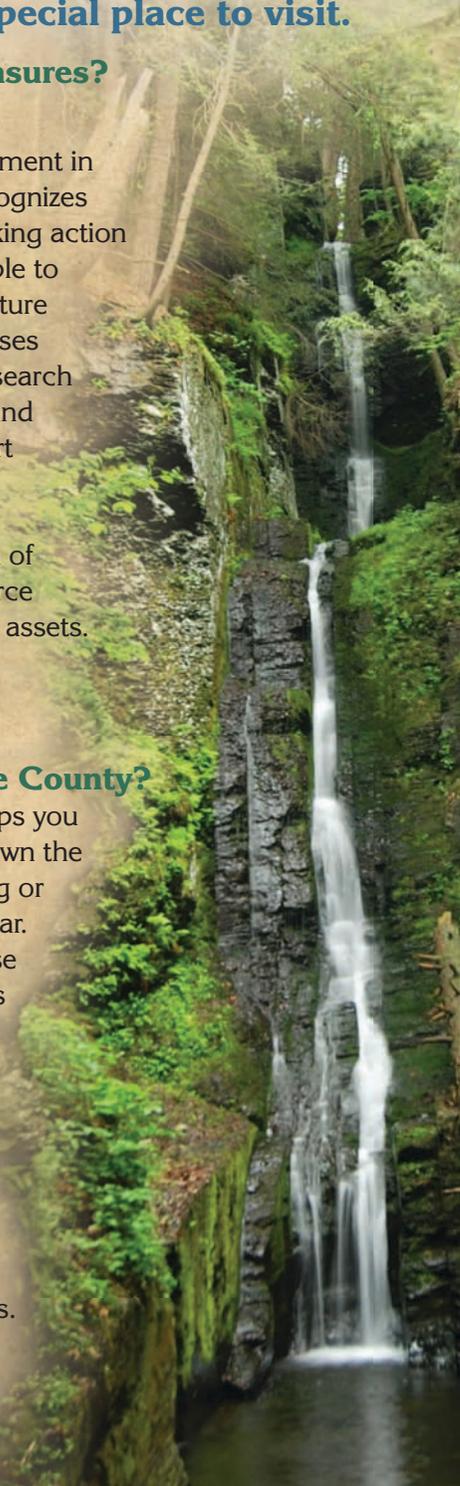
While natural gas drilling has become a visible element in the region to our north and west, Pike County recognizes the importance of our natural resources and is taking action to protect the natural assets that have drawn people to this area for generations. Gas drilling may pose future economic opportunities for our residents, businesses and county. We hope to balance this new energy search with continued protection of our drinking waters and our lakes and streams. With overwhelming support from residents, the Pike County Commissioners established the Pike County Preservation Program to aid in resource conservation and the protection of open space. The County has added natural resource staff to help manage and monitor these treasured assets.

What are your fondest memories of Pike County?

Maybe your parents honeymooned here, or perhaps you went to summer camp and learned how to raft down the Delaware River. Or maybe it is that hunting, fishing or hiking trip you take with your best friends every year. Pike County is a great place to make more of those memories. Our residents, businesses, and officials hope you continue to make Pike County your destination of choice.

Want to know more?

Best way to find out is to see for yourself. We recommend that you snap into your skis, launch your boat, lace up your hiking boots, pack the family into the station wagon and come see what has drawn people to this area for generations. Call us and visit our websites! Most of us also “tweet” about the great things that happen every day here in Pike County.



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