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My service on the Forks Township Planning Commission and also as Chairman of the Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee on Farmland & Historic Preservation has proved to be invaluable experience. Recommendations made by the Committee are currently being reviewed by the appointed Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Committee for inclusion in the 2009 Forks Township Comprehensive Plan.

I am running because I have a good understanding of what's in our immediate future. I've listened to developers, I've studied plans, and I've spoken out publicly about policy I believe to be detrimental. I am on record opposing the high density development in Forks' Farmland Protection District while endorsing open space preservation. Changes to Forks' Act 537 Plan (the Sewer plan) to accommodate dense development are deeply flawed which is why I came out against them. In these very uncertain and difficult economic times any development that will inevitably lead to higher taxes should be opposed.

I'm for expanding our Parks and Recreation system to include a "passive" park with a walking path, trees, a pond with benches, a place of reflection away from everyday stresses.

Forks Township has just gone through a period of intense growth. In light of the current economic downturn, many details will need careful scrutiny to assure efficient sustainable services and a stable tax base. I look forward to working with local businesses to address their needs and to making Forks a desirable new business destination. To that end, I urge all residents to shop locally whenever possible.

I believe my integrity and high standards, energy and vision equip me well to serve all our residents who value the quality of life we enjoy in Forks Township.