

## 1. Executive Summary

Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) are authorized by the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. Having a CWPP gives the county priority status when applying for federal funding for wildfire hazard mitigation projects.

The CWPP can consolidate knowledge and serve as a single resource for wildland fire risk and hazard mitigation information. Included are an assessment of Bradford County's wildfire vulnerability, local organizations and resources available to assist with wildfire mitigation and response, and a pre-fire action plan for reducing wildfire vulnerability throughout the county.

The CWPP addresses the challenges of fire protection in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) through locally supported proactive solutions and activities which facilitate the creation of **Fire Adapted Communities (FAC)**. FAC articulates the whole-community message. The fire service, local decision makers, the public, and land managers each have an important role to play. The Bradford County recommended FAC activities should include the following strategies:

- Integrate wildfire hazard mitigation and wildfire risk reduction into the comprehensive planning and land development process
- Examine and implement programs that address community and homeowner wildfire awareness and Fire Department capacity for safe and effective response
- Reduce human caused ignitions

Details for implementing the actions, such as responsible agencies and funding considerations are included in the Plan.

In Bradford County, the CWPP is an adjunct to the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) and furthers the goals, mitigation strategies and recommendations of the LMS Committee. For that reason, the CWPP and its list of pre-fire mitigation projects are an appendix to the LMS.