PRESS RELEASE

President Judge Maureen T. Beirne is informing residents of Bradford County that the Magisterial District Reestablishment Plan for Bradford County is available for public inspection and written comment.

 Article V, Section 7(b) of the Pennsylvania Constitution provides that “…the number and boundaries of magisterial districts…within each judicial district shall be established by the…courts of common pleas under the direction of the Supreme Court as required for the efficient administration of justice within each magisterial district.” Pennsylvania statutes require that “[i]n each year following that in which the Federal decennial census is officially reported…the court shall reestablish the number, boundaries and classes of magisterial districts within each judicial district…”

 The Bradford County redistricting plan, which must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court prior to February 28, 2022, proposes that there be changes in three magisterial districts. In an attempt to create caseload parity, Magisterial Judge Fred Wheaton’s magisterial district, 42-3-04, with its office in Wysox, would be enlarged to include Sheshequin Township; Magisterial Judge Jonathan Wilcox’s magisterial district, 42-3-01, with its office in Troy, would be enlarged to include Ulster Township. Sheshequin and Ulster Townships are currently part of Magisterial Judge Todd Carr’s magisterial district, 42-3-03, with its office in Towanda.

 Copies of the proposed plan are available for review at each of the district justice offices, at the Bradford County Courthouse Law Library and on the County Website at bradfordcountypa.org. Any written comments regarding the proposed plan should be directed to Mary Corbin, District Court Administrator, Bradford County Courthouse, 301 Main Street, Towanda, PA 18848 or emailed to courtadmin@bradfordco.org. Any such comment must contain the name and address of the author. The deadline for the submission of comments is February 24, 2022.