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June 2026

IMAGINE BERKS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Charting the Future of Berks County



Imagine Berks Comprehensive Plan Regional Meetings Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Imagine Berks Comprehensive Plan Regional Meetings. The Planning Commission appreciates the time, feedback, and local insights shared throughout the planning process.

Participation included:

- Representatives from **43 of Berks County's 72 municipalities**
- Representatives from **7 of the County's 18 school districts**
- **All 3 County Commissioners**
- **6 state and federal elected officials and representatives**

The information gathered during these meetings will help shape the future vision, goals, and implementation strategies for the Imagine Berks Comprehensive Plan.



What's Next?

Stay tuned for the release of the **Regional Corridor Reports** and upcoming **GIS Training sessions** coming soon.

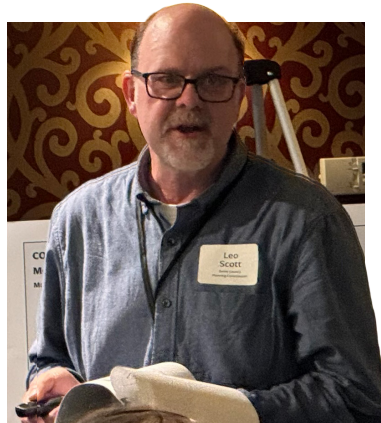
PRESENTATIONS FROM EACH REGIONAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE HERE

If you were unable to attend a regional meeting,

we encourage you to participate in the Community Spotlight Virtual Event and listen in on **June 18 at 11:30 a.m.** This is another opportunity to learn about the planning process and share your thoughts on the future of Berks County.

REGISTER HERE

Thank you again for your continued participation and commitment to helping shape the future of Berks County.



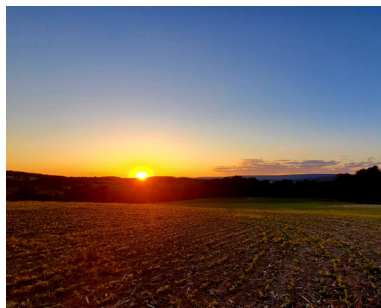
Celebrating Agriculture at the Berks County Farm Bureau Farm-to-Table Event

On May 31, Executive Director Ashley Showers, along with Pam Menet, Director of County Community and Economic Development, and Kim Fies, Director of the Berks County Department of Agriculture, attended the beautiful Farm-to-Table Event hosted by the Berks County Farm Bureau at Jeremy Meck's farm in Marion Township.

The event brought together community members, agricultural leaders, and supporters of local farming to celebrate the importance of agriculture in Berks County and to support the ongoing efforts of the Berks County Farm Bureau. Guests enjoyed a unique opportunity to connect with local farmers, learn more about the agricultural industry, and experience firsthand the value of preserving and promoting our farming heritage. Big shout to [Sherry Fuhrman of Pure Wild Tea](#) for coordinating such a beautiful evening!

Interested in learning more about the Berks County Farm Bureau and its efforts to support agriculture? You may contact Secretary Robin Lincoln [here](#) or browse their [brochure](#).

And don't forget to support our local farmers throughout the season! Find farmers markets, farm stands, and locally grown products [here](#).



PENNSYLVANIA WORLD CUP FAN ZONE READING



TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!



All About Ag Night at the Reading Fightin' Phils

Tuesday, June 16th, 2026
Game Starts at 7PM

CONTACT FOR FREE GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS

OR CALL 610-378-1844

This Month's Subdivision and Land Development Report



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REPORT



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Planning in Action

Here is a monthly rundown of planning in Berks County. The following articles highlight planning-related matters occurring in the County, and which our office may be involved with through partner collaboration, joint planning, plan implementation, PA municipal planning code reviews, letters of consistency for grant funding and project requirements, and more.

Explore the full list of articles

Funding Opportunities

FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC)

(Due July 23rd) - A hazard mitigation program that makes federal funds available to local governments for hazard mitigation activities, such as upgrading and modernizing infrastructure for natural hazard resilience.

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program

(Contact the [Berks County Conservation District](#) for more information) - Provides money and training to communities for local road maintenance to address non-point source pollution

Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST)

(Rolling; next application cut-off date is July 29, 2026 - [learn more](#)) - Funds sewer, stormwater, and drinking water projects through low-cost loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations.



BERKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Free TO THE COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

★ 2:00PM - 10:00PM ★



MUSIC



FOOD



FAMILY FUN



FREE PARKING

LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY ★ FOOD TRUCKS ★ KIDS ACTIVITIES
FIREWORKS FINALE ★ READING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Berks Nature invites you to join them for a Municipal Luncheon for Conservation

Conservation Solutions through Proactive Zoning

June 24th, 2026 • 11:30AM - 1:30PM
The Nature Place
575 Saint Bernadine St. • Reading

Join Berks Nature for lunch and an informative panel discussion focused on creative solutions for those larger footprint projects like logistics and data centers. You will learn how best to address this increasingly common community concern.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

RSVP with Ryan Brett
ryan.brett@berksnature.org

SAVE THE DATES

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT & BERKS COUNTY WATER & SEWER ASSOCIATION

**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026**

Heidelberg Country Club, 1 Clubhouse Dr., Bernville, PA 19506
11 a.m. Registration & Lunch | 1 p.m. Shotgun start

**BCW&SA CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026**

Albright College, McMillan Student Center, Reading, PA 19604
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

To learn about sponsorship or participation, please contact Andrea Weist at [aweist@albright.edu](#) or 610-929-6503.

