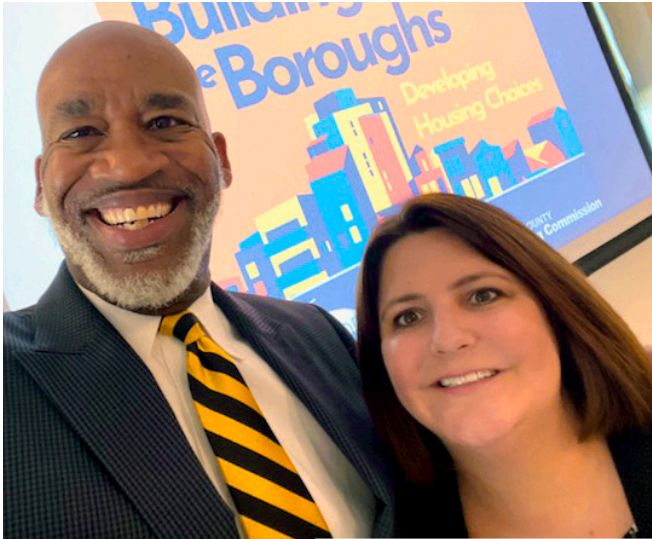




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Building the Boroughs

Executive Director David Hunter was tremendously proud of the BCPC Staff and the Image Berks Team for hosting the Building in the Boroughs event at Penn State Berks, attended by nearly 90 participants.

Chancellor Radha Pyati provided a warm welcome, followed by updates from the County's four Main Street Managers and Reading's Downtown Coordinator. Tim Daley discussed Habitat for Humanity's expansion, while Jaime Perez and Mark Mohn presented on the housing market. Joan London covered strategies for remediating blighted properties.

E. Jean Krack, Phoenixville Borough Manager, and Planning Director David Boelker shared insights, with DCED Regional Director Fadia Halma highlighting funding opportunities for the County and municipalities.

Hunter thanked Mark Mohn (RBAR), Aaron C. Gantz (GRCA), Jaime Perez (County RDA), and Jeremy Zaborowski (BIDA) for their collaboration. Special thanks also went to Assistant Director Ashley Showers and Administrative Assistant Shailyn Hernández, as well as Imagine Berks leader Pamela Shupp Menet.

Finally, Hunter appreciated Representatives Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz and James Barton for attending, along with all participants.



SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 28, 2024



Saucony Creek
692 Franklin St, Reading, PA 19602

FRANKLIN STATION BREWPUB



BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 28, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Who Should Attend?
Interested in Restoring Passenger Rail Service to Phoenixville, Pottstown, and Reading?

Why Attend?
Obtain updates on the status of the restoration of passenger rail from Philadelphia to Reading

Join Us!

DOORS OPEN AT 2:30 PM • RECEPTION FOLLOWING AT 4:00 PM



Subdivision and Land Development Reports





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Imagine Berks 2-Year Update

Tuesday, October 22nd, 9:30 am
County Commissioner's
Budget Operations Meeting

A major outcome of the Imagine Berks municipal meetings held in 2023 are four joint comprehensive plans which were approved for Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) Grant funding by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The BCPC has begun development of these plans and is exploring two additional joint comprehensive plans.

The four awarded Joint Comprehensive Plans include:

- District and Rockland Townships and Topton Borough;
- Exeter, Amity and Douglass Townships and St. Lawrence Borough;
- Richmond and Maiden Creek Townships and Fleetwood Borough; and
- Albany, Greenwich, and Maxatawny Townships and Kutztown and Lenhartsville Boroughs were awarded a MAP Grant but this plan is not yet underway.



TRAINING Update

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHS

Online Learning: Your Role as a Municipal Secretary/Administrator

Five-Part Series: October 25, & November 1, 8, 15, 22
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Review will include information on how local government is organized and its function, important municipal codes, key functions of the secretary/administrator, meetings, legislation, public notices, records management, citizen relations and professional resources. Plus, records, reports, and financial management, communicating with elected officials, the Sunshine Act, and best practices review. This training fee includes access to two pre-recorded webinars to help with state report filing and basic planning & zoning administration.

- Friday October 25: Everything You Need to Know about Meetings*
- Friday November 1: Basic Government*
- Friday, November 8: Intro to Budgets and Finance*
- Friday, November 15: Other Duties as Assigned*
- Friday, November 22: Best Practices*

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Manufacturing: A Priority Industry in Pennsylvania

Wednesday, October 30 • 8 am-Noon • Miller Center for the Arts

The Greater Reading region will celebrate manufacturing as its highest-priority industry during the 10th Annual MFG Summit. Keynote speaker Lisa Riggs, Senior Managing Director, Economic Growth Strategy & Partnerships at Team PA, will present "Manufacturing: A Priority Industry in Pennsylvania." The Summit will contain additional breakout sessions with key takeaways

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Funding Resources and Opportunities

The [USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard](#) provides communities with an overview of discretionary grant opportunities that can help meet their transportation infrastructure needs. The Dashboard also includes Federal grant programs outside of DOT that may be of particular interest to [rural communities](#). Visit the Grants Dashboard to find more or [check out the calendar of open and upcoming grant opportunities!](#) Are you looking to better your application? If so, check out these popular USDOT Navigator Grant Application

Resources:

- [Understanding Non-Federal Match Requirements](#)
- [Grant Application Checklist for a Strong Transportation Workforce and Labor Plan](#)
- [Checklist for a Strong Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience Grant Application](#)
- [Federal Tools to Determine Disadvantaged Community Status](#)
- [What Is a Benefit-Cost Analysis \(BCA\)?](#)
- [Use of DOT Funds for Public Involvement](#)



DCNR's Free Annual Grant Workshop

Thursday, November 7th 2024 • 9AM-Noon • Virtual

It is never too soon to start thinking about applying for upcoming 2025 rounds of grants. The first grant of the year on BCPC's radar is the DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) Grants, which will be open from January 21st through April 2nd of 2025.

Consider attending this workshop to gain information on applying for grants that support: Community Recreation Planning & Development, Trail Planning & Construction, Land Acquisition & Conservation, Rivers Conservation, Community & Watershed Forestry, and State & Regional Partnerships.

Register for this free workshop at: events.dcnr.pa.gov.

