

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Berks County Planning Commission

**FROM:** David N. Hunter, AICP, Executive Director

**DATE:** August 13, 2025

**RE:** **Berks County Comprehensive Plan Topic Discussion Schedule (REVISED, v. 5.0)**

### Comprehensive Plan Process:

BCPC meetings will begin @ 3 pm as usual with the regular BCPC agenda. We hope to begin a discussion on elements of the Comp Plan and the Process at 3:30/3:45 pm at the latest. During the Plan Update Process discussions, we will follow this order of topics:

- a. May 14<sup>th</sup> **Schedule** - Discuss entire schedule and Stakeholder Involvement
- b. June 11<sup>th</sup> MEETING CANCELED
- c. July 9<sup>th</sup> **Housing** – VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY  
Pam Menet to discuss proposed Housing Assessment and Market Study
- d. August 13<sup>th</sup> **Tourism** – Heather Zimmerman is invited to discuss the impact of tourism on the County’s economy and how to better plan for it.  
**LRTP** – Amanda Timochenko to discuss the LRTP.
- e. September 10<sup>th</sup> **Housing Discussion Continued**
- f. October 8<sup>th</sup> **10,000 Friends Land Use Housing Forum 2 – 5 pm  
(No BCPC Meeting)**

## Comprehensive Plan Topic Discussion Schedule

- g. November 12<sup>th</sup> **Workforce Development Multi Year Plan and Thomas P. Miller & Associates Study** – Amber Columbo invited to discuss how this report ties into the Comp Plan.
- & Housing** - Follow up on the housing discussion to be facilitated by Stacie Reidenbaugh, President of 10,000 Friends of PA, planned for Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- h. December 10<sup>th</sup> **Berks Nature ROE** – Kim Murphy and Andrew Fetterman Invited to discuss ROE Tool.
- i. January 2026 **Area Agency on Aging** – Jess Jones invited to discuss elderly housing.
- j. February 2026 **Growing Berks** – Invite Kim Fies and Amanda Burkard-Sell to discuss how Growing Berks is related to the Comp Plan, and, how the Definition of Ag is related to agribusiness/agritourism. Should this be in the Comp Plan?
- k. March 2026 **Build Out Analysis** - Review and Discuss Results of Build Out Analysis with Stakeholders.
- l. April 2026 **TBD**
- m. May 2026 **County BCIU/School District Superintendents** – Invite Dr. Jill Hackman and leadership from the Berks County Intermediate Unit and/or District Superintendents to discuss their individual District Plans and how they dovetail with the County’s Comprehensive Plan.
- n. June 2026 **Utility Infrastructure** – Invite representatives from the County utilities (Water, Sewer, Gas, Electric, Broadband).  
Bill Murray – Water (Reading Area Water Authority)  
Chip Bilger – Sewer (Western Berks Water Authority)  
Rachael Romig – Gas (UGI)  
Marisela Fuster – Electric (First Energy)  
Tom Musgrove - Broadband (Comcast)
- o. July 2026 **Future Land Use Methodology** – Discuss Future land use based on Build Out Analysis.
- p. August 2026 **Future Land Use (Continued)**