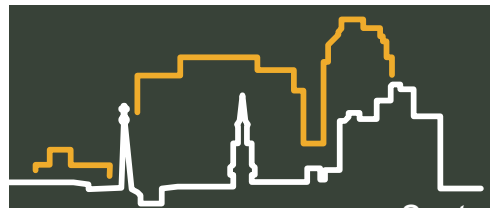




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September 2026



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Understanding County Agency Responsibilities

2026 MUNICIPAL ROUNDTABLE

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER
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DATE

Sept 24, 2026



TIME

10 am – 1 pm
Lunch Served



LOCATION

County of Berks
South Campus

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Congresswoman Houlahan Visit

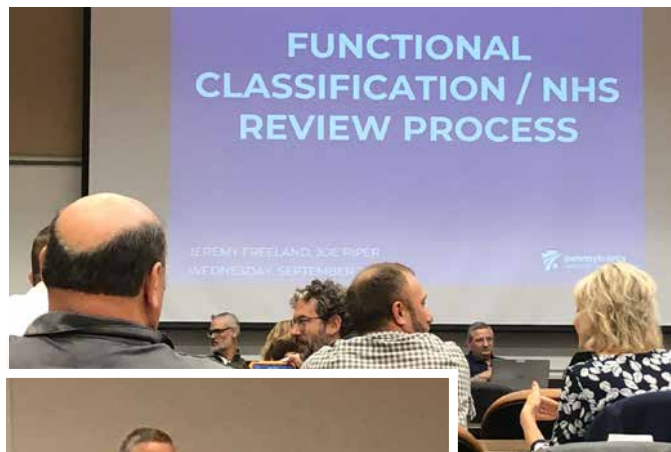


We were grateful for the opportunity to meet with Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan and Donnell Sheppard to highlight the important work being done by the County's Department of Community and Economic Development, Planning Commission, Workforce Development Board, and Department of Agriculture. Partner organizations, including Berks IDA, SCTA/BARTA, and the Reading Regional Airport Authority, provided key insights to our discussion. We focused on concerns and initiatives for planning in the county. These included economic development opportunities, housing, transportation, workforce needs, and agricultural preservation.

During the Reading Airport and Berks Park 183 campus tour, we observed ongoing business development initiatives at the Reading Regional Airport that will increase the viability of one of our premier historical and economic assets. Our tour of US Anodize gave Representative Houlahan a clear look at how local entrepreneurs strengthen our community. Their employee focused approach shows how investing in people leads to strong manufacturing and a more resilient local economy.

We appreciate the Congresswoman's time and engagement, and we look forward to continued collaboration to strengthen Berks County and the surrounding region.

BCPC Staff Attends Annual PennDOT Planning Partners Meeting



BCPC staff members Alan Piper, Michael Golembiewski, Amanda Timochenko, and Devon Hain recently attended PennDOT's Annual Planning Partners meeting in State College. In addition to his attendance, Michael Golembiewski also served as a co-lead in organizing the conference, served as a moderator on several of the sessions, and sat on a presentation panel.

This annual conference is attended by transportation planning staff from across Pennsylvania, PennDOT District and Central office staff, PennDOT Executives and staff from the Federal Highway Administration. This three-day event offers the opportunity for staff to formally caucus with their counterparts to discuss common concerns and to then meet as a group to discuss issues related to Highway Safety, Asset Management, Long Range Transportation Planning, Environmental issues, the development of their respective four-year Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and other topics. Attendees also heard from a panel consisting of Pennsylvania's Secretary of Transportation Mike Carroll and his Deputy Secretaries as they discussed statewide initiatives. A highlight of this conference is the opportunity to network with the attendees outside of the formal sessions to compare notes on planning processes, get feedback on our efforts and build relationships for future activities.



LTAP Courses

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Wednesday,

October 21, 2026

8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Berks County South Campus
Multi-Purpose Room

400 East Wyomissing Ave.
Mohnton

TO REGISTER: <https://gis.pennidot.pa.gov/ltap/default.aspx>



Or Contact **Matt McGough** at the
Berks County Planning Commission
at **610-478-6300 Ext. 6306**

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Backyard Poultry:

Best Practices and Local Ordinances

Oct. 1, 2026 | 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM EST

The webinar covers the basics of keeping backyard poultry in urban and residential areas, including flock needs, common issues, and how Pennsylvania municipalities may regulate them. Participants will learn practical ways to understand the viewpoints of bird owners, neighbors, community members, and local officials to help prevent conflicts and support effective poultry management.

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Planning in Action

This month's Energy Conservation update spotlights local efforts to improve water quality, restore natural spaces, and support community engagement. Readers will find brief updates on cleanup projects, watershed improvements, and new programs that make it easier to enjoy and care for outdoor environments.

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SEE WHAT BERKS IS BUILDING!

Explore the **Subdivision & Land Development Dashboard** interactive tool to discover residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural projects proposed throughout the county.



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Curious about what's unfolding across the Schuylkill River Watershed? Explore the latest stories, projects, and updates from the Schuylkill Action Network and stay connected to the work shaping our region.

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This Month's Subdivision and Land Development Report



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