



American Planning Association  
**Pennsylvania Chapter**  
*Lehigh Valley-Berks Section*

## May Monthly Newsletter

 **News and Announcements**

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### Next Meeting: May 22nd

We will be hosting our May Full Section Membership meeting of the APA-PA Lehigh Valley Berks Section on **Friday, May 22nd, 2026 at 12 noon**. This will be in-person at the Hamilton Family Restaurant for a lunch get-together and meeting.

The deadline to RSVP for the meeting is **Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 5pm**.

[RSVP Here](#)

## Nearby Event - Does Levittown Matter? Bus Tour

Levittown, PA, at nearly 75 years old, continues to be a model for modern suburban development, with a mixed and complex legacy: innovative urban design and planning, new technology and production, affordable housing, systemic issues of racial discrimination and violence, and our enduring love affair with the car.

Join us on this tour which will provide an on-the-ground experience of Levittown, an inside peak at a DIY house museum and a visit to a nearby 18 th century village, preserved because of Levittown.

**Saturday, May 16, 10:30AM-2PM.**

Meet at Levittown SEPTA rail station (outbound side).

Parking available (fee charged).

Fee = \$5 for students, \$10 for non-students.

[Tickets available on TicketLeap](#)

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**FutureLV Update**

*FutureLV: The Regional Plan* is among the first comprehensive plans in the nation that merges the land use, economic, environmental, housing, preservation and farming policies with the transportation planning and investment policies. *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* will include the *Metropolitan Transportation Plan* of Lehigh Valley Transportation Study (LVTS) in one single regional plan. With \$4.3 billion in transportation funding, it enables the Lehigh Valley to direct investment where it can have the greatest impact. *FutureLV* covers both Lehigh and Northampton counties, creating a forward-thinking strategy that leads the region into the future, while addressing the needs of today.

The plan is being updated in the coming months, with the help of not only municipal, community, for-profit and non-profit organization leaders, but neighbors, families and residents from across this region of more than 700,000 people. Everyone's voice will be needed to shape our best possible future.

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission needs your feedback on the future of the Lehigh Valley. A Transportation Needs Assessment survey is live, asking participants how they wish to see transportation funds allocated. Additionally, a series of topic-focused Strategy Labs are being hosted over the next two weeks to learn more specific needs of our region.

To learn more, click the link below.

[Learn More Here](#)

## Sponsorship Opportunities Available

We are pleased to announce that the City of Bethlehem will host the Pennsylvania Chapter American Planning Association Conference on **October 18-20, 2026**. This prestigious event will welcome more than 400 planning professionals who will engage in comprehensive training, strategic networking, and professional development activities.

This year's conference theme "***Forging the Next 250 Through Preservation, Innovation, and Collaboration***" will comprehensively highlight the growth and future of Pennsylvania's planning profession, underscoring the Commonwealth's pivotal role in transforming its history through regional development and innovation. Sessions will focus on critical topics including land use planning, affordable housing solutions, sustainable infrastructure planning, transportation planning, historic preservation, geographic information systems, and economic development strategies designed to strengthen communities across diverse urban and rural settings. Attendees will gain valuable insights from industry leaders on implementing future-focused planning approaches.

The conference presents an exceptional opportunity for organizations to showcase their expertise and capabilities to planning professionals and policymakers from across the Commonwealth.

We encourage anyone who may be interested in becoming a sponsor, exhibitor, or advertiser for our upcoming conference to visit the link below to learn more.

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## Upcoming Events

Our Section provides a calendar of CM events, local initiatives, and major planning meetings. Here are a few upcoming events of note:

- May 14 - Conference Planning Meeting
- May 22 - Full Section Meeting
- May 29 - [Building Performance Standards and Historic Buildings \(1.5 CM\)](#).
- June 5 - [Designing Hybrid Engagement: Moving Beyond Room + Zoom \(1.5 CM\)](#).

To view more events and CM webinars, click the button below.

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## Employment Opportunities

Our Section highlights a variety of planning and planning related jobs in our area. Here are a few open positions:

- [Senior Transportation Planner - Lehigh Valley Planning Commission](#)
- [Chief Planner - City of Easton](#)

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