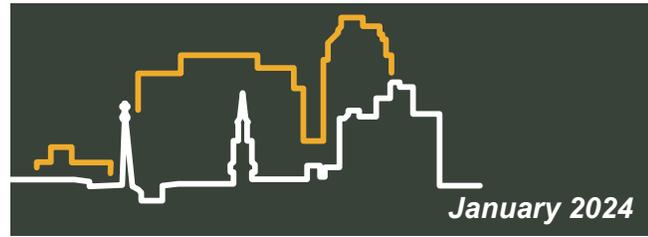




BERKS COUNTY Planning Commission

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Property Addressing For Emergencies

In preparation for the nationwide decommissioning of legacy 9-1-1 technology, the entirety of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been preparing a migration to a Next Generation 9-1-1 system where calls are now aggregated at the state level and delivered to the correct 9-1-1 call center via IP (internet protocol).

This new system utilizes County maintained GIS (Geographic Information System) data for addresses, to route calls correctly and provide details to the 9-1-1 center on where calls for help are located.

For this new system to work efficiently, correct address information including address points for structures, and sub-address points for suites and apartments are critical in facilitating the rapid emergency response expected by the public we serve. Addressing in Pennsylvania is a municipal level responsibility and the importance of maintaining, and providing to the County, accurate addressing details for locations within your municipality is now more important than ever. The County's Department of Emergency Services, Information Systems Department - GIS, and the Berks County Planning Commission want you to be aware of tools and resources that are available to you as municipal officials to help you understand correct nationally established addressing protocols. Additionally, these county departments want to be certain you understand how you can obtain additional assistance when establishing new addressing or when fixing pre-existing addressing anomalies.



Please visit the County's collection of resources on [Next Generation 9-1-1 Addressing](#) to learn how you can help ensure the County has accurate data regarding addressing for your community to ensure the safety of those living, working, or travelling there.

You can email addressing@countyofberks.com for further information.



BCPC Monthly Reports:

The Planning Commission Subdivision and Land Development Staff prepare both a Subdivision and Land Development Report and an Endorsed Land Development and Subdivision Activity Report for our monthly Board Meetings. The Subdivision and Land Development Report depicts the subdivision and land development plans that have come to our office from the Municipalities for the official ACT 247 review. The graphical portion of this report shows you the numbers of plans received and reviewed, whether they are for a residential or non-residential use such as a commercial/retail building. Additionally, the graphical report shows you which municipality the project is located in. The second portion of the report provides more information about the plan proposal such as who the applicant/developer is as well if the project is proposed to have on-lot water and sewer service or public service.

The second report compiled by staff is the Endorsed Land Development and Subdivision Activity Report. This report identifies the number of plans by type of project which have come in for BCPC review stamp after municipal approval for official recording. These proposals are now ready to begin construction. Data is provided in one column for the monthly activity and a cumulative year-to-date column that gives the yearly total for the appropriate row as it relates to the month. Data from the same month of the previous year and the cumulative year-to-date totals are also provided for yearly comparisons.

We encourage you to regularly view these reports to be aware of land development proposals throughout Berks County.

[View current reports here](#)



Email change:

Please be aware that starting on **Friday, January 19th**, the County of Berks will activate a new domain name "**berkspa.gov**" for all county email addresses. All County employees will be assigned a new email address using the new domain name, for example: a user with the current email address of jdoe@countyofberks.com will be changed to jdoe@berkspa.gov. We kindly request that you update your files to include our new email information beginning January 19th to reflect this change.

Please note: the previous email address will remain active and accessible for at least one year from now.

