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## **Building Berks:**

#### **Subdivision Insights**

We are excited to announce the launch of our Subdivision and Land Development Dashboard. GIS Analyst Beth Burkovich has been hard at work bringing the dashboard to life so that we can share with all of you.

The dashboard is an interactive map that highlights proposed development throughout the County. Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Agricultural projects will be displayed monthly with information such as the municipality the project is proposed, the developer of the project and how many units are proposed if it is a residential development.

We hope you visit our dashboard to become more aware of the growth we are seeing in Berks County!

**VIEW DASHBOARD** 

# **Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program**

Program Guidance for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT's) Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TASA) is now available! Approximately \$70 million is available for award through the Statewide 2025 Application Round. Approximately \$1.186 million is available for award through the Reading MPO 2025 Application Round.

The TASA Program provides funds to construct pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improve access to public transportation, create safe routes to school, incorporate community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, provide environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity, create trail projects that serve a transportation purpose, while promoting safety and mobility, and provide for vulnerable road user safety assessment program projects.

A webinar was held on Monday, July 14th with more detailed information on this program. To view the recording, visit the following link: <a href="https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/research-planning-and-innovation/transportation-alternatives-set-aside-program.html">https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/research-planning-and-innovation/transportation-alternatives-set-aside-program.html</a>



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#### LTAP Courses

STOP SIGNS AND INTERSECTION TRAFFIC CONTROL Wednesday, August 9th, 2025 - 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Berks County South Campus · Multi-Purpose Room 1940 North 13th Street, Reading

TO REGISTER: gis.penndot.gov/Itap/

Or Contact Matt McGough at the Berks County Planning Commission

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Sometimes, all you need is a little "you" time. The R&R Trail is your invitation to slow down, breathe deep, and reconnect - with yourself, your creativity, and your community. Curated for those who crave inspiration and self-care, this trail guides you through Berks County's cafes, serene spaces, artistic experiences, and more.

Whether you're gathering with friends for a glass of wine, taking a pottery or painting class, or browsing handcrafted treasures in one of our boutiques, every stop on the trail is designed to help you relax and recharge. With a mix of wellness, creativity, and hands-on fun, it's the perfect way to spark joy and explore the hidden gems of our region.

#### **CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE**



## **Municipal Management Employment Law Workshop**

July 30 & 31 · 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m (both days) **Sheraton Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey** 4650 Lindle Rd - Harrisburg

This two-day workshop will provide a broad overview of critical issues and topics for municipal managers and management teams. The training will provide detailed guidance on compliance and best practices in the world of public sector employment and labor law. The workshop will include time for detailed Q&A, discussion of labor and employment issues and priorities of workshop attendees

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER** 



### 80,000 Acres Celebration

Farms Forever a Preservation Milestone Celebration: On June 18th, the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board along with the County Commissioners and Department of Agriculture celebrated the preservation of 80,000 acres of farmland at the Renders Event Cetner. The event honored the golden fields, rolling pastures, and fresh-grown goodness you see and find in our County. Protecting our farmland isn't just about saving space-it's about keeping our local food fresh, our communities rooted, and our landscapes beautiful. With 80,000 acres in preservation, we're sowing the seeds for a future full of flavor, food security, and

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farm-fresh fun. To learn more about the Department of Agriculture and the Preservation program:

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