

**LOCATION**

Bally Borough and Bechtelsville Borough are both located in Berks County in southeastern Pennsylvania. These two boroughs are located along the Route 100 corridor in eastern Berks County near the borders of Montgomery County and Lehigh County. The Bally-Bechtelsville area is at the center of a triangle formed by three metropolitan areas. The Lehigh Valley is to the northeast, the Reading Area is towards the west, and the greater Philadelphia Area lies to the southeast.

Bally lies approximately two miles to the north of Bechtelsville. The two boroughs are separated by Washington Township, which surrounds the Borough of Bally and borders the north, east and west sides of Bechtelsville. Colebrookdale Township lies along Bechtelsville's southern border.

**SETTING**

Bally and Bechtelsville are situated within traditional Pennsylvania German farming areas. The surrounding countryside contains winding roads that lead through hilly terrain and small farms. Route 100 is the only major road in the area providing easy access to the Lehigh Valley and Pottstown areas. Route 100 runs through the center of Bally, where it is known as Main Street, and is located just east of Bechtelsville.

The Boroughs are both mature communities with a tradition of commercial, small industrial and residential development. Both Boroughs have experienced development pressures along and near Route 100.

**CLIMATE**

The Boroughs of Bally and Bechtelsville enjoy a fairly moderate, humid, continental climate. This is due to their location on the leeward side of the Appalachian Mountains. When compared to other areas of Pennsylvania, winters tend to be shorter and milder and summers longer and frequently humid. An average annual precipitation of 41.4 inches falls in Berks County and frequency of storms ensure an adequate supply of moisture throughout the year.

