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October 2025



Land Use & Housing FORUM



We want to thank everyone who was able to attend and participate in our Land Use and Housing Forum on Wednesday October 8th. Great discussions occurred that focused on key issues related to housing, such as infrastructure, financing, zoning, permitting, and more. Special thanks to our guest speakers Stacie Reidenbaugh, President & CEO of 10,000 Friends of PA, Mark Mohn, Government Affairs Director, Reading Berks Association of Realtors (R-BAR), and Aaron Gantz, Vice President, Economic Development and Strategy, Greater Reading Chamber Alliance (GRCA). We'd also like to thank all our partners who helped make this event possible. A special shout out to Pamela Menet, Executive Director of Community and Economic Development for assisting the Planning Department in executing this important discussion. We look forward to continued discussions and solutions on how to help solve the housing crisis in our area - and stay tuned for more news and events as we continue to work on our Imagine Berks County Comprehensive Plan.

This Month's Subdivision and Land Development Report



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Register Now for the Annual DCNR C2P2 Grant Workshop

Location Bureau of Recreation and Conservation

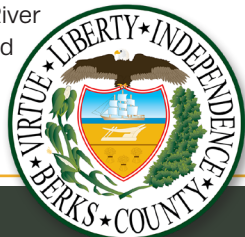
Outreach and Events

Start Time: 11/6/2025 9:00:00 AM

End Time: 11/6/2025 12:00:00 PM

This year the Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) grant workshop will be held virtually on Thursday, November 6th from 9AM until Noon. The virtual workshop begins with a general session followed by project type breakouts allowing for question-and-answer time with grant managers and regional advisors. DCNR C2P2 grants support Community Recreation Planning and Development, Trail Planning and Construction, Land Acquisition and Conservation, River Conservation, Community and Watershed Forestry, and State and Regional Partnerships.

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Shapiro Administration Continues Enhancing Safety and Traffic Flow with Roundabouts, Offers Public Educational Resources

More than 100 roundabouts are now installed in Pennsylvania, with more than 30 under design or in construction.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced that roundabouts continue to provide safe, efficient travel across the Commonwealth. Since 2005, 104 roundabouts have been built to improve traffic flow and/or decrease crash severity, and more than 30 additional roundabouts are in various stages of design and construction across Pennsylvania.

"For us, it's simple. Roundabouts remove cross-traffic turns and eliminate T-bone crashes, while improving traffic flow" said **PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll**. "Any design that dramatically reduces the most serious crashes we see on the road is worthy of consideration in our projects."

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) lists roundabouts as a "Proven Safety Countermeasure" that improves safety by reducing vehicle speeds by angling incoming traffic. The crashes that do occur tend to be sideswipe crashes with vehicles traveling at slower speeds rather than T-bone or head-on collisions. Additionally, eliminating left turns across opposing traffic results in dramatically fewer injuries.

Current Roundabout Projects Underway in Berks County

Under Construction

US 222 @ Long Lane, Maxatawny Township
Estimated Completion 2027

Design Complete – Awaiting Construction

US 222 @ Richmond Road, Richmond Township
Estimated Construction 2027 / 2028

US 222 @ Pleasant Hills Road, Richmond Township
Estimated Construction 2027 / 2028

Under Design

State Hill Road @ US 222 Southbound Ramps, Wyomissing Borough
Estimated Construction 2027 / 2028

State Hill Road @ US 222 NB Ramps – Estimated Construction 2027 / 2028

State Hill Road @ Spring Street / Granite Point Drive, Wyomissing Borough
Estimated Construction 2027 / 2028

PA 662 @ Oley Turnpike Road, Oley Township
Estimated 2027 / 2028

PA 12 / Pricetown Road @ Elizabeth Avenue, Alsace Township,
Estimated Construction 2027 / 2028

State Hill Road @ Woodland Road, Wyomissing Borough
Estimated Construction 2028 / 2029

State Hill Road @ Mall Drive / Greenwood Mall, Wyomissing Borough
Estimated Construction 2028 / 2029

LEARN MORE ABOUT ROUNDABOUTS IN OUR LATEST EPISODE OF PLANNING CHATS



Online Series: Your Role as a Municipal Secretary/Administrator

November 6, 13, & 20 - Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

CAREER & JOB FAIR

NOVEMBER 13, 2025 8:30-11:30 AM
Leesport Farmers Market, Leesport, PA

- Exhibitors include: local companies, government agencies, and colleges.
- Opportunities for internships, volunteering, job shadowing.
- Current or future employment opportunities.

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