

## *Responses from attendees of the 12.2.16 Sands Regional Comprehensive Plan launch event*

### **FutureLV's fortune is...**

- Redevelopment.
- A strong urban core.
- People face to face making connections technology never will. Our trail and park systems are a gift we should cultivate as the medicine to fight social apathy. Wealth does not equal happiness.
- Having a whole view and implementation of our LV living in community with people, nature and our urban/rural settings – each complementing the other.
- Clean water, clean air, and balanced development to conserve green space.
- Our leadership and planning education is key.
- To leverage the natural and educational resources (of the LV) to explore new digital and business opportunities.
- At this moment. Continue to accelerate our divide between the haves and the have-nots, the suburbs and the rest. My hope is that this trend can reverse.
- Innovative thinking and then action for education, transportation, health (recreation/green/blue spaces).
- In an educated workforce...but how will we ensure we have one?
- High education, limiting warehousing, water, and open space.
- Beautiful rolling hills, wealth of resources to include high quality educational institutions, active arts community and safe neighborhoods.
- A vibrant blend of economic growth supported by an efficient transportation network along with a high quality of life reflective of our natural resources.
- Developed into an adaptive, unified system/community that encourages connection and evolution for residents as part of their daily lives.
- More super highways in LV for easier transportation from Easton to Allentown, especially with all the truck distribution centers who have entered our communities. More senior housing (affordable) and livable communities for seniors.
- Livable communities for all, ages 0-100+. No matter the age everyone should feel a sense of inclusiveness for not only themselves, but parents + grandparents. Age-friendly community, walkable community. Able to age in place, where you can feel safe, have medical, food, and transportation access!
- To connect our downtowns to local and regional trails. Provide permanent affordable housing for all families.
- To maintain and improve the area's outdoor park and recreation services. They are a huge asset to the LV!
- A healthy environment is a healthy community.
- Quality of life- a place you want to live and work.
- Growth, opportunity, happiness from contentment.
- Be wary, location can be a blessing and a curse.
- Regional resources for major mid-Atlantic urban centers (NYC + Philly).

- Lehigh Valley contains natural spaces, clean water, farms, vibrant downtowns all connected by a network of greenways and trails where people, businesses, and nature come to live, work, and play and the Lehigh Valley is recognized as one of the best places to live in the country.
- To continue to be the envy of the commonwealth as the region with the most effective partnerships and growth potential. We are the leaders.
- Traffic, distribution, growth, preserved land in order to keep it open.
- Peaceful, productive, and positive.
- Developed by and dependent on all of us.
- Good human resources to plan and develop.
- Dependent on regional planning for education (school districts) population and economic growth.
- More traffic.
- Synergized planning, zoning, economic development and environmental protection.
- Recognize the valley as a college valley.
- Smart, diverse, and prosperous!
- Jobs for all levels.
- Your future shall be bright and prosperous due to magnificent planning.
- Bright if planned correctly.
- Healthy environment, strong downtowns and educational opportunities.
- Its location relative to the larger cities of NY and Philly as well as its many universities.
- A well planned, considerate and prosperous LV.
- A well-educated population.
- Education. Students after school/summer programs that are free and located at schools. Subjects need to focus on communication and leadership skills. The technology of today reduces their ability to engage in constructive conflict and problem solving.
- You are healthy and diverse and growing in a sustainable city.
- Questionable. Are we going to become a landscape of warehouses?
- Economic prosperity. High quality of life.
- A place where a person can prosper based on individual talent and drive, with the least amount of government control.
- Getting the young involved in this process! Transportation.
- Walkable boroughs and cities surrounded by low density townships and preserved open space.
- Visionary leadership in government.
- Preservation of quality resources.
- Reliable and sustainable.
- People, geography, culture.
- Continued growth and rebirth of cities.
- Municipal regionalization to a degree.
- Complicated. Increased traffic congestion is in conflict with the things that make the LV attractive, e.g. open spaces, streams and rivers, clean environment, etc.
- Livable communities, tourism, festivals.
- A comprehensive/collaborative effort to plan and implement appropriate growth/development and investing in our infrastructure and education systems.

- Our locations and connections (trails, cities, markets, nature, history, culture) are the centerpiece of prosperity.
- Wi-Fi everywhere.
- Warehousing.
- Diversity.