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## A New Class of Citizen Planners

Some were public officials looking to better understand their leadership role, some were professional planners bolstering their expertise and a few were private residents who were curious about how their community is run.

A new class of eight Citizen Planners was recognized Thursday for completing more than 30 hours of Lehigh Valley Government Academy courses offered at the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission offices.

“The Commission would like to recognize all the folks who have spent hours and hours and hours getting their planning certification,” said LVPC Chairman Stephen Repasch.

To be eligible, participants had to complete three of the four courses offered at the academy. Available courses are Community Planning, Subdivision and Land Development Review, Zoning, and Zoning Administration.

“We’re excited to welcome a new class of Citizen Planners,” Tracy Oscavich, LVPC Director of Development, said before the Planning Commission awarded the Citizen Planners certificates Thursday. “These are people who have taken an interest in their community, and we are recognizing their commitment.”

The recipients were Catasauqua Planning Commission members Hannah Haubert, Robert Nolter and Cameron Smith, and Hanover Township, Northampton County Supervisor Michael Prendeville.

Also receiving Citizen Planner certificates were North Catasauqua resident Justin Burkner, Lower Saucon Township resident Thomas Eighmy, LVPC Environmental Planning Director Geoff Reese and LVPC Executive Director Becky Bradley.

The eight Citizen Planners were among 62 students who completed Lehigh Valley Government Academy classes in 2017.