

LVPC PROJECT REVIEW SUMMARY SHEET

Comprehensive Planning

Date: December 2017

PROJECT	MUNICIPALITY	BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE	LVPC COMMENT
1. Comprehensive Plan	Palmer Township	Palmer Township Comprehensive Plan Update	The draft plan is generally consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan, but insufficiently address the elements of housing and community facilities/utilities as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). Additionally, LVPC staff found the plan organization to be confusing due to the inconsistent application of the policy framework (“Goals, Objectives and Recommendations”) and the inconsistent categorization of policy goals and recommendations.
2. Public Utilities Commission Review	Upper Macungie Township & Lower Macungie Township	Breinigsville-Alburtis 500kV Transmission Line Rebuild – Rebuild the existing single circuit Breinigsville-Alburtis 500kV Transmission Line to a double-circuit configuration	The proposed project is generally consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan. The trajectory of the transmission lines primarily areas designated by the Comprehensive Plan for Farmland Preservation and Natural Features as well as Urban Development and creates minimal new impacts.
3. Zoning Ordinance Amendment	Forks Township	Apartments - Adds locations for multi-family residential uses in the Town Center/Apartment (TC-1) District and the Employment Center/Apartment (EC-3) District on the Zoning Map	The proposed amendments are consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan. By expanding the area available within the municipality for multi-family residential uses, the proposed zoning ordinance amendment widens the choice of locations for housing.
4. Zoning Ordinance Amendment	Hanover Township (NC)	Business Park in AFHBD District – Establishes a Business Park as a permitted use within the AFHBD District	The proposed amendment is consistent with the County Comprehensive.
5. Zoning Ordinance Amendment	Catasauqua Borough	Craft Beverage Production Facilities	The proposed amendments are matters of local concern. The borough’s stated desire for the amendments complements Comprehensive Plan Goals and policies related to the region’s cities and boroughs.
6. Comprehensive Plan	Hereford Township and Washington Township [Berks County]	Draft Hereford-Washington Joint Comprehensive Plan	The proposed plan is generally consistent and compatible with Lehigh and Northampton Counties’ <i>Comprehensive Plan – The Lehigh Valley... 2030</i> . The LVPC commends the inclusion of policies to guide

			growth along the SR, the establishment of a traffic impact fee program in Hereford Township, the prioritization of SR 100 as a candidate for future corridor studies, and the engagement of the agricultural community in the plan development process.
7. Zoning Map Amendment	Macungie Borough	Various Amendments – Makes minor corrections and clarifications, adds provisions for Non Profit Festivals and Shows/Fairs, adds specifications for electric sign requirements, and revises definitions for street classifications	The proposed amendments are matters of local concern.
8. Zoning Ordinance Amendment	Moore Township	Flood Prone Areas – Increases the required elevation of replacement manufactured homes from eighteen inches (18”) to thirty-six inches (36”) above grade	The proposed amendment is consistent with Comprehensive Plan goals and policies related to floodplains.
9. Zoning Ordinance Amendment	Moore Township	Use of Recreational Vehicles – Expands requirements for the storage, location, and use of recreational vehicles	The proposed consolidation addresses matters of local concern.