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LVPC Featured on RCN TV

Lights. Camera. Action! The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission is scheduled to be featured over the next week on RCN TV4 cable television's "Community Spotlight."

During a 30-minute taping done Thursday, RCN Host Dan Mowdy dug into ongoing issues that included warehouse and apartment development across the region, farmland preservation and the Hazard Mitigation Plan being updated by the Planning Commission in 2018.

LVPC Director of Community Planning Amanda Raudenbush said the growth of warehouse and apartment development is among the issues the Planning Commission will have to consider as it updates the Lehigh Valley's Comprehensive Plan over the next year.

"We're the only entity that sees every [development] that happened from a lot line adjustment to a million square-foot building," Raudenbush said, referring to the LVPC development report, BuildLV 2017. "It's an exciting time to see residential development. On the flip side, there's a warehouse superboom going on."

That will require planners to weigh the impact of those million square-foot buildings being proposed for farm fields across the region, said LVPC Director of Environmental Planning Geoff Reese.

"Agriculture is part of our history, culture and economy," Reese said. "We have a balance that we have to try and find. We have goals, as far as preserving parts of the Valley [in agriculture]."

Some of the communities whose long-range planning strikes that balance best will be honored during the LVPC's 2017 Planning + Development Gala + Awards, October 17 at DeSales University Center.

"We recognize that it takes a village to pull off some of those excellently-planned communities," said LVPC Associate Director of Development Tracy Oscavich. "We honor those projects every year during National Planning Month."

The "Community Spotlight" taping featuring the LVPC is scheduled to air on RCN at 10:30 p.m. Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m. October 10 and at 8 p.m. October 12.