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Join The Regional Water Working Group

Unusually high rain often inundates sewage treatment plants, aging water systems are taxing municipal or authority budgets and new stormwater regulations have worried community leaders asking “how are we going to handle all this?”

Doing it together may be the answer. The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission is inviting anyone with interest to join the new Water Working Group to tackle the many water, sewer and storm runoff issues facing Lehigh Valley communities. The Water Working Group will kick off at 2 p.m. October 31 with our first ever Planning + Pretzels session at the 961 Marcon Boulevard, Allentown offices of LVPC.

“There are so many water-related issues that communities are facing,” said Geoff Reese, LVPC’s Director of Environmental Planning. “The idea is to get everyone together to discuss issues and priorities and see where things go. Hopefully, we’ll be able to create a groundswell that will lead to actions and solutions.”

Municipal leaders across the region have been asking for a water resources group where they could share best practices and potentially band together on solutions for water-related issues that often cross municipal borders. Their concerns have grown in recent months as new permit requirements take affect for the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program

The inaugural meeting will include pretzels and condiments provided by Philly Pretzel Factory.

Anyone interested in joining the group, or even just coming to find out more, can register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/planning-pretzels-water-working-group-tickets-75019871455>.