

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lehigh Valley Outlook to Feature Data, Awards – And You

The 2020s have already been a decade for the history books – between a global pandemic, social and economic shifts, and emerging technologies, the world is changing rapidly. Through it the Lehigh Valley has proven to be strong, adaptive and resilient.

Please join us from 8 am-10 am, Tuesday, November 15, for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lehigh Valley Outlook + Awards, when we'll celebrate that resiliency and recognize a number of leaders in the region. Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong, Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure and LVPC Chair Steven Glickman will crown the first Lehigh Valley Community of Distinction since 2019 and announce the 2022 FutureLV Heroes Youth Leadership Award. New important data on population and employment projections, greenhouse gas emissions, transportation trends, housing and development will be released and help the region continue to navigate the new world we find ourselves in.

After social distancing forced the event into a virtual platform the past two years, the 2022 Outlook + Awards will be in-person at Lehigh University's picturesque Wood Dining Room, in the Iacocca Conference Center at its Mountaintop Campus. The event was called the Lehigh Valley Gala + Awards as an evening event for the first eight years but is being moved to a breakfast event for 2022.

"We've really missed being able to get together with our many municipal partners to release new data and celebrate all the good being done across the region," said LVPC Executive Director Becky Bradley.

More information to get tickets and view sponsorship opportunities is at [lvpc.org/lv-awards](http://lvpc.org/lv-awards).

The event will feature:

- The 2022 Community of Distinction, given each year to the Lehigh valley municipality that's practiced a long-term commitment to planning excellence, innovation and municipal cooperation.
- The 2022 FutureLV Heroes Award, given to the individuals or groups who exemplify the policies of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan*. This year's award goes to youths helping to preserve our beautiful open space.
- The release of new Regionwide Data for Greenhouse Gas Emissions that can be used to develop a regional climate action plan and improve the resiliency locally.

- The release of new 25-year Population and Employment Projections that will be the basis for future community, transportation and business planning.
- The release of new data for our Evolving Transportation System and how that factors into future transportation planning.
- The release of new development data that identifies important trends in industrial and residential development.

Roughly 200-300 of the region's planners, community leaders, municipal officials, developers and builders have been gathering annually for the LVPC's Lehigh Valley Awards event, which was started in 2013 to recognize excellence in planning, community development and municipal collaboration being done across the region.

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