

# RIVER CENTRAL

LEHIGH VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA



Catasauqua Borough | East Allen Township | Hanover Township  
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## Planning Steering Committee

Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

**Welcome +  
Introductions**

**Municipal Representatives**

**Other Agencies**

**Members of the Public**

**Courtesy of  
The Floor**

**Please State Your Name  
+ Affiliation**

# Minutes

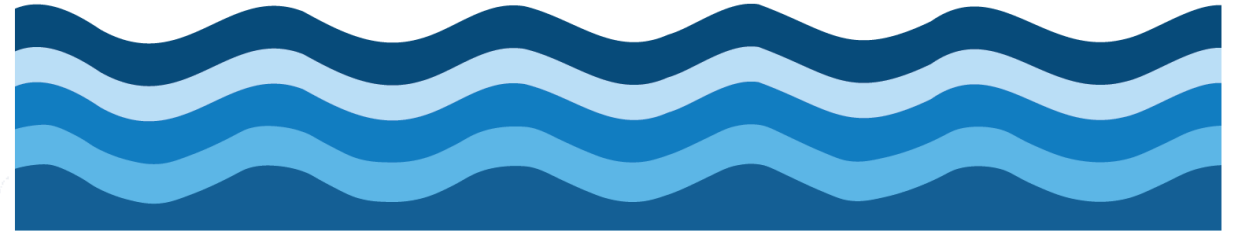
## January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021



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# Website Review

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# Community Deliverables

- **Existing Plans + Zoning Data Collection**
- **Stakeholder List – Charette Invites**
- **Photos of Community**

# Contents of a Comprehensive Plan

# Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC)

# Comprehensive Planning

Comprehensive planning is a process that determines community goals and aspirations in terms of community development. The outcome of comprehensive planning is the comprehensive plan. A comprehensive plan:

- Dictates public policy on transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, agriculture, education and housing
- Is a definitive public policy document drives how a community functions, grows or does not grow
- Is a legal document per the MPC
- Aids in determining the timing, location, site design and connectivity of development



# What is Required in a Comprehensive Plan?

- Land Use + Future Development
- Housing
- Regionally Significant Uses
- Economic Development
- Natural + Historic Resources
- Agriculture
- Community Resources + Utilities
- Transportation
- Capital Planning + Civic Leadership

# Next Step/ Schedule

## Public Outreach / Charette & Survey Identify:

- **Issues**
- **Opportunities**
- **Result in broad goals/direction for the plan**
- **Supports many voices to be heard, participate and become part of the plan**
- **Supports the community in recognizing that they control their future/builds support for local government**

# Next Step/ Schedule

## Public Outreach / Charette

- **3 Virtual Events, 3 Days, 3 Times (*April at the latest to stay on schedule*)**
- **Survey (*Simultaneous with charrettes & runs a few weeks beyond*)**
- **Summary Report of Charrettes and Survey to Committee to support development of the Vision and Guiding Principles**

# Project Schedule

## Part 1 – Organization, Analysis and Foundation of the Plan

<b>Phase 1. Project Initiation</b>	<b>Feb – Apr 2021</b>
<b>Phase 2. Inventory and Analysis</b>	<b>Mar – Aug 2021</b>
<b>Phase 3. Vision and Guiding Principles</b>	<b>May – Aug 2021</b>

## Part 2 – Implementable Comprehensive Plan Adoption

<b>Phase 4. Plan and Policy Framework</b>	<b>Aug 2021 – Jan 2022</b>
<b>Phase 5. Draft Plan and Implementable Strategies</b>	<b>Oct 2021 – Apr 2022</b>
<b>Phase 6. Review and Adoption</b>	<b>Dec 2021 – Sept 2022</b>

# Project Schedule – Phase 1

## Phase 1. Project Initiation: Feb – Apr 2021

1.1 Existing Plan and Document Review/Data Gathering

1.2 Kick-Off Meetings (Community Outreach Series #1)

1.3 Issues and Opportunities

1.4 Public Participation Strategy

1.5 Project Logo and Website

**Closing  
Remarks +  
Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 7pm**