

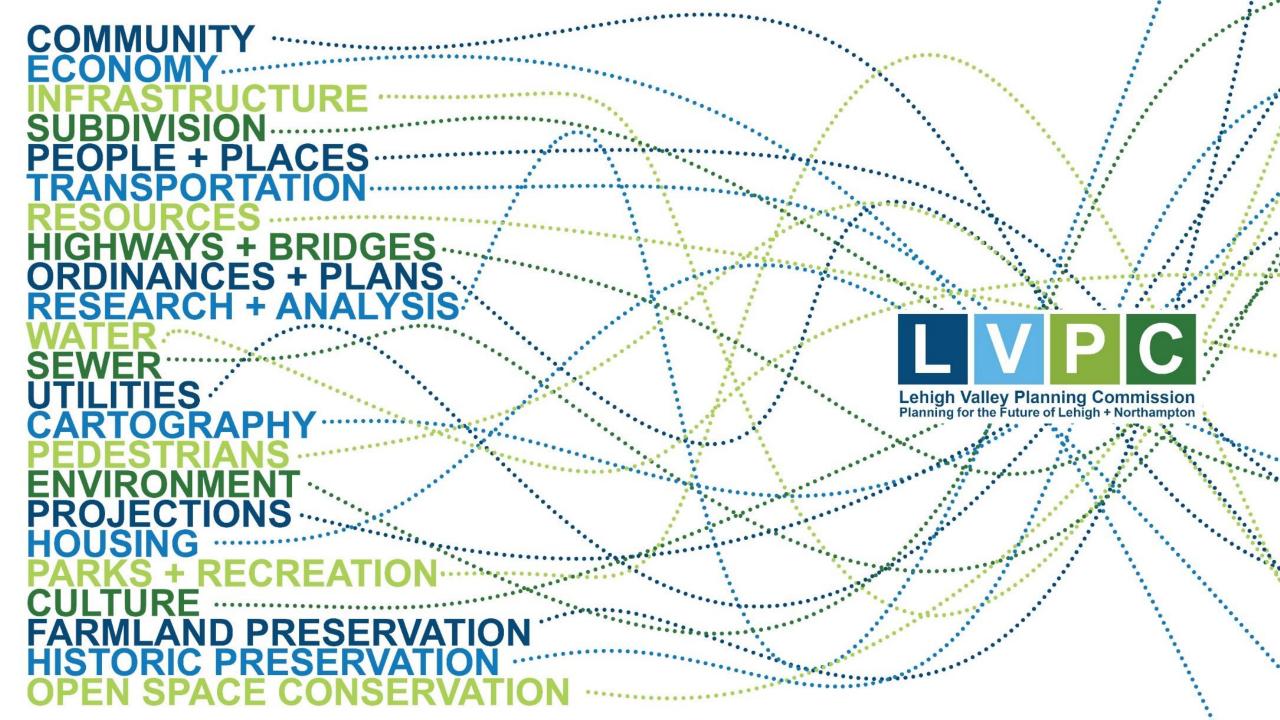
Intermunicipal Planning + the Slate Belt Region

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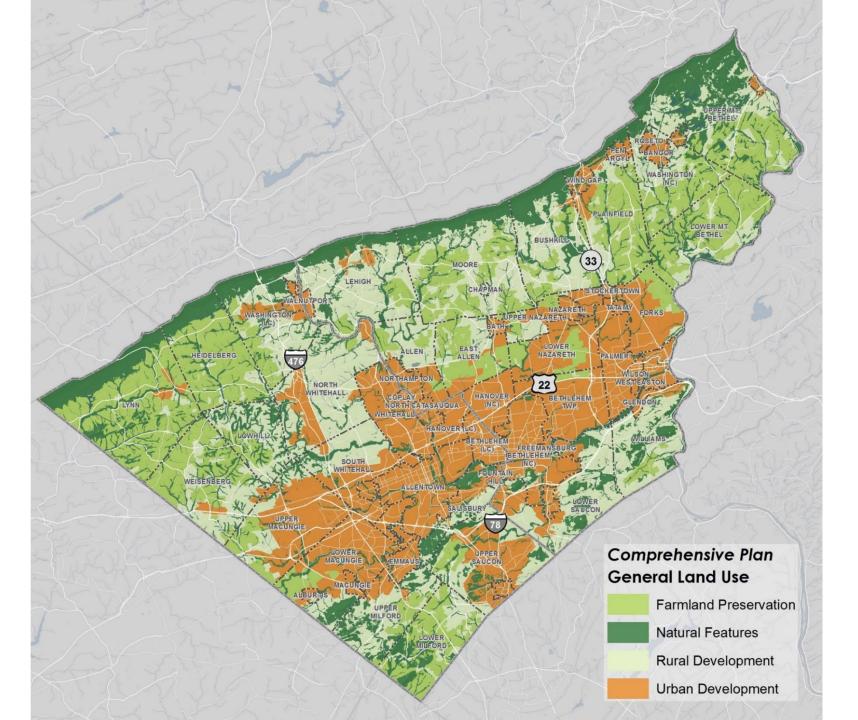






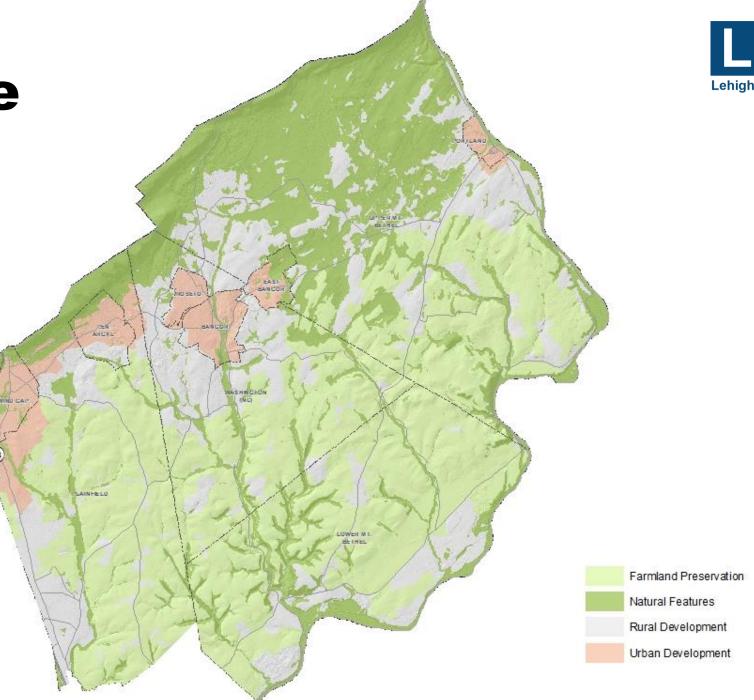
Comprehensive Plan



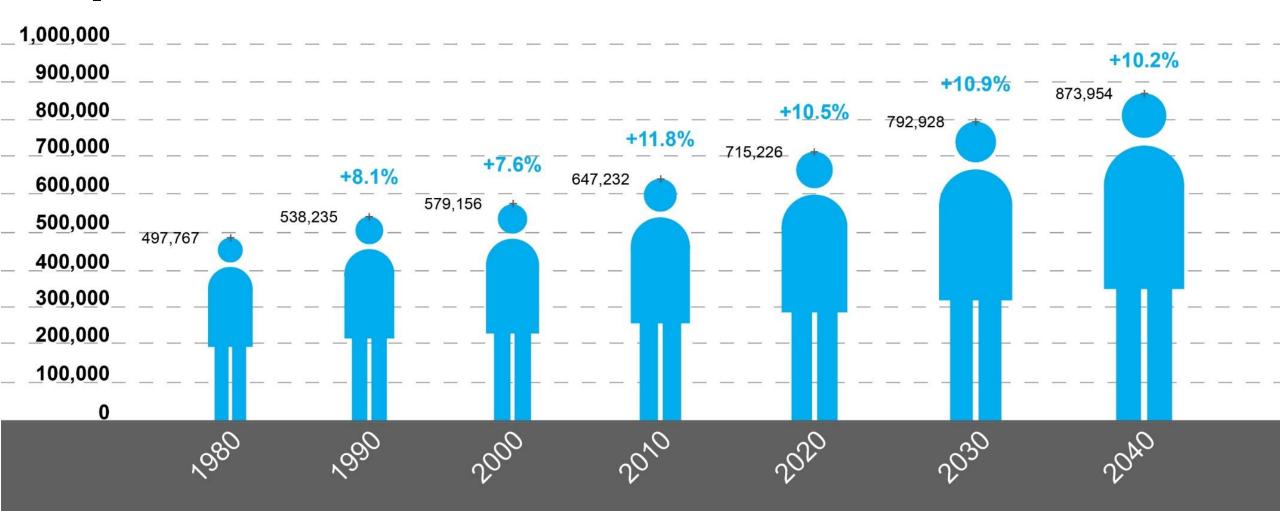


General Land Use Plan





Population Growth

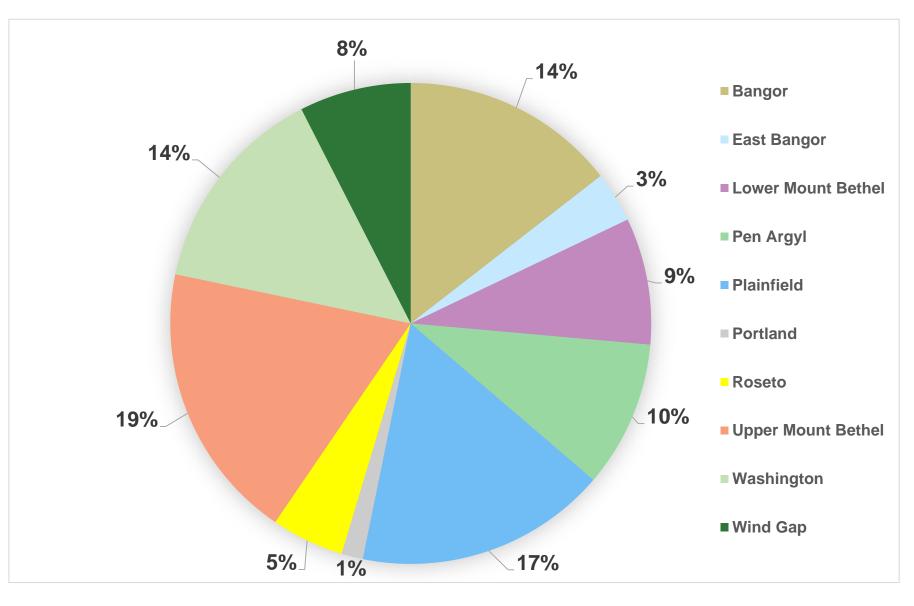




Slate Belt Population

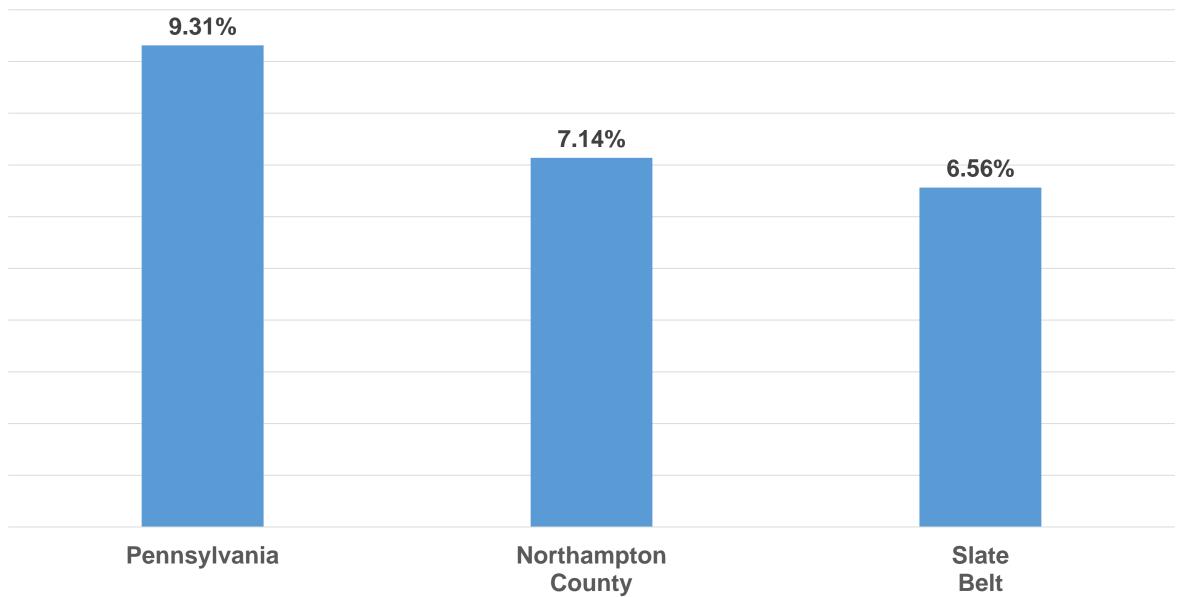


Bangor	5,256
East Bangor	1,233
Lower Mount Bethel	3,091
Pen Argyl	3,576
Plainfield	6,141
Portland	523
Roseto	1,772
Upper Mount Bethel	6,801
Washington	5,154
Wind Gap	2,724
TOTAL	36,27



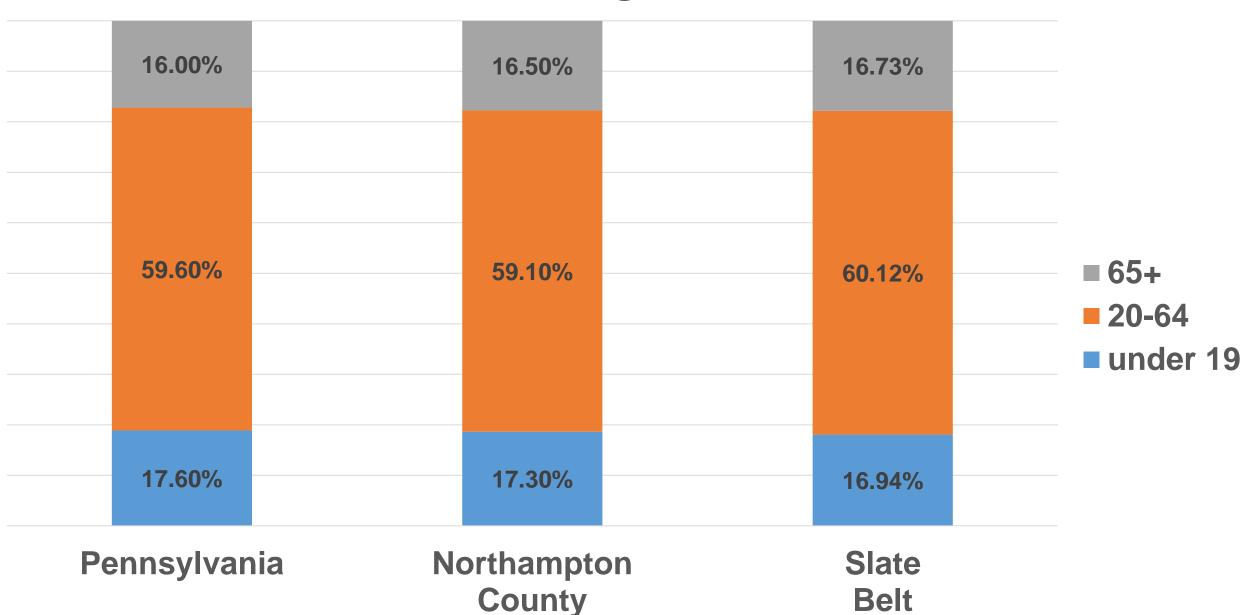
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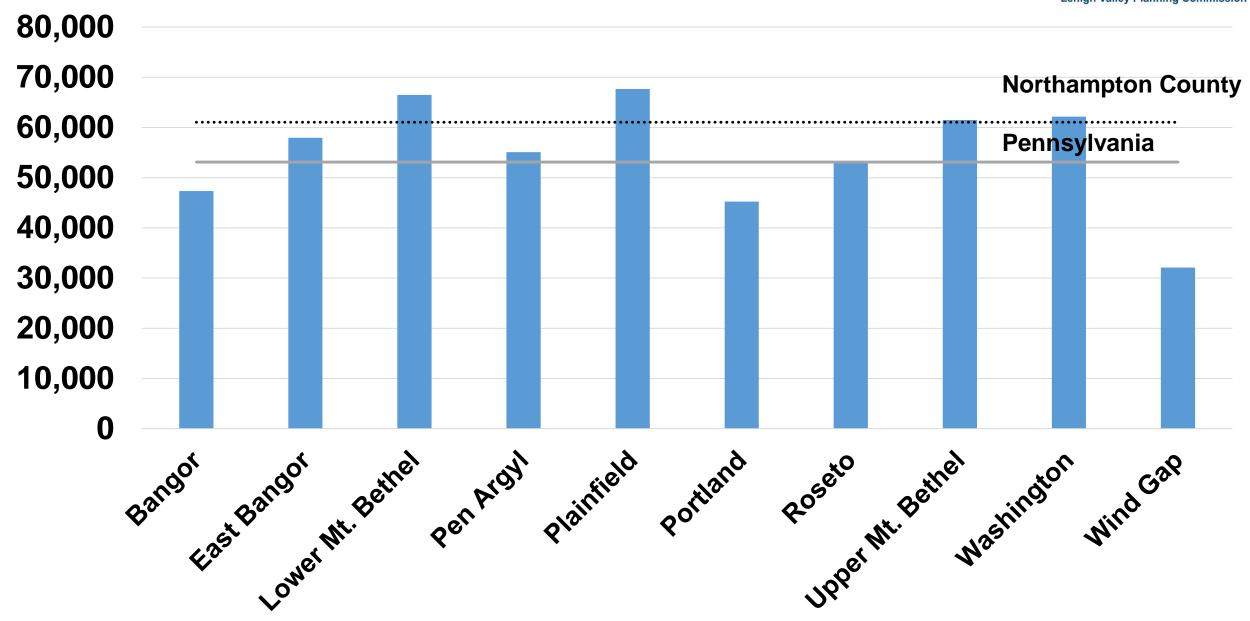
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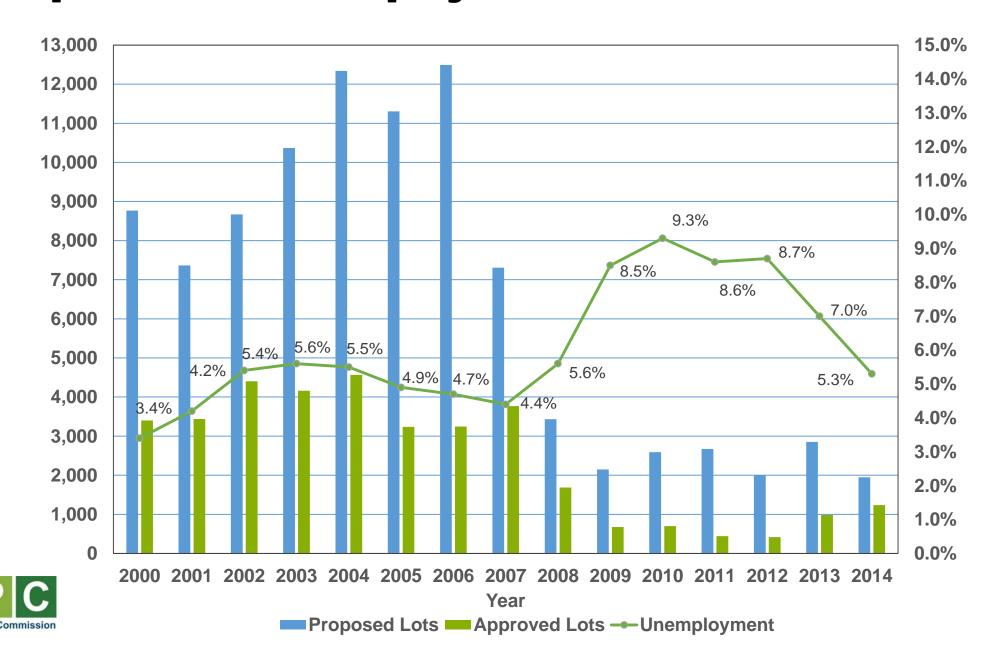


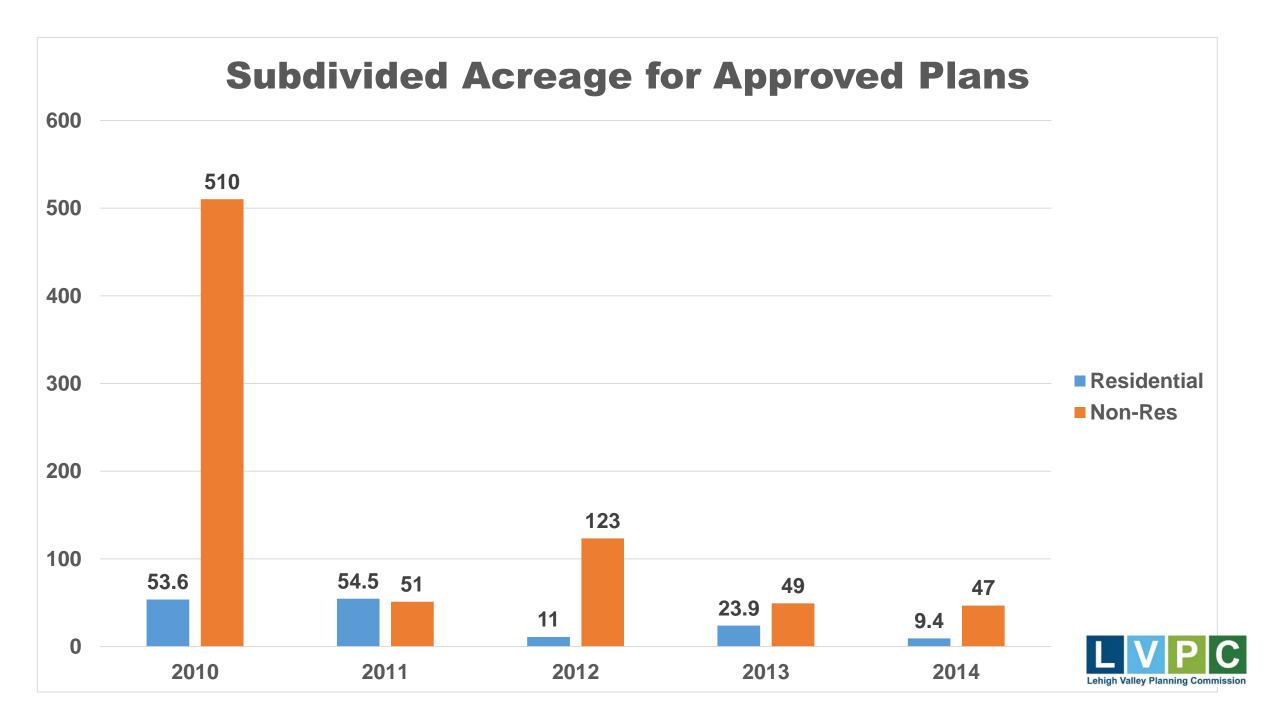
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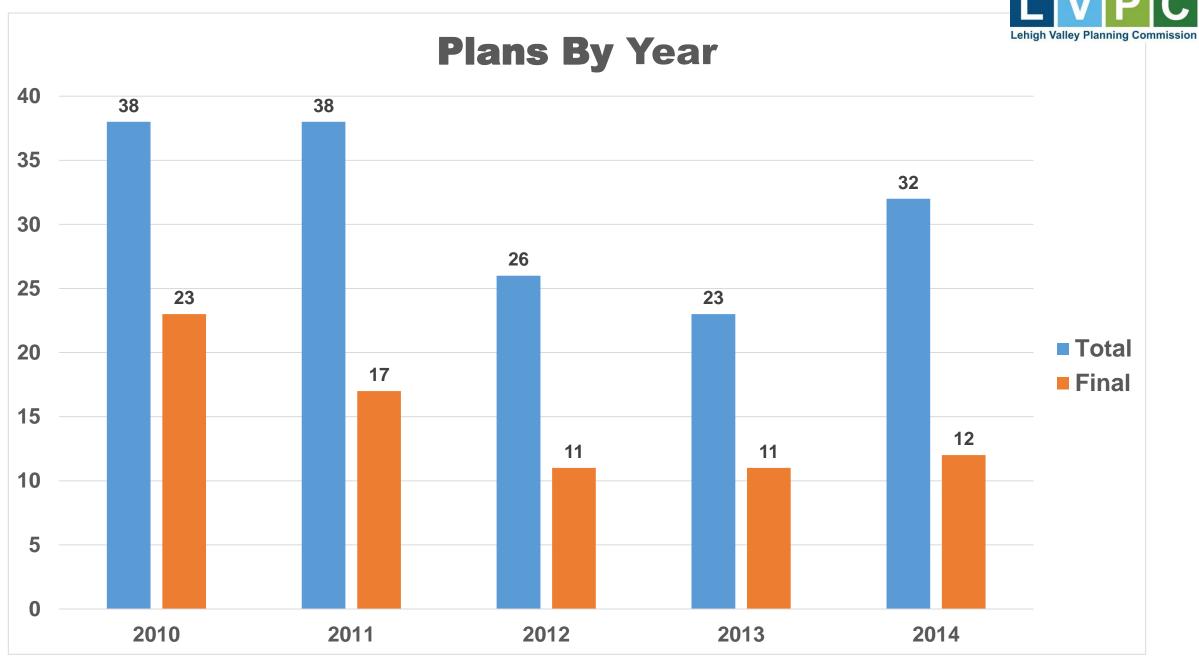


Comparison of Unemployment to Subdivision Activity





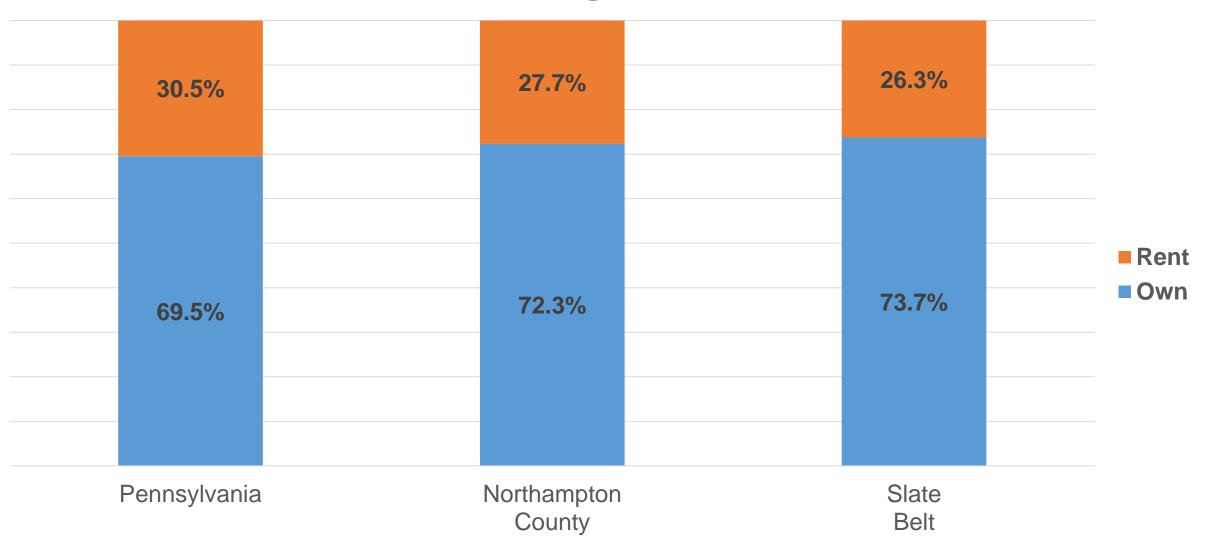




Land Use	Approved Lots	Approved Acres
Single Family Dwelling	50	152.4
No Construction	44	623.6
Transportation	16	1.4
Industrial/Warehousing	3	46.5
Agriculture	2	103.5
Commercial	1	3
Office	1	2.8
Public/Quasi Public	0	0
Grand Total	117	933.2

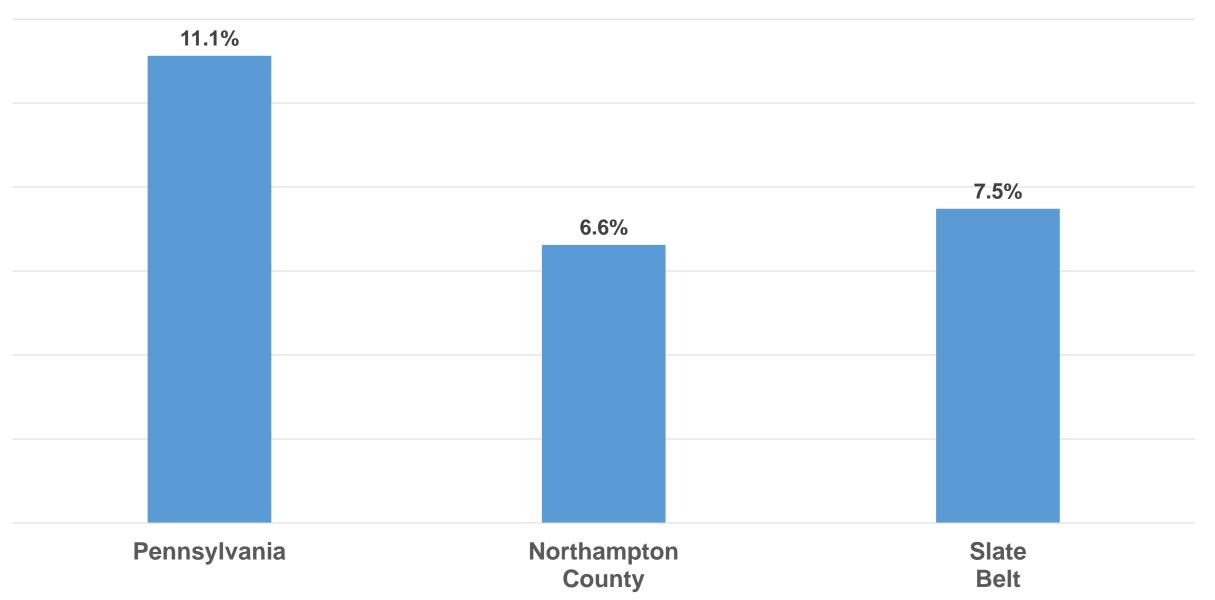


Housing Tenure



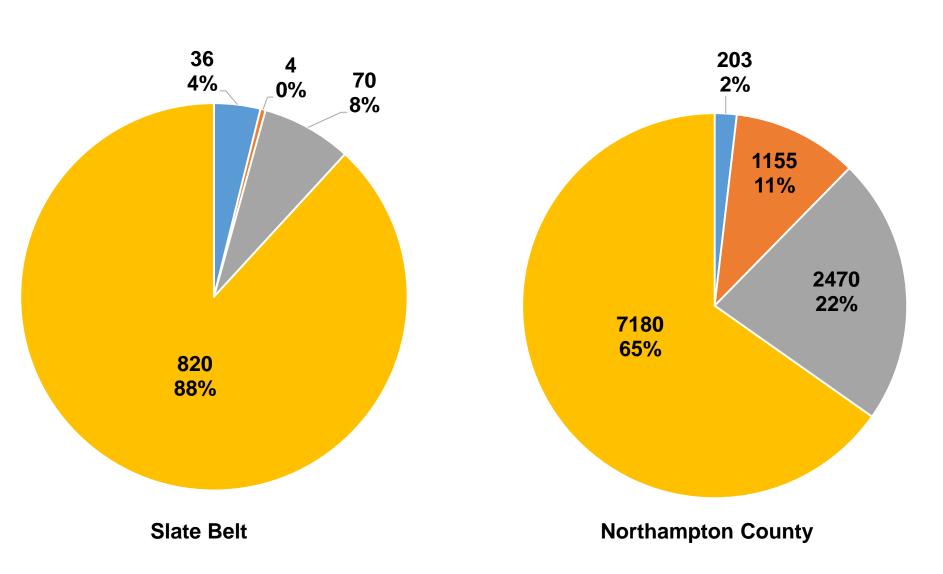


Vacancy Rates



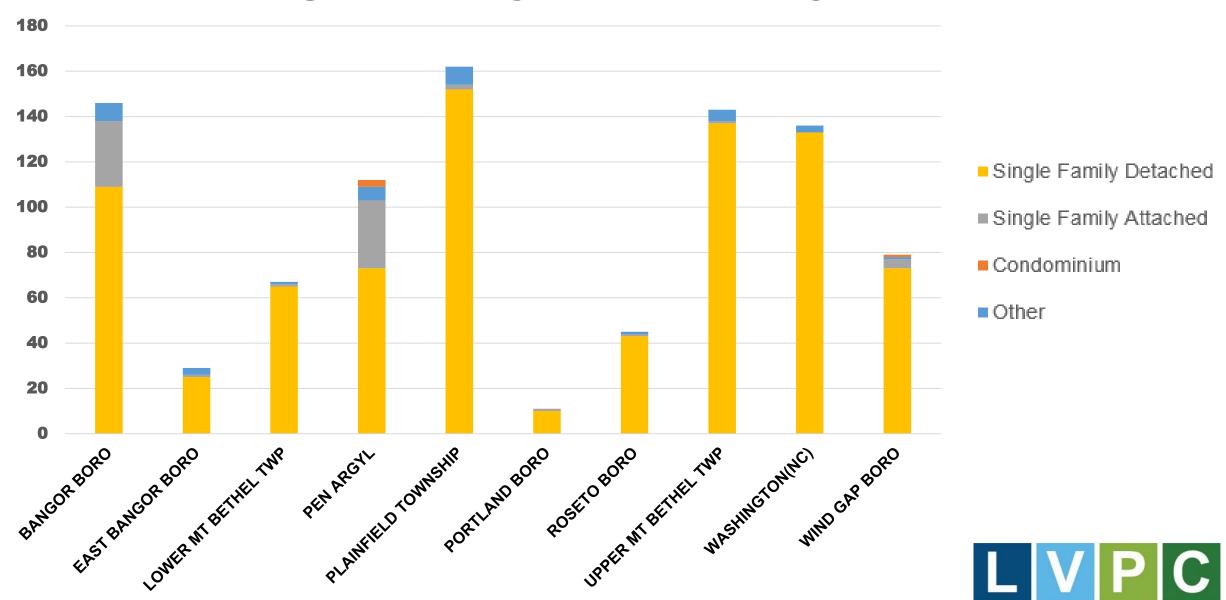
Housing Sales, 2010-2014





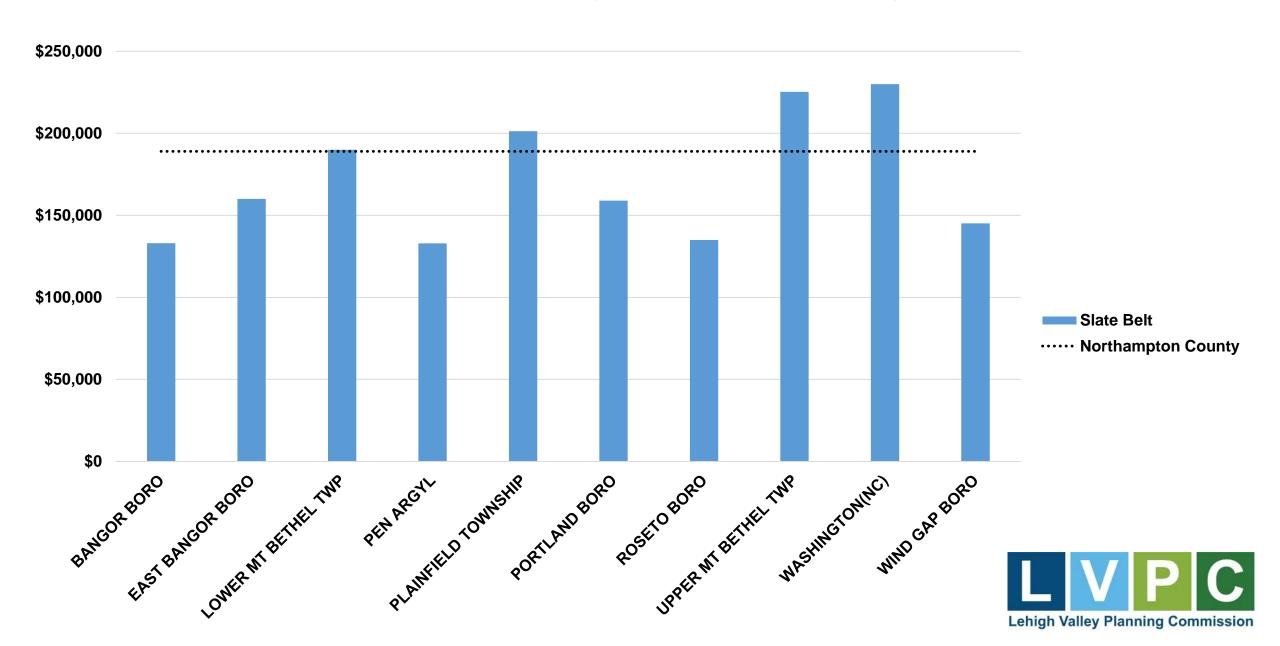
- Single Family Detached
- Single Family Attached
- Condominium
- Other

Housing Sales by Municipality, 2010-2014

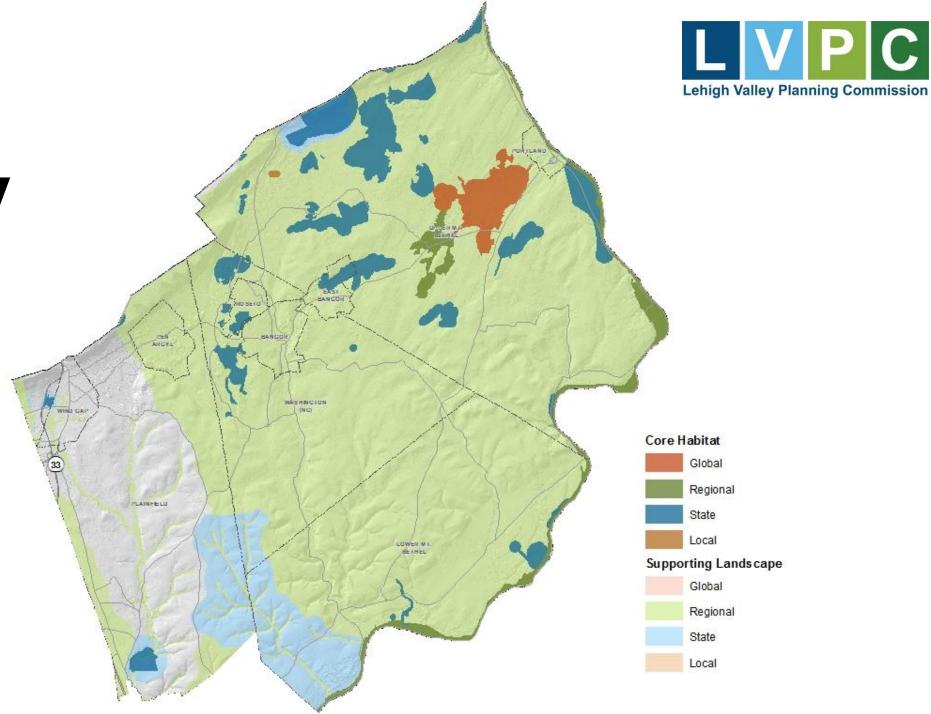


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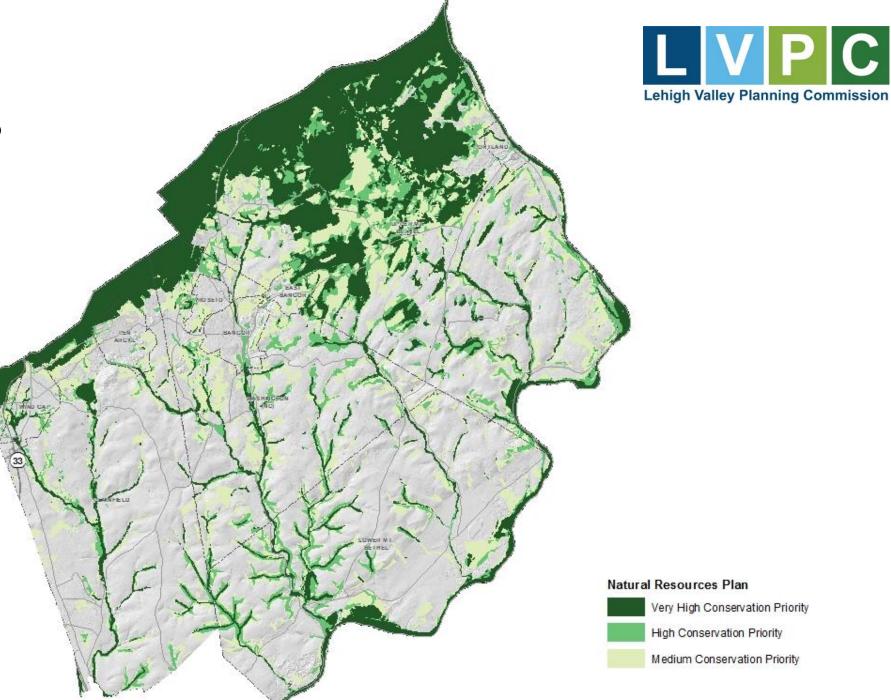
Median Sales Price by Municipality, 2010-2014



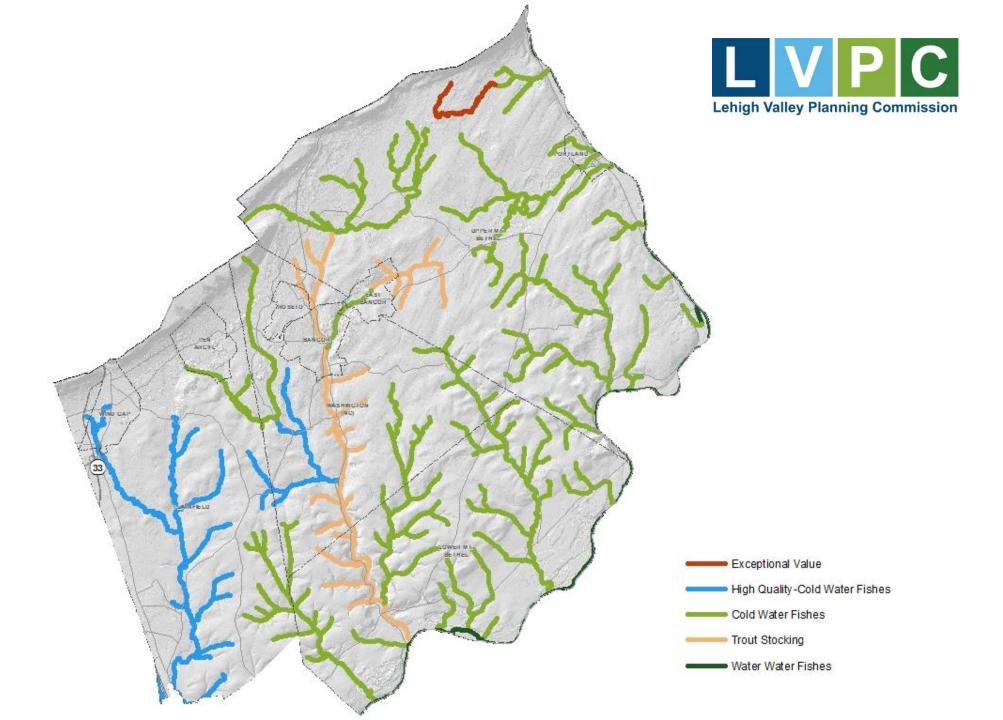
Natural Heritage Inventory



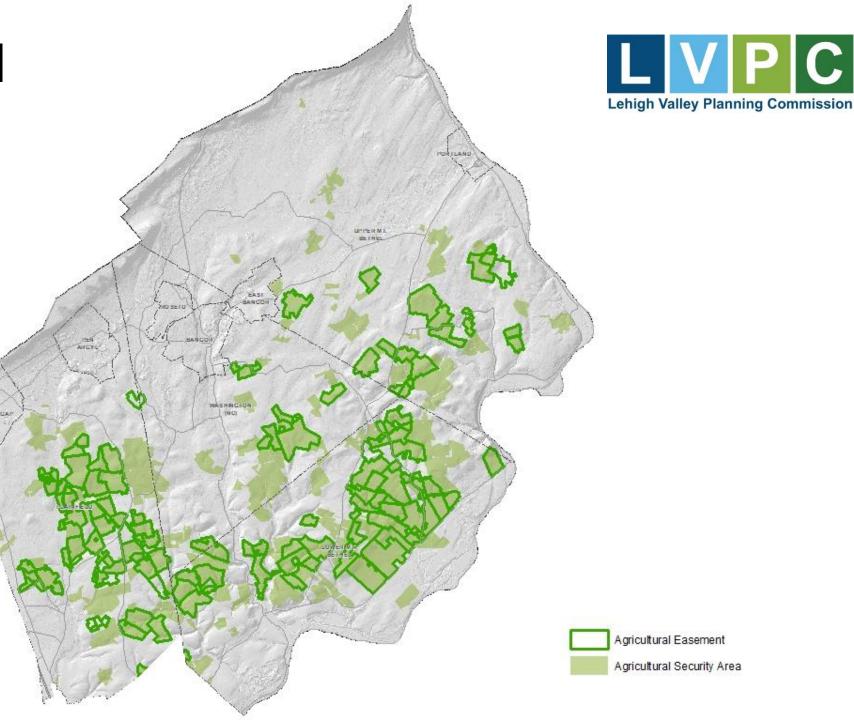
Natural Resources Plan



Water Quality



Agricultural Easements + Security Areas



Return On Environment Northampton County



Natural System Services: Open space provides value in the form of water supply, water quality, flood control, pollination, biological control, habitat and soil formation/retention estimated at \$201.7 million or more each year in Northampton County.

Air Quality: The total annual avoided healthcare costs and damage to agriculture and buildings provided by Northampton County open space is estimated to be \$27.8 million.

Outdoor Recreation: An estimated \$351.2 million is spent on outdoor recreation each year in Northampton County. Recreational activity on open space in Northampton County creates an estimated 4,518 jobs both inside and outside the County. These jobs generate about \$27.1 million in state and local taxes.

Property Value: The average premium afforded each home within ¼ mile of protected open space is \$15,400 in Northampton County.







Upland Animal Species of Kittatinny Ridge









Hardwoods

Agroforesty Tree Species

Primary Products:

Carbon Sequestration **Wood Products**

Secondary Products: Saps Biomass **Understory Crops** Agro-tourism

Pasture Animals

Additional Benefits: Pollution Scrubbing Habitat Extension

Soil Stabilization Water Retention

Methods:

- Bushkill Creek

Jacobsburg State Par

Tree Row

Alley Crop (Corn)

Tree Row (White Ash)

20 ft - 40 ft

Slopes > 10%: Cut/Fill Alley Cropping Section





Alley Cropping

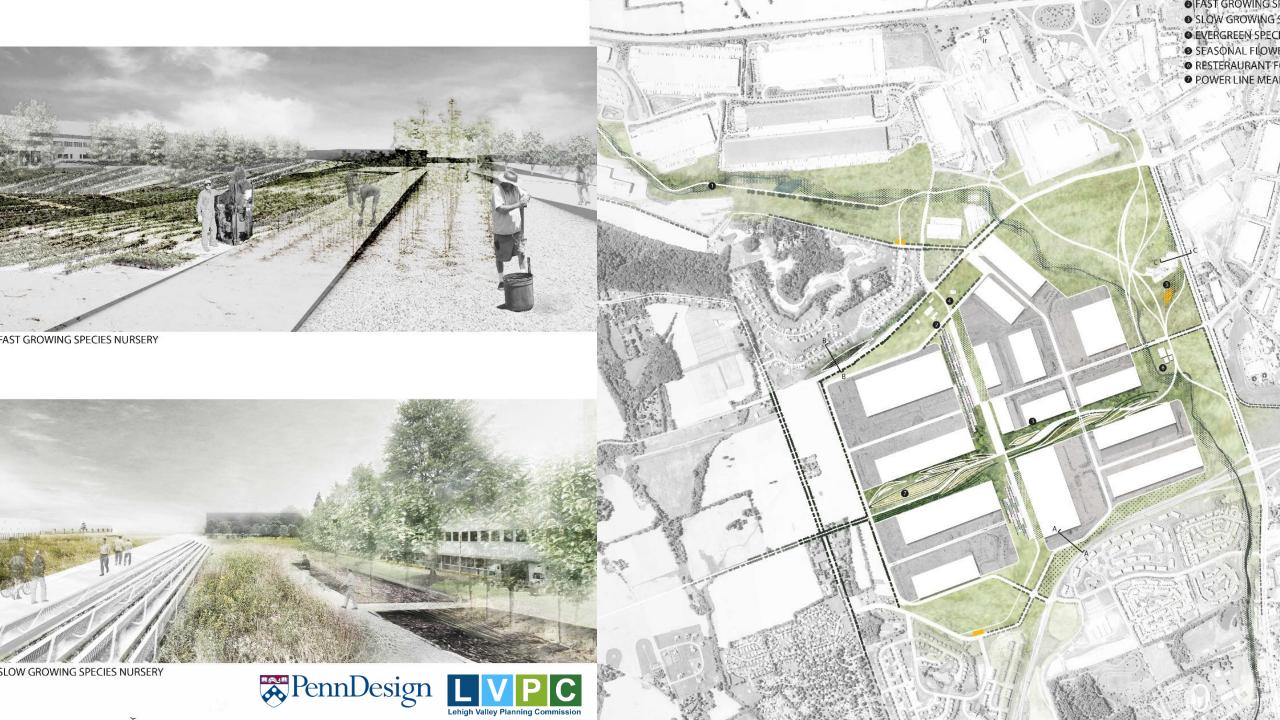
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100 feet

Riparian Buffer

Silvopasture

Timber farming

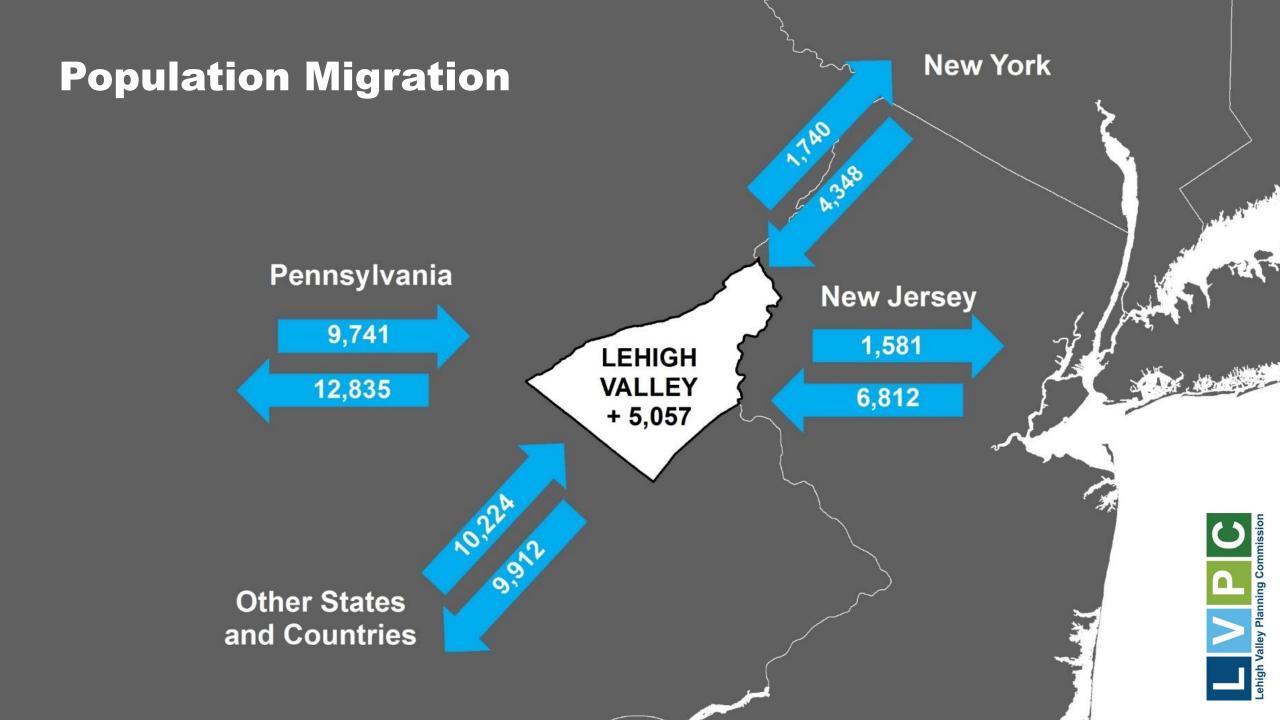












2015-2018 TIP Information

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Community	Project Type	Project Description	Total Funding	Estimated Completion Date
Plainfield	Bridge	Kromer Road Bridge Replace or Rehab	\$3,724,881	2018
Portland	Bridge	Jacoby Creek Bridge Replace or Rehab	\$2,094,382	2018
Bangor	Bridge	Messinger Street Bridge Replacement	\$7,733,316	Dec-17
Washington	Bridge	Waltz Creek Bridge Replacement	\$235,000	2017
Plainfield/Washingt on	Highway	Resurface SR512 from Wind Gap to Bangor	\$4,150,000	Summer, 2016
Lower Mount Bethel	Bridge	SR1004 Over Oughoughton Creek Replacement	\$35,500	Completed – No date provided
Washington	Bridge	Ackermanville Bridge Replacement	\$108,241	Completed – May 16, 2016 Estimated
Lower Mount Bethel	Highway	Resurface SR1002 from Sullivan Trail to Main Street/611	\$925,000	Completed – June 1, 2015 Actual
Washington	Safety	Post and Cable Guiderail	\$142,000	2016

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2017-2020 Transportation	Improvement Program Information
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Project Type	Project Description	Total Funding	Estimated Completion Date
Bridge	SR1017 Bridge and Culvert Replacement	\$416,904	2022 Estimated Let Year
Bridge	SR1015 over Martins Creek Bridge Rehabilitation	\$1,485,092	2020 Estimated Let Year
Bridge	Kromer Road Bridge Replace or Rehab	\$3,724,881	2018
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Safety	SR 33 Median Barrier	\$2,500,000	2018
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PENNDOT Twelve-Year Program				
Community	Project Type	Project Description	Total Funding	Estimated Completion Date
Washington	Bridge	Richmond Bridge Replacement	\$1,524,725	2022 Estimated

TOTAL TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT IN THE SLATE BELT (2015-2020) \$30,894,304

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

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** which dictates public policy in terms of transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, agriculture, education and housing.

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Why is a Comprehensive Plan Important?

- Definitive public policy document driving how a community functions, grows or does not grow
- Is a legal document per the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code
- Utilized to determine 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

How is it Organized?



Goal

Policy

Implementation Strategy

What's so great about multimunicipal planning?



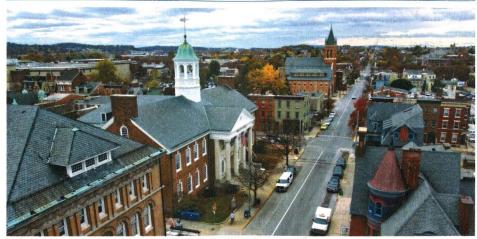
- It promotes shared preservation of the most cherished regional assets
- It encourages collaboration across municipal boundaries
- It facilitates regular communication among neighboring municipalities and the sharing of best practices – a platform for resolving disputes
- It supports municipal services efficiencies and potential tax savings
- It allows coordination of infrastructure improvements
- It allows for coordination of economic assets
- More competitive for limited internal and external financial incentives
- It permits the planning of all categories of land uses across the municipalities through zoning

"You don't have to provide for every single use in your zoning ordinance, as long as another municipality in the agreement is providing for it!"

PENNSYLVANIA. BUILT TO ADVANCE

Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code

Act of 1968, P.L.805, No.247 as reenacted and amended











Section 302. Adoption of Municipal, Multi-municipal and County Comprehensive Plans and Plan Amendments.

Section 801-A. General Power of Joint Municipal Zoning.

Sections 1101 and 1102. Purposes, Intergovernmental Cooperation Planning and Implementation Agreements.

Section 1103. Finances, Staff and Program. County or Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plans.

Subsection 1103(4): "Plan for the accommodation of all categories of uses within the area of the plan, provided however, that all uses need not be provided in every municipality, but shall be planned and provided for within a reasonable geographic area of the plan."

Section 1104. [Cooperative] Implementation Agreements.



- · How has Southwest Lehigh County changed in the last 10 years?
- · What will Southwest Lehigh County look like 25 years from now?
- · Where should new development occur?
- · What kind of development should it be?
- · What will happen to existing neighborhoods and local character?

Southwest Lehigh County is beginning a process to determine the answers to these questions and more with the development of a new Comprehensive Plan.

COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENTS

CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE AND SUBMIT YOUR OWN VISION STATEMENT Small hometown rural character. Protect our rural character and heritage.

PlanSWL

"Develop"
an equitable plan for all forms of
development in the Lehigh Valley, particularly
in the high growth areas like SWLV.

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GET INVOLVED

REPORTS + PLANS

ABOUT PLAN SWL

The Southwest Lehigh County municipalities of Alburtis, Emmaus, Lower Macungie, Lower Milford, Macungie and Upper Milford have begun the process of updating the 2005 Southwestern Lehigh County Comprehensive Plan.

Submit your PLANSWL comments via this link.

Sign-up to be notified of future public engagement opportunities.

PRESS COVERAGE

- Community Vision Statements
- Community Survey Results
- Presentations
- Map Gallery
- Municipal Profile Pages
- Field Observations
- Community Indicators
- 2005 Southwestern Lehigh County Comprehensive Plan (35MB pdf)





Pennsylvania Humanities Council

- \$5,000 PHC Civic Engagement Grant funded by Orton Family Foundation
- Explore the possibility of conducting a humanities-based resident engagement
- Strengthen Slate Belt Partnerships in the 10 municipalities
- Create Slate Belt Leadership Team and Introduce Heart & Soul Storytelling Model





3 Principles of Community Heart & Soul:

- 1. Involve Everyone
- 2. Focus on What Matters
- 3. Play the Long Game



PHC Grant Slate Belt Leadership Team

- Scott Parsons Executive Director of Slate Belt Council of Governments
- Lance Prator Portland Borough Mayor and Chair of the Slate Belt Council of Governments
- Stu Gallaher Chair of the Lower Mount Bethel Supervisors and member of the Slate Belt Council
 of Governments
- Steve Hurney Supervisor in Plainfield Township, Chair of the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce, Secretary of Green Knights Economic Development Corporation, member of the Slate Belt Council of Governments and Slate Belt Regional Police Commission
- Robin Zmoda Manager of Pen Argyl Borough, member of the Community Action Committee Board of Directors and member of the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee
- Tom Petrucci Manager of Plainfield Township
- Sharon Davis Manager of the Slate Belt Community Partnership and Totts Gap Art Institute
- LVPC Staff Becky Bradley, Executive Director and Tracy Oscavich, Associate Director of Development
- Northampton County Staff Tim Herrlinger and Mark Hartney

