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## Health and Planning

### Growing Older — and Designing Smarter

By *Lydia Hernández Vélez*, Deputy Managing Director for Aging, City of Philadelphia

*This is the second installment in a three-part series on designing age-friendly communities.*

“Communities should work for everyone.” So started the first installment in this series: what an age friendly design process is, as defined by the World Health Organization’s Age Friendly City movement. An essential element in this process is consulting with residents to explore what they value in an Age Friendly environment. All plans should include this activity, to ensure that the right emphasis for what matters to residents, is made.

In Philadelphia, we took several steps to consult with our residents on what they valued. The first step was to publish an online and paper-based survey. We used the AARP’s In A

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### Fresh Connect Bucks County – Case Study

By *Tim Philpot*, Director of Community Impact & Pennsbury LYFT Project Director, United Way of Bucks County; Member of the Healthy Communities in PA Healthy Food Access Working Group

Fresh Connect Bucks County is a free pop up farmer’s market for low-income food insecure residents of Bucks County. The program was developed to address three interrelated problems: The inability for some food-insecure residents to get to food pantries due to a lack of public or private transportation; the inability for our food pantries to supply fresh produce consistently to a high need population; and a knowledge gap many pantry clients have with regard to preparing fresh produce in healthier ways. Fresh Connect addresses all three of these concerns by distributing fresh produce directly to those in need right in their neighborhoods and by providing cooking and nutrition education onsite during produce distributions.

Fresh Connect is a collaboration of five organizations working together, including Bucks County Opportunity Council, Rolling Harvest Food Rescue, St Mary Medical Center, Philabundance, and United Way of Bucks County. Collaboration is the key to the success of Fresh Connect, as none of the individual organization had the resources to establish the program alone. Each organization contributes resources and unique skills to make the project work. Fresh Connect is patterned after an

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existing Philabundance program, Fresh for All, and has proven enormously popular in our county, far surpassing our original utilization goals. Fresh Connect occurs every week in two high need communities, held at the same time and place so that clients can have consistent access to produce each week.

In terms of necessary resources, each site costs approximately \$50,000 in cash to operate, plus significant in-kind support from the partner organizations. Acquiring a vehicle or gaining access to one is a critical component, as well as identifying an organization that can act as the primary coordinating entity. Each site requires 10-12 volunteers per week, each working approximately two hours, and securing a site that can be consistently used to hold the market is important as well.

Although Fresh Connect was just established in April of 2017, client surveys are demonstrating that our participants are eating 2.2 more servings of fresh produce per day, which is very important considering that the incidence of chronic diseases like diabetes and hypertension. Clients also reported cooking more frequently at home, trying new and healthier recipes, and having more energy. Their perceptions of their own, overall health have improved as well. A more extensive program evaluation is planned for 2018. ♦

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*These articles brought to you by the PA Healthy Food Access Working Group's work under the Healthy Communities in PA Task Force.*

## Pennsylvania Healthy Food Access Working Group

### *About the Healthy Communities in PA Task Force*

The Healthy Communities in PA Task Force was established in early 2017 to help build local capacity for integrating planning and public health across Pennsylvania. The Task Force, which is funded through a one-year grant from the [Planners4Health](#) Initiative, envisions communities in all parts of Pennsylvania being built in a way that makes the healthy choice the easy choice for every resident. Task Force members and healthy communities stakeholders work to achieve this vision by sharing tools and resources that support healthy communities. The Task Force advises the American Planning Association Pennsylvania Chapter on healthy community design and strategies, while also serving as a resource to Pennsylvania communities.

### *About the PA Healthy Food Access Working Group*

The PA Healthy Food Access Working Group is a part of the [Healthy Communities in PA Task Force](#). It formed based on results of a [County Planning Directors survey](#) that found that healthy food access was considered one of the state's most pressing needs but also was an area where planners have the ability to make a difference.

The PA Healthy Food Access Working Group will strive to increase access to healthy, affordable, and culturally appropriate foods among Pennsylvania residents, especially communities with limited access. It will do this by researching and disseminating information on the state of healthy food access across Pennsylvania; developing case studies of innovative programs and practices happening within Pennsylvania communities; and promoting tools and resources to help communities and local leaders increase healthy food access.

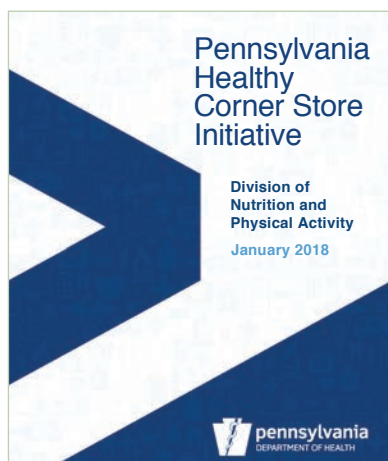


# Health and Planning

## Pennsylvania Healthy Corner Store Initiative

### Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity

January 2018



The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) is committed to increasing Pennsylvania residents' access to healthy foods and beverages. In 2004, The Food Trust, a nationally-recognized nonprofit based in Philadelphia, piloted the Healthy Corner Store Initiative to encourage city residents to make healthier choices in corner stores. The project expanded in 2010, in partnership with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health's Get Healthy Philly Initiative, to include hundreds of corner stores.

In 2014, DOH partnered with The Food Trust to replicate the initiative statewide, creating the Pennsylvania Healthy Corner Store Initiative. Using funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, programs were developed in some of the highest populated cities throughout Pennsylvania, including: Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Erie, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Pittsburgh, Reading, State College and Williamsport.

In the statewide model, The Food Trust provides training and technical assistance to community partners who work with store owners to increase inventory of healthy foods and beverages. Materials are provided to store owners so their store can be identified as participating in the initiative and to guide customers to

healthier options. Store owners who stock healthier items receive small monetary incentives and technical assistance to maintain inventory changes. Owners also receive training to learn how to source, handle and promote healthy items. Some stores are also eligible for equipment, including shelving, baskets and refrigerators, used to stock and promote healthy options.

Over the first four years of the program, more than 150 stores participated, providing healthier food options to more than 890,000 Pennsylvanians. Community partners provided training to 237 store owners during this time period to guide the adoption of a healthy retail environment.

As a result, store owners added healthy products to their shelves. More than 85 percent of stores added whole grain products, 81 percent added inventory in fruits and vegetables, 63 percent added healthy protein sources and 44 percent added low-fat dairy options.

In the fifth year of implementation, the program's focus is on sustaining healthier options through enhanced

programming and community engagement. Community partners are now working with store owners to coordinate in-store nutrition education, health screenings and other community events in at least 19 corner stores.

In many cities, the initiative is partnering with SNAP-Ed to provide the nutrition education, aiding in sustainability. Residents will learn about a nutrition topic, experience a taste test and tour the store to see the healthy options. Interested shoppers also will be directed to free health screenings including blood pressure and body mass index, resulting in referrals for health care follow-up if needed. Educating shoppers on nutrition and their own health brings attention to the healthier options available in the store.

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# Health and Planning

## APA and AARP Partnering on Aging and Livable Communities Initiative

By Sharon Maclean, AICP, Office of Housing Counseling, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development



APA's International Division has received a grant to partner with AARP International to implement the Divisions' Council initiative, *Aging and Livable Communities*. The initiative seeks to educate planners regarding awareness building techniques, tools and best practices for planners from the US-focused research of APA's earlier efforts under this initiative and ideas that can be obtained from researching internationally.

Both APA's LGBTQ & Planning Division and the Pennsylvania Chapter of APA are participating in the project **to learn from existing initiatives that may provide insight on how best to plan for the needs of seniors in various types of communities**. APA's LGBTQ Division is involved to **inform the effort regarding LGBTQ seniors and their needs and also to provide information to the project team regarding issues that LGBTQ persons encounter as they age**.

### BACKGROUND

In the U.S., nearly 20 percent of the population will be over age 65 by 2030 — the fastest growing demographic being 85+. AARP surveys show that almost 90 percent of seniors want to age in their homes or communities. Yet current data and population projections highlight the challenges that this demographic change poses and the shift in planning that

will need to take place in order to minimize the social, economic and health challenges that will otherwise overwhelm communities. Some of the considerations for this age cohort include the fact that:

- Two-thirds of those 85+ today have at least one disability;
- 3 of 5 age-80+ households consist of a single person, and the number of people 75+ living alone is expected to double from 2015-2035;
- People live on average for a decade after they reach "driving retirement." When they walk instead, they comprise a disproportionate percentage of pedestrian fatalities;
- Falls account for 68 percent of seniors' hospitalizations.

Countries around the world have similar concerns and **European countries** are on average approximately five years ahead of the United States aging curve. They are addressing similar challenges around making the built environment, housing, transportation and other services appropriate and accessible for people across increasingly long lifespans. This initiative presents a great opportunity to learn from international best practices and apply them to planning for aging in United States communities.

### SCHEDULE AND OUTCOMES

The initiative kicked off in September 2017. To date the team has distributed an online survey, compiled the results and developed a webinar for World Town Planning Day in November.

The team recently participated in a webinar sponsored by the International Federation on Aging. The webinar,

entitled "Engaging Planners as Livable Communities Allies" is archived at the following link:

<https://www.ifa-fiv.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-02-07-10.59-Engaging-Planners-as-Livable-Communities-Allies.mp4>

Additional outcomes of this initiative will include:

- A final report and article for an APA publication and the International Division's newsletter, Interplan;
- A webinar prepared and presented by the International Division aimed at APA planners;
- Development of additional tools and best practices guidance; and
- A plan to further implement the project's findings

If you will be at the **2018 APA conference in New Orleans, the team will be participating session to present the initiative**. More information regarding the session may be found on the conference website at: <https://www.planning.org/events/nationalconferenceactivity/9140369/>

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved in this initiative, by providing best practices or feedback, please contact Sharon Maclean, AICP at [Sharon.E.Maclean@hud.gov](mailto:Sharon.E.Maclean@hud.gov)

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## welcome New PA Chapter Members!

**WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS** who joined the PA Chapter over the past few months. The PA Chapter membership includes nearly 2,500 planning officials, professional planners, and others who care about how Pennsylvania continues to grow the places where we live, work, and enjoy recreation. The board and staff are available to answer any questions. Feel free to contact the Chapter Office at 717-671-4510. Board member contact information is available at [www.planningpa.org](http://www.planningpa.org) under **About Us**.

### Agency Member:

Newport Borough, Central Section ♦



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*“Plan for Erie”*

### GROWING OLDER, DESIGNING SMARTER (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Livable Community survey instrument. Through networking and posting the survey on the city's website, highlighting it on the landing page, we received 879 responses. Some results were: 69.4 percent of the respondents rated Philadelphia as a good, very good or excellent place to live. 35.8 percent of the respondents had lived in Philadelphia over 35 years. 57.8 percent said it was unlikely they would move from their home in the next 10 years.

Another step was to conduct focus groups. Through a partnership with AARP Philadelphia, locations were identified by networking with partners and organizations to conduct five focus groups around the city. Over 40 persons participated. The youngest participant was 12 and the oldest was 93. The groups were diverse as to ethnic, racial and gender identification and the leader was an expert in intergenerational communications as well as aged focused planning. Translation was provided for participants who were not English dominant. Transportation was also provided. These steps were important to having a level of participation from all segments of Philadelphia residents.

The results were enlightening and sobering. In one group, the issue of safety was shared by all participants, with one teenage participant stating that he could not be sure he would get home safe when he left for school. Housing was also highlighted as a challenge for some senior participants, including issues of access to bathrooms in a three-story rowhome when mobility was a challenge. All focus groups touched on the need for mutual respect across generations. Seniors and young people expressed frustration that they were being lumped in one definition such as being dangerous or entitled. Participants in all groups noted the need for information so that everyone had the tools to make good decisions for themselves.

We are using the results of the survey and the focus groups to craft our Action Plan that will move the city towards being an Age Friendly, one that works for all residents no matter the age, race, ethnicity, gender identification or dominant language. ♦

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## Board Member *Spotlight*



**Justin Dula, AICP** is currently the County and Regional Planning Manager at the Delaware County Planning Department, where he manages County Council priorities and coordinating with regional initiatives. This has included managing the creation of *Delaware County 2035*, Delaware County's first comprehensive plan as well as several energy-related initiatives.



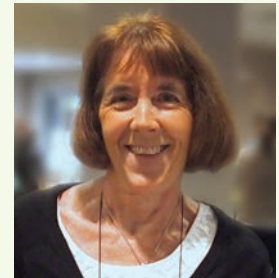
Justin is the Treasurer of the American Planning Association (APA), Pennsylvania Chapter and Chair of the APA, Pennsylvania Chapter's Southeast Section (APA-PA-SE). He is chair of the Healthy Communities in PA Task Force, which helps link planners with public health advocates around Pennsylvania. He first became involved with the Chapter through his involvement in planning regional events such as the 2007 APA National Conference in Philadelphia and the 2009 and 2014 Chapter Conferences. Justin is also the LGBTQ and Planning Division's Vice-Chair of Communications and is on the Board of the Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance.

Justin is originally from Independence Township in Beaver County, but moved around a bit before settling back to the other side of Pennsylvania. He has a fondness for Greater Philadelphia that only transplants seem able to find. He received his Masters of City and Regional Planning from the Ohio State University, but don't worry Nittany Lions, he never went to a football game. He got his Bachelor of Arts in International Area Studies from Kalamazoo College, where he studied abroad in Beijing, China for two quarters. ♦



## Committee Chair *Spotlight*

**Pam Shellenberger, AICP**, is Chair of Great Places in PA, a program that the Chapter initiated in 2014, and is also Secretary/Treasurer of the Central Section. Pam has been with the York County Planning Commission (YCPC) for over 30 years and has been Chief of the Long Range Planning Division since 2000. Prior to joining the YCPC staff, Pam held planning positions with Farmworker Opportunities, Inc., New Hanover County (NC) Planning Commission, and the York City Office of Planning. Pam serves as Vice-Chair of the Manor Township (Lancaster County) Planning Commission and represents the Township on the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee Land Use Advisory Board. When not working, Pam enjoys hiking, geocaching, traveling, and spending time with her family, including three energetic grandchildren. ♦



## Student *Scholarships Available!*

Each year the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association offers a scholarship program to support individuals seeking funds for **academic degree programs, internships, and/or professional development activities** that enhance planning at the local, regional, state, and national levels. The program is supported by:

- The **Francis Pitkin** scholarship fund
- The **Richard P. Byler Charitable Fund** of The Philadelphia Foundation
- Funding from **The Leslie and Greta Spaulding Education Fund**
- Funding from the **Richard G. Bickel, FAICP**, Planning Education Award

The annual applications have been released to fund scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year. **The deadline to apply is Monday, April 30, 2018 at midnight. Recipients will be notified by June 30, 2018, and funds awarded in the summer.**

<https://planningpa.org/for-planners/professional-planners/student-scholarships/> ♦



# PDO<sup>corner</sup>

by Susan Elks, AICP, Professional Development Officer

As 2017 was winding down, I was contemplating that 2018 would be my tenth year of service to APA-PA in the role of Professional Development Officer (PDO). That window of time has seen a great deal of change with respect to professional development for those with the AICP credential, driven in large part by the Certification Maintenance (CM) requirements. I have written many PDO Corners regarding CM, and answered quite a few individual emails.

There have also been changes to the AICP exam, from the content outline to the resources available to those aspiring to become certified planners. Through it all, the Chapter has continued to provide support to those seeking membership in AICP.

One thing I am happy to note is that the **CM requirements have largely had positive long-term impacts**. When initially proposed, I know AICP members were concerned with the cost and availability of the training options. Several years in now, I can safely say that it is **entirely possible to maintain your certification at no cost, if you plan ahead and are comfortable with online options**. It is also possible to attend various in-person trainings without significant travel to maintain your certification,

again, if you plan ahead. If an AICP planner can't plan ahead...I'm not sure if AICP is right for you (but if you are a bit of a procrastinator, a single month subscription to *Planetizen* can help you catch up quickly at a very reasonable cost).

The Chapter itself has held various training events for members, from half day sessions to full day events. The Sections have done a great job of offering training, responding to member requests for local and targeted sessions. At the Chapter and Section level we've partnered with various entities to help ensure that relevant training carries CM. These efforts and others have created a fairly robust menu of training opportunities, even if you do need to search around a bit to be aware of the options (to help with that part, there is a calendar of events on the website).

My specific position - the Professional Development Officer - is not an entity to itself. The PDO is supported by the **Professional Development Committee**, which has **representatives from each of the Sections** and also at-large members. There is quite a bit of work to be done, and the committee plays a significant role in getting that work done. From staffing the AICP exam prep sessions twice a year to

supporting statewide training, **the committee provides great value to the planning community**. I am honored to offer my appreciation to the current members of the committee, and those who have served previously.

One fact you may not have known about the Professional Development Committee is that there is a **vice-chair position**, which has been held by **Alexis Williams** for the past couple of years. Alexis has been heavily involved in many of the committee's activities for quite some time, particularly related to exam prep. Knowing the work Alexis has contributed, and the ideas she has for future efforts, **I am happy to share that she will be taking over the role of Professional Development Officer**. I wish Alexis and the committee the very best, and I am excited to see what the future holds.

**My parting thoughts for every person who made it through my final PDO Corner – if you want something different or more from the Chapter – make it happen. Volunteer organizations thrive because an individual cares enough to give time and energy. That individual can be you.** ♦



## *Vantage Point* 2018 Editorial Deadlines

**Summer Issue: May 18**

**Fall Issue: Aug. 10**

**Winter 2018-19 Issue: Nov. 2**





*The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association celebrates excellence in planning.*

# Nominate a *Great Place* in *Pennsylvania*

## APA PA is looking for Great Public Spaces and Great Greenways/Trails

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA PA) will be recognizing “**Great Public Spaces**” and “**Great Greenways/Trails**” in 2018. Everyone should be proud of the great planning that is occurring in their community and want it recognized as a model for other communities.

**Do you know a public space or greenway/trail that exemplifies planning excellence and promotes a sense of community? Do you think it merits designation as a Great Place in Pennsylvania? If so, NOMINATE IT!**

**The deadline for Nominations is April 17, 2018.** For more information, including guidelines, category criteria, and the nomination form, please visit the APA PA website: [http://planningpa.org/about/great-](http://planningpa.org/about/great-places-in-pennsylvania-2/)

[places-in-pennsylvania-2/](http://planningpa.org/about/great-places-in-pennsylvania-2/). All Great Public Spaces and Great Greenway/Trail nominations must be submitted online at <http://planningpa.org/events-training/great-places-in-pennsylvania/great-places-submission-form/>.

### WHAT MAKES A GREAT PLACE?

Great Places offer better choices for where and how people live, work, and play. They are enjoyable, safe, sustainable, and desirable. They build healthy and strong communities. Great Places also give their communities an economic boost by helping to attract and retain residents and businesses. Many criteria, including functionality, accessibility, connectivity, community involvement, economic opportunities, forward thinking planning, partnerships, and others, define Pennsylvania’s Great Places.

APA PA will recognize successfully designated Great Public Spaces and Great Greenways/Trails through an array of activities, such as:

- News and social media releases statewide and locally about the designations
- Recognition on the APA PA website
- Coordinated attendance of APA PA representatives at local designation ceremonies in communities choosing to hold such events
- Presentation of a Great Places Certificate and Window Clings
- Recognition at the APA PA Annual Conference ♦



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# INSIDER

A Message from Vice President **Amy McKinney**

I hope the year is off to a great start for all of you. When I was elected as Vice-President I thought it was smooth sailing for the next two years with James leading the charge, but here I am trying to fill some big shoes for the next few months. (James Cowhey is out on partial medical leave for a few months.)

The Chapter elected officials have begun **planning our upcoming strategic planning session** which we will hold in early June with the help of our Board of Directors and other non-Board members who have an interest in shaping the strategic plan. Denny Puko has offered to facilitate the strategic planning session, and we will focus on developing a document that meets the needs of the Chapter for the next four years. **If you feel strongly about an initiative you would like the Chapter to undertake, or would like to comment on any of its current work, please feel free to reach out to me at [amckinney@co.lawrence.pa.us](mailto:amckinney@co.lawrence.pa.us)** ♦

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to **newly certified planners** who passed the November 2017 **Comprehensive Planning Exam** and have joined AICP!  
**Congrats to the new AICPS from Pennsylvania!**

Tina Enderlein  
Matthew C. Jones  
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## Central Section Update

By *Rachelle Abbott, AICP*

**Section election results**, by your votes those in the position of chair, vice chair, secretary/treasurer, professional planner, and citizen planner have remained as they were over the last two years. We thank you for your continued support of the Central Section Committee. There remains a vacant Planning Official Representative position on the committee. Should anyone be interested in the Planning Official Representative, contact Rachelle Abbott at [raabbott@stepcorp.org](mailto:raabbott@stepcorp.org)

**Rachelle Abbott**, Chair

**Tara Hitchens**, Vice Chair

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Central Section continues to accept applications for the **Professional Development Scholarship Program** with a **maximum award of \$500.00**. Those seeking to apply should visit the website to complete the application. **The Scholarship is available for the education and training of planners, public officials, and students in the Central Section.** Section workshops, Chapter conferences, outside training, and AICP exam costs are all eligible. **The deadline for submission is August 1, 2018.**

### SAVE THE DATE: MAY 11, 2018

The Central Section is diligently working on a **spring workshop with law and ethic credits**. The workshop will be held at the Giant Community Center on Linglestown Road. Look for more information on this workshop in the near future.

The Central Section continually supports and sponsors PMPEI workshops. If your municipality, county, or organization is hosting a PMPEI course or series of courses **submit a letter requesting support of your event to the Central Section**. If approved and verification is received that the workshop was held and attended, the **Central Section will provide \$400 towards the cost of the course**.

## Northeast Section Update

By *Peter Wulfhorst, AICP*

The Northeast Section held elections. Here are the elected officers for the Section Council:

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# PMPEI COURSES FOR WINTER/SPRING 2018

(as of February 6, 2018)

All are 10 hour courses. For further information and registration contact  
Ms. Terri Dickow at (800) 232-7722 ext. 1042 or [TDickow@boroughs.org](mailto:TDickow@boroughs.org)

## COURSES

### Course in Community Planning

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#### **Huntingdon County** (Huntingdon Borough)

Dates: April 18 (Mon.), April 23 (Mon.), April 25 (Wed.)

Location: Bailey Building 233 Penn Street Huntingdon, PA 16652

Contact: Mark Colussy, Director

814-643-5091

[mcollusy@huntingdoncounty.net](mailto:mcollusy@huntingdoncounty.net)

#### **Delaware County** (Media)

Dates: April 3, 10, 17

Location: Del Co Community College,

901 Media Line Road, Media, PA 19003

Contact: Ryan T Judge, Senior Planner

(610) 892-5230

[JudgeRT@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:JudgeRT@co.delaware.pa.us)

#### **West Chester** (Chester Co.)

Dates: Tues., March 20, 27; April 3

Location: WCU Graduate Center

1160 McDermott Dr., West Chester, PA 19382

Contact: William Stevens III

(610) 925-0900 / 925-0912

[williamjstevensIII@gmail.com](mailto:williamjstevensIII@gmail.com)

#### **Montgomery County** (Towamencin Twp.)

Dates: Thurs., April 12, 19, 26

Location: Towamencin Twp Bldg. Meeting Hall

1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale, PA 19446

Contact: Rita McKelvey, Communications Coordinator

(610) 278-3753

[Rmckelve@montcopa.org](mailto:Rmckelve@montcopa.org)

#### **Bucks County** (Doylestown)

Dates: April 18, 25; May 2

Location: Del Val Univ. Student Bldg Coffee House

700 East Butler Avenue, Doylestown, PA 18901

Contact: Terri Dickow

800-232-7722 ext. 1042

[tdickow@boroughs.org](mailto:tdickow@boroughs.org)

### Course in Zoning

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#### **Monroe County** (Middle Smithfield Twp.)

Date: Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20

Location: Middle Smithfield Township Building

147 Municipal Drive, East Stroudsburg 18502

Contact: Judith Acosta, Zoning Administrator

(570) 223-8920 ext.128

[jacosta@mstowship.com](mailto:jacosta@mstowship.com)

#### **Chester County** (West Chester)

Dates: Tues., April 10, 17, 24

Location: WCU Graduate Center

1160 McDermott Dr., West Chester, PA 19382

Contact: William Stevens III

(610) 925-0900/925-0912

[williamjstevensIII@gmail.com](mailto:williamjstevensIII@gmail.com)

#### **Berks County** (Reading)

Dates: May 17, 24, 31

Location: Albright College, Roessner Hall

N. 13th Street and Rockland Streets, Reading, PA 19612

Contact: Andrea Weist

(640) 929-6503

[aweist@albright.edu](mailto:aweist@albright.edu)

# PMPEI COURSES FOR WINTER/SPRING 2018

(as of February 6, 2018)

## COURSES

### Course in Subdivision & Land Development Review

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#### **Montgomery County** (Upper Merion Twp)

Dates: May 1, 8, - , 22

Location: Upper Merion Twp. Building (Freedom Hall)

175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA

Contact: Rita McKelvey, Communications Coordinator  
(610) 278-3753

Rmckelvey@montcopa.org

#### **Berks County** (Reading)

Dates: April 5, 12, 19

Location: Albright College, Roessner Hall

N. 13th and Rockland Streets, Reading, PA 19612

Contact: Andrea Weist  
(640) 929-6503

aweist@albright.edu

### Course in Zoning Administration

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#### **Westmoreland County** (Ligonier Twp)

Dates: March 1, 8, 15

Location: Ligonier Township Municipal Building

1 Municipal Park Drive, Ligonier, PA 15658

Contact: Terry Carcella, Manager  
724-238-2725

tcarcella@ligoniertownship.com

#### **Chester County** (West Chester)

Dates: Tues., May 1, 8; Thurs. May 10

Location: WCU Graduate Center

1160 McDermott Dr., West Chester, PA 19382

Contact: William Stevens III  
(610) 925-0900/925-0912

williamjstevensIII@gmail.com

#### **Dauphin County** (Swatara Twp)

Dates: Thurs, March 15, 22, 29

Location: Swatara Township Building

599 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg, PA 17111

Contact: Andrew Bomberger  
717-234-2639

abomberger@tcrpc-pa.org

#### **Bucks County** (Doylestown)

Dates: Weds, May 9, 16, 23

Location: Del Val Univ Student Bldg Coffee House

700 East Butler Avenue, Doylestown, PA 18901

Contact: Terri Dickow  
800-232-7722 ext. 1042

tdickow@boroughs.org

#### **Crawford County** (Vernon Twp)

Dates: Mon., March 26; April 2, 9

Location: Vernon Township Municipal Building

16678 McMath Avenue, Meadville, PA 16335

Contact: Terri Dickow  
800-232-7722 ext. 1042

tdickow@boroughs.org

#### **Luzerne County** (Conyngham Twp)

Location: Conyngham Township

Dates: TBD

Contact: Terri Dickow  
800-232-7722 ext. 1042

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