



Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

Lehigh Valley General Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, October 29, 2024



Lehigh Valley General Assembly Meeting

- Started nearly a decade ago to bring together all:
 - 62 Local Governments
 - Northampton County Council and Lehigh County Commissioners
 - State and Federal Elected Officials
 - 17 School Districts
 - Other authorities, boards and commissions that affect the growth of the region
- Discuss the evolving needs of the region, build understanding and consensus of key issues; coordinate needs and build/reinforce partnerships; share information
- Meet bi-annually



Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome and Roll Call**
- **Courtesy of the Floor**
- **Regional Housing Supply and Attainability Strategy**
- **Lehigh Valley Watersheds Assessment + Act 167 Ordinance Update**
- **Regional Development Trends**
- **Other Initiatives**
- **Now + Next Open House**
- **Planning Resources**



Who's Participating

1. Roll Call

2. Members of the Public Present

Please state your name for the record



Courtesy of the Floor



Regional Housing Supply and Attainability Strategy

Regional Housing Supply and Attainability Strategy

- Reduce the region's 9,000-unit housing shortage by developing a housing supply strategy that is achievable and market-based and in partnership with the people who actually ensure new housing happens: banks and developers.
 - Not a wonky policy document. Realistic or Bust!
 - Will require all of you

What housing is needed across incomes in each municipality?

What is hindering or preventing housing production?

Actions needed to increase housing production + attainability

**Price Points
of Housing**



Attainable Housing

**Quantity of
Available Housing**



**Diversity of
Housing Types**

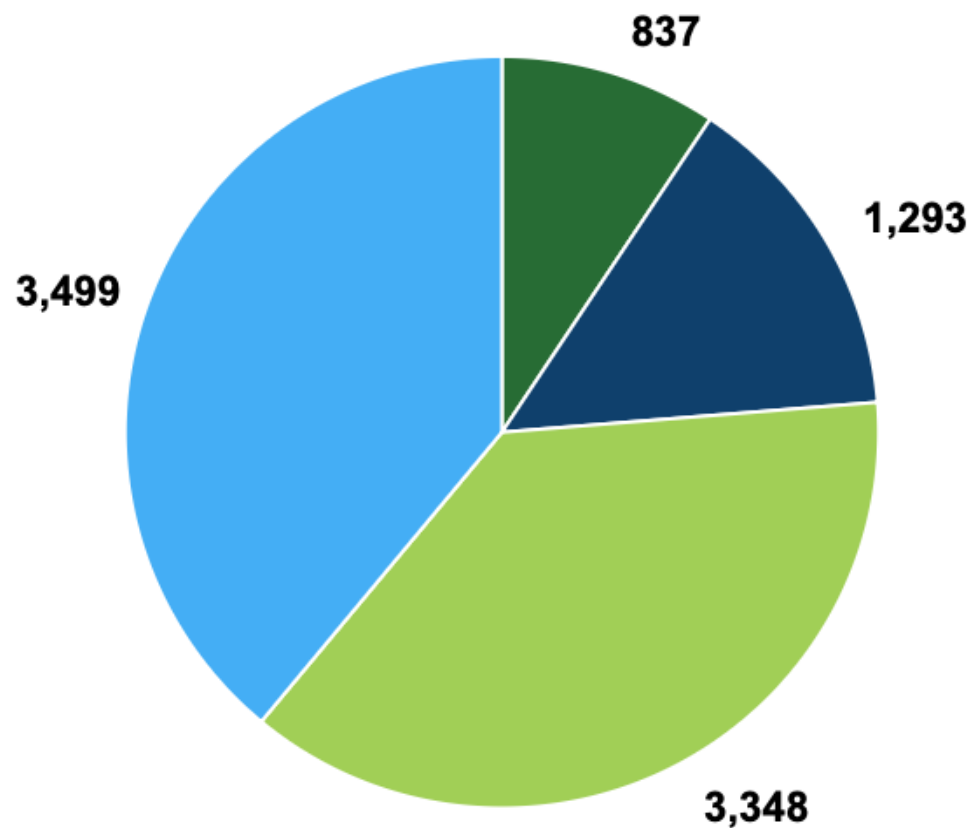




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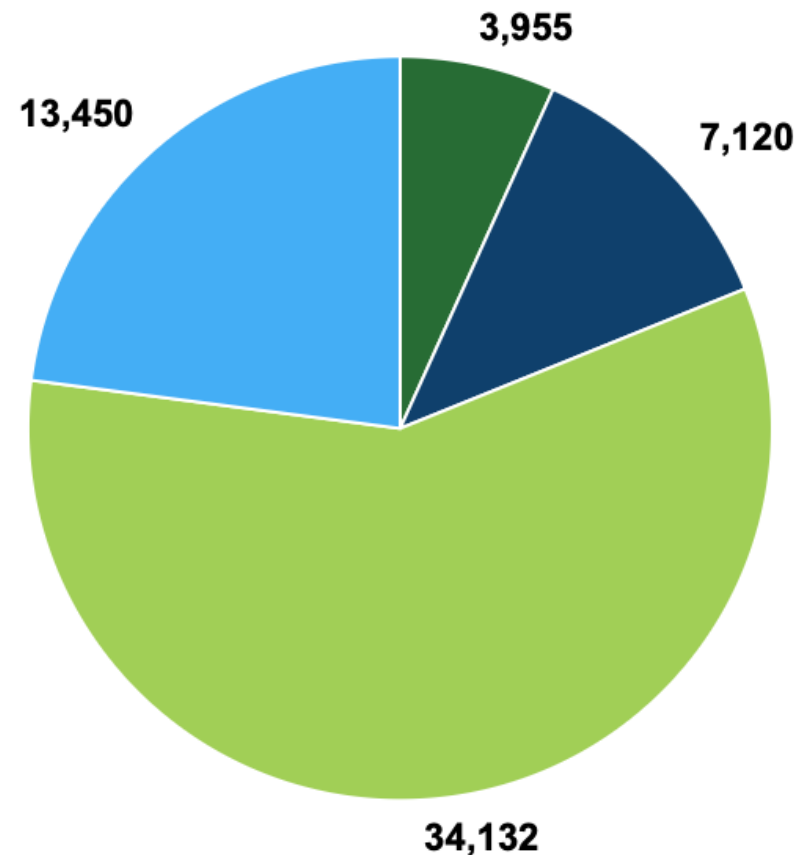
Lehigh Valley Housing Shortage (Today)

■ Rural Townships ■ Boroughs ■ Suburban Townships ■ Cities



Lehigh Valley Housing Units Needed (by 2050)

■ Rural Townships ■ Boroughs ■ Suburban Townships ■ Cities





Diversity of Housing Types

Lehigh Valley Housing Types by Community Type

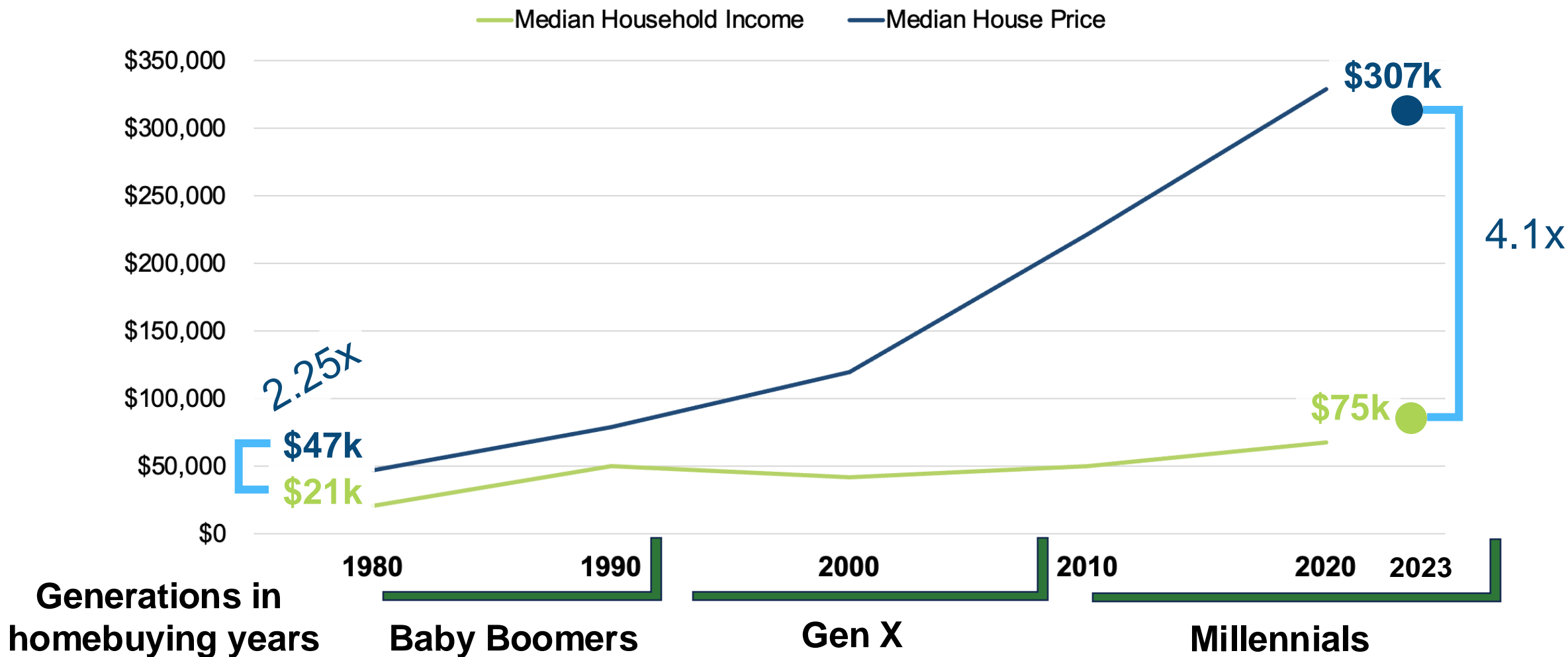
Single-Family Detached Twins and Townhouses Duplex Multi-Family Manufactured





Price Points of Housing

Lehigh Valley Housing Prices vs Household Incomes (1980-2023)



5-minute GROUP DISCUSSION

What are your Attainable Housing concerns?

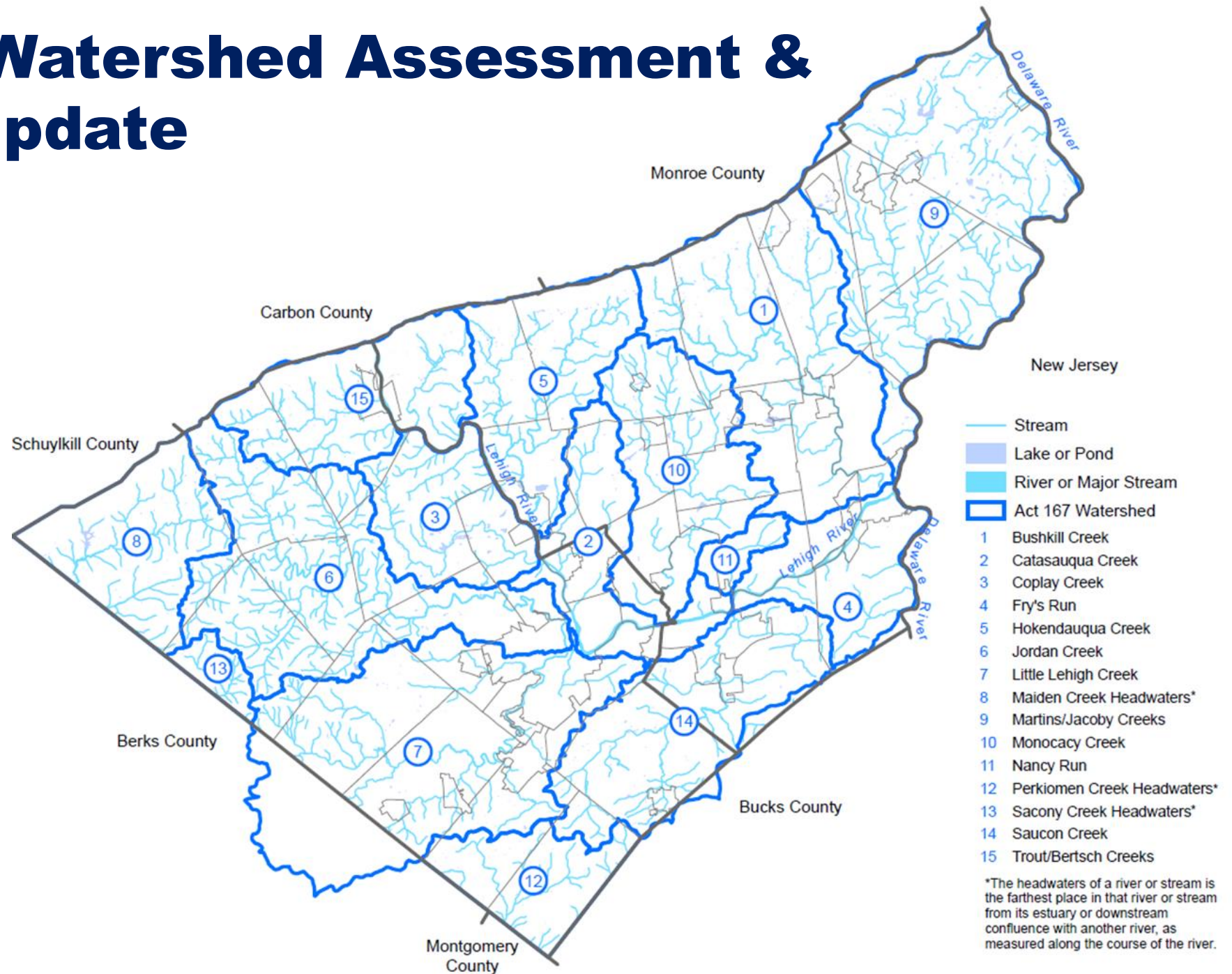
What are your expectations from the project?

Discuss, write down your thoughts and report out



Lehigh Valley Watersheds Assessment and Act 167 Ordinance Update

Lehigh Valley Watershed Assessment & Act 167 Plan Update





County Responsibilities Through



1

Develop an Act 167 Plan for each watershed within its boundaries

2

Consult with municipalities through the Watershed Plan Advisory Committee

3

Adopt the plan by resolution after holding a public hearing and making the appropriate changes

4

Submit adopted plan to DEP



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Municipal Responsibilities

- Participate in the plan development
- Review the draft plan and provide comments.
- Adopt the necessary ordinances to control storm runoff after the plan is approved by DEP.
- Implement the plan through the enforcement of the new stormwater ordinance.



Activities So Far.....

Workshop Meetings

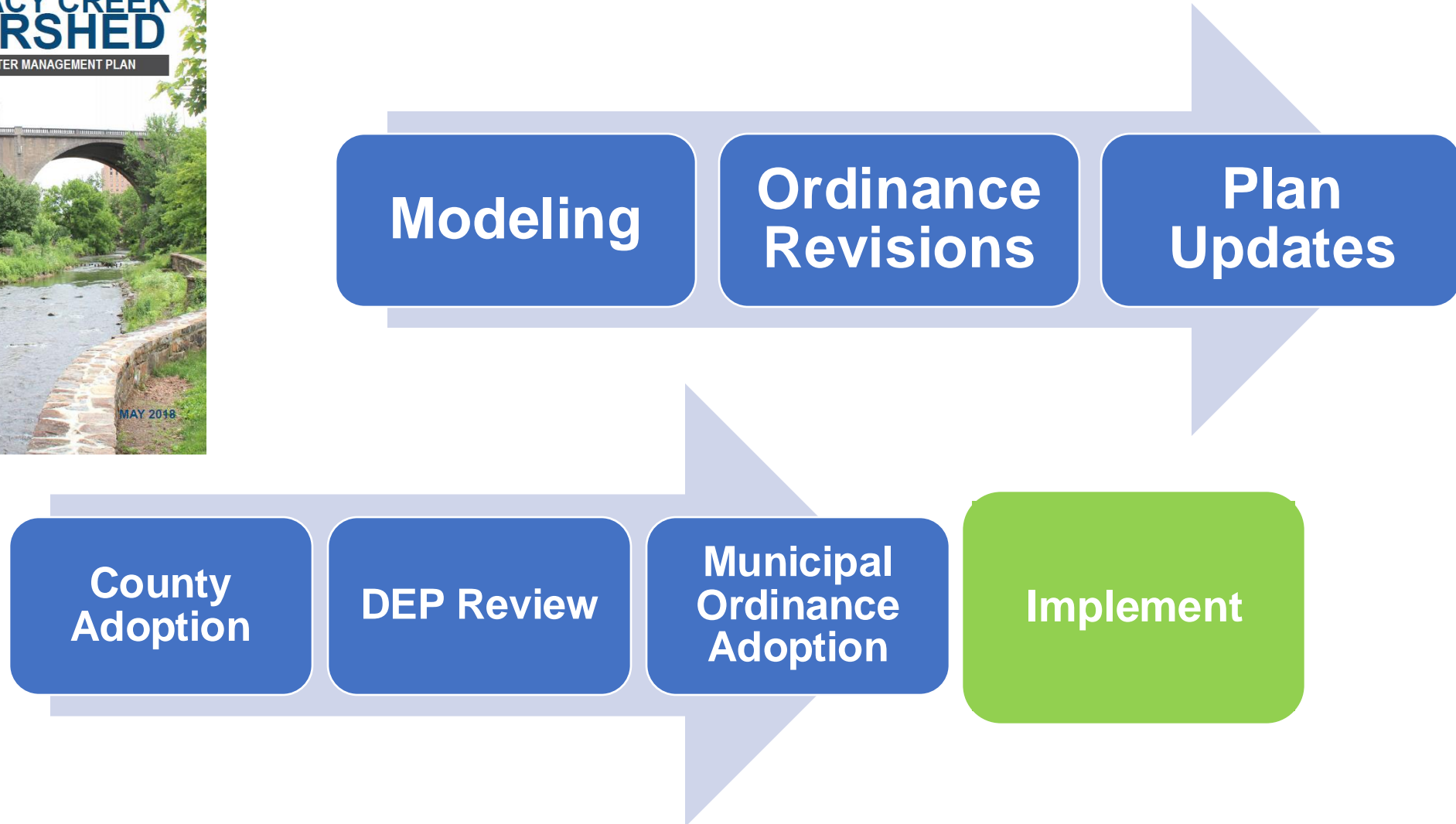
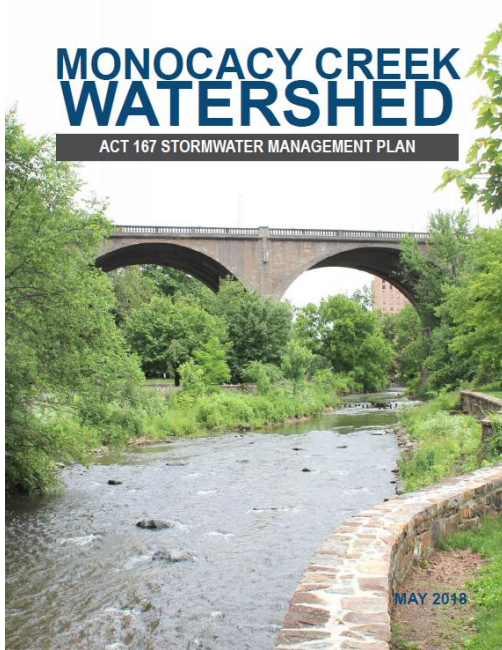
Municipal Survey

Data Collection



[https://lvpc.org/natural
-%2B-water-resources](https://lvpc.org/natural-%2B-water-resources)

Next steps.....



5-minute GROUP DISCUSSION

What are your Stormwater Management concerns?

What are your expectations from the project?

Discuss, write down your thoughts and report out



Regional Development Trends



1st-3rd Quarter 2024

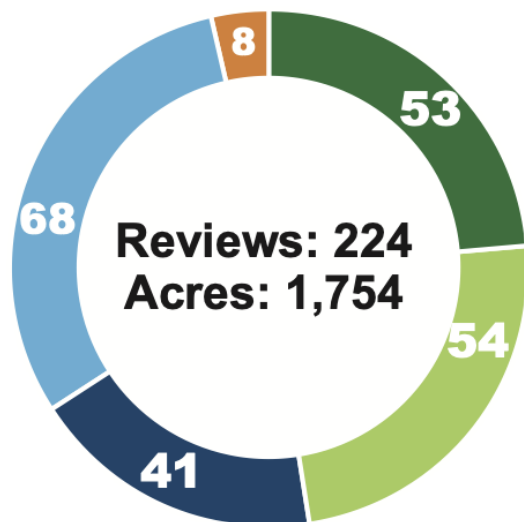


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Subdivision + Land Development Monthly Report

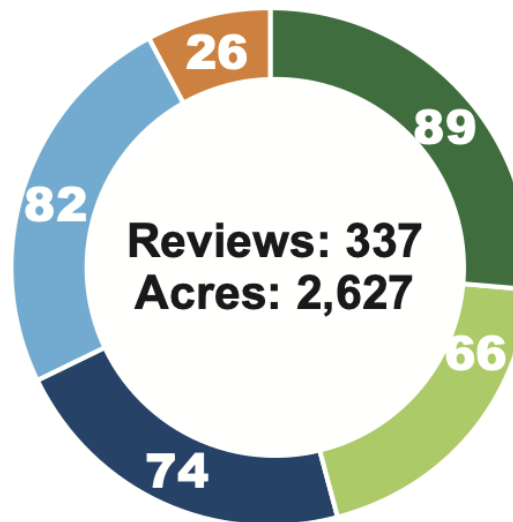
Plan Activity

Lehigh County



■ Residential ■ Non-Residential
■ Stormwater Management

Northampton County



■ Subdivisions and Lot Line Adjustments
■ Municipal Ordinances, Maps and Plans

Regional Totals*

115

Subdivision/Lot Line
Adjustments

262

Development

150

Stormwater Management

34

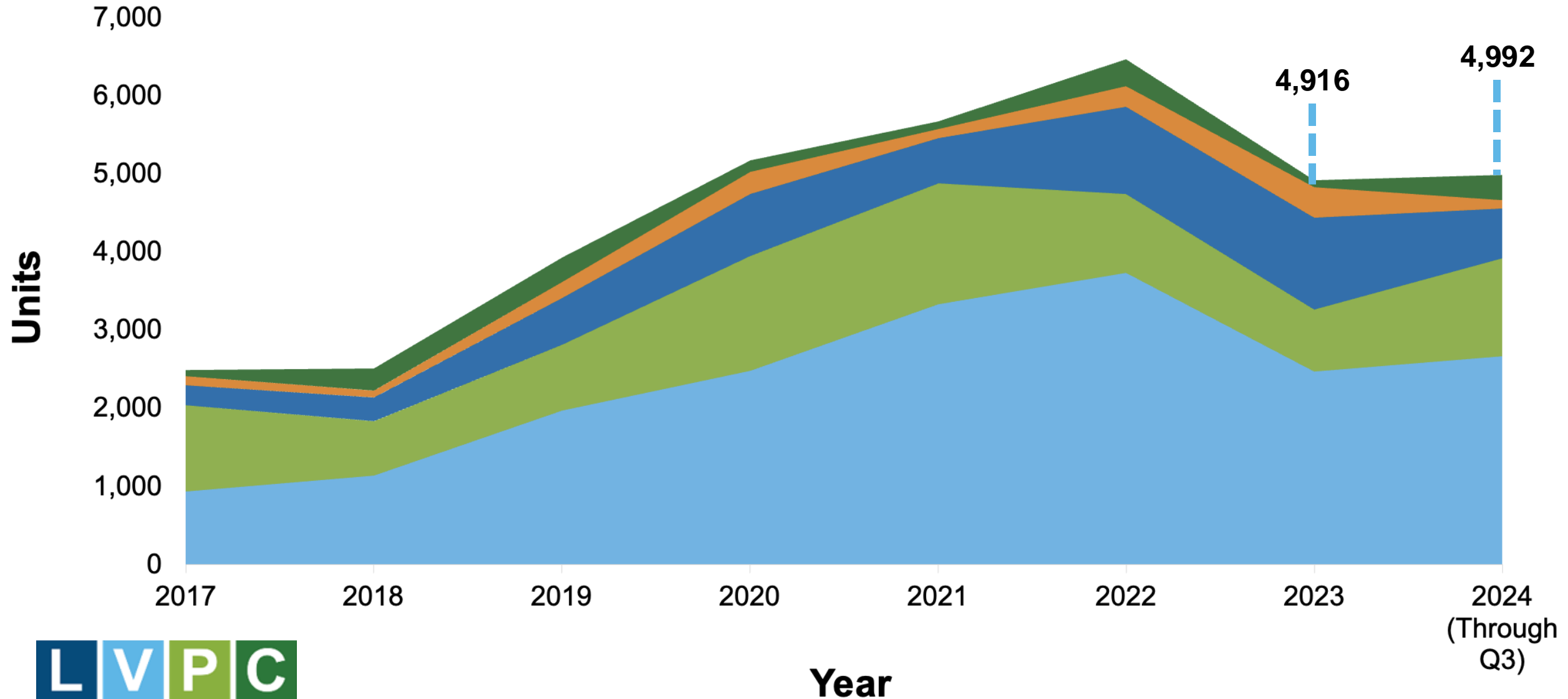
Municipal Ordinances,
Maps and Plans

4,381
Acres

*Includes preliminary and final plans

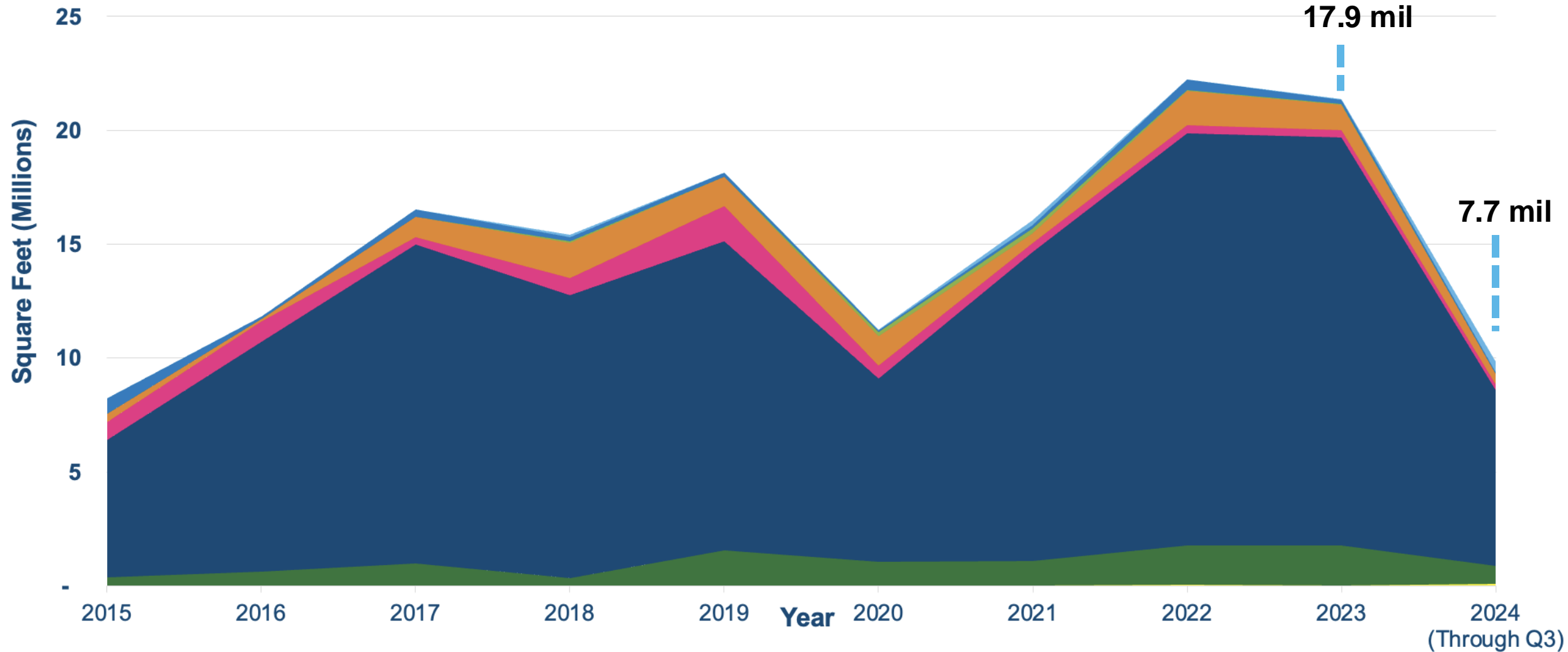
Reviewed Residential Units by Residential Type

■ Apartments ■ Single Family Detached ■ Townhouse ■ Twin ■ All Other Types



Reviewed Non-Residential Development by Type

■ Agricultural
 ■ Commercial
 ■ Industrial
 ■ Office
 ■ Public/Quasi-Public
 ■ Recreation
 ■ Retail
 ■ Transportation



5-minute GROUP DISCUSSION

What are some land use, development and zoning concerns in your community?

What support do you need?

Discuss, write down your thoughts and report out

Other Initiatives



- **Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)**
- **Freight Initiatives**
 - Eastern PA Freight Alliance Freight Infrastructure Plan
 - Lehigh County Freight Land Use Guide
- **Connectivity, Safety and Mobility Projects**
 - Regional Trail Gap Analysis
 - Congestion Management Assessment
 - Road Classification Updates
 - LANTA Bus Rapid Transit Implementation Support
 - Transportation Safety Planning
- **Updated Lehigh Valley Government Academy**
 - Direct Technical Support Program
 - Micro-Trainings
- **Electronic Application Project**



NOW + NEXT OPEN HOUSE

December 10, 2024 from 4pm to 7pm

615 Waterfront Drive
Suite 201, Allentown

A Regional Review for 2024 and beyond...

Join us at our new headquarters for an exciting discussion about where the Lehigh Valley goes from here. Light refreshments will be provided.

Questions? Email spearson@lvpc.org.





American Planning Association
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Lehigh Valley-Berks Section

[About the section](#)

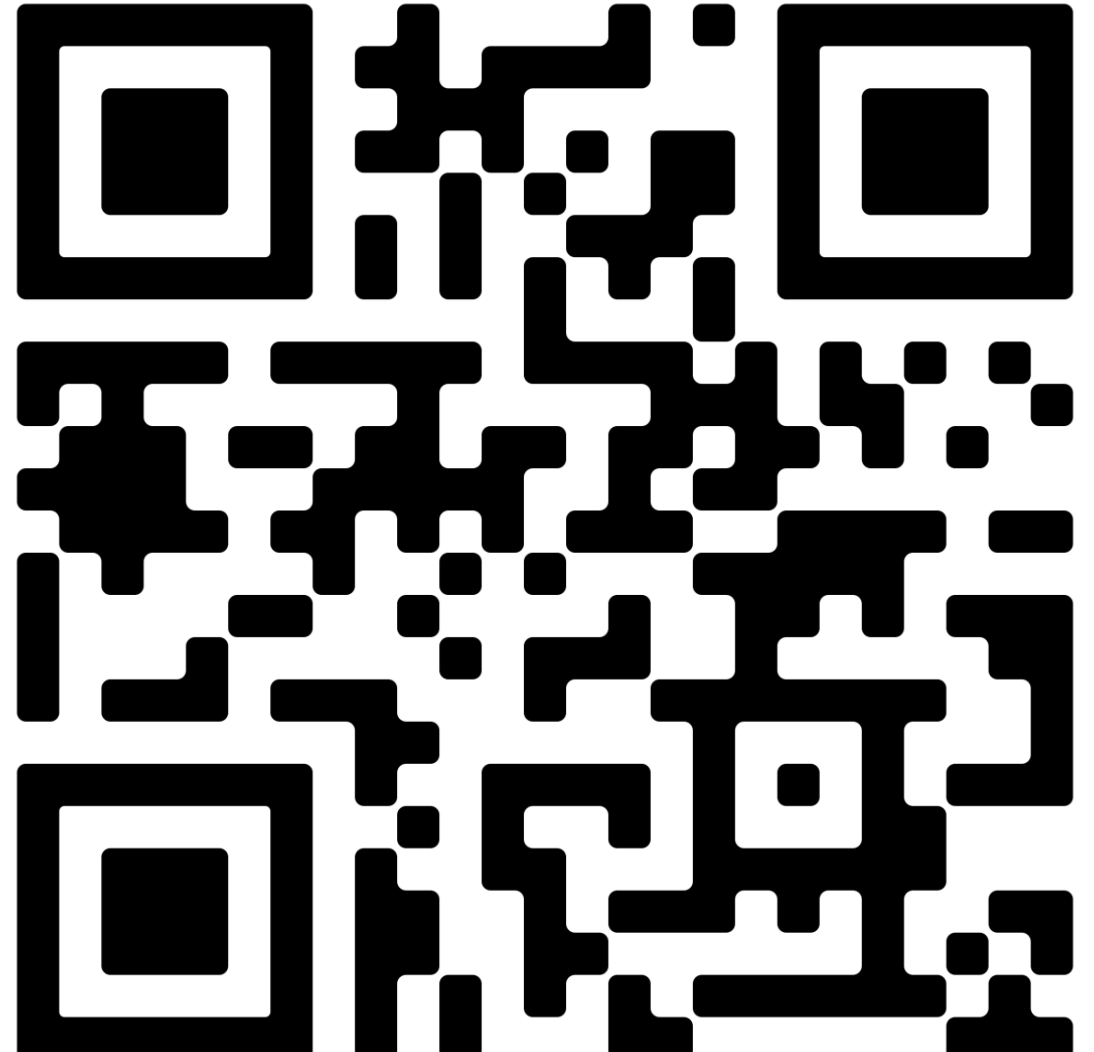
What we DO



- **Promote planning** in communities and at all levels of government across the Lehigh Valley / Berks County
- **Promote collaboration** between everyone engaged in planning in our region
- **Engage planners and community leaders** with fun and enjoyable events and social opportunities
- **Provide a network** to discuss planning issues and exchange ideas between members
- **Create educational opportunities** and professional development for planners, planning commissioners, and anyone interested in planning
- **Nurture future planners** with school outreach, scholarships, and mentoring

Get involved!

- **APA Pennsylvania membership access to dozens of resources and benefits:**
 - Free access to all local section meetings, events, and trainings
 - Free postings for job opportunities, RFP/RFQs, and internships
 - Deep discounts to State Planning Conference
 - Access to PA planning news and updates
 - Peer networking to discuss local planning issues and brainstorm ideas with local planners and officials
 - ...and so much more!
- **Organizational Memberships** include up to 10 members and all the benefits that APA provides
- Most municipalities can sign up for only **\$112** a year



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Next Lehigh Valley General Assembly Meeting:

April 30, 2025 7 pm