



**Lehigh Valley Planning Commission**

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**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 10:30 AM**  
**AGENDA**

**THE MEETING CAN BE ACCESSED AT <http://www.tinyurl.com/LVPC2026> OR VIA PHONE 610-477-5793 Conf ID: 947 550 319#**

**Roll Call**

**Courtesy of the Floor**

**Committee Business:**

1. *ACTION ITEM:* Delaware River Basin Commission Review – Application to Renew Approval of an Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and Discharge – Pen Argyl Municipal Authority – Pen Argyl (CR)
2. *ACTION ITEM:* Delaware River Basin Commission Review – Application to Renew Approval of an Existing Leachate Treatment Plant and Discharge and Approve Equipment and Process Upgrades –Grand Central Sanitary Landfill, Inc. - Plainfield Township (CR)
3. *ACTION ITEM:* Delaware River Basin Commission Review – Application to Renew Approval of an Existing Groundwater Withdrawal Project – Green Walk Trout Hatchery, Inc. - Washington Township (CR)
4. *INFORMATION ITEM:* Act 167 Plan Project Update (SM)
5. *DISCUSSION ITEM:* Lehigh Valley Drought Status Update (DK,PL,CR)

**Next Environment Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 10:30 AM



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Ms. Pamela Bush  
Delaware River Basin Commission  
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**Re: DRBC Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and Discharge – Pen Argyl Municipal Authority  
Pen Argyl Borough, Northampton County  
Docket No. D-1975-028 CP-6**

Dear Ms. Bush:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC), at its regular monthly meeting on July 23, 2026, reviewed the above-referenced application. Our review was based on the adopted plans and policies of the LVPC. We offer the following comments.

The purpose of the application is to renew the approval of the Pen Argyl Municipal Authority's existing 950,000 gallons per day (gpd) wastewater treatment plant and related discharge. The current operating flow to the plant over the last 12 months has been 420,000 gallons per day. The plant serves the Borough of Pen Argyl and portions of Plainfield and Washington Townships, all located within Northampton County. No expansion or modification of the treatment plant is proposed with this application.

The applicant's wastewater treatment plant will continue to serve the needs of its customers and aligns with the *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* action to 'protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater' (of Policy 3.2). Per DRBC documentation, no substantial adverse impacts are anticipated with the continued operation of the plant. In addition, DRBC may modify or suspend its approval or any permit condition to mitigate adverse impacts.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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**Re: DRBC Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Leachate Treatment Plant and Discharge and Approve Equipment and Process Upgrades – Grand Central Sanitary Landfill, Inc.  
Plainfield Township, Northampton County  
Docket No. D-1988-052-6**

Dear Ms. Bush:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC), at its regular monthly meeting on July 23, 2026, reviewed the above-referenced application. Our review was based on the adopted plans and policies of the LVPC. We offer the following comments.

The purpose of the application is to renew the approval of the applicant's existing 0.1 million gallons per day leachate treatment plant and related discharge as well as approve proposed equipment and process upgrades. The docket holder provides solid waste disposal services to residential, commercial and industrial customers mainly in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Approximately 1/3 of the waste treated at the plant is from New Jersey and about 2/3 of waste treated is from Pennsylvania. The average daily flow to the plant is 0.024 million gallons per day. The proposed equipment and process upgrades consisted of the conversion of the Sequencing Batch Reactor System to a Membrane Bioreactor System and replacing the simplex microfilter with a duplex ultrafilter. The applicant indicated that the equipment upgrades increased the efficiency and effective capacity of the leachate treatment plant.

The applicant's leachate treatment plant will continue to serve the needs of its customers and aligns with the *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* action to 'protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater' (of Policy 3.2). The proposed equipment and process upgrades align with the *FutureLV* actions to 'improve the utility and mobility infrastructure of the region' and to 'integrate efficiency measures and emerging technologies' (of Policy 1.1). Per DRBC documentation, no substantial adverse impacts are anticipated with the continued operation of the plant. In addition, DRBC may modify or suspend its approval or any permit condition to mitigate adverse impacts.

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**Re: DRBC Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Groundwater Withdrawal -  
Green Walk Trout Hatchery  
Washington Township, Northampton County  
Docket No. D-2006-008-3**

Dear Ms. Bush:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC), at its regular monthly meeting on July 23, 2026, reviewed the above-referenced application. Our review was based on the adopted plans and policies of the LVPC. We offer the following comments.

The purpose of the application is to renew the approval of an existing groundwater withdrawal of up to 13.392 million gallons per month to the applicant's commercial trout hatchery from three existing wells (Wells W-2, W-5 and W-6). Well withdrawals are piped into various hatchery structures, draining into Greenwalk Creek and resulting in negligible consumptive use. Greenwalk Creek is naturally supplemented by a series of springs and seeps located on the property, as well as the on-site wells. The applicant anticipates the current allocation of groundwater to meet its demands over the next ten years.

The project aligns with the *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* action to 'protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater' (of Policy 3.2). According to Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) documentation, no substantial adverse impacts are anticipated with the continued withdrawal. In addition, DRBC may modify or suspend its approval or any permit condition to mitigate adverse impacts.

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