



Berks Municipal Partnership

Established November 2005

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Purpose

While many Berks County communities are involved in intergovernmental cooperation initiatives, the Berks Municipal Partnership was established to provide a regularly scheduled forum on a countywide level for ongoing discussion of public issues that affect many municipalities and regions of the county. The Center for Excellence in Local Government established the Berks Municipal Partnership as a forum for-

- 1) discussing common issues that can be addressed on a regional level or county-wide basis
- 2) obtaining local officials' comments on proposed cooperative initiatives (e.g. regional policing, water and sewer);
- 3) providing a focal point for communication between regions of the county and county government (e.g. emerging issues, new or successful joint services);
- 4) fostering pilot projects on a regional level; and linking regions to resources that can provide financial and/or technical assistance.

Specific issues and services are addressed on a case by case basis and the appropriate regional grouping established. The Partnership will not establish standardized regions for all services but has delineated regions for determining representation and for fulfilling the Partnership's mission.

The Partnership is comprised of one county commissioner and twenty-four township, borough, and city elected officials from large and small communities in five regions (based on modified multi-municipal planning areas/school district boundaries).

Operations and Support

The Partnership meets at least four times per year, with additional meetings & task forces, as desired.

The Center for Excellence in Local Government provides staff support, with assistance provided by the Berks County Planning Commission; borough, township, and city managers; and local solicitors, as needed.

Recent Activities

Guest presenters and recent topics discussed by the Partnership include:

How to prepare for the 2020 Census (LUCA)

The Future of Penn Dot Funding through the Liquid Fuels Tax—Alan Piper

The Future of Firefighting—Kevin Lerch, Robert Deisemann, Paul Janssen

The ARL funding process – Paul Janssen

Berks County Water and Sewer Association—Shannon Rossman

Fair Districts Presentation – Warren Lubenow

Presentation on Communities in Crisis – Paul Janssen

Local Economic Recovery Tax Act—Paul Janssen

Act 89 Liquid Fuel \$5.00 Registration Fee—Shannon Rossman & Alan Piper

Regional Representatives

Central Region

Jack Gombach
West Reading
Borough

Chip Bilger
Cumru Township

Kevin Lerch
Muhlenberg Township

Honorable Mayor
Eddie Moran
City of Reading

Jay Vaughan
Spring Township

Fred Levering
Wyomissing Borough

County of Berks

David Hunter
County of Berks

Matt McGough
County of Berks

Commissioner
Mike Rivera
County of Berks

Northern Region

Dave Franke
Maidencreek
Township

Bob Diesemann
Upper Tulpehocken
Township

VACANT

Southern Region

Jeff Fiant
Brecknock Township

Michelle Kircher
Exeter Township

Warren Lubenow
St. Lawrence
Borough

Robert Myers
Birdsboro Borough

Albright College

Michael Armato
Paul Janssen

Gary Deck
Tulpehocken Township

Jacob Meyer
Bethel Township

Harvey Marshall
Robesonia Borough

VACANT

Eastern Region

Marianne Deery
Boyertown Borough

Don Miller
Ruscombmanor Twp.

Ed Overberger
District Township

Sam Mallatratt
Alsace Township

Mark Hoch
Oley Township

Citizen Attendees

Mark Stitzel
Perry Township

MUNICIPALITIES BY REGION

NORTHERN REGION

Albany Township
Centerport Borough
Centre Township
Fleetwood Borough
Greenwich Township
Hamburg Borough
Kutztown Borough
Lenhartsville Borough
Lyons Borough
Maidencreek Township
Maxatawny Township
Perry Township
Richmond Township
Shoemakersville Borough
Tilden Township
Upper Bern Township
Upper Tulpehocken Township
Windsor Township

SOUTHERN REGION

Amity Township
Birdsboro Borough
Brecknock Township
Caernarvon Township
Douglass Township
Exeter Township
New Morgan Borough
Robeson Township
St. Lawrence Borough
Union Township

CENTRAL REGION

Bern Township
Cumru Township
Kenhorst Borough
Laureldale Borough
Leesport Borough
Lower Alsace Township
Mohnton Borough
Mount Penn Borough

EASTERN REGION

Alsace Township
Bally Borough
Bechtelsville Borough
Boyertown Borough
Colebrookdale Township
District Township
Earl Township
Hereford Township
Longswamp Township
Oley Township
Pike Township
Rockland Township
Ruscombmanor Township
Topton Borough
Washington Township

WESTERN REGION

Bernville Borough
Bethel Township
Heidelberg Township
Jefferson Township
Lower Heidelberg Township
Marion Township
North Heidelberg Township
Penn Township
Robesonia Borough
South Heidelberg Township
Tulpehocken Township
Wernersville Borough
Womelsdorf Borough

Muhlenberg Township
Ontelaunee Township
Reading, City of
Shillington Borough
Sinking Spring Borough
Spring Township
West Reading Borough
Wyomissing Borough