

RIVER CENTRAL

LEHIGH VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA



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Planning Steering Committee

Tuesday, February 14th

**Welcome +
Introductions**

Municipal Representatives

Other Agencies

Members of the Public



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Minutes

January 10th, 2023



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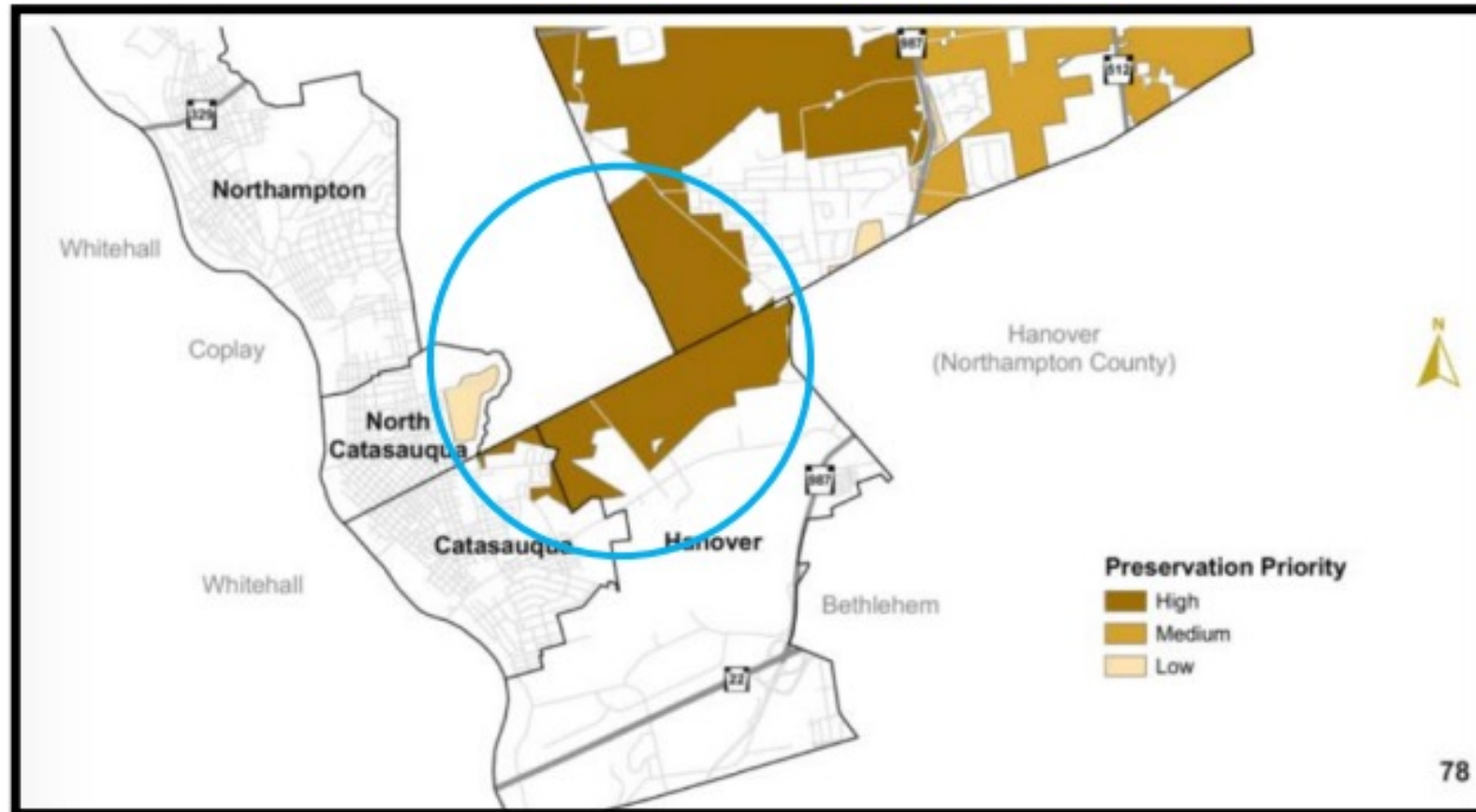
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Draft Plan Comments – Status Update

LNAA Comments: Map Edit 1

Farmland Preservation Plan

Airport-owned properties in
Farmland Preservation areas



LNAA Comments: Map Edit 2

Future Land Use Plan

**Airport-owned properties in
Farmland/Preservation Buffer areas**



LNAA Comments: Policy 2.4 (Page 67) Proposed Edits

The area around Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) has seen a boom in warehousing and distribution centers, and ABE is continuing to grow both passenger traffic and freight movement. **The forecasted growth of both passenger traffic and air cargo was analyzed and published by ABE in 2020 through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved ABE Airport Master Plan Update. The Master Plan Update is a locally coordinated effort to outline the facility requirements to meet the forecasted aviation demand, along with ensuring the growth and development of the Airport is sustainable for the region and local municipalities.**

- Continue to coordinate with the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority on strategic implementation of the development identified in the FAA approved 2020 ABE Airport Master Plan Update to allow for the safe and efficient growth of passenger traffic and air cargo for the Lehigh Valley and region.
- **Ensure all remaining local municipalities work with ABE to implement appropriate Airport Zoning and Compatible Land Use per the requirements established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Act 164, Chapter 59, Airport Operation and Zoning. Appropriate Airport Hazard Zoning is critical to ensuring continued passenger and air cargo service for the region, while ensuring the population of local municipalities are protected from any potential hazards.**
- Coordinate locally with ABE to ensure the region's transportation network connecting ABE to the Lehigh Valley provides adequate capacity and safety for all modes of transportation traveling within or through the region.
- Utilize and implement strategies identified in the Lehigh Valley International Airport Area Freight Study to manage increasing freight logistics movements within the corridor.

East Allen Township Comments

- Future Land Use Plan Map Edit: Remove the Preservation Buffer on Route 329
- Preservation Buffer Definition: Add a clarification that package sewer treatment plants are not preferred, and are not considered adequate for sewer access
- Add a recommendation to plan for overnight tractor-trailer parking as an emerging principal use, and recommend municipalities incorporate new/updated definitions and regulations in their zoning ordinances

Public Meetings

Upcoming:

- **March 2, 7:00 PM – East Allen Township**

Completed:

- **Northampton Borough, Hanover Township,
Catasauqua Borough, North Catasauqua Borough**

Project Schedule

Part 1 – Organization, Analysis and Foundation of the Plan

Phase 1. Project Initiation (Complete)	Feb – Apr 2021
Phase 2. Inventory and Analysis (Complete)	Mar – Sept 2021
Phase 3. Vision and Guiding Principles (Complete)	May – Oct 2021

Part 2 – Implementable Comprehensive Plan Adoption

Phase 4. Plan and Policy Framework (Complete)	May 2022 – Sept 2022
Phase 5. Draft Plan (Complete)	Aug 2022 – Dec 2022
Phase 6. Review and Adoption (In Progress)	Jan 2023 – June 2023

- Public Meetings (Planning Commissions)
- 45-Day Review and Comment
- Public Hearings and Adoption (Governing Bodies)

Plan Review and Adoption Timeline

January

February

March

April

May

June

Public meetings
(Planning Agencies)

Review by County,
School Districts,
Contiguous Muni's

Public Hearings +
Adoption
(Governing Body)

Public Draft Plan Distribution
& Public Comments

45 day
review period

**Closing
Remarks +
Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:
Tuesday, March 14th – 7pm**

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