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

**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

**Regional Representatives**

**Eastern Region**
- Marianne Deery
  Boyertown Borough
- Don Miller
  Ruscombmanor Twp.
- Ed Overberger
  District Township
- Sam Mallatratt
  Alsace Township
- Mark Hoch
  Oley Township

**County of Berks**
- David Hunter
  County of Berks
- Matt McGough
  County of Berks
- Commissioner
  Mike Rivera
  County of Berks

**Northwestern Region**
- Gary Deck
  Tulpehocken Township
- Jacob Meyer
  Bethel Township
- Harvey Marshall
  Robesonia Borough
- VACANT

**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

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

CENTRAL REGION
- Bern Township
- Cumru Township
- Kenhorst Borough
- Laureldale Borough
- Leesport Borough
- Lower Alsace Township
- Mohnton Borough
- Mount Penn Borough
- Muhlenberg Township
- Ontelaunee Township
- Reading, City of
- Shillington Borough
- Sinking Spring Borough
- Spring Township
- West Reading Borough
- Wyomissing Borough

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