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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 10:30 AM
AGENDA

THE MEETING CAN BE ACCESSED AT <http://www.tinyurl.com/LVPC2025> OR VIA PHONE 610-477-5793 Conf ID: 651 626 091#.

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

1. New Staff Introductions
 - a. Mary Grace Collins, Community and Regional Planner
 - b. Peter Lantz, Environmental Engineer
 - c. Giovanna Rizkallah, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Engineer and Innovation Planner
 - d. Jacob Weinberg, Community and Regional Planner

Committee Business:

1. *DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM*: Nominations for 2025 Committee Chair and Vice Chair
2. *ACTION ITEM*: Act 537 Review – Plainfield Township Act 537 Plan Update (CR)
3. *INFORMATION ITEM*: Trail Connection Strategy Update

Next Environment Committee Meeting

January 20, 2026, 10:30 AM



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December XX, 2025

Ms. Mary Peters, PE
Entech Engineering, Inc.
239 South Mountain Boulevard, Suite 300
Mountaintop, Pennsylvania 18707

**Re: Act 537 Review - Draft Sewage Facilities Plan Update - Plainfield Township,
Northampton County**

Dear Ms. Peters:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) reviewed the above-referenced plan according to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act (Act 537). The LVPC reviewed previous versions of this plan in 2021 and 2022. The 2021 draft version was withdrawn by Plainfield Township to address comments made by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP). The 2022 version addressed PA DEP's comments but was not formally adopted by the Township. This most recent version reflects changes that align with 2025 cost data and review comments are not substantially different than the LVPC review comments for both the 2021 & 2022 plan. Our review of this current update was based on the goals and policies of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan*. We offer the following comments:

The purpose of this plan update is to document the sewage disposal needs within the Township and identify alternatives to address short- and long-term sewage needs. Small areas in the northern part of the Township adjacent to Wind Gap and Pen Argyl boroughs are provided with public sewer service by each boroughs' respective wastewater treatment plants. The plan update indicates that there is adequate wastewater treatment at the plants to meet the existing and future needs within the defined Plainfield Township sewer service areas.

The majority of the Township is served by on-lot sewage disposal. The Township conducted an on-lot sewage needs assessment in 2019 of 349 properties served by on-lot sewage disposal to determine the functioning of the systems. Based on the assessment, none of the systems surveyed were confirmed malfunctions. However, 40 properties in the southwestern portion of the Township along Sullivan Trail north of Stockertown Borough were identified as having either a suspected or potential system malfunction.

The plan update evaluates several alternatives for providing short- and long-term wastewater management in the Township. The alternative selected to meet the sewage needs of the Township is the same alternative selected in 2022, which is the adoption of an on-lot sewage management program. The proposed sewage management program divides the Township into five separate sewer districts and requires septic tank pumping at least every five years for all properties served by on-lot sewage disposal within the districts. There is no capital financing required to implement the selected alternative. No other changes have been made to the plan. The plan update aligns with the *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* action to "improve the utility and mobility infrastructure of the region" under Policy 1.1 and actions "protect the quality and quantity of surface and groundwater" and "promote development in areas with public sewer and water capacity" under Policy 3.2.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Corinne Ruggiero, SEO
Environmental Planner

cc: Kenneth Field, Chair, Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors
Amy Bellanca, PE, PA Department of Environmental Protection