

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & CENTRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 6, 2025 JOINT MEETING



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CRPC and LUCI held a joint meeting with on March 6, 2025.

GUEST SPEAKER, JEFF SIEGLER

Jeff Siegler is a writer, speaker, and consultant concerned with the powerful role place plays in our lives. He is the founder of the civic pride consulting firm, Revitalize, or Die. In 2023, he published his first book, *Your City is Sick*. After obtaining his Masters in Urban Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University, Jeff went to work on Main Street. First as a downtown manager, and later as the Ohio Main Street State Coordinator. Jeff and his family call Pittsburgh home. Additionally, Jeff now serves as an elected Commissioner (Supervisor/Councilmember) for Mt. Lebanon, PA.

Jeff has assisted hundreds of communities with their revitalization, economic sustainability, and community development over the course of his career. Utilizing a background in urban planning, downtown district management, revitalization, real estate, economics and organizational development, his diverse background and expertise lends a unique vantage point for addressing community concerns.

Jeff answered the below questions and many more follow-up ones on similar points and potential elements of the plan update.

- How have you worked with communities that are under pressure to sprawl? Have you seen any success stories where sprawl was limited?
- What lessons can we learn from the wellness industry?
- How can we do our part to build communities that people are proud of in terms of design and place?
- What is the best way to form a comprehensive plan that is implementable?
- How can we encourage public participation in our outreach and engagement efforts this summer and fall?
- What role should tourism play? How much should we cater to this element?

*See recorded meeting below for answered questions and discussions with speaker Jeff Siegler.

Links

[Recorded Meeting](#)

[Joint Meeting Agenda](#)

[Comprehensive Plan Resources](#)

*See page two for the current status on the Comp Plan update effort.

PHASES	1 - FORMATION	2 - BIG IDEAS	3 - OPTIONS	4 - REFINE	5 - REVIEW & ADOPT
PURPOSE	Build Framework: Form Values & Vision	Confirm Values & Vision; Gather Input for Big Ideas; Form Big Ideas	Discuss Options for Growth Strategy; Create Goals and Strategies for Big Ideas	Gather Feedback; Reach Consensus on Elements	Plan Adoption Process
GENERAL PLAN ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Confirm approach ✓ Survey & Input Map Creation ✓ Start Data & Resource Compilation / Map Updates ✓ Research and Compile Best Practices for Comp. Plans ✓ Launch Website & Create PR Materials ✓ Draft Values & Vision ✓ Compile Stakeholder & Interested Parties Lists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Continue Data Collection, Resource Compilation & Map Updates, and Analyze ★ Create Trend Reports ★ Form Big Ideas ★ Draft Values and Vision Sections ★ Draft Initial & Big Idea Sections ★ Create & Launch Second Mapping Outreach Effort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Data Collection & Analysis Complete Resource Compilation & Map Updates Form Goals & Strategies Draft Goals & Strategies Sections Form Metrics & Implementation Measures Future Land Use Map Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm Big Ideas, Goals, & Strategies Refine Sections as Needed Draft Metrics & Implementation Measures Finalize Maps, Graphics, & Format Final Draft Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Review as required by Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (including Centre County, adjacent counties and municipalities) Individual Municipal Adoption with Public Hearings
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND MEETINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LUCl & CRPC – Approach ✓ LUCl & CRPC – Survey Creation / Phase 1 Outreach Plan ✓ General Forum - Overview ✓ Municipal PCs – Overview ✓ Municipal PCs – Activity ✓ LUCl – Activity ✓ Stakeholder Meetings / Listening Sessions ✓ Community events ✓ Survey Marketing ✓ LUCl & CRPC – Survey Data ✓ LUCl & CRPC – Values & Vision ✓ Newsletter/PR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LUCl & CRPC – Big Ideas Formation Municipal PCs – Summarize Outreach, Confirm Values & Vision, Discuss Big Ideas & Next Steps (including mapping effort) LUCl & CRPC – Big Ideas Finalization LUCl & CRPC – Discuss Plan Structure LUCl & CRPC – Trends, Data, Mapping, & Resources LUCl & CRPC – Future Land Use Map Discussion Newsletter/PR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus Groups Open House Events in Each Municipality - Future Land Use Map & Goals/Strategies Focused Municipal PCs – Input on Future Land Use Map LUCl & CRPC – Future Land Use Map LUCl & CRPC - Discussion on Metrics & Implementation Measures LUCl & CRPC – Set Policies & Strategies Newsletter/PR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LUCl & CRPC – Confirm Metrics & Implementation Measures LUCl & CRPC – Set Prioritizations LUCl & CRPC – Review of Final Draft Sections Municipal Joint Governing Body and PC Meetings Newsletter/PR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LUCl & CRPC – Recommendation Executive Committee General Forum – Refer to Municipalities Municipal PCs Municipal Governing Body Meetings

