

Sen. Scavello, Rep. Emrick Announce DCED Funds for Nazareth Area Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan

By Taylor Munoz

Nazareth, PA - State Senator Mario Scavello and State Representative Joe Emrick announced today the award of a PA Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) Municipal Assistance Program grant to the Nazareth Area Council of Governments. This \$40,000 grant will provide funds to update the multimunicipal comprehensive plan for the Nazareth region of Northampton County.

The Nazareth COG planning effort includes the following ten municipalities: Bath Borough, Bushkill Township, Chapman Borough, Hanover Township, Lower Nazareth Township, Moore Township, Nazareth Borough, Stockertown Borough, Tatamy Borough and Upper Nazareth Township.

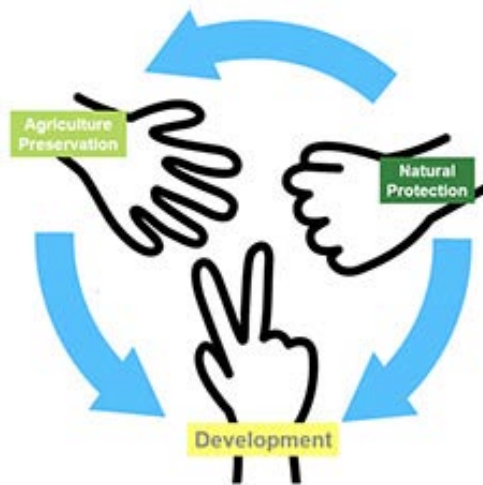
"The funds from this grant will enable our municipalities to plan together as a region to address growth pressures and infrastructure needs throughout the area," said Senator Scavello. "The Lehigh Valley is the fastest growing region of the Commonwealth and our townships and boroughs cannot afford to 'go it alone' as they plan for their future needs. This collaborative municipal planning process serves as a model for our region as these member communities make decisions together to preserve the unique character of our region while managing the pressures of residential and commercial growth."

Representative Emrick echoed his support for the grant award.

"As a former township supervisor, I can attest to the importance of municipalities working together as a team when planning for the future. These grant dollars will go a long way to ensure we plan for growth in the areas where it should occur while protecting our residential communities. This comprehensive plan update will help our region act proactively to address the concerns and priorities of our residents," stated Emrick.

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission will work with the Nazareth COG to create the 2019 Nazareth Area Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan which will cover all aspects of the planning process with a specific focus on strategies to address growth, infrastructure and community needs.

For more information on this or any other state-related issue, please reach out directly to Senator Scavello or Representative Emrick at 610-863-1200 or 610-746-5090 respectively.



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By Michael Ortoski

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Art Fair

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After the Art Fair TGA! put on a 'Muse', it's art, dance and music performance all at the same time.

Lou Rogai & Christian Frederickson performed live improvisational music for dance with Guitar, Viola and Electronics.

Rogai whose work has featured on NPR's "All Things Considered" for more than a decade, is a member of Lewis & Clarke, which performs long-

form art-folk compositions.

His first string quartet, "Implications in D Major," was released in 2018 and featured on WNYC's "New Sounds" is a resident of Delaware Water Gap.

Frederickson, a violist, composer and sound designer was a founding member and one of the principal songwriters of Kentucky-based instrumental band Rachel's which released six albums. As a solo artist, Frederickson has released four albums since 2011.



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