

# Community Action Lehigh Valley and Lehigh County Partner with Pasa Sustainable Agriculture to Steward Operations at The Seed Farm

By CALV

LEHIGH VALLEY - Community Action Lehigh Valley is pleased to share that Pasa will be sub-leasing and assuming stewardship of operations at The Seed Farm in Emmaus, building on more than a decade of collaboration and seven years of leadership by CALV and Second Harvest Food Bank.

This transition deepens our shared commitment to supporting beginning farmers, preserving farmland, and strengthening local food access across the Lehigh Valley.

"Pasa will continue the work that Community Action Lehigh Valley and our program, Second Harvest Food Bank, have built over these past seven years, which has nourished and educated our community," said Dawn Godshall, CEO of Community Action Lehigh Valley. "With Pasa's passion and network, The Seed Farm will remain a place where growers are supported, families are fed, and the future of local agriculture is cultivated with care. This partnership ensures that The Seed Farm will continue to thrive as a place of learning, growth, and nourishment—strengthening our regional food system and expanding our collective ability to serve families across the Lehigh Valley."

Founded in 2010 and incorporated into CALV and Second Harvest Food Bank in 2019, the program's Farm Business Incubator has provided aspiring farmers with access to land, equipment, infrastructure, and technical assistance—helping them gain real-world experience and launch sustainable farm businesses.

"This partnership represents an exciting opportunity to strengthen the support for beginning farmers in our region while building on The Seed Farm's strong foundation," said Hannah Kinney Smith, Executive Director of Pasa Sustainable Agriculture. "By connecting our training programs with on-the-ground incubator opportunities, we're creating a more complete pathway for farmers to launch and sustain their businesses."

Pasa's stewardship will build on the existing programming while expanding opportunities for farmers at every stage. Through its pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeships, Pasa trains individuals pursuing careers in agriculture, many of whom aspire to become farm owners or managers. The Seed Farm now serves as a critical next step in that pathway.

The community is invited to celebrate during The Seed Farm's 12th Annual Spring Plant Sale, May 9th and 10th, featuring more than 200 varieties of plants.

Proceeds support the farm's programs and incubator farmers.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the sale this weekend. If you've supported The Seed Farm by volunteering in the past and would like to do so at the Spring Plant Sale, please reach out to jess.c@pasafarming.org with your information.

You're Invited to the 2026 Plant Soirée

Join our partners, Pasa Sustainable Agriculture, at The Seed Farm for a very special evening VIP Plant Sale Soirée featuring special guests Maria Rodale and The Seed Farm farmers.

Tickets include light refreshments and drinks, as well as coveted early access to the 12th Annual Spring Plant Sale—a major fundraiser for The Seed Farm annually. [https://jy8vwn5ab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001LT8iOTIXFohJtxZTQt7nv--1qtBu8HeraiiVgP5aPpM606reFjJSAFbipJ0gmB4gtjmop19bPjvM7roY-9ORBPQVj-19QfKb4UoQfR938XoEEK-Oo\\_YdJczHnaZ03faFG3OV9gudEJQRFS6JyVldAbaA3-DxOpLn&c=ugl-ReEBEeBhFg2WGjU2A1HudcgAjo68LRiLLS01hHA8siDAIHj7A=&ch=brF64OLY6qnk3P2CMrIA0ieFX4Fua9Z4JualFiABAODWyyy4IMk0Qg==](https://jy8vwn5ab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001LT8iOTIXFohJtxZTQt7nv--1qtBu8HeraiiVgP5aPpM606reFjJSAFbipJ0gmB4gtjmop19bPjvM7roY-9ORBPQVj-19QfKb4UoQfR938XoEEK-Oo_YdJczHnaZ03faFG3OV9gudEJQRFS6JyVldAbaA3-DxOpLn&c=ugl-ReEBEeBhFg2WGjU2A1HudcgAjo68LRiLLS01hHA8siDAIHj7A=&ch=brF64OLY6qnk3P2CMrIA0ieFX4Fua9Z4JualFiABAODWyyy4IMk0Qg==)



## Don't Let Firstenergy Make A Power Play

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

This past weekend, I attended a meeting in Delaware Township regarding FirstEnergy's proposed Shawnee-Walker 69kV transmission line project. I continue to stand with residents who have raised serious, unresolved concerns about its impact on our community.

As I've stated before, my priority is protecting the health, safety, and economic well-being of the people I represent. Issues like potential declines in property values, environmental impacts, disruption of open space, and risks to our rural character and public health cannot be overlooked.

I remain firmly opposed to this project in its current form and will continue advocating for transparency and accountability.

Read more in the Pike County Courier's article [https://go.sparkpostmail.com/ff/a/-vnk9uljbEyLDt7h-sEOJw~/AAS2yhA~/Wskb1YDRgviKcx3F5g7ah8VISOs4A7gYtU6CXaCF5IIZrHzWVUTEPrBUvccHr6q22d5demqT82EZ4qjLKJy5yz2YYUg jGxw2ThPW\\_UU6cdm\\_HyGgcJ7hFCIDycupFwo7W7e2iGVPbV6AIkvoVr4HDZY5uXhv5yoisbrE5cRO17qcdNSCOLtHL4A\\_85TZGUyogaJIShZQBCHoMEbX-Amn\\_b7dtW5\\_ACTE\\_XISFU55LIH3EpPfBIVgC8sJJD2hXYGmMN3QFoPmZnXTKjw0dWJYwqKXK8NyAUGdGuv3rOGYDhlgcxovBI5B-TVV3vq9FIZreY2ELIUgqXloRBui3U83M4LGAvtfjrDhAO3kVkoZ7N98JLxv7mtqbb9lgoogWnRosZYfBnEXFV1eub5U6mDmZLxxWx0\\_8uTp5MHcoopbkuqnHt25L4Gd8b8NuEz7-\\_9e1BrQ\\_KNzO-gSKzr2nCeYGHE\\_J4tkbeP5YWviZnKq0BHjuH6gUKh6\\_e5ALu6aPX](https://go.sparkpostmail.com/ff/a/-vnk9uljbEyLDt7h-sEOJw~/AAS2yhA~/Wskb1YDRgviKcx3F5g7ah8VISOs4A7gYtU6CXaCF5IIZrHzWVUTEPrBUvccHr6q22d5demqT82EZ4qjLKJy5yz2YYUg jGxw2ThPW_UU6cdm_HyGgcJ7hFCIDycupFwo7W7e2iGVPbV6AIkvoVr4HDZY5uXhv5yoisbrE5cRO17qcdNSCOLtHL4A_85TZGUyogaJIShZQBCHoMEbX-Amn_b7dtW5_ACTE_XISFU55LIH3EpPfBIVgC8sJJD2hXYGmMN3QFoPmZnXTKjw0dWJYwqKXK8NyAUGdGuv3rOGYDhlgcxovBI5B-TVV3vq9FIZreY2ELIUgqXloRBui3U83M4LGAvtfjrDhAO3kVkoZ7N98JLxv7mtqbb9lgoogWnRosZYfBnEXFV1eub5U6mDmZLxxWx0_8uTp5MHcoopbkuqnHt25L4Gd8b8NuEz7-_9e1BrQ_KNzO-gSKzr2nCeYGHE_J4tkbeP5YWviZnKq0BHjuH6gUKh6_e5ALu6aPX).

## Protecting Our Feathered Friends

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

This video shot last week shows one of three eagle nests that would be affected by the proposed I-80 expansion project. These nests are among several important reasons why I oppose the project.

Beyond the damage to our waterways and wetlands, all for the sake of more concrete, this expansion also threatens local bald eagle nesting sites and the wildlife that depends on them.

Please see the attached video for more details.

I've also started an online petition to help scale back the I-80 expansion proposal—please, if you haven't done so already, consider signing it:

<https://www.pahouse.com/Probst/Petition/?id=1539>

