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## LVPC Awards Gala

By Michael Ortoski

LEHIGH VALLEY -

LVPC Awards Gala was held last week and Slate Belt Rising was an honoree for four projects that were nominated for awards and received a nomination itself, the projects and categories were: Bangor Borough Streetscape Improvements (Revitalization), Slate Belt Community Gardens (Revitalization), Northern Tier Trail Feasibility Study (Planning), Portland Neighborhood and Redevelopment Plan (Planning), and Slate Belt Rising (Multi-municipal Cooperation). Bangor Borough Streetscape and Slate Belt Rising were winners in their respective categories and Plainfield Township was recognized as the 2019 Community of Distinction!



## Plainfield Township Is LVPC 2019 Community Of Distinction

By LVPC

BETHLEHEM - Plainfield Township's part in the first ever 10-community Slate Belt regional plan, it's integral role in starting the Slate Belt Regional Police department and its purchasing agreements with neighboring communities are prime examples of municipal cooperation in action.

But where Plainfield has really put its partnerships to work is in its efforts to protect the environment. The Township has partnered with Northampton County to expand the Two Rivers Trail, established its own Appalachian Trail Conservation Overlay District designed to protect the Mountain, adopted new conservation by design policies and put a focus on farmland preservation.

For these reasons, and many more, Plainfield Township was named the LVPC's 2019 Community of Distinction Wednesday during the 6th Annual Lehigh Valley Gala + Awards at DeSales University. The award is given each year to one community that's practiced a long-term commitment to planning excellence, innovation and municipal cooperation.

Honorees in the Community of Distinction Category were Bath Borough, Coopersburg Borough, and Whitehall Township.

"Plainfield Township has proven how community partnerships can provide better services and save taxpayer dollars. But where Plainfield has really distinguished itself is its attention to protecting the environment," said Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure, as he presented the award during an event attended by more than 240 municipal, government and community leaders. "Through its thoughtful, measured approach and its willingness to collaborate with neighboring communities, Plainfield Township has consistently showed municipal leadership. These are just a few reasons why Northampton County, Lehigh County and the LVPC are honoring Plainfield Township as the 2019 Community of Distinction."

While Plainfield Township leaders have done just about everything right in managing Township growth and development while protecting its identity, residents can take some of the credit for making that happen. They've agreed, by referendum, to commit .25 % of their earned income for farmland preservation, raising about \$350,000 a year. That has helped the township preserve nearly 3,100 acres of farmland – or the equivalent of more than 2,300 football fields.

"The majority of our residents have made it clear that they wanted to maintain our rural character," said Township Manager Tom Petrucci. "We took the steps to honor those wishes."

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