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Adoption of Saucon Valley Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan

HELLERTOWN, PA – August 18, 2009 – The Saucon Valley Partnership is pleased to announce that the Saucon Valley Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan has been officially adopted by the Councils of Lower Saucon Township and Hellertown Borough and by the Saucon Valley School District Board. The comprehensive plan, titled Our Resources, Our Valley - Planning in Pennsylvania's Saucon Valley, was a joint project led by the Partnership, a Council of Governments (COG) organization formed in 2004 between the Township, Borough and School District to work cooperatively on regional issues. The comprehensive plan was produced over a 2-year period by a Partnership Steering Committee working with planning consultants, Environmental Planning & Design, LLC, from Pittsburgh, PA and with a varied group of community stakeholders. Funding for this effort was provided through a state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) grant, from Northampton County and the municipalities, and from several local banks. During the 2-year period the Steering Committee held several public meetings to gather input and to identify the opportunities and challenges facing our region. The Partnership feels that this process has produced an outline or “roadmap” that will show how the people of the Borough, Township and School District can, together, build upon their individual strengths to enhance the quality of life within the Saucon Valley.

Glenn Kern, Chair of the Saucon Valley Partnership, describes the adopted plan as “as a guide of where we’d like to go and what we would like to do” and, most importantly, “the Plan also blurs the concept of borders; of mine and yours; of us and them. The plan is about the Saucon Valley.”

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