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Municipalities Matter

County Executive Announces Initiative

Erie, PA - County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and the Erie County Department of Planning want to hear from all municipalities in Erie County.

In order to build a more robust suite of services for the 38 municipalities, Erie County has teamed with the Erie Area Council of Governments, Emerge 2040 and DevelopErie to launch *Municipalities Matter*, an online survey that will identify the most critical needs in the county.

The Erie County Planning Department will lead the initiative by working with municipalities to gain a better understanding of the challenges at the local level and finding ways to partner and achieve local strategies and goals. To begin this process the Department is asking representatives from each municipality to rate levels of support they need in critical areas such as local planning assistance, land use regulations, education and training, strategic planning, and grant funding assistance.

The survey will be distributed October 9 and respondents will have four weeks to complete it. Results will be shared with multiple agencies who will work together to provide services that meet critical areas of support.

Questions regarding *Municipalities Matter* can be directed to Katherine Wyrosdick, AICP, Director of Planning at 814-451-7003 or by email at kwyrosdick@eriecountygov.org.

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