



Express Update

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Workshop on agricultural law coming to Bethlehem

A "Planning for Agriculture" workshop in March will teach township, borough and county officials about agricultural law and regulations. The Bethlehem session is one of six statewide, Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff said today.

"These workshops will provide local leaders with the tools they need to stay up-to-date on laws and regulations that relate to agriculture and planning," he said in a news release.

Program topics include laws about agricultural land protected from development, the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act, the Right to Farm Act, municipalities planning codes, farmland protection and various case studies. Instructors include Phyllis Marquitz, acting director for Dickinson School of Law's Agricultural Law Resource and Reference Center; local government policy specialists from the Governor's Center for Local Government Services; and regional directors from the Department of Agriculture.

The local session is 1 to 4 p.m. March 15 at Hotel Bethlehem, [437 Main St.](#) Registration, which costs \$25 per person, opens 30 minutes before each workshop begins. For more information or to register online, click [here](#), or call 717-763-0930 to request a brochure.