



PLANNING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Steve Neratko
Planner

Steve Neratko has extensive municipal planning and leadership experience. He has expertise in municipal governance, public policy, and state and federal regulations. He has experience with transportation and utility planning, environmental impact studies, ecological and archaeological surveys, real estate acquisition and management, and managing capital improvements.

EDUCATION

- BA in Political Science, SUNY Fredonia
- Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Leadership, Cornell University
- Graduate coursework in community and economic development, The Pennsylvania State University
- Completed courses in Architecture, Urban Planning, GIS, Engineering, and Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Professional Certificate in Data Science, IBM
- AutoCAD Certification

SKILLS

- Project management
- GIS
- Drafting and visualization software
- Grant application and administration
- Managing HUD programs
- Database management
- Reviewing blueprints
- Public engagement and relations
- Data analytics
- Research

EXPERTISE

- Economic development
- Planning
- Housing
- Zoning and land use
- Municipal government leadership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<p>Lehigh Valley Planning Commission <i>Chief Planner</i></p>	<p>Led short and long term community and regional planning efforts for the two county Lehigh Valley. Managed community and regional planning staff of 4, and other staff on project-by-project basis. Provided senior level leadership and support. Managed the planning review program. Developed a Northampton County Freight Analysis, including zoning analysis, recommendations and a GIS tool. Managed three multi-municipal comprehensive plans and corresponding zoning code revisions. Guided zoning ordinance revisions. Analyzed the community and financial impacts of Allentown’s Neighborhood Improvement Zone. Developed a Lehigh Valley Housing Affordability and Attainability Study. Supported the Long Range Transportation Plan.</p>
<p>City of Allentown <i>Director and Chief Planner, Bureau of Planning and Zoning</i></p>	<p>Led short range and long range planning and zoning efforts for the City of Allentown. Managed the Planning and Zoning bureau’s staff of 9, including Planning, Zoning and accessory staff. Coordinated the City’s review of plans and projects. Developed system to ensure timely review of land development projects. Managed, coordinated and reviewed nearly \$1 billion dollars of public and private development within the City. Planned, developed and published the City’s annual 5 year Capital Improvements Program. Responsible for grant planning, writing, coordination and administration. Awarded over \$3 million for projects. Produced and implemented the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Code, and other regulatory and planning documents. Managed and staffed the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Historic Architecture Review Board.</p>