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RE: **Street Vacation**
Southern portion of N. Egge Street (partial thoroughfare with no access to other city thoroughfares) from W. Turner Street to Lot 3 (private parking lot)
City of Allentown, Lehigh County

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) will consider the subject street vacation petition for review and recommendations at its Transportation Planning Committee and Full Commission meetings, pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). Discussion on agenda items largely happens during the Committee meeting. Both meetings are virtual, please see the meeting details below to attend. The LVPC will issue a follow-up letter after the Commission meeting should the Commission have any additional comments.

- LVPC Transportation Planning Committee Meeting
 - July 28, 2022 at 5:30 PM
 - <https://lvpc.org/meetings.html>
- LVPC Full Commission Meeting
 - July 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM
 - <https://lvpc.org/meetings.htm>

Mr. Hanlon,

The proposed street vacation petition with utilities was submitted by the City of Allentown on behalf of Resurrected Life Community Church equitable owners of 144 N. Ninth Street and 916 W. Turner Street (Resurrected Life Children's Academy) Allentown PA 18102.

The proposed street vacation petition was reviewed for recommendations under Section 304 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, and for general consistency with the intent of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan*.

The portion of N. Egge Street petitioned to be vacated begins at W. Turner Street southward to the private parking lot for Resurrected Community Church and Resurrected Life Children's Academy. The intent of the petition is to mitigate the impacts from drivers who do not realize N. Egge Street is essentially a dead end.

The petitioner states that drivers have created safety issues that endanger the children and families that attend Resurrected Life Children's Academy and have caused damage to the Church's properties as they attempt to back up onto W. Turner Street or attempt to drive through the private parking lot seeking exit/street access.

N. Egge Street serves the Resurrected Church properties as well as the rear frontages to the properties at 142 N. Ninth Street, 140 N. Ninth Street and 138 N. Ninth Street that were all listed on the petition for concurrence.

It is recommended that if the petition is granted by the City of Allentown that the petitioner provide and maintain pedestrian access for all adjoining properties and for the community utilizing the church facilities (of *FutureLV* Policy 5.2).

It is also recommended that utility companies and the City of Allentown be able to maintain access/easement to various infrastructure above and below ground to maintain and minimize disruptions to services currently being provided. Access will also enable emergency service personnel a clear and accessible vantage point to respond to any incidents within the adjacent buildings or vicinity (of *FutureLV* Policy 5.3).

Finally, it is recommended that appropriate signage be installed at the access point on W. Turner Street to indicate that N. Egge Street is private and is a no outlet access drive for the church and residents (Of *FutureLV* Policy 1.1).

The LVPC transportation review also encourages the petitioner and concurring property owners be made aware of the responsibilities and perpetual maintenance that is required to keep the throughfare accessible for their use, those of the neighboring properties, utility, government and emergency personnel.

We appreciate the City of Allentown's consideration of the goals and policies of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* as it relates to the street vacation petition for the southern portion of N. Egge Street from W. Turner Street to Lot 3.

If the vacation request is granted please forward this information to the LVPC so that we may maintain accurate information on public-rights-of-way. In addition, if you have any questions I may be reached at bhite@lvpc.org or (610) 264-4544.

Sincerely,

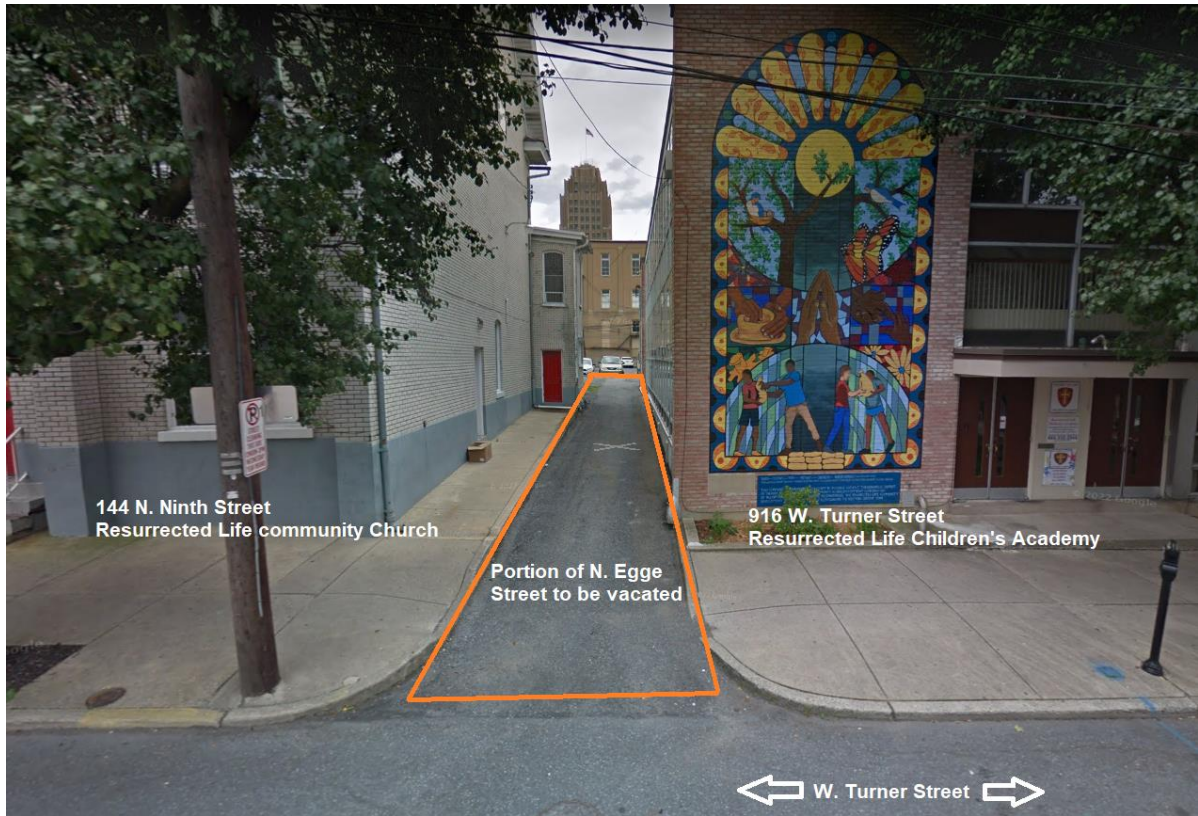


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