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**RE: Street Vacation Petition
North Maxwell Street from East Turner Street to East Linden
City of Allentown, Lehigh County**

Mr. Hanlon,

The proposed street vacation was submitted by the City of Allentown on behalf of Michael Dravuschack, 1046 E. Turner Street.

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 North Maxwell Street from East Turner Street to East Linden Street was never constructed. It consists of two lawns and small paved portions being utilized as driveways both on 1046 E. Turner Street and 1035 E. Linden Street properties. There is an above ground utility pole on the E. Turner Street. side of the proposed street vacation.



Aerial Overview of North Maxwell Street Proposed Vacation – Blue Dot Shows Location of Utility Pole –

Image courtesy of Google Maps

It is strongly recommended that the adjacent owners of 1035 E. Linden Street and 1520 Hanover Avenue, be notified of the-vacation petition, as required by law, and sign to memorialize their concurrence for the vacating of the entirety of North Maxwell Street from East Turner Street to East Linden Street.

The vacating of rights-of-way by the City of Allentown for the described portion of North Maxwell Street would not negatively affect current traffic circulation. It is strongly recommended utilities that are above or below ground remain accessible as they are today in the event of maintenance or repair that may be required to maintain the essential power and telecommunications infrastructure. (*of FutureLV: The Regional Plan Policy 5.4*) The location of the utility pole should still be accessible via East Turner Street. A formal easement agreement may be necessary to keep ease of access.

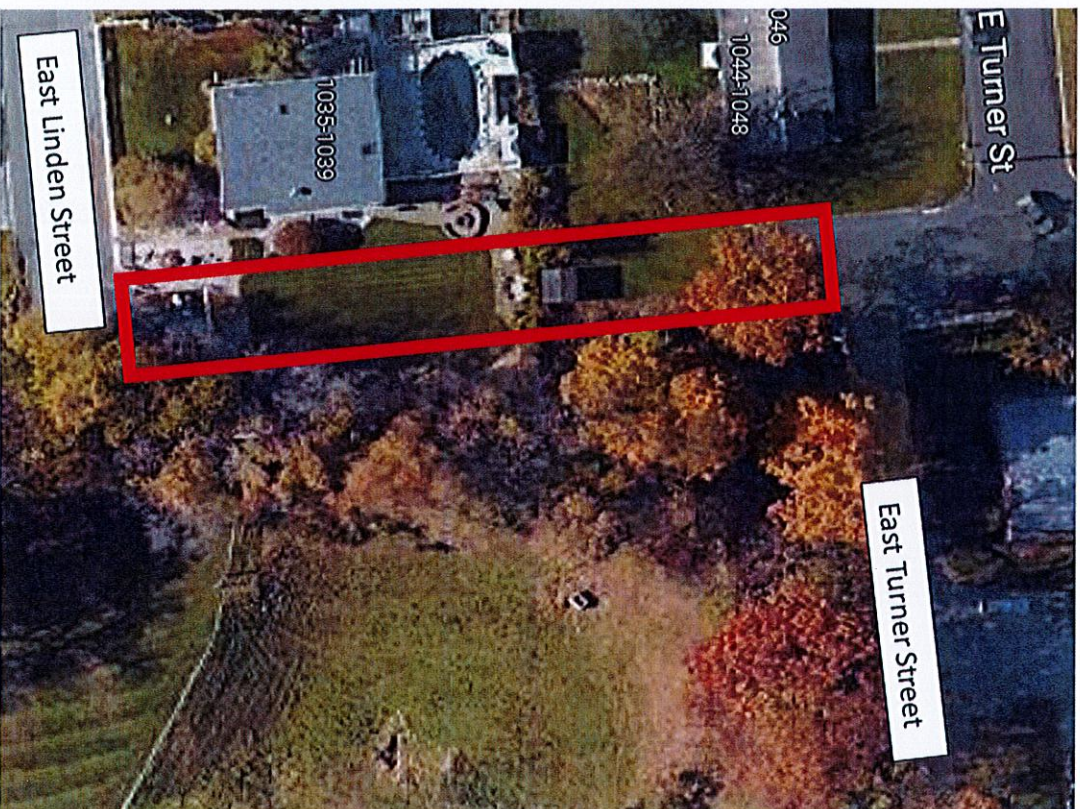
We appreciate the City's consideration of the goals and policies of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* in as much as it relates to the street vacation petition of North Maxwell Street from East Turner Street to East Linden Street.

Please feel free to reach out to me regarding any questions you may have regarding the LVPC review.

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View of N. Maxwell St. proposed vacation from E. Turner St. - Showing Utility - Image courtesy of Google Street View



View of N. Maxwell St. Proposed Vacation from E. Linden St. - Image courtesy of Google Street View