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Darlene L. Heller, Director of Planning and Zoning  
City of Bethlehem  
10 E. Church Street  
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Dear Ms. Heller,

The Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council was established under Article 146 to be advisory to and to coordinate its activities with elected officials, the planning commission and other such local governmental agencies. Some of the powers stated in the Article include:

- Make recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas and/or environmentally sensitive lands within the City of Bethlehem and its surrounding areas.
- Advise the appropriate local governmental agencies in the acquisition of property, both real and personal.
- Advise Bethlehem City Council, City of Bethlehem Departments and the Administration upon issues of energy conservation.
- Review subdivision and land development plans as appropriate.

In keeping with this mission, we kindly request that the Department of Planning and Zoning keep us in mind and give us the opportunity to comment on large projects, for example the Martin Tower property and the expansion of the building at 3419 Commerce Center Blvd. (Majestic Bethlehem Center). We would appreciate as much lead time as possible, so that our comments can be considered in the initial stages of a project.

We are fortunate that your department is cognizant of environmental issues and takes steps to protect our City's natural environment.

Respectfully yours,

*Lynn Rothman*

Lynn Rothman, Chair

on behalf of the Bethlehem EAC:

Elizabeth Behrend

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cc: Mayor Donchez  
City Council