

Is the Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority (NLRA) just the new Community Center Group?

No, The Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority is an all-encompassing publicly-funded, municipal agency serving the Borough of Slatington and Washington Township. The NLRA is focusing on all things park and recreation oriented across Northern Lehigh. The NLRA looks forward to working with the existing volunteer groups in the community as well as adding programs, events, facilities and opportunities for all area residents to enjoy. The NLRA will also oversee and complete the construction of the long-awaited community center.

Why did it take this long to build the community center?

The Northern Lehigh Community Center (NLCC) group of volunteers did a wonderful job to get the Community Center project started! Now, your local municipalities have created the NLRA to complete the construction. Very few Capital Campaigns are successful without having professional dedicated full-time staff who wake up every morning with one goal in mind...to get the facility built for the community!

What did my past community center donation get spent on?

The NLCC group used previous donations to acquire the necessary permits, engineering plans, land and construction of the building's shell

Will the completion of the community center facility raise our taxes?

No, there are no plans to raise the area's taxes for the community center project.

When is the community center going to be finished? What is the NLRA's plan?

1 Year Plan – While creating new events and programs to take place throughout Northern Lehigh, the NLRA is creating a capital campaign for the community center facility and has started to seek funding.

3 Year Plan - The NLRA will continue to speak with political leaders, garner local support and obtain matching dollars while working with the NLRA Board of Directors to finalize the larger state and county grant opportunities.

5 Year Plan - Construction will be completed and YOUR community center will be open. Then, the NLRA will begin upgrading the area's trails, parks & playgrounds!!!

What new programs will be offered once the center is completed?

The creation of the Northern Lehigh Community Center will be so much more than just a gymnasium! It will stand as a community hub offering a safe community gathering spot, improved health and social interaction, increased opportunities for physical activity and will spark further improvements across Northern Lehigh. The Community Center will operate a year-round full-sized gymnasium providing sports instruction, leagues and open gym times for both children and adults. In addition, this all-inclusive state of the art facility will have a fitness center and offer quality after-school programming, Summer programs, a daily Senior Center and educational programs including computer, art, environmental education cooking classes, music instruction and more.