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2026 Executive Council Meeting Planning Update

Logistics

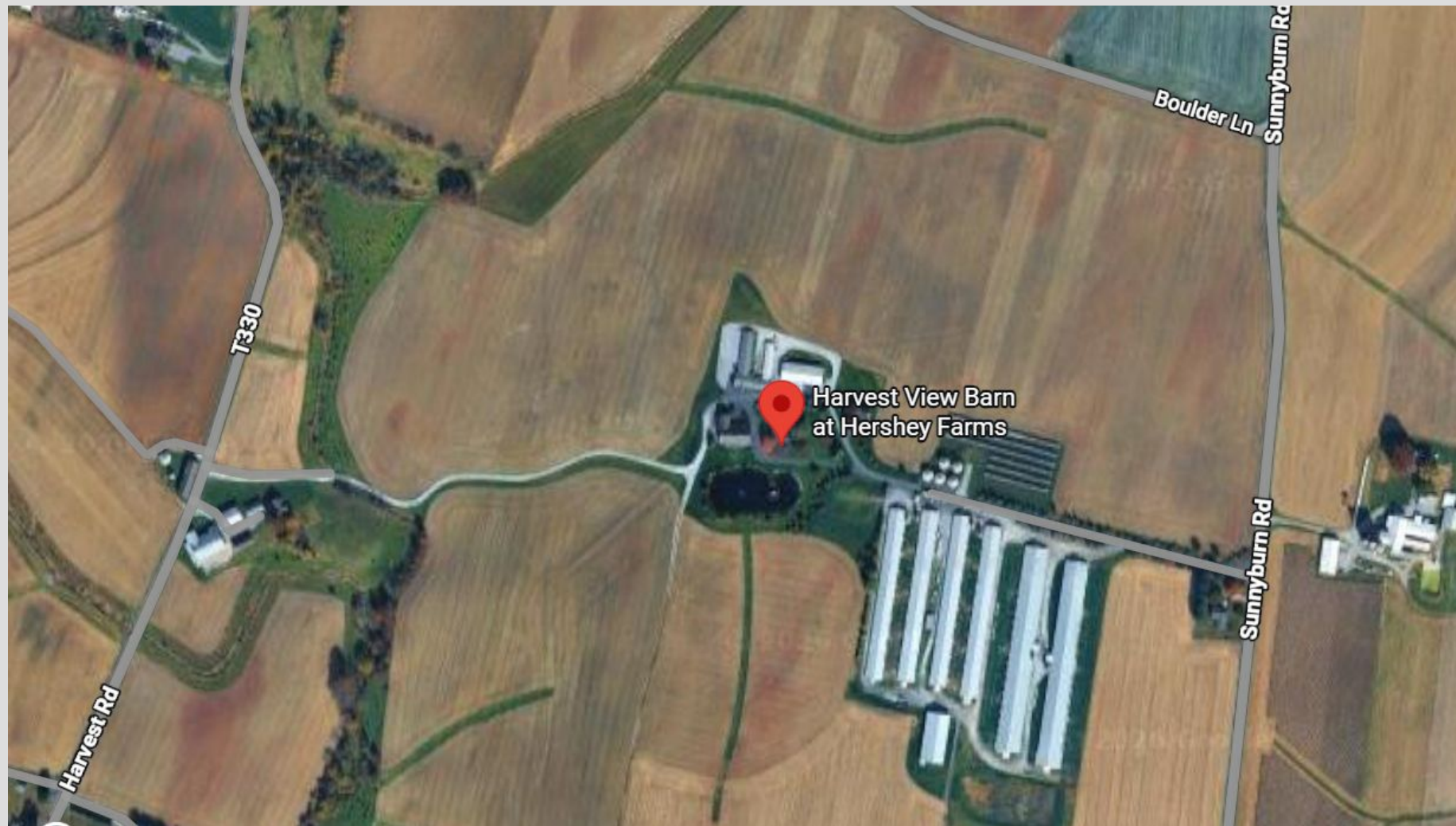


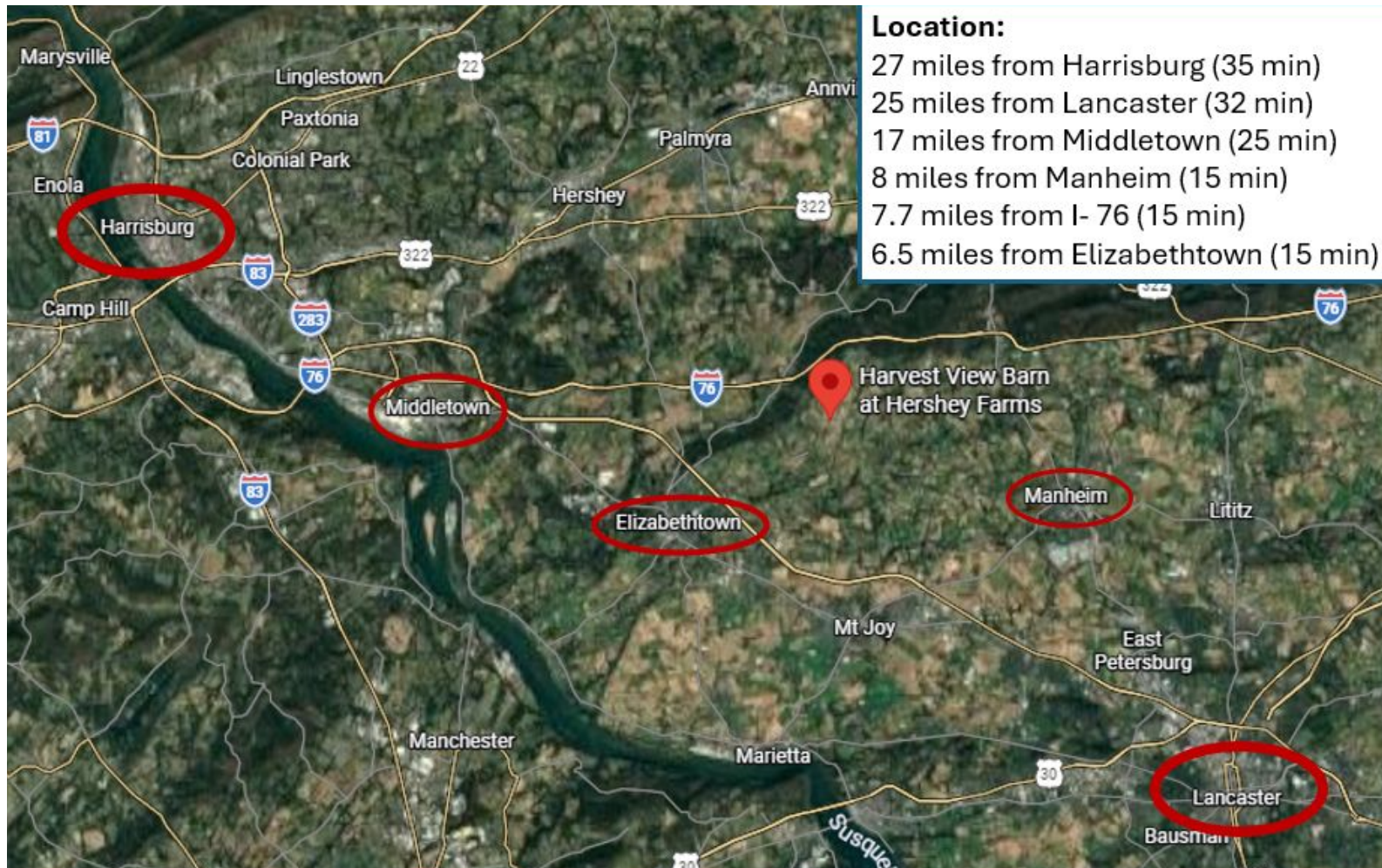
The meeting will be held at the Harvest View Barn in Elizabethtown, Pa. on Tuesday, December 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Harvest View Barn



- Owned by Marc and Crystal Hershey.
- Jim Hershey is [this year's Aldo Leopold Award winner for PA](#) and President and Co-Founder of the PA No-Till Alliance.
- Practice 100% no-till and cover crop on the farm.
- Located on working farm of 450 acres, 6,000 pigs and 1.7 million chickens.
- Planted 15 acres of riparian tree buffers.





Agenda

- EC members will be on site from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM
- Public meeting attendees and media will be on site from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
 - An entry time for the space will be advertised with the public meeting description



Proposed Agenda – Private Meeting

- 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Executive Council members, designees, plus-ones, Advisory Committee Chairs and Chesapeake Bay Program Director arrive
- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Closed meeting for members/designees and invited guests begin
- 10:15 - 10:35 a.m. Advisory Committee reports
- 10:35 - 10:45 a.m. EC discussion with advisory committee chairs
- 10:45 - 10:50 a.m. State of the Program Report
Dan Coogan, EPA CBPO Director
- 10:50 - 11:10 a.m. EC discussion
- 11:10 - 11:20 a.m. Election of new EC chair, briefing on public meeting and press availability
- 11:20 a.m. Governor Shapiro concludes closed meeting
- 11:20 - 11:30 a.m. Group photo
- 11:30 a.m. Plus-ones, Advisory Committee Chairs and Chesapeake Bay Program Director move to reserved seats for the public press conference.
- 11:30 - 11:55 a.m. EC members/designees have time for private discussion and prepare to move to the public press conference.
- 12:00 p.m. EC members/designees go to upper level of the Barn and begin the public press conference.



Proposed Agenda – Public Press Conference

11:30 a.m.	Barn opens to public attendees and media
11:30 - 12:00 p.m.	Members of the public and media enter the Barn
12:00 p.m.	Governor Shapiro gavels the meeting to an open
12:00-12:05 p.m.	Call to Order and Welcome
	PA Governor Josh Shapiro, Chair
12:05 - 12:10	Welcome remarks from Marc or Jim Hershey
12:10 - 12:45 p.m.	EC Member Remarks
	<i>(Five minutes for members, three minutes for designees)</i>
12:45-12:50 p.m.	New Chair closing remarks
12:50-1:00 p.m.	Press availability
1:00 p.m.	Meeting gavels to a close



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Thank you!

Any questions? You can contact me at
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