

The Public comment period is now open for **Round 1 of 2022** RACP submissions until September 30, 2022. We have determined that all of the relevant requirements pertaining to Act 77 have been met for posting and the subsequent comment period. Therefore, the submissions have been posted to allow for a 30-day public comment period before any projects are selected for release.

The Office of the Budget will accept comments via letter or email ONLY during the open comment period, which starts today and ends on September 30, 2022. No verbal comments will be accepted. To fully benefit from your contribution, we are requesting that you follow the simple guidelines below:

- Subject Heading – Include full Project Name (as identified on the RACP Project Submission List)
 - Example of Subject Line – Public Comment for XYZ Revitalization Project
 - Please note that letters/emails without clear indication of the RACP Project Name may not allow us to benefit from your important contribution.
- Letters can be addressed to ‘RACP Administration’ (see address/email below).
- Letter Content – Please be as clear and direct, as possible.
- Signatory – Please provide a name and/or organization associated with the comment. (Anonymous letters will be accepted and are subject to the State Right to Know Law.)
- Supporting Documentation – If necessary, additional documentation can be included with letters or attached to emails as support to the context of the comment.
- A separate comment letter/email should be submitted for each project.

PLEASE NOTE: The Public Comment Period is for comments specific to any projects or an entity/person involved with the projects posted on our website during the period from September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022. Please be advised that it is the quality and content of the comments that will be weighed during the selection process as opposed to the volume of letters supporting each posted project.

Please see the next two pages for a sample email with our suggested format.

RACP Public Comment Period
Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)
Office of the Budget
Bureau of Redevelopment, Capital and Debt
333 Market Street Tower, 18th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101-2210

OR

RA-OB-PublicComment@pa.gov

SAMPLE EMAIL

DOE, JOHN (COMMENTER)

From: John Doe
Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2014 12:00 PM
To: RA-OB-PublicComment@pa.gov
CC:
Subject: Public Comment for XYZ Street Revitalization Project

Dear RACP Administration,

My comments pertain to the XYZ Street Revitalization Project, which is located in Dauphin County.

It has come to my attention that the XYZ Street Revitalization Project and ABC Developer have made a submission requesting \$2M in RACP funding. As a local citizen, I strongly encourage your full support for this project to enhance economic relief for our community.

It is my understanding that the project will create 51 new jobs in the area, which our community hasn't seen in many years. Other impacts to the area include:

- A revamped streetscape to replace the rundown, overgrown conditions that currently exist;
- Increase in business offices and retail spaces for local citizens;
- The potential for a decrease in crime and vandalism due to the new safety procedures to be installed as part of the project.

ABC Developer has completed several projects in the County, some of which are prior RACP projects, with great success to the community and our state. These economic development projects decrease the blighted areas in the community and serve as an economic benefit to all citizens of the Commonwealth.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

John Doe
Local Citizen
555-555-5555

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It has come to my attention that the XYZ Street Revitalization Project and ABC Developer have made a submission requesting \$2M in RACP funding. As a local citizen, I strongly discourage funding for this project due to the negative impact it will have to the surrounding area, including:

- An increase to local traffic, which delays are already long enough in the area;
- This development will attract unwanted attention to the community;
- There is a potential for increase in crime and vandalism once the project is completed.

It is also my understanding that ABC Developer has recently defaulted on its loans for two other projects in Elk county. Therefore, there is a high risk that the same outcome will come for the XYZ Street Revitalization Project, regardless of RACP funding. These defunct projects only increase the blighted areas in the community, where I once lived in Elk County.

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John Doe
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