

2026 Municipal Leadership Summit – Hershey Tour - Friday, October 9, 2026 | 1:15 – 5:15 p.m.

See Hershey, Pennsylvania Like You've Never Seen It Before!

Think Derry Township is just home to a theme park? Think again! This exclusive tour offers a behind-the-scenes look at the innovation, history, and community spirit that make Hershey and Derry Township truly unique.

Explore some of Derry Township's most notable projects and facilities, including solar initiatives, scenic bike trails, the community center, municipal building, and police department, while learning how these investments are enhancing quality of life for the community's residents.

Witness Hershey's unique heritage comes to life at the Hershey History Center. Explore engaging exhibits that tell the story of a community built on chocolate, celebrate the military heroes who earned worldwide recognition, and honor the legendary hockey franchise that proudly calls Hershey home. Step back in time and discover how Derry Township's rich history continues to shape life today.

Discover how a former petroleum contractor's passion for bourbon and dedication to the Hershey community led to the creation of a successful distillery and full-service restaurant. Hear the story behind this redevelopment project and how Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grants helped bring the vision to life.

Take a guided drive through the beautiful 486-acre campus of the Milton Hershey School and learn about Milton and Catherine Hershey's remarkable legacy. Their dream of using their wealth to provide educational opportunities for children continues today through one of the nation's most respected schools.

The tour concludes with a visit to the vibrant Fresh Market at Hershey Towne Square. Featuring more than 40 local vendors, artisan crafts, freshly prepared foods, farm-fresh produce, handcrafted goods, and unique products from regional makers and growers, this lively market offers the perfect opportunity to experience the local flavor of Hershey—and you won't leave empty-handed!

This tour is limited to 50 municipal officials and registered guests.

Timeline:

1:15 PM - Depart Hershey Lodge

1:25 PM – 2:10 PM - Derry Township Municipal Building (45 minutes)

2:20 PM – 2:45 PM - Milton Hershey School Campus Drive-Through & Rotunda (25 minutes)

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM - Hidden Still Distillery Tour & Tasting (45 minutes)

3:55 PM – 4:40 PM - Hershey History Center Tour (45 minutes)

4:45 PM – 5:15 PM - Hershey Fresh Market (30 minutes)

5:15 PM - Return to Hershey Lodge