

# Clearfield County Planning Commission 2017 Annual Report



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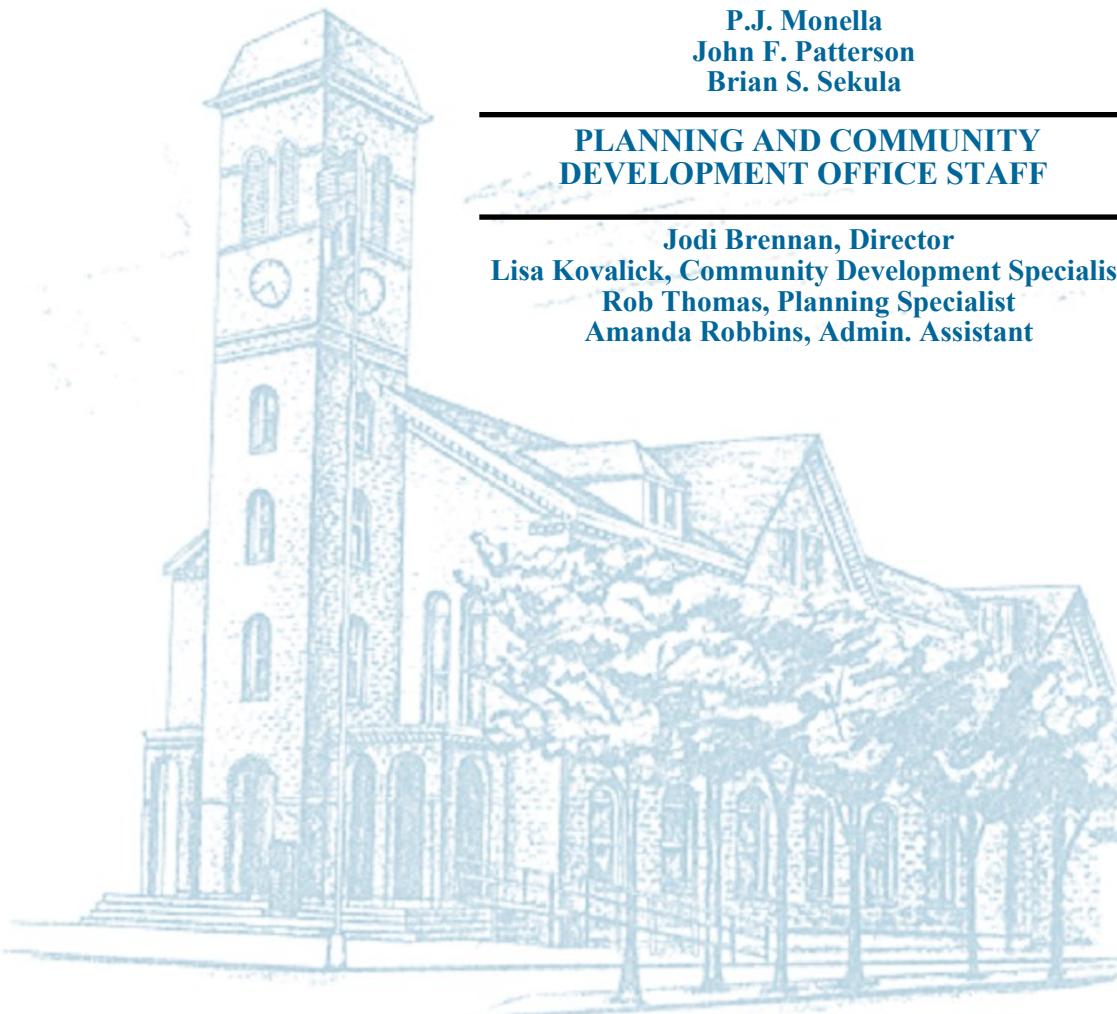
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### **Mission Statement:**

*To provide appropriate planning services and to develop leadership so that all Clearfield County municipalities can begin to plan for their future.*

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## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

### Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)-

The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) that establishes the region's transportation policy and guides the expenditure of transportation dollars for at least a twenty-year period has been completed. The North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning & Development Commission (NCPRPCD) and the Rural Transportation Planning Committee have distributed copies of the 2045 LRTP.

**Rapid Bridge Replacement Project**-The Rapid Bridge Replacement Project is a public-private partnership (P3) between PennDOT and Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners (PWKP), under which PWKP will finance, design, replace, and maintain the bridges for 25 years. The P3 process allows PennDOT to replace the bridges more quickly while achieving significant savings and minimizing impacts on motorists.

P3 completed two (2) bridges in 2017, replacement of these bridges allowed PennDOT to remove them from Clearfield County's structurally deficient bridges list. Details on the projects are:

- Route 219 (Mahaffey-Grampian Highway) bridge, spanning Poplar Run near the village of Bells Landing, Greenwood Township.
- Route 219 (Mahaffey-Grampian Highway) bridge, spanning Bell Run near the village of Bells Landing, Greenwood Township.

**Dufast and ATA consolidation**-Dufast and ATA boards of directors unanimously approved entering a consolidation agreement. All of Dufast's operations were transferred to ATA. This consolidation mirrored the transit-oriented regionalization trend seen across the state, which is promoted and encouraged by PennDOT.

**Extreme Weather Vulnerability Study**-The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) completed Phase I of a multi-phase effort aimed to better anticipate the consequences and impacts of extreme weather events on transportation system resiliency. The report entitled "Extreme Weather Vulnerability Study" adopted a framework for addressing climate impacts; to document historic weather related vulnerabilities, and to create an initial assessment of risks and priorities related to the identified vulnerabilities. The phase I study's analyses and mapping products focused on the flooding impacts on state-owned roads and bridges.

**Removal of Closed Bridges**-The Rural Transportation Committee in collaboration with SEDA-COG, received funding for "Removing" of bridges in the North Central Region. PennDOT has reached out and discussed the removal process, business partner registration etc. with the bridge owners. Two bridges within the County made the list:

- Pike Township owned TR-206 over Anderson Creek.
- Clearfield County owned TR-566 over Clearfield Creek.

**North Central Region Highway & Bridge Improvements**-Governor Tom Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDot) announced over \$195 million in highway and bridge improvements. The most notable project being the Route 322 intersection safety improvement project in Bradford Township at \$3 million dollars; and the Route 255 highway restoration project from Sabula to Penfield.

**Veterans Transportation**-To address the "access to transportation challenge" facing many veterans in the North Central PA Region, North Central Planning & Development Commission put together a group of stakeholders to help assess a community-wide initiative in the Clearfield-Jefferson County Area. This pilot program evaluated the viability of a ride-sharing/hailing service specifically designed for rural areas.

**Multimodal Transportation Fund**-Governor Tom Wolf announced 227 project approvals made through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): 115 projects used funds collected from the impact fee on unconventional gas wells in the Marcellus Shale and 112 Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) projects in support of community revitalization, transportation improvement and environmental protection. Two transportation related projects were funded in Clearfield County.

- Cooper Township Roadway Widening/ paving and Culvert Replacement \$388,329.
- Huston Township Winterburne Bridge Replacement \$237,000.

**Act 13 at Risk Bridge Funding**-Clearfield County Commissioners announced that they received a total of seven (7) applications for Act 13 at Risk Bridge Funds requesting over \$555,000 with only \$202,980 available for distribution. Projects were reviewed and ranked based on project meeting eligibility requirements, amounts of funding leverage, community impact, level of project support & collaboration, and project timeliness.

Those projects receiving the highest scores that received County At Risk Bridge Funding:

- Goshen Township TR-930 Shugerts Road over Little Trout Run \$50,745.
- Huston Township TR-518 Winterburne Road over Bennett Branch \$50,745.
- Sandy Township TR-426 Juniata Street Ext. over Clear Run \$50,745.
- Pike and Knox Township TR-215 Olanta Road over Little Clearfield Creek \$50,745.

**Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**-The City of DuBois was awarded \$700,000 to improve pedestrian and transit rider access

along Beaver Drive in DuBois. The project will involve the extension to the Beaver Meadow Walkway and new sidewalk and bus pull off areas along Beaver Drive in the Industrial Park Area.

The FAST Act eliminated the MAP-21 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and replaced it with the set-aside of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funding for transportation alternatives (TA). For more information visit <https://spportal.dot.pa.gov/Planning/AppReg/TAP/Pages?default.aspx>.

**Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Stations**-Governor Wolf announced the openings of the first of 29 compressed natural gas fueling stations under Public Private Partnership(P3)- Through the \$84.5 million statewide project, Trillium will design, build, finance, operate, and maintain CNG fueling stations at 29 public transit agency sites through a 20-year P3 agreement. CNG fueling will be accessible to the public at six transit agency sites, with option to add to additional sites in the future. In the North Central Region the following transit agencies were awarded:

- Area Transportation Authority of North Central PA, Bradford Facility (2019)
- Area Transportation Authority of North Central PA, Johnsonburg Facility (2019).
- DuBois, Falls Creek, Sandy Township Joint Transportation Authority (2020)

**PennDOT Historic Metal Truss Bridge local coordination meeting**-In September, Preservation Assessments for the following bridges were presented to county and local municipal officials. <https://share.mccormicktaylor.com/?ShareToken=889DFF7487521047BD25548664471D031037>

- TR-566 (Kellytown Road) over Clearfield Creek (owned by Clearfield County)
- TR-206 (Bridgeport Road) over Anderson Creek (owned by Pike Township)
- TR-421 (Zorger Road) over West Branch of Susquehanna River (owned by Greenwood Township)

Discussion regarding local needs and plans for the locally owned bridges was held. These bridges are all considered significant in terms of historic value. For two of the bridges (TR-566 and TR-206) that are currently closed the game plan is to remove them and store them for future reuse as a pedestrian crossing. For the remaining open bridge, PennDOT is looking for funding to rehab and maintain as they know these old truss bridges are more expensive to maintain.

## RECREATION, SOURCE WATER PROTECTION, WATERSHED, STORMWATER & TOURISM PLANNING

### RECREATION:

**PA Wilds Regional Façade Grant Pilot Program** - This program provides façade guidelines centered on the PA Wilds design guide and focuses on communities currently without Main Street Managers in effort to get the state to buy in to fund these communities that traditionally would not get funding priority. As a pilot project Route 6 Alliance was awarded \$183,000 to establish a façade and signage improvement program to target communities along Route 6 corridor in Warren, McKean, Potter, and Tioga Counties. This funding provides the potential funds for 32 façade and 50 signage projects to be completed. Our office has offered to work with PA Downtown Center and Curwensville Borough to develop a similar façade program.

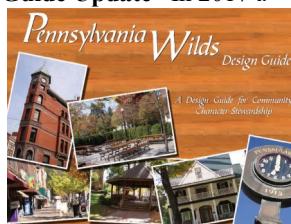
**PA Wilds Design Guide Update** – In 2017 a second edition of the Pennsylvania Wilds Design Guide: A Design Guide for Community Character Stewardship was published and unveiled by Planning Director at the Annual PA Wilds Dinner held in April. The PA Wilds Design Guide for Community Character Stewardship, is a voluntary planning document that highlights how communities in the PA Wilds can protect or enhance their rural character as they grow-whether that growth is due to tourism, resource extraction, or other industries. The Design Guide is a great resource for developers, planners, architects, business or property owners, revitalization partners and community leaders and all applicants must consult the guide prior to applying for funds. The Design Guide is available at [www.pawildscenter.org/community-character-stewardship/](http://www.pawildscenter.org/community-character-stewardship/)

**Pennsylvania Wilds Rapid Response Design Assistance Program** - The Pennsylvania Wilds Planning Team developed an Early Detection and Rapid Response Design Program for key projects in the region that would benefit from design assistance. This program provides immediate response to critical design issues. Design Assistance funds are available for architectural, historic façade research and preservation, and graphic design services by a design or architectural professional. Potential projects are directed to the Planning Team's Design guide Awareness Committee, which then works with the County Planner in which the project is located, in order to review the project and recommend assistance to the developer or project proponent.

Program guidelines and application went live in 2017, <http://www.pawildscenter.org/rapid-response-design-assistance-program/>

**Lock Haven University (LHU) Master Site Development Plan**-LHU Clearfield Campus is considering the development of a multi-use recreational and fitness trail network and outdoor education spaces on 100 acres. Once developed, these facilities would be available to the general public. This master site plan will help guide the development of the property. In 2017 Steering Committee Members, which the Planning Specialist was a part of, and public input was provided during the preparation process of the Master Site Development Plan.

**DCNR ATV Suitable Lands**-DCNR and their consultant (Pashek + MTR) asked for assistance in collecting input in our respective region in regards to ATV trail development. Our office with the help of the County's GIS office, provided DCNR with known ATV groups, potential suitable lands for ATV activities, and locations and property owner(s) information of potential areas.



### WATERSHED:

**Headwaters RC& D Council**-Through out the year Headwaters RC & D Council approved to move forward with several projects. The following projects were submitted to various funding programs:

- Headwaters RC & D Regional Agricultural BMPs-This project will install agricultural best management practices on farms within the region in order to restore/maintain watersheds and protect them from erosion and sediment runoff from the farmland.
- North Central/Headwaters RC&D Council Greenways Implementation Grant Program-Headwaters RC&D would administer the Greenways Implementation Mini-Grant Program previously administered by North Central. This will allow all eight counties within the Headwaters RC&D Region to apply for funding that falls under the North Central Pennsylvania Greenways Plan guidelines.
- Local Foods Local Places-An application for technical assistance in the form of a 2 day community workshop was submitted. USDA will provide the facilitation to get the right folks to the table to inventory our regional resources, needs, and help to prepare a plan that identifies possible projects & funding sources to further this goal.

### Baseline Water Quality Mapping-

Headwaters RC & D pursued funding opportunity through USGS & DCED to conduct groundwater analysis mapping of private water wells in our region starting with Clearfield County. Establishing a baseline of water quality is especially important in the

Marcellus Shale region. It can protect both homeowners and the gas industry. How so? Establishing what the water quality is before development can show an existing water quality condition such as elevated radon or methane or can show that the well did not have a contaminate prior to an industry activity. That in itself does not necessary indicate that the gas industry is the cause but shows that contaminate was not pre-existing. Funding for Clearfield County is considered for 2018.

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:

**County Hazard Mitigation Plan**-The County EMA worked to get local municipal adoption of the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Our office and EMA met to discuss areas where the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan implementation such as grant writing for mitigation funds and incorporation of goals into our next County Comprehensive Plan update.

### SOURCE WATER PROTECTION:

**Central PA Source Water Alliance for Protection** – Once again staff members participated in the 2017 Clean Water Days, held at Black Moshannon State Park. This program educates 5th graders from Clearfield and Centre Counties. Students visit 6 stations that covered topics such as ground water, water treatment, sewage treatment, water pollution/watersheds, stream ecology, and in-stream macro-invertebrates.



Safe Drinking Water Starts at the Source!

### Source Water Protection Plans Status –

Water Protection (SWP) is a voluntary effort to take action to prevent contaminants from entering public drinking water sources. The goal of source water protection is to protect both groundwater sources (also called "wellhead protection") and surface water sources (lakes, streams, rivers) used for drinking water. Westover Borough expressed interest in obtaining source water protection assistance. Westover Borough submitted an application for assistance, a SWP plan will be finalized in the early part of 2018.

## S.A.L.D.O. ADMINISTRATION

### CLEARFIELD COUNTY'S

### SUBDIVISION & LAND

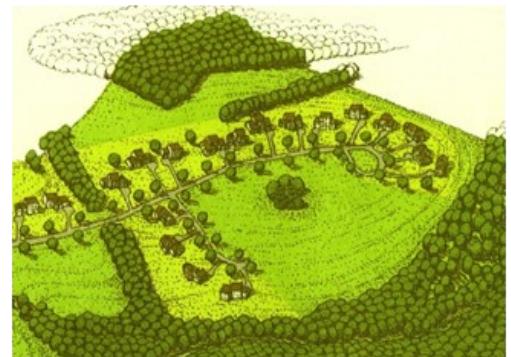
### DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

(S.A.L.D.O.)-Clearfield County currently has jurisdiction over 30 of our 50 municipalities. In 2017, the Planning Commission reviewed fifty-six plans for compliance with the County's Ordinance. Of those, two were land development plans, and fifty-four were subdivision plans.

The following chart outlines the activity that occurred in administering the County's Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance in 2017. The following municipalities did not have any activity for the year: Bloom Township, Coalport Borough, Glen Hope

Borough, Grampian Borough, Houtzdale Borough, Mahaffey Borough, Newburg Borough, Osceola Mills Borough, Ramey Borough, and Wallacetown Borough.

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2017 County's S.A.L.D.O.					
Municipality	Total Acres	Subdivisions	Land Development	Lots Created	Proposed Buildings
Beccaria Township	366.532	6	0	8	1
Bell Township	63.315	2	0	1	0
Bigler Township	94.997	3	0	2	2
Brady Township	412.89	5	0	3	0
Brisbin Borough	45	1	0	1	0
Burnside Borough	73.013	1	0	2	0
Burnside Township	180.24	3	0	3	0
Chest Township	84.601	2	0	1	0
Chester Hill Borough	2.085	0	1	0	1
Ferguson Township	742.485	3	0	3	0
Greenwood Township	371.495	1	0	0	0
Gulich Township	1.846	2	0	2	0
Huston Township	344.68	3	1	2	2
Irvona Borough	19.51	2	0	1	0
Jordan Township	232.213	2	0	4	0
Knox Township	2,027.815	3	0	1	0
New Washington Borough	173.072	1	0	0	0
Pike Township	420.899	11	0	11	4
Troutville Borough	10.06	1	0	0	0
Westover Borough	613.31	2	0	2	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,280.088</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11</b>

## S.A.L.D.O. ADMINISTRATION *Continued*

**ACT 247 REVIEWS**-The County Planning and Community Development Department reviewed and provided comments on sixty-eight plans from those twenty municipalities that administer their own S.A.L.D.O. Of those sixty-eight plans, eleven were land development plans and fifty-seven were subdivision plans.

The top adjacent table reflects the activity. The following municipalities did not have any activities: Clearfield Borough, Covington Township, Falls Creek Borough, Karthaus Township, and Pine Township. The bottom adjacent table reflects the land development activities within the County.

**PERMIT AND PROJECT NOTICES** - In addition to S.A.L.D.O. reviews, our office reviewed several other permit and project notices throughout the year. The type and quantity of those reviews are listed below. Our office also provided support letters for community based projects:

Act 14 Notifications - 42

Act 67 & 68 Reviews - 43

Act 537 Reviews - 4

Air Quality - 12

Blasting Notices - 1

Bond Releases - 20

Correspondence - 46

General Projects/Assessment Reviews/  
Permits - 10

Land Use Changes - 4

NPDES - 1

Public Utility Commission - 10

Sewage Component Reviews/Planning  
Modules - 49

SRBC Permits - 4

Support Letters - 8

Water Withdrawals - 5

Zoning Changes/Reviews - 1

Act 247-Municipalities with their own S.A.L.D.O. 2017					
Municipality	Total Acres	Subdivisions	Land Development	Lots Created	Proposed Buildings
Boggs Township	360.614	3	0	2	0
Bradford Township	243.334	7	0	5	0
Cooper Township	134.39	6	0	2	1
Curwensville Borough	55.029	2	0	2	1
Decatur Township	327.422	5	1	8	3
City of DuBois	8.812	1	1	0	0
Girard Township	411.773	6	0	7	1
Goshen Township	78.193	2	0	2	0
Graham Township	44.9	2	0	2	0
Lawrence Township	139.959	4	3	5	2
Morris Township	167.232	5	0	6	2
Penn Township	662.191	8	1	11	1
Sandy Township	56.54	3	5	4	2
Union Township	67.247	2	0	1	0
Woodward Township	107	1	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,864.659</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>13</b>

2017 Land Developments	
Chester Hill Borough	Philipsburg Hometown Market Building Addition
Decatur Township	Geartheartville Free Methodist Church
City of DuBois	Atlas Pressed Metals Building Expansion
Huston Township	Dollar General Store
Lawrence Township	Clearfield Q-care, TAFCO (new facility), and BP Gas Station
Penn Township	Dollar General Store
Sandy Township	Central Oaks Independent Living, Aqua PA-Treasure Lake office and garage project, water storage tank, East Waste Water Treatment Plant, and West Waste Water Treatment Plant.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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**Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee (CEDS)** – Our office participated in the updating of the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) plan through North Central. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy sets the policy direction for economic growth. And identifies strategies, programs and projects to improve the overall regional economy.

There were four (4) meetings held for this purpose. One in October, one in November, one in December, and one in January. A draft will be prepared for the March 21, 2018 CEDS meeting for purposes of adding, deleting, or otherwise amending the document before finalizing it and sending it to the Economic Development administration by June 30, 2018.



**Clearfield Revitalization Corp.** – The CRC continues to hold annual events that promote originations and business in the designated keystone community area. Annual events include: Spring is Brewing, Bloom & Berry Bash, Clearfield A.R.T. Festival, Fall Festival, Pumpkin 5K, Car Show, Small Business Saturday, Holly Walk, Spirit Wine Tour, and Façade Grants. Our Office actively participated with these activities, as our Community Development Specialist serves on the board, and our Administrative Assistant volunteers for numerous events.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG):

#### CDBG non-entitlement:

**Curwensville Borough** - \$195,599.00 for Sewer Rehabilitation. The overarching goal of the Curwensville Sewer Authority sanitation sewer rehabilitation project is to reduce inflow and infiltration into the sewer collection system to reduce and ultimately eliminate sanitary sewer overflows that have occurred due to the antiquity of the collection systems. This project will benefit residents of the Borough, who are the customers of the Authority. Prior to that development Curwensville Municipal Authority (CMA) needs to rehabilitate sewer lines to help eliminate inflow and infiltration. The main sewer lines are clay and the manholes are made of bricks, CMA have conducted a phase rehabilitation of their sewage system including the lines. The State Street phase will be carried out with CDBG dollars and matched with Authority funds.

CMA is in the process of implementing it's DEP approved Act 537 plan which includes two main goals:

1. Upgrading its wastewater

treatment facility to achieve compliance with nutrient discharge requirements of the Pennsylvania Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy and replacement of aging and failing treatment equipment.

2. Rehabilitation of remaining portions of the sanitary sewer collection system made up of brick manholes and clay piping. Through past sanitary sewer conditions assessment programs, infiltration and inflow has been documented in these areas of the collection system.

The Authority has completed its wastewater treatment facility upgrade project. The sanitary sewer rehabilitation project was broken into three phases for implementation. The first phase has PennVest funding and will be completed in 2017. The State Street Sewer Rehabilitation project area is included in phase three. However, Curwensville Borough is undertaking a streetscape project along State Street (State Route 879). The project will take place on the major through fare through the Borough in the downtown business district. This is an important revitalization project to the Borough and its businesses.

#### CDBG OBO:

**Lawrence Township** - \$94,907.00 for street improvements in the Kerr Area, this is a multi - year project. The existing storm



drainage system in Kerr Area, specifically along Good Street and Bowman Hill Road are insufficient and unable to handle storm water runoff during wet weather and storm events. In some areas there is not a storm drainage system at all. The existing two streets are deteriorating and they continue to deteriorate more each year by uncontrolled storm runoff. Deteriorated berms and roadways cause unsafe conditions for pedestrians walking in the area since there are no sidewalks. Good Street is a school bus route and the safety of the children is also a concern. The Supervisors have prioritized the work and selected Good Street to be the first street improved. As future years of funding become available Bowman Hill Road will be addressed for improvement. Residents of these streets gain access to their homes from River Road.

Storm water improvements include replacement of insufficient existing drainage system components and installing new components where needed or where none currently exist. Paving improvements to include removal of

deteriorated roadway where needed, placement of road based materials, placement of base course and wearing course over roadway. Construction of drainage improvements, where necessary, shall channel runoff into the storm drainage system. A detailed Municipal Project Estimate was prepared by Shawn Agosti, PennDot Municipal Service Specialist for Clearfield County. The residents of Good Street and Bowman Hill Road are the primary beneficiaries of this project. These residents access the streets from River Road.



**Clearfield Borough** - \$81,988.00 for flood protection/storm sewer and street improvements in C.T. 3311 B.G 02 (East End) of the Borough. Project includes relocations of utilities as described in the DEP Stinky Run Flood Improvement Plans, as well as storm water and street improvements.

Phase I - Clearfield Borough engineers will work with DEP engineers to identify the necessary removal and replacement of water and sewer lines in order to relocate them safely without detriment to the utilities or the area consumers. These plans will be reviewed carefully with the staff of Clearfield Municipal Authority to assure that water and sewer actuals are being considered and to determine the best possible locations for placement of the new line. The department of DGS is responsible for developing the easements for the project however the Borough is responsible to enact them. Clearfield Borough will follow all URA regulations related to the easements both temporary and permanent.

Phase II The Borough Manager and Street Crew will work with their engineering firm to assure that the plan for implementing new storm sewers and necessary street repair is completed throughout the identified project area in the most efficient and effective manner. This includes replacement and/or construction of culverts, pipes, cement basins and pavement.

## HOUSING

### Clearfield County Affordable Housing Fund

The County solicited applications for affordable housing activities to be funded by the County's Affordable Housing Fund. Projects which increase the availability of quality affordable housing either through sales or rental to any county resident whose annual income is less than the median income of the County were considered.

Eligible projects include owner occupied rehabilitation, rental rehabilitation first time home buyers programs, housing counseling programs, emergency repair programs, elderly, special needs and disabled housing, veterans housing, new home construction, land banks, transitional housing, homeless shelters, community stabilization programs, foreclosure prevention, emergency, rental assistance, and bridge loans for rental housing development. A total of six (6) applications were received by the County's Office of Planning and Community Development based on the program guidelines. The request for funds totaled \$90,000, which was more than the awarded funding available, therefore not all projects were funded or fully funded. From 2012 to 2017 the County has awarded \$341,570 in Affordable Housing Trust Funds.

The projects funded for 2017 were:

- Clover Development Corporation/Northern Cambria Community Development Corporation for the construction of 30 new elderly housing units \$15,000.00 for 5 years.
- Mature Resources Foundation (Area Agency on Aging) for non-traditional elderly housing \$15,000 (Elder Cottages).
- Clearfield County Housing Authority for

2017 Clearfield County Affordable Housing Fund	
Entity	Amount Awarded
Clover Development Corporation/Northern Cambria Community Development Corp.	\$15,000.00 Per year for 5 years
Mature Resources Foundation	\$15,000
Clearfield County Housing Authority	\$7,500
Clearfield-Jefferson Drug and Alcohol Commission	\$7,500
Community Connections	\$7,500

the Rental Repair Program \$7,500.

- Clearfield-Jefferson Drug & Alcohol Commission for the program to Prevent Re-incarceration \$7,500.
- Community Connections for Permanent Housing for Chronic Homeless \$7,500.

**2017 PHARE Application**-The County submitted an application for PHARE funds to support Leonard Street Gardens, a 30 unit affordable Senior Housing project. Northern Cambria Community Development Corporation (NCCDC), an IRS 501© (3) corporation and DCED designated-CHDO, will be submitting for the fifth time to the PA Housing Finance Agency for tax credits to develop Leonard Street Gardens (The Gardens) in Lawrence Township. The Gardens will be located within the Leonard Street Professional Office Park. Leonard Street Gardens will include 30 newly constructed affordable units, all of which will target seniors age 62 and older. The development will consist of 24 one-bedroom and 6 two-bedroom with four fully accessible units and one equipped for the hearing-visually

impaired. Two of the accessible units will have rents affordable to households at or below 20% area median income (AMI), fourteen units will be affordable to households at or below 50% AMI and fourteen units will be affordable to households at or below 60% AMI.

**Clearfield County Housing Taskforce** – Clearfield County Housing Task Force worked with the PA Department of Human Services (DHS) with the development and implementation of Housing goals as an outcome of the DHS Housing Strategy Report, identifying new goals. The Community Development Specialist served as a member of the housing promising practices group for PACHSA, this group was formed to help DHS. The primary goal of this work is to house the most difficult, or chronic homeless across the Commonwealth. The work all related directly to the PA West Continuum of Care, Housing Assistance Program, North West Regional Homeless Advisory Board, and the Emergency Solutions Grant programs administered in our office.

## ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY, AND UNCONVENTIONAL GAS DEVELOPMENT

### PA Waste LLC's Landfill Permit Application

In 2017, PA Waste resubmitted a brand new application for a previously applied for municipal solid waste landfill permit. The County Commissioners sent a letter regarding PA Waste LLC's landfill permit application asking for the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) disapproval. The argument being, issuing a permit would materially interfere with implementation of the County's Municipal Waste Plan and fails to provide any reasonable criteria for site suitability. The Planning Commission took action in the form of a formal letter in agreement with commissioners, which was sent to DEP regarding the permit submission.

### MARCELLUS SHALE OIL AND GAS

**ACTIVITY**-Once again, a slow year for Unconventional oil and gas activity with no new wells being drilled for the year. The production of the existing wells totaled 10,156,178.64 Mcf.

The adjacent table shows the companies and the quantity of gas produced per company within Clearfield County.

**WATER WITHDRAWALS**  
-Throughout 2017, our office received fourteen water withdrawal permits. Even though no new Unconventional oil and gas wells were drilled, companies are still securing water withdrawal permits for natural gas development and drilling activities; 7,000,000.999 gallons per day of proposed water withdrawal from approved sources. Which can be viewed at [www.srbc.com](http://www.srbc.com).

## 2017 MARCELLUS SHALE OIL AND GAS ACTIVITY

COMPANY	2017 PRODUCED QUANTITY (Mcf) as of Nov '17
Alliance Petroleum	24,279.3
Campbell Oil & Gas, Inc.	783,381
Energy Corporation of America	696,653
EOG Resources Inc.	2,127,903.99
EQT Production Co.	1,690,971
LPR Energy LLC.	1,353,557
Seneca Resources Corp.	3,099,842.66
XPR Resources	379,590.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,156,178.64</b>

## GRANTS, OUTREACH, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

**GRANTS**-Throughout 2017, the Community Development Specialist continued to assist municipalities, county non-profit groups, and county level agencies with grant writing services. The following is a summary of those services provided:

- Clearfield League on Social Services (Safe Haven Program)-submitted a grant in the amount of \$540,720 to the US Department of Justice for the Justice For Families Program. This grant was denied.
- Criminal Justice Advisory Board-submitted a grant in the amount of \$38,000 to the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency. This grant will assist all 7 police departments in the County with real time records management at the 911 center. This grant was awarded.
- Susquehanna River Arts Center of Clearfield-submitted a grant in the amount of \$49,000 with \$10,000 of that being grant funds. The purpose is to create a bronze sculpture of a lumberman for the River walk. The project includes public engagement to encourage appreciation of the arts. This grant is pending.
- Bullet Proof Vest-submitted a grant in the amount of \$69,000 to the Department of Justice. This funding will reimburse 50% of the costs for the Bullet Proof Vests for the Sheriff's Department. This grant is pending.
- Human Services Development-submitted a grant Human Services in Clearfield County in the amount of \$82,203 and Housing Assistance in the amount of \$57,920. This grant was awarded.
- Clearfield Volunteer Fire Department-submitted a grant in the amount of \$14,850 to the PA Office of State Fire Commissioner. This grant will assist the fire department with gas detection equipment. This grant is pending.
- Emergency Solutions Grant-submitted a grant in the amount of \$232,412 to DCED. This funding will assist homeless and near homeless residents of the County and assist Haven House Shelter with essential management and operation costs.

**ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)** –The ESG program provides funding to: (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (3) help operate these shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents, (5) rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families, and (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

Our office continues to provide training and technical assistance to CenClear, who provides the services of the program.

### Human Service Planning & Block Grant

**HSBG** – The County's Human Services Plan is a state approved plan for the delivery of human services, such as:

- Mental Health Community Based Services
- Behavioral Health Services Initiative
- Intellectual Disabilities Community Based Services
- Child Welfare (CYS)
- Act 152 Drug and Alcohol Services (D & A)
- Homeless Assistance Program
- Human Services Development

After careful review and discussion it was determined that they County will remain a non-block grant County until the Commonwealth established successful measures for Joinders. The Commonwealth issued Non-Block Grant directives and the County's plan was developed.

### Appalachia Region Commission & Keystone Communities Grant (*Coalport Flood Project*)

– After discussion with DCED officials, an extension was submitted for the Keystone Grant, allowing our office, Coalport Borough, and the Department of Environmental Protection to complete the sponsorship requirements of moving utilities and buyouts.

### Clearfield County Safe Haven Program –

The Community Development Specialist continues to administer the Safe Haven Grant with the Clearfield County League on Social Services providing the services. Monthly advisory meetings are held with the members of the advisory board. The County received approval for the Department of Justice OVW to continue the program with existing funding until September 30, 2017. Since opening the Safe Haven Program the

program has child exchange of custody every weekend and provided a safe supervised child visitation program weekly assisting approximately 154 both adult and child victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, child abuse, or stalking.



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