

Clearfield County Planning Commission 2019 Annual Report



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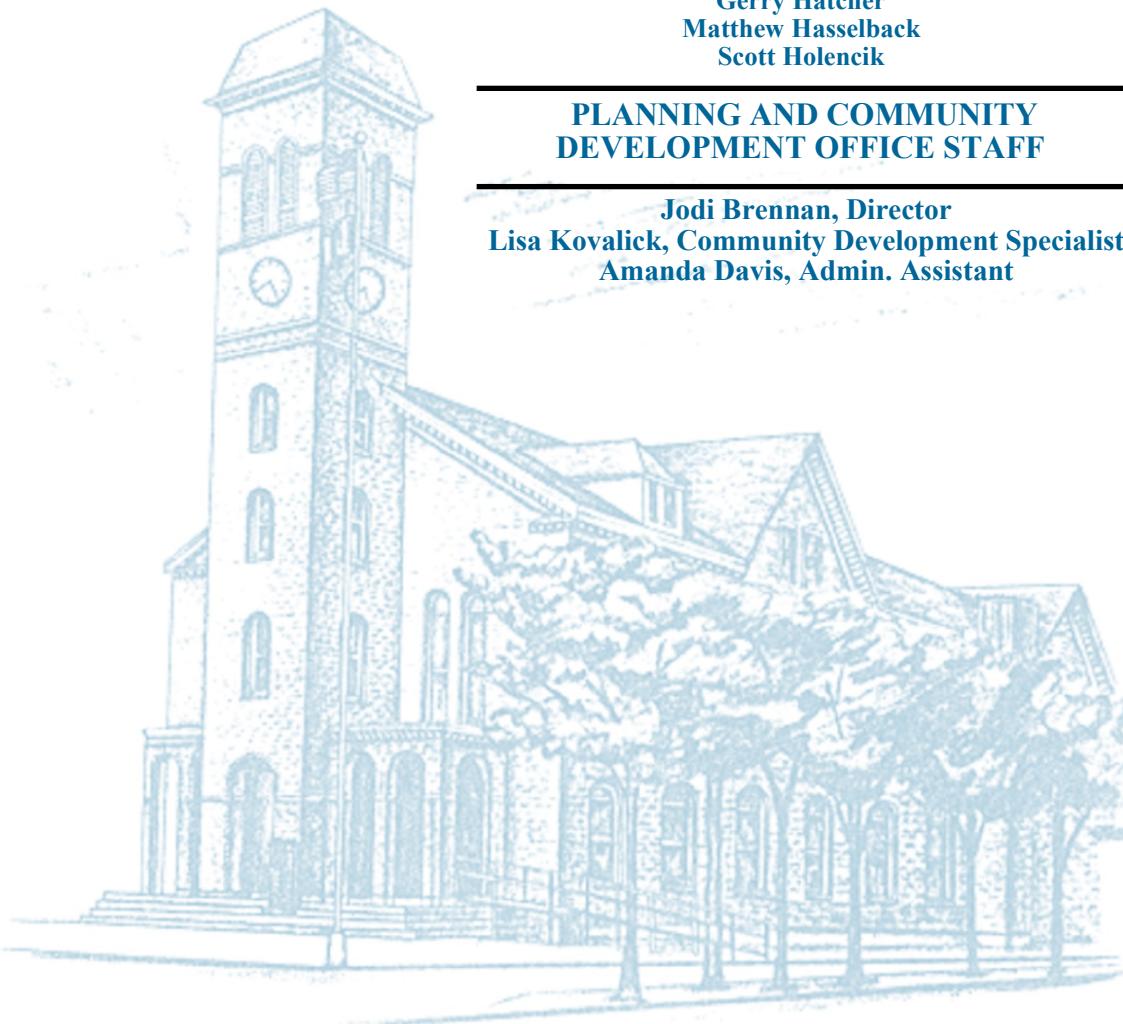
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Mission Statement:

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

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

TRANSPORTATION

Regional Freight and Mobility Plan

The North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission launched the development of a regional freight and mobility plan for the six-county planning region that includes Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, and Potter Counties. The plan's intent is to serve as a blueprint for the region's decision-making on planning for freight-related transportation infrastructure and will include a long-term spending plan for addressing those needs over the next 25 years. The freight plan is an outgrowth of the Commission's 2045 long range transportation plan, which outlines specific priorities to help the region proactively plan for its future.



A major area of emphasis for the freight plan will include an investigation into how the region should address the decline of coal as an industry. As the total number of coal-fired plants continues to dwindle, the consumption of coal is expected to further decline.

Commission staff is leading the update of the regional freight plan, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). Technical assistance is being provided by Michael Baker International in Harrisburg, PA. It is being guided by a technical advisory committee consisting of representatives from transportation agencies, freight haulers such as the Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, and major freight shippers such as Domtar and International Waxes, among others.

In addition to the online survey, the Commission plans to host a regional freight summit next spring at a venue where planners and economic development officials can learn more about goods movement issues within the North Central region and how the plan can be responsive to the region's freight transportation needs. The summit will help drive the final plan recommendations and advance future transportation projects aimed at improving the safety and efficiency of goods movement.

Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE)

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Penn DOT) will distribute \$13.1 million in Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) funding to fund 41 safety improvement projects in 34 municipalities statewide; two of which were located in Clearfield County.

- **Curwensville Borough** – \$247,277 for traffic signal upgrades at the intersections of Filbert St & State St (Route 879) and State St. (Route 879) & River St. & Bloomington Ave. including LED signal heads, pedestrian improvements and timing adjustments.
- **City of DuBois** – \$264,528 to modify existing intersection geometry of East DuBois Ave (SR 0255) and Division St. to allow for safe and efficient vehicular turning movements within the intersection.

Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)

Act 89 established a dedicated Multimodal Transportation Fund that stabilizes funding for ports and rail freight, increases aviation investments, establishes dedicated funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and allows targeted funding for priority investments in any mode. There are 2 multimodal pots ones through DCED and one through Penn DOT.

In 2019, our office provided support letters for over 25 projects submitted from local county municipal officials. Following is a listing of those projects awarded funding within Clearfield County in 2019.

- **Ferguson Township** -Road Rehabilitation \$152,600
- **Brady Township**—Haag Road Bridge \$330,775
- **Huston Township**—Mountain Run Road \$450,000
- **Penn Township**—Bell Run Bridge improvements \$272,672

2019 Act 13 County At Risk Bridge Dollars

Act 13 of 2012 establishes a Marcellus Legacy Fund that allocates a portion of the Marcellus Shale Impact Fee to the Highway Bridge Improvement Restricted Account in the Motor License Fund. These funds are

distributed to counties (proportionately based on population) and are to be used to fund the replacement or repair of locally owned (county; municipal), at-risk, deteriorated bridges.

In 2019, Clearfield County funded the following local municipal projects.

- **Penn Township** - TR 463 Workers Road Bridge over Bell Run \$ 73,609.20



(Union Township Laborde Branch Bridge)

- **Union Township** - TR 899 over Laborde Branch \$ 50,000.00

Since 2016, Clearfield County has awarded a total of \$802,481 in County At Risk Bridge dollars that supported 11 local municipal bridge projects.

Access to Transportation Pilot

Transportation is a major barrier for the residents living in this region. Trips to a medical provider, travel to a supermarket for basic staples, and even transportation to maintain meaningful employment can be challenging and sometimes impossible.

North Central Regional Planning secured a federal grant and has been working with Penn Highlands Healthcare to develop a RFP process to secure an innovative partnership with a transportation provider/coordinator.

Our Planning Director was invited and participated in a small workgroup which reviewed, scored and ultimately selected a partner to develop this pilot transportation program. A vendor was selected and are under contract negotiations with that firm to determine when to start.

That will probably take place after January 1, 2020. Then there will be a six-month pilot study to look at finding ways or helping to identify what the true access to transportation gaps are, if any.

RECREATION, TOURISM, and CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

RECREATION:

Community Parks and Recreation Grants- DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation builds connections between citizens and the outdoors by providing funding and technical assistance support for local recreation and park improvement projects through its Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants.

In 2019, there were two regional projects funded by the state, listed below, that would positively impact Clearfield County.

- **North Central PA Regional Planning and Development Council Commission** - \$140,000 to coordinate and fund the 2020 North Central PA Greenways Plan mini-grant program
- **PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship, Inc.** - \$290,000 to coordinate and fund activities of the PA Wilds Conservation Landscape including promotion of public recreation assets; expand public private partnerships w/ DCNR around state parks and develop and launch a PA Wilds curriculum field trip program for schools in the region.

TOURISM/CONSERVATION

2019 Champions of the Pennsylvania Wilds

Each year, the PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship, Inc. (PA Wilds Center) recognizes outstanding individuals, organizations, programs, communities and places that exemplify the great work being done across the region to develop nature tourism and the outdoor recreation economy in a way that creates jobs, diversifies local economies, inspires stewardship and improves quality of life.

These awards are given out at the annual PA Wilds Annual Dinner & Awards which is an annual networking opportunity in the Pennsylvania Wilds.

This year's dinner was held Thursday, November 7 at the DuBois Country Club, Clearfield County.

Great Places Award Winner: The Depot at Doolittle's – DuBois, Clearfield County

The Depot at Doolittle's, developed by Dr. Jeff Rice, has received the Great Places Award due to the innovative asset development and promotion that have worked together to create a unique tourism destination within the Pennsylvania Wilds

Conservation Stewardship (Individual)

Award Winner: Patrick Domico – Clearfield County Patrick Domico received the Individual Conservation Stewardship Award for his efforts to develop and sustain the Squirrel Tails for Trout organization. Domico developed the non-profit years ago to improve recreation opportunities and fish stocking so that the local community and visitors can enjoy fishing in the PA Wilds.

Annual Conservation Landscapes

Gathering -Throughout Pennsylvania, eight large regions are working together to drive strategic investment and actions around sustainability, conservation, community revitalization, and recreational projects; known as conservation landscapes.

On November 22 the Director participated on a panel regarding the PA Wilds Planning Team's history, composition, and accomplishments at the 2019 annual gathering of state landscape conservation areas. Over 30 people from across Pennsylvania, including leaders from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Conservation Landscape program, and key partners, attended to share success stories.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACTIVITIES

Penn State's North Central PA Launchbox - On Oct. 9, Clearfield County, on behalf of the North Central PA (NCPA) LaunchBox and Penn State DuBois, was awarded \$725,850 by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to develop and strengthen the region's

The NCPA LaunchBox will be located in downtown DuBois and will host resource partners such as Clarion University Small Business Development Center, Northwest Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center and Ben Franklin Technology Partners. Through Invent Penn State and the LaunchBox program, start-up businesses can receive expert legal, intellectual property and business advice at no cost.

One major focus of the program will be in the field of metal manufacturing. Penn State DuBois strives to be the leader in innovation and collaboration when it comes to developing service for the local manufacturing industry. The three main services available in our Innovation Collaborative will be a Makerspace, Research and Development Services and a Technical Training Center. These three services will help uphold the long local tradition of our region's ability to practice excellent production routines, solve problems and develop a highly skilled workforce to support the local, national and global economy.



entrepreneurial ecosystem by attracting talented entrepreneurs and innovators, support manufacturing competitiveness with technical training opportunities, advance industry innovation through research and development initiatives, and serve as the convener to facilitate partnerships with and between business, education, industry and economic and community development stakeholders.

Technical Training Center

The North Central PA LaunchBox and Penn State DuBois offer customized corporate training programs developed and facilitated by subject matter experts who are highly credentialed in their fields. Courses include:

- Blueprint Reading
- Die Setter Training Program
- Fracture and Failure Analysis
- Geometric Dimensioning & Tolerancing (GD&T)
- Supervision Essentials Series

Co-working Space

A no-cost co-working space is open to the public: Mon-Fri from 8:30 am -5:00 pm. Whether a startup company or an established business, North Central PA LaunchBox provides access to a co-working space, located in DuBois, to allow for collaboration and the advancement of ideas and initiatives.

S.A.L.D.O. ADMINISTRATION

CLEARFIELD COUNTY'S SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (S.A.L.D.O.)

County SALDO Update

In just the past few years we have seen several new Dollar Stores come on line and several more in the planning stages. Some stores are welcomed for their added convenience and creation of local employment opportunities while others are causing friction in terms of land use conflict.

As many rural parts of the county lack zoning regulation there are no provisions stopping a retail store being placed in a predominately residential area. Neighbors used to living in a quiet neighborhood are now concerned about the added nuisances of living next to a commercial store. Traffic, noise & light pollution, physical & visual barriers, and additional storm water run-off are all issues in need of being addressed.

While Subdivision and Land Development regulation cannot control land use it can be relied upon to some limited degree to address some of the issues described earlier in terms of setting design standards. However, as these new stores and conflicts pop up at the county level, we have become aware of the need to update provisions of the County Subdivision and Land Development, which is close to 25 years old, to provide some resolution to these conflicts.

As such, the Planning Commission requested of the County Commissioners that they hire the same professional consultant, who is working with the PA Wilds Planning Team on similar work for the region. The idea being to have the consultant review our county ordinance conducting an audit noting all the outdated design standard provisions and recommending the most current industry design standards, complementing the work the consultant is already doing through the PA Wilds Planning Team initiative.

The Commissioners agreed and the County Planning Director began working with the consultant with delivery of the final product anticipated early 2020.

Annual Subdivision & Land Development Summary

Clearfield County currently has jurisdiction over 30 of our 50 municipalities. In 2019, the Planning Commission reviewed forty four plans for compliance with the County's Ordinance. Of those, only two were land development plans while the remaining forty two were subdivision plans.

The following chart outlines the activity that occurred in administering the County's Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance in 2019. The following municipalities did not have any activity for the year: Chester Hill Borough, Coalport Borough,

Glen Hope Borough, Grampian Borough, Irvona Borough, Jordan Township, Mahaffey Borough, Newburg Borough New Washington Borough, Osceola Mills Borough, Ramey Borough, Troutville Borough, and Wallacetown Borough.

2019 County's S.A.L.D.O. Activity				
Municipality	# of Subdivisions	# of Land Development	# New Lots Created	# Proposed Buildings
Beccaria Township	2	0	2	2
Bell Township	2	0	2	0
Bigler Township	3	1	1	2
Bloom Township	1	0	1	0
Brady Township	3	0	3	1
Brisbin Borough	1	0	25	0
Burnside Borough	1	0	0	0
Burnside Township	5	0	11	1
Chest Township	2	0	2	0
Ferguson Township	5	0	5	1
Greenwood Township	2	0	2	0
Gulich Township	1	0	0	0
Houtzdale Borough	0	1	0	1
Huston Township	3	0	3	3
Knox Township	1	0	0	0
Pike Township	9	0	12	1
Westover Borough	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	42	2	70	12

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

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

The adjacent table reflects the activity. The following municipalities did not have any S.A.L.D.O. activities: Covington Township, Curwensville Borough, and Falls Creek Borough.

The bottom adjacent table reflects some notable land development activities that occurred within the County during 2019.

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 - 23

Act 67 & 68 Reviews - 14

Act 537 Reviews - 2

Air Quality - 6

Blasting Notices - 1

Bond Releases - 10

Correspondence - 2334

Environmental Assessments/Reviews—2

General Projects/Assessment Reviews/
Permits - 28

Land Use Changes - 4

NPDES - 11

Public Utility Commission - 4

Sewage Component Reviews/Planning
Modules - 46

Support Letters - 42

Surface/Underground Mining—19

Water Withdrawals - 14

Act 247-Municipalities with their own S.A.L.D.O. 2018				
Municipality	# Subdivisions	# Land Development	#Lots Created	#Proposed Buildings
Boggs Township	5	0	4	0
Bradford Township	8	0	10	0
Clearfield Borough	0	1	0	1
Cooper Township	4	0	5	2
Decatur Township	3	0	2	0
City of DuBois	4	1	1	2
Girard Township	3	0	6	5
Goshen Township	1	0	1	0
Graham Township	4	0	1	1
Karthaus Township	1	0	0	0
Lawrence Township	10	3	6	6
Morris Township	10	2	11	7
Penn Township	4	0	5	1
Pine Township	1	0	2	0
Sandy Township	17	2	7	5
Union Township	2	0	6	2
Woodward Township	1	0	0	0
Total	78	9	67	32

2019 Land Developments	
Bigler Township	Madera DDP, LLC (Dollar General)
Clearfield Borough	Clearly Ahead Rivers Landing
City of DuBois	Penn Highlands DuBois East Campus Behavioral Health Hospital /JLP Investments, LLC
Houtzdale Borough	Houtzdale Snappy's
Lawrence Township	Simon CRE Fireside II LLC (O-Reilly Auto Parts) / Clearfield (322) DPP, LLC (Dollar General)
Morris Township	Nittany Minit Mart / Dollar General Retail Store for GBT Realty Corp.
Sandy Township	DuBois Area School District Wasson Elementary School Addition

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Let's Talk Community Vitality— On April 11, 2019 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Penfield at the Community Center in S.B. Elliott State Park the Clearfield County Planning & Community Development Office along with the Elk County Planning Department invited local municipal officials to join them, as guests from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development gave a presentation on addressing methods and means, of reducing blight to re-energizing our neighborhoods.



This seminar was designed to help answer those questions related to this topic, by providing an overview of tools, old and new, for addressing blight proactively, and sharing.

DCED Speakers included Andrew Sheaf a Local Government Policy Manager in the Governor's Center for Local Government Services at DCED. In his role, he oversees the Act 47 program for distressed municipalities and the Early Intervention Program. He also helps to provide municipalities and local government officials with access technical assistance, funding support and related resources.

Accompanying Mr. Sheaf was Jessica Trimble a Local Government Policy Specialist in DCED's Center for Local Government Services. In this capacity, Jessica participates in statewide Planning and GIS initiatives and provides technical assistance to local governments on the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). Her professional background also includes experience in Community Development Block Grants, federal affordable housing programs, and various state programs.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG):

Clearfield County non-entitlement: 2019 CDBG funding \$216,747 Phase I Project Est. \$266,566

Huston Township Water Line Replacement & Meter Installation -Huston Township Municipal

Authority (Authority) is currently under a consent order from the Department of Environmental Protection.

The Authority purchases water in bulk from neighboring Jay Township Municipal Authority. The Authority is distributing water to 300 residents in Huston Township with poor and deteriorated water lines. Testing and meter reads performed tell us that quarterly in 2018 the Authority lost anywhere from 52% – 63% of the water they are purchasing for customers of the system.

The consent mandates that the Authority replace main water lines over the next three years. This project is broad and will be phased in. With limited funding the Authority is seeking CDBG and H2O funding. At least four separate meter pits with main line water meters will be installed along SR 255 to help identify loss of water. In addition, main water line replacement will be carried out along SR 153. Lastly, the Authority will require all new customers install meter pits at the property line instead of inside the dwelling. This step will aid in the determination of water leaks.

OBO Clearfield Borough – 2019 CDBG funding \$92,304 Project Cost Est. \$222,150

Clearfield Borough's West Side Area has an increase of flooding as direct effect from Orr's Run. The existing culvert is failing under Tyler Ave and Martin Streets. The malfunction is located at the top of West Side along Welch Ave and Olive Street. With climate change, comes much heavier rainfalls, thus the Borough has flooding occurring from the top down to Park Street and onto Williams Street. With the replacement of the culvert and restoration of the streets, they are providing safety from flooding of homes and public safety for those living in the area.

This project entails culvert improvements include substantial restoration of the footer, underpinning, wall, floor and lid at Tyler Ave. After restoring the culvert, milling and asphalt on Tyler Ave will take place.

The flooding on Martin Street has worsened at the intersection of the Martin and Turnpike Ave. Substantial floodwaters have lifted the sidewalk and manhole cover. Here excavation to grade adjustments will be done, then replace the sidewalks and roadway disturbed.

OBO Lawrence Township – 2019 CDBG Funding \$104,405 Project cost est. \$257,985

Lawrence Township is directing their 2019 CDBG allocation to address storm water drainage systems in the Kerr area. Storm water runoff from Palmer and Paton Streets and Kerr

Ave., flood yards, basements and roadways. Threatening the health and safety of residents in the Kerr area and travelers of River Road. The project will consist of construction of storm sewer drainage and road re-construction.

CDBG Training - On January 24, together with Centre County Planning & Community Office and Elk County Planning Department we offered a CDBG refresher course for grantees, contractors and engineers.

With new and updated regulations, reporting and monitoring requirements from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, all three CDBG coordinators, Matt Milliron, Tracy Gerber and Lisa Kovalick, provided an informative and interactive session. The session was a full day addressing the history of CDBG, eligibility and fundability, environmental reviews, bidding specifications to awarding a contract, compliance of all labor standards, what to expect prior to construction as well as during construction.

This event helped to open communications and provide a clear understanding for engineering firms working with CDBG funding. In the end, engineers were thanking all three coordinators for shedding light on the new materials and requirements associated with CDBG projects.



Under Construction—2019 proved to be the year of Community Development Block Grant construction for our Office. In Curwensville Borough, storm water and street improvements along Anderson and Bradley Streets got underway in April. While across town, new main sewer lines and manholes were constructed for Curwensville Municipal Authority's retrofit project.

In the southern part of the County, Mahaffey Borough purchased the old Mahaffey School, our office managed the project demolition of the blighted structure in August.

To the north, Brady Township completed their main sewer lines, and sewage system plant. With that we completed intakes for low and moderate income families to provide CDBG financial assistance for sewer lateral connections to their homes.

HOUSING /BROADBAND

AFFORDABLE HOUSING / BLIGHT PREVENTION

In 2019, the Pennsylvania Housing and Finance Agency (PHFA) awarded Clearfield County a \$60,000 grant to rehabilitate an abandoned county owned property located on Daisy Street Extension for the purpose of creating two affordable rental housing units.

One of the priority housing needs identified in the County's 2012 Housing Needs & Market Assessment is the creation of safe, decent, and affordable rental housing. Data from the plan specifically shows a shortage in affordable and available rental units for very low & extremely low-income renters in the 0-30% AMI range and 0-50% AMI range. Another related housing issue in the plan, is the large number of residential structures that are currently at risk or blighted and abandoned. With rehabilitation these housing units can easily be turned into much needed affordable rental units, improving both the County's rental housing stock and prevent blight.

Based on the above described needs, we have been awarded PHFA funding that would fund a project specifically designed to address the creation of new affordable rental housing through rehabilitation abandoned at risk property located at on Daisy Street Extension.

Clearfield County can assure that this property will be maintained as affordable housing rental units to income qualifying households. In serving low-income families at the very least one of the two units will target those below

50% of the median area income, no tenants with an income of 200% AMI.

Through this Rental Housing Rehabilitation project the two measurable goals will result (1) restoring existing housing stock, and (2) the creation of new safe, decent, and affordable rental units, while assuring newly created rental units are maintained and sustained for years to come.

BROADBAND

The FCC defines broadband connectivity as 25 megabits download speed and 3 megabits upload speed. Pennsylvania's median speeds across most areas of the state do not meet the FCC's criteria to qualify as a broadband connection.

In today's world, high speed internet is a must if we want our communities to thrive and grow. On that front, in 2019 the North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission (North Central) was a recipient of an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant in the amount of \$99,500 to conduct a regional broadband vertical asset inventory (including Clearfield County), along with other speed tests.

Over the next two years, North Central will coordinate with economic development partners, school districts and other agencies to help support broadband planning in areas where service gaps remain.

According to Ed Matts, Director of Information Systems for North Central. "Broadband investments help strengthen our communities

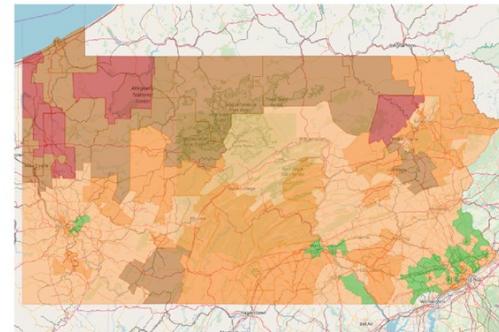
that have long suffered disproportionate economic distress and job loss, and many are now rebuilding to become more competitive in the global economy".

Slow Access to the Internet in Pennsylvania

Few areas of Pennsylvania have internet download speeds that meet or exceed the FCC's definition of broadband, according to the Pennsylvania Broadband Mapping Initiative, whose map is shown below. [Click here](#) to test your connection speed or find the typical speed where you live.

Median download speeds in Pennsylvania, in megabits per second

■ 0-3 ■ 3-5 ■ 5-10 ■ 10-25 ■ 25+ (FCC minimum for broadband download speed)



SOURCE: MeasurementLab.net

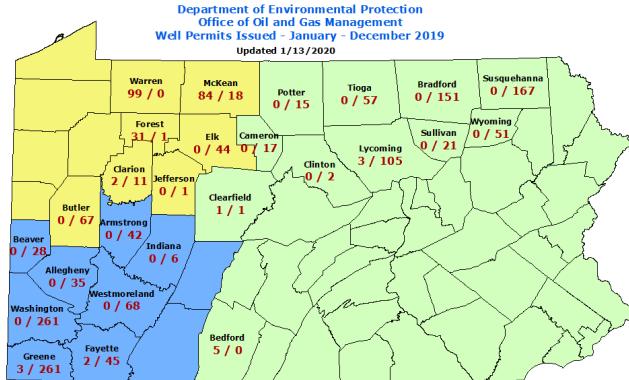
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ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY, AND UNCONVENTIONAL GAS DEVELOPMENT

MARCELLUS SHALE OIL AND GAS

ACTIVITY-For 2019, there was 1 conventional gas permit issued and 1 unconventional gas permit issued. The production of the existing unconventional gas wells totaled 356,034,794 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) for Jan.-Oct. 2019. November and December totals were not available at the time of this publication.

the permit modification request and a Public Hearing was held on 8/27/2019. On September 3, 2019, the permittee withdrew the request for modification of the Windfall Oil and Gas, Inc. permit. The current permit remains in effect until July 30, 2020.



WATER WITHDRAWALS-Throughout 2019, our office received thirteen (13) water withdrawal permits. While there was just one new unconventional oil and gas well drilled, companies are still securing water withdrawal permits for natural gas development and drilling activities in the amount of 30,797,000 million gallons per day.

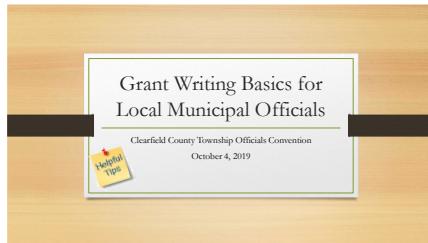
WASTE DISPOSAL—Windfall Oil and Gas UIC Permit Modification request was made to EPA to extend the permit another 5 years. This permit is for a waste disposal well in Brady Township. EPA solicited comments regarding

GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

GRANTS

County Grant Writing Workshop-

The Clearfield County Township Municipal Officials requested of our office a grant writing presentation at their October Township Officials Convention.



Both the Planning Director and Community Development Specialist prepared and presented an afternoon grant writing workshop for the municipal officials on October 4th.

Topics covered included how to identify your community's needs, prioritizing projects, how to gather community & legislative support for your project, where to find grant opportunities, elements of a grant, sources to locate supporting data, and what funders are looking for in your application.

Grant Writing Assistance -

Decatur Township CDBG Competitive Grant

–In August, the County Commissioners approved to apply for a CDBG competitive application prepared by our Community Development Specialist obo Decatur Township in the amount of \$1 million for the New Liberty Sewer Project.

In November of 2015, a “sanitary survey” of 58 sites in the New Liberty area of Decatur Township was conducted. All sites evaluated were “on lot disposal systems”; twenty four (24) of the systems are wildcat systems discharging into streams and ditches; eleven (11) systems were found to be borehole/mine disposal systems; six (6) systems are malfunctioning; while the balance of nineteen (19) show characteristic of malfunction.

The sanitary sewer study shows that there is a rate of 70% failure rate of the sewer systems in the Village of New Liberty. This project will protect the health and welfare of the families living in this area, as well as the environment.

USDA Community Facilities - The Planning Director assisted Boggs Township with preparation of a USDA Communities Facilities grant application which was funded in December. Boggs Township will use a loan and a grant of \$50,000 each to purchase a dump truck. The purchase of the dump truck would allow the township to provide maintenance and repair the roads as their current fleet is reaching the end of its useful life.

Clearfield County Safe Haven Program - The Community Development Specialist continued in 2019 to assist the Clearfield County League on Social Services in preparation of a new Safe Haven Grant application that would sustain such services previously provided by the League.

The Safe Haven Program provides a safe environment for child exchange of custody every weekend and provides 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.

Kratzer Run Sewer Authority - In July, the Commissioners approved a modification in the amount of \$23,365 of the 2014 County CDBG funds to assist Kratzer Run Sewer Authority. Unused funds will be moved if approved by the state to assist Kratzer Run Sewer Authority with an immediate need for Sewer Improvements. This Modification will allow Kratzer Run Sewer Authority to make the capital purchase and installation of wet pumps. Over the last few months the aging (25 years plus) pumps have failed, and the Authority has found that parts for the pumps are not available.

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, JAG Under 10K Initiatives Funding - The Clearfield County 911 center announced that the radio systems would be changing from an analog system to digital in the coming months. The rural and economical nature of our County and its local municipalities are concerned with the additional costs and burden of purchasing new radios for their police departments. Our office assisted five municipal police departments (Clearfield and Curwensville Borough, The City of DuBois, along with Lawrence and Sandy Township) with a regional communications JAG grant to PCCD for new radios in the amount of \$49,998.

Bradford Township DCED Multi Model

Grant Request -Bradford Township requested our assistance to help with a DCED multi-model grant. The grant was submitted to widen Hoop Up Road and increase the line of sight at the intersections of Hoop up and Shiloh Roads. Trucks carry massive amounts of goods across the country via SR322 to I80 daily. The project proposed a safe alternate route from SR 322 and SR970 to Interstate 80.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Sandy Township Sewer Laterals– In July, the Board of Commissioners approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Sandy Township to assist with CDBG lateral applications. Sandy Township had performed a study on their sewer system, found many lateral failures, and will be utilizing their CDBG funds to reduce infiltration into their system by installing new laterals. Clearfield County Planning and Community Development Office (CCPCDO). CCPCDO staff will work directly with residents to obtain information pertaining to the completion of such applications.

2019-2020 Clearfield County Human Services Plan - Our Community Development Specialist worked with Susan Ford of Clearfield Jefferson Drug and Alcohol and Steven Jasper of Community Connections to implement the Human Services Development Plan which the county Commissioners adopted in August.

The plan provides the following: Mental Health Services will see 2,775 individuals served with funds of \$3,747,758 and a County match of \$141,100 ; Homeless Assistance will serve 95 individuals with funds of \$57,920; Intellectual Disabilities Services will service 221 individuals with funds in the amount of \$1,788,213 and \$50,188 County dollars; Substance Use Disorders will serve 165 individuals with funds in the amount of \$330,240 and \$25,000 from County Funds; Human Services Development Funds will serve 20 individuals with funds in the amount of \$15,800 to provide home delivered meals and information referral; also under the HSDF 10 individuals will be served with funds in the amount of \$11,103 for transportation and housing needs.

