

Clearfield County Planning Commission 2016 Annual Report

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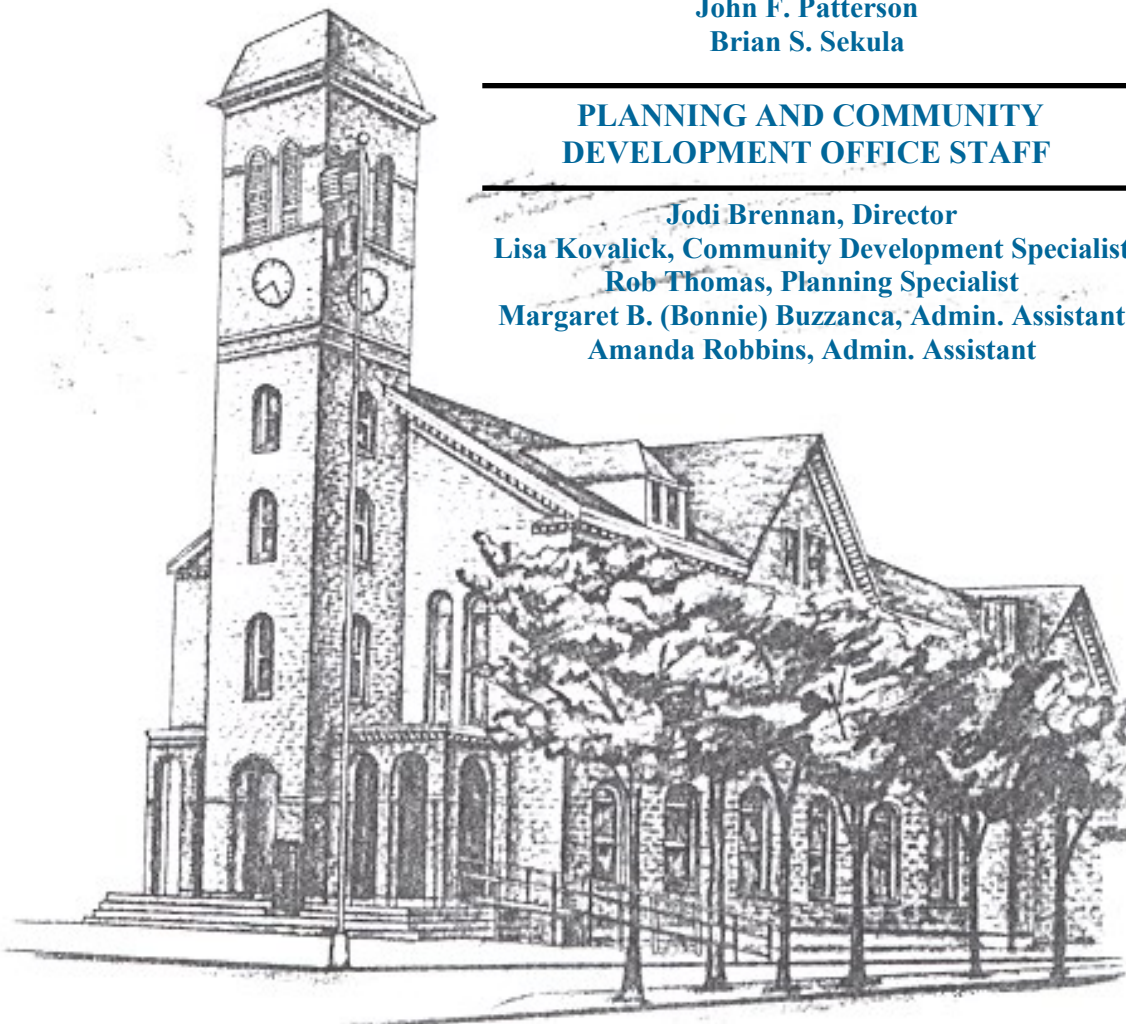
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Mission Statement:

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

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

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 got underway in 2016. The LRTP has a multi-modal focus and addresses roadways, public transportation, bicycle/pedestrian, freight, rail, and air facilities in Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, and Potter counties. The plan also looks at how transportation impacts land use and economic development throughout the region. The LRTP is updated every five years and is prepared by the North Central Rural Planning Organization (RPO) staffed by the North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission (NCPRPDC). The plan update will be complete in 2017 and will establish policy and plan recommendations to the year 2040.

DuBois Regional Airport -U.S. Rep. Glenn 'GT' Thompson recently announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded Southern Airways Express, LLC a contract to provide commercial air service flights from the DuBois Regional Airport to Pittsburgh International Airport and Baltimore/Washington International-Thurgood Marshall Airport. The service is offered under the DOT's Essential Air Service Program. "The approach of offering a variety of flights to both Pittsburgh and Baltimore will provide a great opportunity for business and recreational travel to and from the area," added Thompson. The U.S. Department of Transportation's contract with Southern will run for a two-year period, from Oct. 1, 2016, through Oct. 31, 2018.

FFY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)-The North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning &

Development Commission and the Rural Transportation Planning Committee prepared and distributed copies of the Draft FFY 2017-2020 TIP for public review and comment. A public meeting was held on June 8, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the NCPRPDC office building, Ridgway, PA to receive public comment. The Rural Transportation Planning Committee officially approved the TIP at a public meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2016.

Planning and Engineering 360- In June, PennDOT's Secretary announced the Department's new initiative called Planning and Engineering 360. The intent of this is to look at the total project, or problem area, and trying to identify all the multi-modal issues that could be impacted by that project. Starting with the new TIP we just passed, we will be looking at every single new project and basically doing a field view of all those locations to look at it from the big picture.

ENERGY, AND UNCONVENTIONAL GAS DEVELOPMENT



MARCELLUS SHALE OIL AND GAS ACTIVITY-

Once again, a slow year for Marcellus Shale oil and gas activity with no new wells being drilled for the year. The production of the existing wells

totaled 10,354,544.79 Mcf. The adjacent table shows the companies and the quantity of gas produced per company within Clearfield County.

WATER WITHDRAWALS-Throughout 2016, our office received fourteen water withdrawal permits. Even though no new Marcellus Shale wells were drilled, companies are still securing water withdrawal permits for natural gas development and drilling activities; 16,100,000 gallons per day of proposed water withdrawal from approved sources. Which can be viewed at www.srbc.com.

| 2016 MARCELLUS SHALE OIL AND GAS ACTIVITY | |
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| COMPANY | 2016 PRODUCED QUANTITY (Mcf) as of Nov '16 |
| ENERGY CORPORATION OF AMERICA | 509,774 |
| CAMPBELL OIL & GAS INC | 739,511 |
| EOG RESOURCES INC | 5,979,372.3 |
| WPX ENERGY APPALACHIA LLC | 424,899.49 |
| ALLIANCE PETROLEUM CORPORATION | 7,394 |
| EXCO RESOURCES PA LLC | 14,733 |
| EQT PRODUCTION CO | 2,098,156 |
| LPR ENERGY LLC | 580,705 |
| TOTAL | 10,354,544.79 |

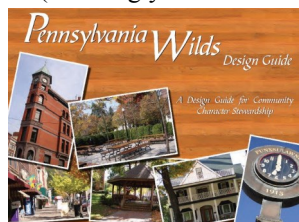
RECREATION, SOURCE WATER PROTECTION, GREENWAYS & TOURISM PLANNING

RECREATION:

Curwensville Streetscape and Riverfront Gateway Park Planning - Curwensville Area Revitalization Entities (CARE), a committee of the Curwensville Regional Development Corp., hosted a series of public hearings in 2016 to gather public input on the proposed Streetscape and Riverfront Gateway park projects in Curwensville. Following the public hearings the Curwensville Regional Development Corp. (CRDC) awarded bids for the engineering portion of both the Streetscape and Riverfront Gateway Park projects. CDRA is now pursuing funding for the engineering component of these projects included an application to the Appalachia Regional Commission (ARC).

PA Wilds Regional Façade Grant Pilot Program - The PA Wilds Planning Team Design Assistance Committee spent the last two years developing the framework for a PA Wilds Regional Façade Grant pilot program. The PWPT's fiscal agent, PA Wilds Center, has worked with the DA Committee over the last year to push this pilot forward to state partners for potential funding. This spring, DCED encouraged us to submit an application, through Route 6 Alliance as the applicant, for funding for this pilot, with Route 6 as the main focus area. DCNR supported this approach. As currently drafted, the grant, if awarded, would make an estimated \$160,000 in façade grants available in the four Route 6 counties – Tioga, Potter, McKean and Warren. If the program is successful, chances are good we could repeat it in future years in other sub-landscapes of the Wilds.

PA Wilds Design Guide Update- The PA Wilds Planning Team Design Assistance Committee spent 2016 working on drafting two new chapters for the PA Wilds Design Guide for Community Character Stewardship. A new Chapter 7: A Decade of Success (2007-2016) showcases several examples of completed projects in the PA Wilds who (knowingly or unknowingly) applied the



principles advocated in the Design Guide. The second is Chapter 6 on Trails and Context Sensitive Transportation Design.

PA Wilds Design Guide Promotional Video- The PA Wilds Planning Team Design Assistance Committee also spent 2016 working on development of a complimentary promotional video to support the community character stewardship by following the guidelines outlined in the PA Wilds Design Guide. Completion of the video is anticipated early 2017.

PA Wilds Fall 2016 Trails Forum - The PA Wilds Planning Team Transportation Committee sponsored a Trails Forum in October held in Clarion County. The theme of the event was two-fold. "The first was to introduce attendees to the rapidly emerging Bike PA route network and discuss the benefits of connecting to it and the second was to discuss how, once connected, do our communities ensure that they are welcoming and bike-and-hike friendly, which will encourage return visits and word of mouth promotion. The event included guest speakers, lunch and networking opportunities.

Growing Greener Grant Awards - Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf has announced the selection of 114 projects to receive \$25,143,294 in funding from Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the protection of Pennsylvania's water resources. The selected projects enhance watersheds, mitigate acid mine drainage, and support water pollution cleanup programs. Projects funded in Clearfield County include:

-Trout Unlimited, Inc., MR Tuff/MR Frog Rehabilitation & Improvement Project: \$91,385

-Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Knisley Land Restoration-AMD Reduction: \$211,778

DCNR/Commissioners Meeting – On

November 9th DCNR representatives met with the County Planning Director and the Commissioners to talk about:

- County Priorities – How are they identified?
- Current County Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan; Greenways Plan; Natural Heritage Inventories; and other plans. Have they been updated?
- County Act 13 Funds – How are they utilized?
- DCNR's Secretary's Goals and Objectives
- DCNR's Grant Program



- Pennsylvania's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)
- How can DCNR better assist you?

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION:

Central PA Source Water Alliance for Protection – Mark Stephens of DEP called a meeting of CPSWAP members on September 21, 2016 to discuss the future of the coalition. It was determined to keep the group together, and have quarterly meetings so that the Black Moshannon Clean Water Days for 5th grade students of Centre and Clearfield Counties school districts will continue.

Source Water Protection Plans Status –In 2016 the Brady Township-Troutville Borough Water Association obtained DEP approval of their Source Water Protection Plan. Source Water Protection (SWP) is a voluntary effort to take action to prevent contaminants from entering public drinking

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 2016, the Planning Commission reviewed thirty-nine plans for compliance with the County's Ordinance. Of those, two were land development plans, and thirty-seven were subdivision plans.

The following chart outlines the activity that occurred in administering the County's Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance in 2016. The following municipalities did

not have any activity for the year: Brisbin Borough, Burnside Borough, Chest Township, Coalport Borough, Glen Hope Borough, Greenwood Township, Houtzdale Borough, Irvona Borough, Mahaffey Borough, Newburgh Borough, New Washington Borough, Osceola Mills Borough, Ramey Borough, Wallaceton Borough, and Westover Borough.

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| 2016 County's S.A.L.D.O. | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Municipality | Total Acres | Subdivisions | Land Development | Lots Created | Proposed Buildings |
| Beccaria Township | 25.14 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Bell Township | 18.51 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Bigler Township | 302.39 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bloom Township | 92.804 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brady Township | 341.46 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 1 |
| Burnside Township | 30.12 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chester Hill Borough | 1.56 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ferguson Township | 405.90 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Grampian Borough | 1.531 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gulich Township | 32.75 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Huston Township | 2.46 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jordon Township | 100.485 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Knox Township | 60.10 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Pike Township | 324.42 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| Troutville Borough | 1.599 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,741.22 | 37 | 2 | 38 | 3 |

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

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

The top adjacent table reflects the activity. The following municipalities did not have any activities: Falls Creek Borough, Girard 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 - 51

Act 67 & 68 Reviews - 50

Act 95 Reviews - 2

Act 537 Reviews - 6

Air Quality - 10

Blasting Notices - 1

Bond Releases - 23

Correspondence - 36

General Projects/Assessment Reviews/Permits - 5

Land Use Changes - 2

Land Use Reviews - 7

Miscellaneous - 1

NPDES - 1

Public Utility Commission - 8

Sewage Component Reviews/Planning Modules - 65

SRBC Permits - 5

Support Letters - 12

Underground Mining - 4

Water Withdrawals - 1

Water Management Plan - 1

Zoning Changes/Reviews - 3

Act 247-Municipalities with their own S.A.L.D.O. 2016

| Municipality | Total Acres | Subdivisions | Land Development | Lots Created | Proposed Buildings |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Boggs Township | 177.06 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| Bradford Township | 130.60 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Clearfield Borough | 4.81 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Cooper Township | 20.86 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Covington Township | 20.8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Curwensville Borough | 0.221 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Decatur Township | 83.13 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| City of DuBois | 97.65 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 5 |
| Goshen Township | 172 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Graham Township | 44.22 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Karthaus Township | 2.37 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lawrence Township | 279.79 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 1 |
| Morris Township | 29.70 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Penn Township | 113.65 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Sandy Township | 611.62 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Union Township | 169.21 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Woodward Township | 136.8 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Total | 2,094.49 | 49 | 11 | 40 | 22 |

2016 Land Developments

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| Beccaria Township | Cen Clear |
| Bradford Township | Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. |
| Clearfield Borough | Continental Carbonic Products, Inc. |
| Chester Hill Borough | Dollar General |
| City of DuBois | Goble Batomick Funeral Home, Cultural Resources, Inc., CVS, Sheetz Rebuild, Brian & Tina Martin |
| Lawrence Township | Clearfield Area School District Maintenance Building |
| Sandy Township | Harbor Freight Tools Retail Store |

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, BLIGHT, AND HOUSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee (CEDs) – In 2016 an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) application for the Sandy Twp. Industrial Drive Interconnect Access road designed to connect Industrial Drive w/ Shaffer Road was funded in the amount of \$880,000. In addition two other county based projects were submitted for FFY 2017. One being upgrades to the Beaver Meadow Industrial Park Access Road and second for the Curwensville



Streetscape Master Plan.

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, Music in the Garden and Friday Night Corner Concerts, Clearfield A.R.T. Festival, Fall Festival, Pumpkin 5K, Car Show, Small Business Saturday, Holiday Light Up Celebration, CRC Youth Council, and Façade Grants. This year they also coordinated the Downtown Streetscape and opening of the River Walk with the Borough. CRC continues to lead the way in revitalizing the town, people and spirit of Clearfield, PA.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG):

CDBG non-entitlement:

Decatur Township - \$197,965.00 and \$750,000.00 (Competitive) for sewerline extension in the New Liberty Area. With this funding Decatur Township will construct a sewage collection system in the New Liberty area. The total project calls for a pump station and force main in order for the sewage to get to the Moshannon Valley Joint Sewer Authority. While CDBG is being used for the collection system, the pump station and force main will be funded through PennVest. The project will entail installing approximately 12,300 feet of shallow

placement gravity sewer line, which will convey sewage from approximately fifty (50) residential and eight (8) commercial Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU’s), to a new pump station to be located along the east side of Crago Lane. From there approximately 4,800 feet of force main will convey the sewage to existing manhole, where it will flow through the existing sewerage system to the Moshannon Valley Joint Sewer Authority’s sewage treatment plant.

CDBG OBO:

Lawrence Township - \$92,816.00 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 - \$92,816.00 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

HOUSING

Clearfield County Affordable Housing Fund-

A total of seven applications were received and reviewed by the County’s Office of Planning & Community Development based on the program guidelines. The request for funds totaled \$84,900, which was more than the award funding available, therefore not all projects can be funded or fully funded. For 2016 the county awarded \$49,900.00 for six projects. Those projects include (the adjacent table shows the amount awarded per entity):

1) Clover Development Corporation/ Northern Cambria Community Development Corp. - (Construction of 30 New Elderly Housing Units)- Leonard Street Gardens is a proposed elderly (62+) affordable housing development that will provide 30 safe, affordable and attractive housing units. This project addresses a priority need identified in the County’s Housing Study and leverages over 7 million dollars in additional funds. This is the 3rd year of a 5 year commitment.

2) Cen-Clear Child Services – (Specialized Housing Counseling Initiative) This program is designed to assist another 30 low income at risk families and individuals who are homeless or seeking housing assistance due to inadequate or substandard housing by helping them identify their housing needs, providing appropriate housing counseling & training and linking them to the housing services they need. This year they will focus on an identified need which is targeting youth aging out of foster care working with our County Children & Youth Services Office.

3) Clearfield County Housing Authority - (Rental Repair Program) The Housing Authority is seeking assistance to create a program that provides an incentive for private investment in the improvement of rental units for use of HUD housing vouchers. Many landlords decrease rents to accommodate requirements of the HUD funded housing voucher program. In addition rental units must pass a HUD inspection which can require landlords to invest monies to address deficiencies. This program would offer landlords 50% reimbursement of costs for making such improvements up to \$1,000. This ensures that there are quality rental units available at HUD required rental rates thereby assuring

| 2016 Clearfield County Affordable Housing Fund | |
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| Entity | Amount Awarded |
| Clover Development Corporation/Northern Cambria Community Development Corp. | \$15,000.00 Per year for 5 years |
| Cen-Clear Child Services | \$7,500.00 |
| Clearfield County Housing Authority | \$7,500.00 |
| Haven House | \$5,400.00 |
| Clearfield-Jefferson Drug & Alcohol Commission | \$7,000.00 |
| Clearfield Presbyterian Church | \$7,500.00 |

that County families have safe decent and affordable housing.

4) Haven House - (Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance Program) Haven House, a homeless shelter located in DuBois, is seeking assistance in helping eligible guests at their shelter secure independent permanent housing. Many times it’s simply the lack of having the funds for the security or utility deposit that keeps an individual or family from obtaining permanent shelter. Haven House anticipates using these funds to help at least 9 homeless individuals or families with such deposits. In addition Haven House will monitor success by staying in touch with these folks over a period of six months to check on their housing status. The goal of this program is to reduce the number of homeless individuals and families in the county.

5) Clearfield-Jefferson Drug & Alcohol Commission (Program to Prevent Re-incarceration) There is a chronic problem where those exiting our county jail with drug & alcohol addictions end up back in jail due to not getting the drug & alcohol treatment they need. A requirement and barrier to them receiving treatment is not having secured housing, basic toiletries, & clothing required for them to get into the treatment program. This program would assist 15 individuals overcome those barriers thus securing them a place in the treatment program where there is a better chance for them to be successful and avoid future incarceration.

6) Clearfield Presbyterian Church - (Presbyterian Hammers- Emergency Housing Repair Program) The Presbyterian Hammers is a group of church volunteers that provide

emergency housing repairs for Clearfield County residents in need. This group serves residents with physical and/or mental disabilities who have limited income and no other support system to help them with the emergency house repair.

Senior Housing Needs Assessment– The Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging worked in collaboration with the PA Department of Aging and Diana T. Myers and Associates in creating a Senior Housing Needs Assessment for the Clearfield area which included a senior housing needs survey for individuals 50+.

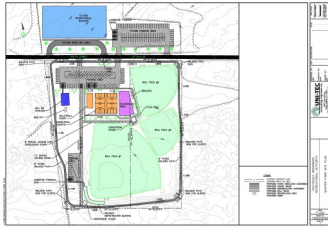
In October their consultant presented their Survey Findings which identified the following needs. - 1) Assistance needed to age in place: Home major or minor repairs, Routine home maintenance, Accessibility modifications, Energy efficiency, Weatherization. 2) Assistance with moving: Determining affordability, Housing location, Preparing to move, Setting up new household. 3) Housing development considerations: Affordability is significant need, Market study to determine demand for market-rate housing options, Identify desirable locations for various housing types. 4) Inform and educate about non-traditional housing options: ECHO (Elder Cottage Housing Opportunities) housing, and Homesharing.

Clearfield County Housing Taskforce – a Housing Task Force Meeting was held on June 2, 2016 to discuss and gather input on Clearfield County’s 2016 PHARE application for affordable housing. Needs identified included 1) elderly want to stay in their own homes, but don’t have the means or

GRANTS, OUTREACH, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

GRANTS-Throughout 2016, 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:

-Penn Mark with economic development grant, PA First Grant to DCED in the amount of \$221,000, to provide infrastructure repair to a



commercial retail strip in Wolf Run.

-\$400,000 to DCNR for the development of a walking track, 2 basketball courts, a volleyball court, playground equipment, and ADA access to the park and its facilities for the Houtzdale Woodward Recreation Park and Authority.

- \$57,650 to DCNR to add playground equipment to the Lawrence Township Recreational Park.

-\$77,926 U.S.D.A Community Facilities grant for Knox Township for the purchase of a dump truck and snow blade.

-\$81,204 DHS Human Services Development Fund to assist with MH/MR, D&A, and various adult services in Clearfield County.

-\$57,200 DHS Housing Assistance Program that provides rental and utility assistance for those in need of housing services in the County.

-\$64,000 PHMC construction grant to assist the Joseph and Elizabeth Shaw Public Library with the renovation of the electric and a new roof.

-\$359,000 FEMA American Firefighters Grant to assist Clearfield Borough purchase new personal (STEM) breathing equipment.

-\$455,750 CDBG application with \$197,965 for Clearfield County Non entitlement funding Decatur Township's New Sewer Extension in the New Liberty area.

For on behalf of CDBG communities, \$92,816 for Clearfield Borough Flood Protection and Storm & Street Sewer Improvements, and \$92,816 for Lawrence Township street improvements in the Kerr Area.

\$750,000 CDBG Competitive Grant to assist Decatur Township with New Sewer line extension in New Liberty.

ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS -

Emergency Solutions Grant – The Community Development Specialist closed out the 2013 ESG grant for Clearfield County. Continue providing TA and Administrative services for the City of Dubois ESG 2015 grant. Over the last six months, this grant has required training and TA from our office routinely. Once the grant is closed out, it is our recommendation for the Vendor (Cen Clear) to apply for funding as a non-profit. This will require a small amount of grant assistance and remove our office from the administrative responsibilities.

Human Service Planning & Block Grant HSBG – The Community Development Specialist holds bi-monthly Human Services Planning Team meetings with directors of County Children Youth Services, Clearfield Jefferson Drug & Alcohol Commission and Community Connections of Clearfield & Jefferson Counties. During these meetings discussions of barriers, needs and gaps in services are included during the planning and development of the Annual County Human Services Plan. The 2016-2017 Clearfield County Human Services included new generic transportation services for D&A and MH/MR consumers. The plan was submitted

on July 12, 2016 and we received approval of the plan on November 21, 2016.

The team also helped with a RFQ for housing services this year and as a result the Housing Assistance Program provider was awarded to Cen Clear, Inc.

Appalachia Region Commission & Keystone Communities Grant (Coalport Flood Project) – Right of way agreements for the relocation of electric poles have been recorded by the Borough's consultant.

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

