

# Clearfield County Planning Commission 2010 Annual Report

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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.*

**Housing Initiatives**

**Neighborhood Stabilization Program-**  
The Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds are intended to address the problems of abandoned and foreclosed homes and other residential properties while providing affordable rental and home ownership opportunities to households within the targeted areas in Clearfield Borough and the City of DuBois.

Throughout the year, the Community Development Specialist has been working to secure properties within the targeted areas. So far, two organizations have stepped forward to redevelop the properties, Habitat for Humanity and Central Pennsylvania Community Action.

Habitat for Humanity has acquired the following properties for demolition and reconstruction of housing units: 405 East Locust Street, Clearfield; 507 Leavy Ave.,

Clearfield; 304 S. Fourth Street, Clearfield; and 135 East Weber Ave., DuBois.

Central Pennsylvania Community Action has acquired 149 West Long Ave., DuBois for demolition and reconstruction, and 127 E. Weber Ave., DuBois for rehabilitation.

**Homelessness Prevention and Rehabilitation Program**

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program is designed to facilitate an increase in existing programs that provide emergency rental assistance payments, case management, and related services to prevent homelessness. This program helps people traditionally underserved or not served through traditional housing programs. Highest priority will be given to new homeless and have the greatest likelihood of becoming stabilized in 18 months. Increased availability of permanent, supportive housing should reduce client recidivism and lessen

the demand for existing local homeless services funds in the future.

Clearfield County has contracted with Central Pennsylvania Community Action, MidPenn Legal Services, and Clearfield Jefferson Mental Health/Mental Retardation. The Community Development Specialist has developed assessment and intake tools for the program and held a training for the contractors on January 7, 2010. Numerous meetings were held throughout the year. The Clearfield County Community Development Office is providing the following services for the program: IDIS duties, prepare and enforce the sub-recipient agreements, monitoring of the program, review and maintain record keeping, ensure compliance of the program, provide support, technical assistance, and HMIS. For 2010, the program has served 91 people and 36 households.

**Community Development**

**Community Development Block Grant:** CCPCD reviewed six applications for 2010. The County was able to provide funding for all six

applications by utilizing 2010 allocation of funds, as well as reallocating unspent funds from previous fiscal years.

2010 Community Development Block Grant Applications			
Applicant	Project Description	Requested Amount	Amount Funded
**Troutville Borough	Sewage Lateral Assistance	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000
*Irvona Municipal Authority	Replacement of Water Line	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
*Burnside Borough	Water Filtration System	\$ 85,000	\$ 82,500
**Cooper Municipal Authority	Replacement of Water lines in Winburne Material only	\$ 82,071	\$ 82,071
**Coalport Borough	Storm Water, Curbing	\$100,000	\$100,000
**Osceola Mills Borough	Storm Water, Curbing	\$150,315	\$ 34,429

*\*Indicates funding for project will come from FFY 2006 & FFY 2007 modifications*

*\*\* Indicates funding for project will come from FFY 2010*

**Technical Assistance:**

**Bell Township**—10/19/2010, Lisa received a request from Bell Township for assistance with information to apply for a low interest loan to purchase a new plow truck. She informed Barb of the DCED Capital Loan Program. Sent her the guidelines for the next Township meeting.

**Brisbin Borough**—8/2/2010, Lisa assisted Brisbin Borough with Act 93 information and will attend their next month's meeting to discuss grants.

9/13/2010, Lisa attended the Brisbin Borough meeting at the request of the

Council President, Rick Sankey. The Borough asked for assistance in addressing a house that burned down in June and the owner has no money to remove what is left. Lisa sent Council a copy of PA Act 93 to assist with fire escrows for municipalities of the Commonwealth. In addition, Lisa addressed new house bills to assist municipalities with blighted housing and discussed other funding resources. Council members also asked if we could provide assistance to them with what to do with Goss Run. This tributary is overgrown and needs to be cleaned out. PennDOT used to address

and clean the Run. They have since notified the Borough that it will be their responsibility. Lisa informed them she would make a contact to the Conservation District to see if they could provide assistance.

**CDBG**—January 14, 2010, together with the Centre County Planning Office and SEDA-COG, we held a CDBG compliance training for approximately 25 contractors, engineers, and CDBG administrators from Elk County and Bellefonte Borough. The meeting received good reviews from all in attendance.

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## Community Development (Continued)

### Technical Assistance Continued:

**Clearfield Borough**—March 25, 2010, Lisa attended a Parking Committee meeting for the County. The previous study conducted by the Borough to simulate the rest of the County employees moving into the Gray building went well. They reported having no significant parking problems.

**Clearfield County Children, Youth, and Family Services**—January 29, 2010, Lisa developed an RFP with Jay Hamilton for the Clearfield County ICSP Grant. January 29, 2010, developed an RFP with Jay Hamilton for the Clearfield County ICSP Grant. December 1, 2010—We held a Safe Haven meeting at CCCIS with Crossroads, PASAGES, Victim Witness, and CYFS. Lisa reviewed the findings from our conference review and began the grant process by identifying needs and services gaps for the next application.

**Clearfield County Housing Taskforce**—January 13, 2010, held a task force meeting with low attendance. Discussions were held with regard to HPRP Committee. Jodi discussed the County Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The Planning & Community Development Office will develop an RFP process for the funding. Additional details on this method will be coming in the fall. This will allow time for the fund to build up. Lisa reviewed the point in time surveys released by HUD. It was agreed the group would meet quarterly with the next meeting being in April. On February 2, 2010, a meeting by the CC Homeless Prevention Group was held at Good Samaritan with Nulton Diagnostics to discuss resubmitting the Right Turn Application. Throughout this month, several discussions have been held regarding this grant application. Lisa met with the Commissioners to discuss Jefferson County becoming part of the application. Meanwhile, Nulton pointed out major components (Strategic Plan and State Agency buy in) of the grant that we would not have in place in time to apply. Lisa has advised the group that we should begin to work on the required components in order to submit for the grant in the next round.

**Children and Youth Services**—August 13, 2010, Lisa submitted ICSP plan and grant request in the amount of \$67,986 to the PA Department of Public Welfare. This grant request will assist youth involved with

Children, Youth, and Family Services; Juvenile Probation; Clearfield Jefferson MH/MR; and/or Clearfield Jefferson D&A Commission by hiring a personal life support coordinator to advocate and guide youth.

**Clearfield County Recreation & Tourism Authority**—In partnership with CCRTA, we held a grant workshop on February 23, 2010. The morning session addressed the CCRTA Promotional Tax Credit Grants. The afternoon session was held from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. addressing the basics of grant writing. We had approximately 12 individuals in attendance. February 22, 2010, assisted CCRTA Acting Director with grant training and recommendations of the CCRTA Promotional Grant Process to help maintain the rating, funding, and review process. March 12, 2010, by request, developed a database and method of tracking for CCRTA promotional and discretionary grant awards.

**Clearfield Drive-In**—9/26/2010, Lisa met with Drive-In owners to begin the report and close out of the CCRTA Promotional Grant.

**Clearfield Hospital**—1/21/10, Lisa assisted Amy Duke of Clearfield Hospital with appropriation grant to Rep. Thompson for new equipment at the Hospital.

**Coalport Borough**—2/26/10, Lisa assisted Joe Larello of Coalport Borough with DCED funding programs, descriptions, and budget requirements.

9/27/10, Lisa met with Joe Larello of Coalport Borough. Joe asked if Lisa could help him with a USDA Community Facilities Grant Application that was due on 9/30/10. Lisa assisted him with the application. At the end of our meeting, he decided he waited too long to submit the application. Lisa told him she would be happy to assist him with the application next year and he has time to present it to Council and make decisions on what the funding should be used for. While with Joe for the grant, Lisa also discussed the issue of the ER holding up release of ARC funding.

**Curwensville Lake Authority**—Lisa assisted Susan Reed with development of CCRTA grant request in the amount of \$5,000 to help the Authority with a new interactive website. 6/4/10, assisted Susan Reed of Curwensville Lake Authority with development of rating and review method for the Master Site Plan RFP's received.

6/7/10, opened bids with CLA and on 6/8 and 6/9, reviewed the RFP's for the DCNR MSP grant with Susan. Set up interviews of top three consultants and designed interview questions for face to face interviews of the top three consultants for the Lake Master Site Plan.

Sent notice of RFP for State Conservation Core workers to Susan Reed. This RFP would help the Lake with a group of young workers and a foreman for next season.

**Department of Justice**—11/17/10, held a conference call for the review of the Safe Haven Grant with the Dept. of Justice and Nancy Lombardo with CCCIS. We received positive feedback on how to improve the grant request for the next funding round.

**Ferguson Township**—Completed ARRA report for Pennvest. Updated proposed project dates as required by PennVest on 2/23/10. This project was carried out from 5/17/10 through 5/28/10. Rob Thomas was able to go out to the site each day. While inspecting the work, Rob conducted employee interviews and completed wage reports ensuring proper labor standards were followed. Lisa attended the inspection and interviews with Rob on 5/21/10.

On 6/7/10, we received the payment application for the project. Lisa completed via Pennvest regulations and submitted payments. On 6/9/10, we received notification that the application for payment was accepted for review.

Lisa also spoke with Dave Henning on 6/7/10 to notify DEP the work is completed and they need to inspect. Worked with representatives of Pennvest and prepared pictures for Pennvest of the completed job. On 10/14/10, Rob and Lisa prepared for and sat through an audit of the project. Completed the DBE report and submitted to DEP.

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**Community Development (Continued)**


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**Technical Assistance Continued:**

**Irvona Borough**—3/16/10, Lisa attended the Irvona Historic Society meeting to discuss funding options and provide technical assistance.

**Karthus Park Committee**—2/1/10, Lisa discussed the grant request and master site plan. The Park Committee would like her to develop another grant for them to DCNR for restrooms. We will meet with Kim McCullough on 3/10/10. The Park Committee met with Kim McCullough and Lisa on 3/16/10 on site to discuss submitting a grant request for the third time. Lisa will submit a C2P2 DCNR grant request for the construction of a restroom at Karthus Park.

**Mahaffey Borough**—HRI Engineering helped with the changes in the plan of the launch as recommended by Fish & Boat. A new GeoGrid system was submitted in a new application 12/15/10.

Jodi and Lisa have spent some time working together on CCRTA's Lumber Heritage Grant for signage at the launch.

**Moshannon Valley Council of Governments**—4/8/10, Lisa assisted Lori Rowles of the Mo-Valley COG and attended the Girard Township Municipal meeting to assist the Supervisors and Secretary with questions regarding grants, leverage, match, and in-kind of grants. Girard Township is applying with COG for a signage grant.

**Osceola Mills Borough**—3/8/10, Lisa attended the work session at Osceola Mills Borough to discuss recreation and storm water. Council would like to submit a planning grant application to DCNR for a master site plan of their park. The storm water application submitted for CDBG funding was discussed. Due to lack of funding, the storm water project will be addressed in two phases. Ida will meet with their engineer and determine which part of the project will be addressed with FFY 2010 funding. Lisa will follow up with these projects and the Borough on 3/16/10.

Lisa met with Osceola Mills officials to discuss DCNR funding on 3/16/10. Kim McCullough met with us to discuss the development of a planning grant to DCNR for the development of a Master Site Plan. Lisa has been working with Bob Good to

develop an estimate for this project and will submit application.

**Ramey Borough**—4/6/10, Lisa met with Ramey Mayor, Steve Flango, in Ramey to discuss the needs of the community and grant options.

**Sheriff's Office**—8/9/10, Lisa attended a meeting with Commissioner McCracken, Sheriff Hawkins, Tony Scotto, and Jim Strickland regarding the LTC grant. After discussion of the grant and project work, Jim Strickland's office will carry out the work and reporting requirements.

12/3/10—Held a meeting with the Sheriff, Controller, MIS Dept., and Commissioner Sobel to address the administration of the LTC Grant. Lisa will keep track of the grant and report to PCCD.

**Treasure Lake Authority**—11/3/10, Lisa was contacted by Dan Johnston of Treasure Lake regarding grant and loan opportunities for the Lake Association. Dan brought in the Lake map and master site plans for review so that Lisa can identify possible grant and loan opportunities for them. I recommended they contact Pat Brennen of North Central Planning Commission and after review of the plan, Lisa will help to identify funding mechanisms for them.

**Grants Submitted:**

- February 8, 2010, submitted grant request in the amount of \$15,000 to the PA Commission on Crime Delinquency Office, Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, and License to Carry Modernization. This grant request will assist the Sheriff's Office with updating its firearms permit process and bring the County into compliance with PSP Guidelines.
  - March 9, 2010, submitted grant request in the amount of \$346,541 to the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women for the Safe Haven: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program. This request for funding will assist the Clearfield County League on Social Services in offering victims of domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking safe visitation exchanges and supervised visitation.
  - April 19, 2010, submitted a planning grant in the amount of \$34,000 to the C2P2 Program with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to pay for the development of a Master Site Plan and Feasibility Study for the Osceola Mills Recreation Park and Pool in Osceola Mills Borough.
  - August 13, 2010, submitted ICSP plan and grant request in the amount of \$67,986 to the PA Department of Public Welfare. This grant request will assist youth involved with Children, Youth, and Family Services; Juvenile Probation; Clearfield Jefferson MH/MR; and/or Clearfield Jefferson D&A Commission by hiring a personal life support coordinator to advocate and guide youth.
  - December 15, 2010, submitted grant request in the amount of \$98,014 to the PA Fish & Boat Commission, Facilities Improvement Grant, for Mahaffey Borough. This grant request will assist the development of a canoe/kayak launch site along the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in Mahaffey Borough.
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**SALDO ADMINISTRATION**



Clearfield County's Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) now has jurisdiction over 31 of our 51

municipalities. In 2010, the Planning Commission reviewed 48 plans for compliance with the County's Ordinance.

The following chart outlines the activity that occurred in administering the County's Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance in 2010. The following municipalities did not have any activity for the year: Burnside Borough, Chester Hill Borough, Falls Creek Borough, Girard Township, Glen Hope Borough, Houtzdale Borough, Karthaus Township, Newburg Borough,

New Washington Borough, Osceola Mills Borough, Pine Township, Ramey Borough, Troutville Borough, Union Township, and Wallacetown Borough.

2010 County's S.A.L.D.O.					
Municipality	Total Acres	Subdivisions	Land Development	Lots Created	Proposed Buildings
Beccaria Twp.	98.176	3		2	1
Bell Twp.	8808.982	3		3	1
Bigler Twp.	15.26	2		1	1
Bloom Twp.	8.676	1		1	1
Brady Twp.	1210.356	6		6	3
Brisbin Boro.	196.642	1			
Burnside Twp.	37.528	1		1	1
Chest Twp.	130.873	3		2	1
Clearfield Boro.	4.98	3	2	1	3
Ferguson Twp.	287.899	2		1	1
Grampian Boro.	2.088	2			
Greenwood Twp.	3613.906	1		5	5
Gulich Twp.	146.243	5		5	1
Huston Twp.	269.84	2			
Irvona Boro.	2.525	2		1	1
Jordan Twp.	83.49	2		1	1
Knox Twp.	127.721	2		1	1
Pike Twp.	126.627	4		3	1
Westover Boro.	18.43	1		1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15190.242</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>

**SALDO ADMINISTRATION Continued**

In addition, the County Planning Department reviewed and provided comments on 78 plans from those 19 municipalities that administer their own SALDO. Of those 78 plans, 15 were land development plans and 63 were subdivision plans. The adjacent table reflects the activity:

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 (Municipal Notification of DEP Permit Applications) – 51**

**Act 67 & 68 Reviews (Land Use Consistency Reviews) – 88**

**Act 95 Reviews (Municipal Notification of Federal Funding Requests) – 7**

**Act 537 Reviews (Sewage Facilities Planning) – 6**

**Air Quality – 12**

**Blasting Notices – 1**

**Bond Releases – 39**

**Correspondence – 28**

**Environmental Assessments/Reviews – 4**

**General Permits – 14**

<b>Municipalities with their own S.A.L.D.O. 2010</b>				
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Subdivisions</b>	<b>Land Development</b>	<b>Lots Created</b>	<b>Proposed Buildings</b>
<b>Boggs Twp.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Bradford Twp.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Cooper Twp.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Covington Twp.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Curwensville Borough</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Decatur Twp.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>City of DuBois</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Goshen Twp.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Graham Twp.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Lawrence Twp.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Morris Twp.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Penn Twp.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sandy Twp.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Woodward Twp.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>71</b>

**Land Use Changes – 1**

**Miscellaneous – 5**

**NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) – 5**

**Public Notices – 7**

**Public Utility Commission – 14**

**Sewage Component Reviews/Planning Modules – 60**

**SRBC Permits (Susquehanna River Basin Commission) – 25**

**Support Letters – 20**

**Surface/Underground Mining – 4**

**Water Quality – 2**

**Water Withdrawals – 2**

**Zoning Ordinance Amendment Reviews – 4**

**WATER SOURCE PROTECTION**



In 2010, our Planning & Community Development Office continued efforts to educate our communities and public water suppliers of the free Source Water Protection Technical Assistance Program developed by the PA Department of Environmental Protection as well as the benefits of implementation of such plans.

Two workshops were held in the County to further this message.

**Source Water Protection Workshop—**

With the County Conservation District, our office co-hosted a source water protection

workshop which was presented by WREN (Water Resources Education Network) on April 21. This half-day workshop was well attended and targeted public water suppliers, municipal officials, planners, watershed and conservation groups, educators, and residents. Attendees received a wealth of information on the benefits of understanding where their recharge areas are as well as the types of potential contaminants that they should be aware of and their impacts to the water supply. Water suppliers were again offered an opportunity to take advantage of the free technical assistance currently available for protection of water source .

**Protecting Your Drinking Water Sources: A Hands-on Course—**This hands-on source water protection planning course was provided by the PA Rural Water Association (PRWA). Attendees worked one-on-one with PRWA staff to develop a source water

protection plan for their specific system during the class. The course was held October 21.

By the end of 2010, the **BCI Municipal Authority**, the **Clearfield Municipal Authority**, the **Houtzdale Municipal Authority**, and the **Irvona Municipal Authority** were all in the process of reviewing their draft Source Water Protection Plans (SWPP). The **City of DuBois** had completed its surface water portion of its protection plan. However, its groundwater portion was not yet complete. Both **Burnside** and **Westover Boroughs** expressed interest in enrolling in the Source Water Protection Program and the PA DEP had approached the **Pike Township Municipal Authority** and **TESI** regarding enrollment in the program.

## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

### 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which is a project-specific, fiscally constrained transportation programming document consisting of the first four years of PennDOT's Twelve Year Program went out for public review beginning in mid-May and ended June 30. In July, the Rural Transportation Committee approved the 2011 -2014 TIP, including an amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The FFY 2011-2014 TIP and LRTP Amendment can be accessed on line at <http://www.ncentral.com> (click on the *Transportation Link*)

### Local Bridge Project

All municipal-owned local bridges under 20 feet which are not required to be inspected, were inventoried. Phase 1 which began in 2009 was completed and pdf documents (maps and a report) were provided to all county planners and to PennDOT. Data collection for Phase 2 projects was completed midway through 2010. Eight hundred sixty-five (865) local bridges under 20 feet in length were identified.

### Moshannon Valley Park and Ride Lot Study

The use of informal "park & pool" lots in the Philipsburg area has been growing and has reached a significant level. The need to improve transportation service to the Moshannon Valley has been a top-ranked priority for both the Centre County MPO and the North Central RPO. In response to this identified need, a Park & Ride lot study was initiated in 2010.

### Transportation Enhancements

The Transportation Enhancement Program offers broad opportunities and federal funding for creative projects that integrate transportation into our communities and environment. This program has two primary objectives: to encourage the reinvestment, redevelopment, and connectivity of our downtowns; and to establish, where feasible, safe walking routes for our children to commute to school and to promote healthy living. In 2010, the Rural Transportation Committee accepted applications for enhancement projects with the intention of funding \$1.74 million from the 2011-12 TIP. Seven project applications were received.

### Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative

The Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI) is a program designed to

advance Smart Transportation by incentivizing collaborative decision-making, emphasizing regional, multi-municipal, and multi-agency cooperation as well as advancing integrated land use and transportation decisions. The Department set aside \$24 million in the first two years of the draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to support potential projects that exhibit Smart Transportation principles. In 2010, project applications were solicited from communities across the State. From the North Central RPO region, there were a total of 5 projects submitted.

### Regional Project Prioritization Committee

The North Central RPO formed a Regional Project Prioritization Committee composed of stakeholders from across the region. The primary function of this committee is to develop and maintain project selection criteria. The use of these weighted criteria will ultimately improve the region's decision-making as it relates to future transportation, community, and economic development projects. In 2010, the first draft of the regional Project Prioritization Process and Scoring Methodology Report was released. This report summarizes efforts to date, the criteria that have been developed, their associated weightings, and the methodology for creating them.

## RECREATION, GREENWAYS & TOURISM PLANNING

### North Central Regional Greenways and Open Space Plan:



The North Central Pennsylvania Greenways Plan, undertaken by the North Central Regional Planning and Development Commission (NCRPDC), is a multi-county planning effort for the North Central

Commission's six counties: Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, and Potter.

In April, a second public input session was held to present and collect feedback on the draft greenways plan. The meeting reviewed plan status, regional issues and priorities, proposed greenway corridors and trail towns for the County, and County demonstration projects and implementation strategies.

The plan which covers all six counties in the north central was also made available for a 45-day public review comment which is required before the County can adopt as an amendment to the County's comprehensive plan. In September, the County Commissioners passed a resolution adopting

the North Central PA Regional Greenways Plan as an official amendment to the County Comprehensive Plan. The draft plan can be viewed at: [www.ncentralgreenways.com](http://www.ncentralgreenways.com)

All six counties in the NC PA region have adopted the plan as an amendment to their county comp plan. NCRPDC applied for and received a grant of \$150,000 from DCNR for greenways implementation. The \$150,000 will be used to provide mini grants to implement the recommendations of the North Central Greenways and Open Space Plan and County Greenway Plans for Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, and Potter Counties.

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RECREATION, GREENWAYS & TOURISM PLANNING *Continued*

**PA Wilds Planning Team:**

The PA Wilds Planning Team (PWPT) conducted several work sessions during the year to revisit the PWPT purpose/values statements and action plan from the current strategic plan. Priority goals were established and work groups were assigned to focus on ways to implement.

The annual PA Wilds Planning Team briefing luncheon was held in April at the Pitt-Bradford Campus in Bradford, the purpose of which was to update our elected officials on the positive impacts on our region due to the PA Wilds Initiative. A report entitled "Making an Impact: 2010 Update on the Pennsylvania Wilds Initiative" was provided and is available online at:

[www.pawildsresources.org](http://www.pawildsresources.org). Over 100 were in attendance.

The PWPT learned from the PA Historic & Museum Commission that the application to Preserve America Design Assistance Program had been approved for \$100,000. These funds will be used to provide design assistance such as streetscape designs, façade renderings and cost estimates, landscape design, and other professional or technical

design services.

The PA Wilds completed a successful community & business signage grant program round which resulted in the creation of 27 new business and community welcome signs around the region and leveraged nearly \$30,000 in private reinvestment. Three business signage grants were awarded in Clearfield County to Bells & Whistles, St. Charles Café, and the Winkler Gallery. In addition, a community sign grant was awarded to Coalport Borough.

The PWPT's Trails committee held a successful Geo caching conference entitled "Cashing In On Geo Caching" in November and plans are in the works to focus on trail towns for next year's conference.

The PWPT's Oil & Gas Committee unveiled a draft Marcellus shale resource guide which will likely be adopted and then made available at PA Wilds Resources website.

**Adoption of PA Wilds Planning Team Study & Design Guide**

The Pennsylvania Wilds Planning Team completed an 11-month study to identify

critical infrastructure needs around DCNR investment areas and assess local, county, and regional planning and development capacities in the 12-county region. Infrastructure issues covered by the study included transportation, sewer, water, and emergency and telecommunication services – all topics that can impact the region's ability to respond successfully to increased tourism to the area. A variety of findings and recommendations are provided in each of the study areas referenced. A specific recommendation from the study was for each county to adopt the study as well as accompanying design guide as amendments to the County Comprehensive Plan.

The *Pennsylvania Wilds Design Guide: A Design Guide for Community Character Stewardship* was created to help communities protect these treasured characteristics while reaping and strengthening the benefits of economic growth.

In September, both of these documents were adopted by the County Commissioners as official amendments to the County Comprehensive Plan.

**ENERGY DEVELOPMENT**

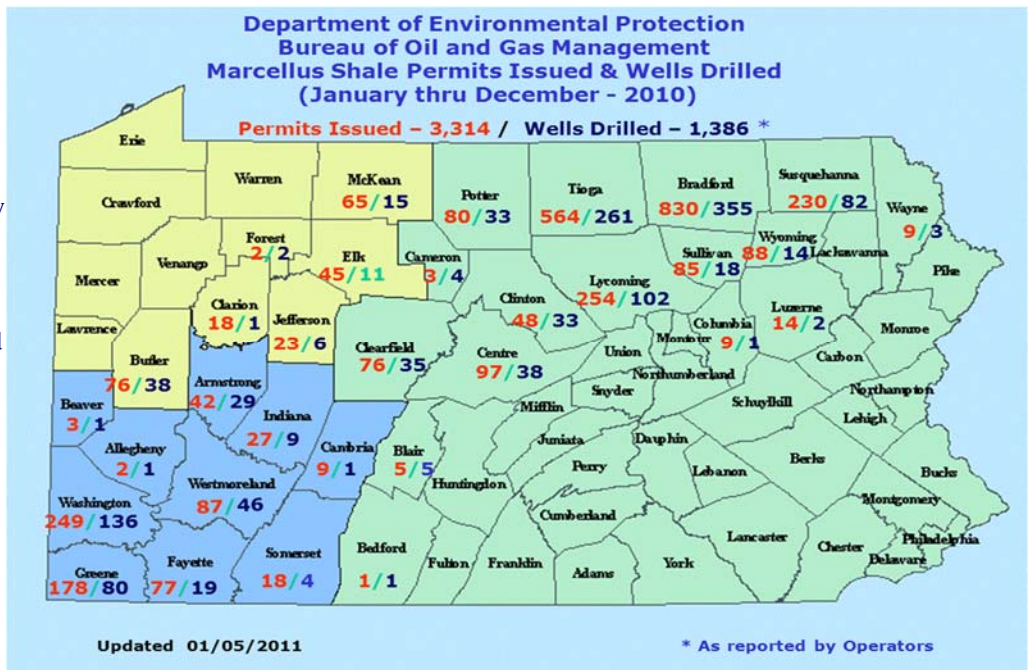
**Marcellus Shale Gas**

Within Clearfield County, there have been 76 permits issued and 35 wells drilled (as reported by operators in 2010). The adjacent map shows the activity for the entire state.

The total cumulative requested consumptive use/surface water withdrawals gallons per day for the year was 109,007,997 to be used in Clearfield County. For a list of approved sites, please visit [www.srbc.net](http://www.srbc.net).

During the year, the following companies had operations in the County: Seneca Resources Corp., Chief Oil & Gas LLC, Consol Gas Co., Rex Energy Operating Corporation, Williams Production Appalachia LLC, EQT Production LLC, EXCO Resources PA Inc., Energy of Amer, EOG Resources Inc., and Carrizo (Marcellus) LLC.

Throughout the year, our office reviewed several Act 14, 67, and 68 notices including companies wanting to begin construction of gathering lines to collect gas from the already drilled Marcellus shale wells to existing interstate lines. For more information, contact the CCPCD Office.





**ENERGY DEVELOPMENT (Continued)****Marcellus Shale Gas (Continued)**

The following tables show the production rates of wells within the County:

<b>2010 Marcellus Shale Well Production</b>				
July 2009 - June 2010				
Farm Name/Well #	Gas Quantity (Mcf)	Gas Production Days	Operator	Municipality
Bosnall 7	61086	365	Exco Resources	Brady
Flick 5	6859	365	Exco Resources	Ferguson
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 3H	115675.51	65	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Whitetail 1	8118	347	Energy Corp of Amer	Goshen
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 7h	149378.38	83	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 8h	105027.25	83	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 9h	166308.3	83	EOG Resources	Lawrence

<b>2010 Marcellus Shale Well Production</b>				
July-December 2010				
Farm Name/Well #	Gas Quantity (Mcf)	Gas Production Days	Operator	Municipality
Bosnall 7	57693	183	Exco Resources	Brady
Flick 5	5055	183	Exco Resources	Ferguson
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 3H	256972	184	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Whitetail 1	3008	170	Energy Corp of Amer	Goshen
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 7h	203963	184	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 8h	144560	184	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 4h	76057	22	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 9h	211506	184	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 25h	205382	53	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 24h	276409	98	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 23h	195042	104	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Alder Run Land LP 1h	239647.2	104	Williams Production Appalachia LLC	Cooper
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 34h	329501	81	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Alder Run LP 2h	44432.32	16	Williams Production Appalachia LLC	Cooper
Alder Run LP 3h	213728.72	108	Williams Production Appalachia LLC	Cooper
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 37h	239894	73	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 36h	69177	33	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 35h	372183	120	EOG Resources	Lawrence
Punxsutawney Hunting Club 38h	245844	62	EOG Resources	Lawrence

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## Education & Outreach

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**Tourism Grant Writing Workshop**—Our Planning and Community Development Office teamed up with the County Recreation and Tourism Authority to offer a morning and afternoon grant writing workshop on February 23. Participants learned about local hotel tax grant opportunities, criteria, and how to prepare a quality proposal for the Clearfield County Tourism Promotion grant fund and Commissioners' Discretionary Hotel Tax Funds.

**Source Water Protection Workshop**—Our Planning and Community Development Office teamed up with the County Conservation District and WREN (Water Resources Education Network) to host a source water protection workshop on April 21. This half-day workshop targeted public water suppliers, municipal officials, planners, watershed and conservation groups, educators, and residents. Attendees received useful information on the benefits of

understanding where their recharge areas are as well as the types of potential contaminants that they should be aware of and their impacts to the water supply. Water suppliers were again offered the opportunity to take advantage of the free technical assistance currently available for source water protection plans.

**Grant Workshop Series**—Our Planning & Community Development office teamed up with Cen-Clear Child Services, Clearfield-Jefferson Drug-Free Communities Coalition, and the Centre County Community Foundation to sponsor a Grant Development, Management, and Sustainability Workshop Series. Workshops were held on September 8, 9, and 10 on the following subject matters:

**Introduction to Grant Writing—September 8, 2010:** Identifying funding sources; completing a community needs assessment; writing convincing problem statements; creating program-driven budgets;

preparing grant proposals and applications.

**Grants Administration—September 9, 2010:** Developing your team; drawing down grant funds; program and financial audits; using consultants and/or contract services, working with external evaluators; monitoring the program budget.

**Program Sustainability—September 10, 2010:** Keeping your program alive; identifying diverse funding sources and funding methods; establishing short- and long-term strategies; focusing on success; developing a sustainability team.

**For more information please see the Clearfield County Planning and Community Development Office 2010 meeting Minutes.**