



# NTRPDC update



SERVING BRADFORD, SULLIVAN, SUSQUEHANNA, TIOGA, AND WYOMING COUNTIES

## Four ARC Grants Approved Totaling \$410,000



*The Endless Mountains Music Festival has become a popular annual event in Tioga County. (Photo courtesy of Deb Rudy)*

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a federal-state partnership that supports economic development in the Appalachian Region.

Each year, NTRPDC works through a planning process with our economic development committee and board to prioritize projects for possible funding from ARC. Once ARC receives the proposals, they invite full applications for a select few projects. NTRPDC writes the grants on behalf of the applicants and ultimately secures the funding for the projects.

This year, four projects were funded:

- The Bridgewater Township Municipal Authority received a \$250,000 grant to help fund their sewer improvement project.
- The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Mansfield received a \$100,000 grant to help fund the construction of a water tank in the Tioga County I-99 Business Park.
- The Central Bradford Progress Authority received a \$45,000 grant to help fund an Energy Feasibility Study to determine the future energy needs of industries across the region due to the deregulation of electricity rates.
- The Endless Mountains Music Festival Received a \$15,000 grant for their concert series held in Tioga County each year.

## Upcoming Events

### **LTAP/Engineering Traffic Study Training For Municipal Officials**

September 30—8a.m. to 3p.m., Susquehanna Co. Office Building, Montrose

### **Upcoming County Outreach Meetings:**

October 3—Sullivan County

October 31—Susquehanna County

November 7—Tioga County

### **Women Win! Series**

November 5, 12, & 19—Wellsboro

### **Energy Savings Seminars**

October 28—"PRWA Flush Away High Energy", Towanda

October 2—"Small Business Energy Solutions", Wellsboro

November 1—"Bradford County Energy Conference, Towanda

November 24—"Pennsylvania Fuels for Schools and Beyond", Harford

Call **1-888-868-8800** or e-mail **bartholomew@northerntier.org** for more information and to register for all events.

## Energy Savings for Local Governments

We can help local governments reduce their energy consumption through utility bill analysis, which includes a comprehensive report that details current energy consumption and recommendations for reduction. We are also partnering with service providers to offer training and seminars. For more information, e-mail Jeff Field at [field@northerntier.org](mailto:field@northerntier.org) or call toll-free 888-868-8800.

## Land Use

Fewer than half of local governments in the region have a municipal planning commission or a comprehensive plan

What does that mean for our region? Over the long term, a lack of adequate land use planning is costly to municipalities and the region. It contributes to uncoordinated development, undesirable uses of land, and sprawl.

The state planning code is the enabling legislation that empowers municipalities to adopt and enforce various plans and ordinances geared toward community preferences and land use management. The following are recommended for use as guidance for regional land use policies:

- Conserve and protect the natural environment
- Preserve Agriculture and rural character
- Develop and sustain community services and infrastructure, especially roads and water-sewer
- Protect residential uses along with higher density uses
- Provide appropriate development areas to accommodate projected growth
- Encourage the use of natural resources to be a major component of local economies

	Municipalities	Comprehensive Plan	Zoning	Subdivision/Land Development
<b>Bradford</b>	51	19	13	7
<b>Sullivan</b>	13	5	3	3
<b>Susquehanna</b>	40	20	7	10
<b>Tioga</b>	39	21	16	10
<b>Wyoming</b>	23	13	10	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>34</b>

Source: [www.munstatspa.org](http://www.munstatspa.org)

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## Loan Program

Three loans totaling \$225,000 were approved in July and August



*Snake Creek Lasers in Hallsted will be able to expand with help from NTRPDC's Loan Program.*

- \$100,000 Rural Business Enterprise loan to **Snake Creek Lasers** in Hallsted for equipment.
- \$25,000 micro-loan to **Quad K Design Building, Inc.** in Towanda Township for working capital, building, and
- \$100,000 Tri-District RLF loan to **Taylor Rental** in Tunkhannock for equipment.

These loan funds will help create or retain a total of 9 full time jobs and 21 part time jobs and will help leverage \$345,000 in private investment.

## Upcoming Workshop

### Women Win! - November 5, 12, 19

Women Win! is an opportunity for women who have always dreamed about starting their own small business. Participants will learn about entrepreneurship and start-up basics, business plan structure and development, and finance options and applications. They will also conduct individual self-assessments, use computers to explore research tools, and set personal goals. A panel discussion led by local successful women entrepreneurs will provide inspiration and guidance.

Women Win! was developed by the University of Scranton's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Business Consultant, Donna Simpson who developed the program to provide straightforward steps for women who are intimidated by the process of starting their own business. This is the first time the program will be offered in the Northern Tier Region.

The three part series will be held at the Penn College North Campus in Wellsboro on Wednesdays November 5, 12, and 19 from 9a.m. to 1p.m. and will be offered free of charge to participants.

This seminar is co-sponsored by NTRPDC and the SBDC with financial support from Northwest Savings Bank, First Citizens Bank, Citizens and Northern Bank, First Energy/Penelec, Blue Ridge Communications, Frontier Communications, and The Tioga County Development Corporation.

Space is extremely limited. To register, please contact Heather Bartholomew toll free at 888-868-8800 or e-mail [bartholomew@northerntier.org](mailto:bartholomew@northerntier.org).



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## Workforce Development

### Healthcare Industry Partnership funds training for 174 healthcare workers

As part of Governor Rendell's Job Ready PA initiative, the Northeast Regional Health Care Industry Partnership has received \$137,500 in Industry Partnership funding and \$300,000 in Worker Training Grant funding. Industry Partnership funding has been used to:

- Bring together a large segment of those involved in the health care field including hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health care agencies, assisted living/personal care facilities, government agencies, nonprofit agencies and educational institutions.
- Identify employer training, recruitment and retention needs and facilitate employers to come together for training.
- Educate secondary school students on the opportunities available to them in the health care field and the education required for various health careers. *(cont. on next page)*

## Workforce Development

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**Participating Employers:**

- Area Agency on Aging*
- Ashton Healthcare*
- Bayada Nurses*
- CareGivers America*
- Darway Nursing Home*
- Guthrie Clinic*
- Guthrie Healthcare System*
- Martha Lloyd Community Services*
- Meador's Personal Care Home*
- Memorial Hospital*
- Smith's Personal Care Home*
- Soldier's & Sailor's Memorial Hospital*
- The Laurels Assisted Living*
- Twin Oaks Personal Care Home*
- Wellsboro Shared Home*
- Wyalusing Valley Personal Care Home*

Health Care Worker Training Grant funding is used to augment or increase the skill levels of workers in the industry. The grant pays for 75% of approved trainings with the remaining 25% being paid by the employer. To date, 174 health care employees in the Northern Tier have been trained utilizing Worker Training Grant funding. Trainings have included Dementia/Alzheimer's, Supervisory Skills, Palliative Care, CNA, LPN, RN and professional certifications leading to skills upgrades.

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