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NTRPDC update

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

ARC Grants Awarded totaling \$600,000



Construction begins on the Factoryville Borough/Clinton Township Joint Municipal Authority wastewater improvement project.

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, two grants were awarded in the region. The Factoryville Borough/Clinton Township Joint Municipal Authority relieved a \$300,000 ARC grant for a sewage treatment expansion project which will expand the capacity of the current malfunctioning system, which will also serve Keystone College. The total cost of this project is \$3,847,000.

The Northern Tier Career Center, located in Towanda, also received a \$300,000 ARC grant to establish a welding technology program in newly renovated space at the school. The funding will be used for program start-up costs, equipment, text books, and material. The total cost of this project is \$788,130.

Upcoming Events

Your Business and Marcellus Shale (five part series)

October 14, 21, 28
November 4, 10
8-9:30a.m.—NTRPDC
Conference Room

NTRPDC Full Commission Meeting

October 16, 12 p.m.—Triton
Fire Company, Tunkhannock

"Home Sweet Home Business" Seminar

October 28, 12 -2 p.m.—
NTRPDC Conf. Room (contact
SBDC 570.941.7588 to
register)

NTRPDC County Outreach Meetings

Sullivan County—Oct 2
Susquehanna Co.—Oct 30
Wyoming County—Dec 4
Call **1-888-868-8800** or e-mail

info@northerntier.org
for more information and to
register for all events.

Did you know....

...that almost every town thinks they have a "parking problem"? Quantity is only an issue in the most economically strong downtowns. The problem is with the management of spaces that exist. Almost nothing provides less property tax revenue than a surface parking lot. Remember, cars don't buy goods and services, people do. Nobody will visit your downtown just so they can park their car. If the shopping, services, entertainment and events are there, people will find a place to park.

Summer Youth Employment Program

147 participants gained work experience throughout the region



Summer employment participants paint parking meters in downtown Dushore.

The Summer Youth Employment Program allows area youth to gain work experience while helping out area businesses and public entities across the region. Overall, 147 participants participated in the program.

In addition to hands on experience, they also participated in academic enrichment activities focusing on career exploration and work readiness skills, which also included field trips to learn more about opportunities in growing industries.

Worksites included private businesses and public entities all throughout the region.

This program is funded by the Workforce Investment Act. This year, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allowed for increased participation. Administered by the NTRPDC and the Northern Tier Workforce Investment Board, the program is operated in Bradford County by Bradford County Action and TREHAB in Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming Counties.



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Loans and Grants

Two business loans closed totaling \$125,000

Business Loans Closed:

- \$25,000 microloan to **Drinker’s Creek Holdings, LLC** in Susquehanna for restaurant renovations.
- \$100,000 Tri-District Fund loan to **Tungsten Sources,**

LLC Towanda, for equipment purchase.

These loans will help create or retain a total of 19 full time jobs. The funds helped leverage \$600,000 in private investment. NTRPDC currently serves 125 active loans totaling \$11,266,092.



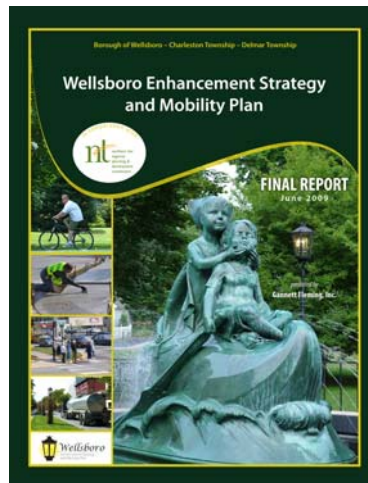
Wellsboro Mobility Plan

Plan addresses transportation issues in the Wellsboro area

The Wellsboro Enhancement Strategy and Mobility plan was funded by the Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission with support by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and Tioga County. The study area includes Wellsboro Borough, Charleston Township, and Delmar Township and identifies the most vital areas of the transportation system including how easy it is to cross a street and how well the system connects residents, businesses, and industries to the outside world.

“Thanks to NTRPDC, we now have a most useful tool for our community. The Wellsboro Mobility Analysis has identified our most pressing transportation concerns and has provided a plan for addressing them. Future decision making going forward will be based on the recommendations from this study,” said Mary Worthington, Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Growth Resources of Wellsboro Foundation (GROW).

For more information please visit www.wellsboromobility.com



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Grant Funding Available

Volunteer Fire Company, Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program

Volunteer fire companies, ambulance services, and rescue companies are eligible to request funding through an on-line system at www.osfc.state.pa.us. Eligible projects include construction and/or renovation to service facilities or purchase and repair of fixtures and furnishings necessary to improve services, the purchase or repair of firefighting, ambulance, or rescue equipment, debt reduction associated with the facility or equipment, and training and certification of members.

Grant awards shall not be less than \$2,500 and not more than \$15,000 for each eligible volunteer fire company and not less than \$2,500 and not more than \$15,000 for each eligible rescue company. The on-line application will be available beginning September 2009 and will only be open for 45 days.

Please visit : www.osfc.state.pa.us

Staff Directory

Please note changes

NTRPDC has recently converted to an automated phone system. You may reach any staff member by calling 570.265.9103 or our toll-free number 1.888.868.8800 and dialing the "1" plus the staff person's three digit extension. You can also call directly by dialing 570.265.1 (three digit extension).

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