Community Development

Community Development staff has recently completed a Conduit Block Grant Program in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to improve recreation facilities in small communities.

The project recently completed:

- Armagh Township, Armagh Township Community Park – Remove and replace unsafe playground equipment, safety surface, and improve handicapped access ($60,000).

Community Development staff continue to provide Mifflin County Planning Office technical assistance with the County’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program on an as needed basis.

Community Development staff is currently assisting Oliver Township and McVeytown Borough with development of a DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Development Grant.

Community Development staff recently completed funding and administration for the expansion of the Mifflin-Juniata Dental Clinic through new equipment purchase.

CONTACT: Bill Seigel

Community Resource Center (CRC)

Kish Creek RiverWalk
CRC staff, working with the Borough of Lewistown and Downtown Lewistown Inc., developed construction drawings and bid documents for the Kish Creek RiverWalk. The RiverWalk will establish a pedestrian and bike trail in the downtown. The project includes the reuse of a SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Bridge as a pedestrian bridge, trail, lighting and landscaping and will be constructed in the spring of 2007.

ARC Furniture Project
CRC staff conducted regular monthly meetings with participating artisans. Recognizing the niche market nature of the furniture, it was decided to pursue direct contacts, interviews, and meetings with selected interior designers in the Mid Atlantic market place. A target list of designer contacts has been compiled. Contacts will be initiated upon completion of marketing materials intended for distribution to these designers.

CONTACT: Tom Grbenick
Economic Development

Business Development Finance
During January 2004 – December 2006, SEDA-COG and Mifflin County have combined efforts to fund 6 loans to 4 businesses. The $1.2 million in SEDA-COG loans leveraged $2.1 million in private funds to finance $3.3 million in projects. These projects resulted in the commitment to create/retain 76 jobs at an average cost of $16,040 per job. Donsco, Inc. and Joe Krentzman & Son, Inc. each received 2 loans and Pennsylvania Insulating Glass and T C Daubert Trucking each received 1 loan through SEDA-COG during the past three years.

CONTACT: Jim McClure

Central Pennsylvania Entrepreneurial Assistance Network/Microenterprise Development Program

(Microenterprise Development — Judith Flynn (CPEAN)
The Central Pennsylvania Entrepreneurial Assistance Network (CPEAN) is a collaborative public/private alliance of more than 50 partners created to stimulate new business starts, enhance small business expansions, and increase the survival rate of small businesses. The main marketing tool and information portal for the CPEAN is www.businessgrower.com which provides a centralized place for entrepreneurs to access information and guidance on financing assistance, training opportunities, business plan writing, and other technical assistance. In Mifflin County, the CPEAN has provided assistance to 14 entrepreneurs.

CONTACT: Elizabeth Cash
Export Development Assistance

SEDA-COG’s Export Development Program provides export counseling, market research, technical assistance, market development support, training seminars, trade event assistance, and trade leads matching to companies in Mifflin County.

From January 2004 through December 2006, 23 companies have accessed these export development services, and the program engaged six new companies in this time period. In June of 2005, SEDA-COG sponsored “Taste of Pennsylvania,” a trade show that featured 16 companies at Asher’s Chocolates in Lewistown. Seven companies participated in various trade events, including Jack’s Mountain Forest Products at the Hardwood Buyers Mission in 2006, and Krentzman & Sons participating in a Trade Mission to India in the fall of 2006.

The following companies received export assistance during this time frame. Ten received international trade lead opportunities. Six companies received assistance from Pennsylvania’s overseas trade representatives. FoxPro Systems and Krentzman & Sons received Market Access Grant monies for participation in international trade events.

- A. J. Peachey and Sons
- Allensville Planing Mill
- Ashers Chocolates
- Brookmere Farm Vineyards
- Buckell Plastic Company
- Collins / Mann Edge Tool Company
- DG Power Systems, Inc.
- FoxPro Systems
- G.E. Inspection Technologies, LLC.
- Hartley’s Potato Chips
- Industrial Plywood of Central PA, Inc.
- Jack’s Mountain Forest Products
- Kardex Systems, Inc.
- Kish Lumber Company
- Krentzman & Sons
- Miller’s Wood Recycling LLC
- Nittany Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Overhead Door Corp.
- Peachy’s Wood Products
- Primworks LLC
- CitiLog
- United Chemical Technologies
- US Ultrasound, Inc.

CONTACT: Barbara Woodson
Infrastructure Development & Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ)

Mifflin County Economic Adjustment Assistance Project – Economic Development Administration (EDA)
In late 2006 SEDA-COG began working with the Mifflin County Industrial Development Corporation (MCIDC) to secure a $50,000 Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant from Economic Development Administration (EDA) as part of an $110,000 project to develop a reuse strategy for the Case New Holland facility in Union Township. SEDA-COG and MCIDC staffs submitted a pre-application to EDA in early 2007.

Mifflin County Industrial Park East ARC Access Road Project, Granville Township, Mifflin County
In late 2005, SEDA-COG began assisting the Mifflin County Industrial Development Corporation (MCIDC) and Granville Township in submitting an ARC application for $500,000 to construct an access road to serve Mifflin County Industrial Park East. This application was formally approved by ARC in mid 2006.

In 2001, SEDA-COG worked with the Mifflin County Industrial Development Corporation (MCIDC) to secure KOEZ designation for 60 acres located in the Mifflin County Industrial Park in Granville Township. SEDA-COG also assisted MCIDC in securing a KOEZ enhancement in 2003 for an additional 300 acres located adjacent to the current site in Granville Township now called the Mifflin County Industrial Park East.

As KOZ Coordinator for the Central Region KOZ, SEDA-COG provides technical assistance to Subzone Coordinators, KOZ property owners, businesses operating in the KOZ, and local officials with regard to KOZ policies and application procedures. In addition, we respond inquiries regarding the KOZ program from various entities from wanting to know if a location is in a KOZ to searches for KOZ buildings and land.

SEDA-COG also processes all yearly KOZ applications submitted. The following is a summary of the recent number of applications that have been processed in the last three years since the inception of the program in Mifflin County where in 2001 only one application was received.

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As of 2006, these applicants have provided $3,163,052 of investment in the County and employ 8.

CONTACT: Jerry Bohinski
PA SourceNet (www.pasourcenet.com)

PA SourceNet is an Internet-based network of Pennsylvania companies that buy from and sell to each other, providing firms with potentially new sources for materials, services, and industrial processes. This website can also be used by enrolled firms to search for qualified sales leads among other Pennsylvania companies.

The database has an active membership of more than 9,000 Pennsylvania companies, of which 47 are located in Mifflin County.

CONTACT: Judith Flynn

Pennsylvania Business Retention & Expansion Program (BREP)

The Pennsylvania Business Retention and Expansion Program (PA BREP) was established in 1997 to forge better working relationships and stronger collaboration among the network of public, private, state and local economic development organizations. Since its inception, the goal of the program has remained constant - to retain and grow the existing base of businesses and jobs in Pennsylvania by connecting local businesses with resources to help them solve problems, maintain competitiveness, and promote economic vitality. SEDA-COG partners with our county Chambers of Commerce and Industrial Development Corporations to conduct the PA BREP throughout the Central Region. This year, our partners will visit more than 850 companies in the region, conduct one-on-one discussions with company CEOs and executives, making referrals to a network of more than 50 regional organizations that can help address the companies’ needs. Since January 2004, in collaboration with the Mifflin County Industrial Development Corporation, 203 company visits have been conducted in Mifflin County and 118 referrals were sent to our service provider network. These referrals resulted in business expansions that yielded a total public financial investment of $1,561,250 and a total private company and bank financial investment of $5,798,800.

CONTACT: Judith Flynn
Procurement Technical Assistance

The mission of the SEDA-COG Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) is to assist area businesses in pursuing government contracting and subcontracting opportunities. Individualized counseling, informational resources, and group training seminars are provided on doing business with local, state, and federal government agencies as well as major prime contractors. Since inception of the program in 1982, companies throughout Mifflin County have utilized the assistance available through the PTAC.

During Fiscal Year 2003/2004, the PTAC assisted 21 client companies based in Mifflin County. The Center introduced government contracting to five new client companies and provided 28 follow-up counseling sessions. These clients reported 29 contracts/subcontracts totaling over $399,000, which represents a 43% increase in contract dollars reported over the previous year.

In FY 2004/2005, the PTAC assisted 10 client companies based in Mifflin County. There was one new client and 24 follow-up counseling sessions were provided. These clients reported 24 contracts/subcontracts valued at $2,987,716.

During Fiscal Year 2005/2006, the PTAC had assisted 11 client companies based in Mifflin County. There were three new clients and 34 follow-up counseling sessions were provided. These clients reported nine contracts/subcontracts valued at $1,833,330.

The following is a current list of 21 Mifflin County businesses that active clients of the PTAC. Sixteen of these companies are currently receiving our free bid matching service, which provides customized notification of government bid announcements.

- Bear Springs Manufacturing
- Bryson’s Stuff
- Buckell Plastic Company
- Central PA Fire Equipment
- D.K. Hostetler, Inc.
- DG Power Systems, Inc.
- Fox Pro Systems
- Freedom Components
- Fultz Pumps, Inc.
- Gravytrain Express, LLC
- Hartley’s Potato Chip Co., Inc.
- Inventive Software Solutions
- Joe Krentzman & Son, Inc.
- Kardex Systems, Inc.
- Knepp Tooling
- Lepley Electric Supply
- Precision Custom Components LLC
- Rich Coast Coffee
- Shaffer Machining
- Three Streams Farm
- Unipar, Inc.

**CONTACT:** Robert Brown
**Geographic Information Systems**

- Mifflin County GIS staff is frequent guest at GIS Task Force Meetings.
- Internet web mapping application for Valleys of the Susquehanna features Mifflin County tourist attractions (www.pavalleys.com).
- Provided GIS technical services to Lewistown.
- Currently providing mapping support for Regional Land Use and Transportation Master Plan.

**Contact:** Joe DeWalle

**Graphics and Printing**

No printing services were provided to Mifflin County agencies through SEDA COG's Graphics and Printing Department:

**Contact:** Jerry Johnson

**Information Technologies Group (ITG)**

SEDA-COG's ITG provides a broad range of services to our client counties. Such services range from software and hardware support, networking support, web and database application design and implementation, and technical consulting. Below is a summary of such services ITG has provided to Mifflin county and its municipalities.

- Assisted Focus Central PA (regional economic development group) with email and other network issues associated with their move.
- Provided technical assistance to Granville Township and Rich Coast Coffee on website reviews and domain name resolution.
- Website development was performed for Unipar Plastics.
- Provided free computer and website helpdesk support for municipalities.
- Provide free Website Hosting for local governments.
- Provided assistance to rural residents in seeking to acquire broadband access.
- Assisted in the acquisition of a Microsoft software grant for Hemlock Girl Scout Council worth approximately $39,294.

**Contact:** Jim Baker
Transportation / Special Projects

- Carry out the regional transportation planning process in Mifflin County.
- Coordinated the Transportation Enhancements and Home Town Streets / Safe Routes to School selection process and worked with project sponsors.
  - Approved $173,100 for Mifflin County’s Monument Square Phase II Home Town Streets project.
  - Approved additional $190,000 to complete Lewistown Borough Montgomery Avenue Transportation Enhancements streetscape project.
- Assisted PennDOT District 2-0 in the implementation of a regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) plan that would increase the safety and efficiency of the transportation system in Mifflin County.
- Developing a regional long-range transportation plan that will identify long-term transportation needs in Mifflin County.
- Processed TIP amendments and modifications involving numerous Mifflin County transportation projects.
- Presented highway safety information at Mifflin County Planning Commission meeting.
- Relying on the SEDA-COG Freight Advisory Committee, reviewed select roadways in Mifflin County for the purpose of prioritizing freight system improvements.
- As part of a contract with PennDOT, worked to extend Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) technology transfer services to Mifflin County municipalities.
  - Conducted training classes on Superpave and Posting and Bonding
  - Attended Mifflin County Convention
  - Prepared invitee list from Union County for GIS Technology Fair.
- Completed Roadway Safety Audits and accident analysis for Mifflin County roads. Approved Highway Safety Improvement Program funds for curve signing on SR 322 near Seven Mountains; various rumble strip installations.
- Sponsored transportation-oriented workshops, such as Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Planning and Design Training.
- Assisted PennDOT in travel demand model development for the state-owned roadway network in Mifflin County.
- Developing planning process which would coordinate public transportation and human services improvements in Mifflin County.
- Continue to work with Mifflin County Planning on rural transit issues.
- Reviewed updates on Stone Arch Bridge Project.
- Attended public meeting on Monument Square Project.
- Reconstructed the Chestnut Street and SR22/522 grade crossings in Lewistown.
- Built new 4,500 square foot engine house for the Juniata Valley Railroad.
- Worked cooperatively with the MCIDC for the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority to accept ownership of the West Park track.
- Secured grants from USDA ($92,000) and DCED ($111,000) for a reconstructed siding for Krentzman and the Maitland Runaround Track.
- Attended Mifflin County Planning Commission workshop on the State Transportation Commission public hearing guidelines.
- Attended Mifflin County Planning Commission workshop on the Monument Square Project.
- As part of the SEDA-COG Freight Advisory Committee, reviewed select roadways in Mifflin County for the purpose of prioritizing freight system improvements.
- As part of a contract with PennDOT, worked to extend Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) technology transfer services to Mifflin County municipalities.
- Performed highway safety inspections on various state and local roadways.

**CONTACT:** Jeff Stover