

ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Dear Centre County Residents,

On behalf of the Centre County Board of Commissioners and Planning Commission, we are pleased to present the *2012 Centre County Planning Commission Annual Report*.

This past year, we've had some changes to our Planning Commission and staff that must be recognized. Kevin Abbey, a County Planning Commission member representing the Centre Region since 2005, completed his second term in 2012. Kevin also served on the Ferguson Township Planning Commission and the Centre Regional Planning Commission. His knowledge, insight, and experience made a difference that significantly improved the quality of life in our community. We will miss his service to the residents of the County.

Similarly, Norm Lathbury officially retired as a Senior Advisor administering the County's Agricultural Land Preservation Program and the Farmland Trust. When you drive around the County and enjoy viewing our beautiful farmland, think of Norm and all the hard working farm families that provide us with food and make Centre County a great place to live.

We hope you'll find this report informative and serve as a guide to help you become familiar with the services we provide.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Jacobs, AICP

Planning Director

MISSION STATEMENT:

It is the mission of the Centre County Planning and Community Development Office to provide the citizens of Centre County with professional planning services by promoting a coordinated and cost effective approach to the orderly growth and development of their communities.

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SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

One of the important tasks performed by the Planning & Community Development Office is the administration of the Centre County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). This aspect of 'county planning' is done to help ensure that benefits realized by development activity outweigh negative impacts that might result from an increase in the demand on local facilities and services as well as providing assistance concerning developer compliance with applicable local, state and federal land use controls.

To achieve this goal, the Planning & Community Development Office staff is charged with the duty of administering the County's Ordinance. The staff's main focus is within the 25 municipalities that fall under the jurisdiction of the County's SALDO, as well as to receive, review and monitor all plans originating from those municipalities that have adopted their own local subdivision and land development ordinances. The administration of the County's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is the direct responsibility of staff members Anson Burwell and Chris Schnure.



In comparison of the subdivision and land development activity data for 2012, the total number of 'subdivision lots' created computes to 199 county-wide and represents a 10% increase in the number of lots created from the previous year's total of 181 lots. This slight change seems consistent with and reflects the continued

and sustained affects of the economic climate of the last four years.

In regard to subdivision activity, one plan of note was the State Correctional Institution at Rockview Subdivision (aka



the Canyon Lands located in Benner Township) creating 19 lots of record subdivided from a 1,850 acre portion of lands previously owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Various lots were transferred to Benner Township, the Pa Fish and Boat Commission and the Pennsylvania State University.

Unlike the above, 'land development units' data compiled in 2012 show a total of 866 units. This number represents a 1,155% increase in land development activity from last year's total of 69 units; which was quite unexpected, especially in the size of percentage increase in activity.

In regard to this massive percentage increase, three plans make up the bulk of the activity, namely: The Villas at Happy Valley (creating 145 residential rental units on 6.9 acres in College Township and earmarked as 'student housing'); The Retreat at State College Planned Residential Development (creating 138 residential rental units in College Township and State College Borough on 23.9 acres also marketed for 'student

housing'); and, the Turnberry Traditional Town Development, Phase 1 (creating 390 residential units on 100 acres in Ferguson Township).

Upon comparison of the data compiled for 2012 with the previous year's numbers, it seems evident that the national, state and local economic conditions are still having negative effects on growth patterns regarding subdivisions creating new residential lots; however, the marked rise in the creation of residential land development units would seem to indicate that the inventories of existing stock has been depleted such that there is now a market and growing demand for these type of units, especially within the Centre Region. For example, the 2012 development activity for the creation of new residential lots is at a level similar to the county totals compiled in 2011; however, the creation of residential land development units has nearly reached the high-water mark of the 870 units created back in 2005 when local development was at a peak.

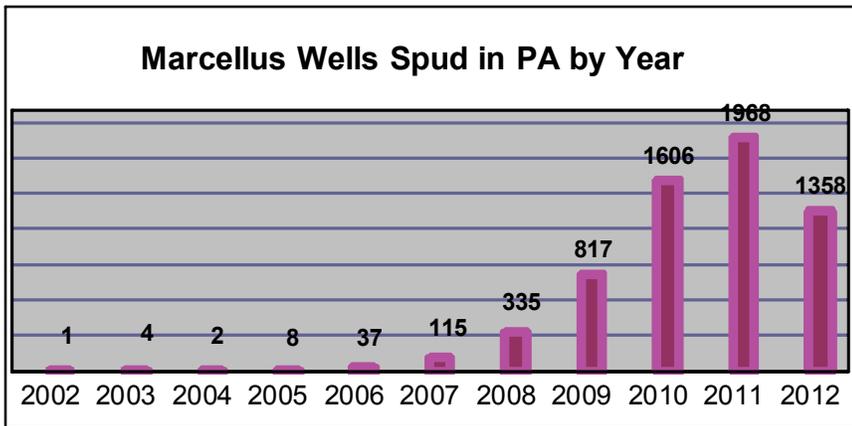
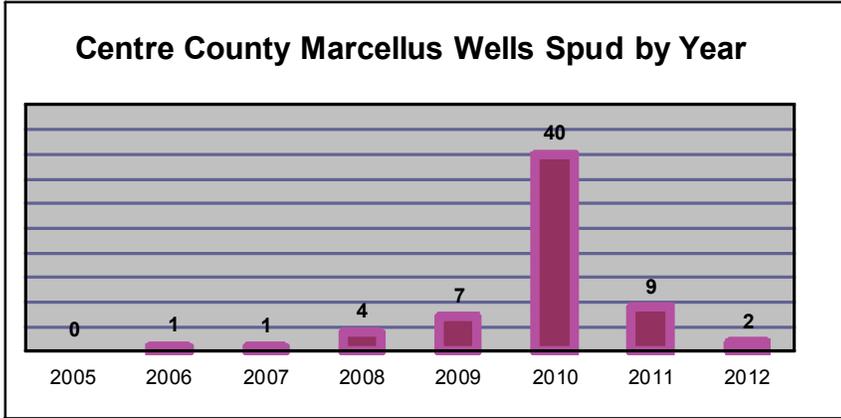
In regard to the various indicators that we routinely observe, the consistent numbers of subdivision lots created in the past two years coupled with the major increase in land development activity is in a pattern that seems to indicate that the statistical bottom has been reached and a resurgence in activity has and will continue to occur locally. If our observations are correct, we predict that the 2013 numbers will reflect a continued upward trend in development activity.

If you would like to review additional information regarding development activity, please reference the 2012 Centre County Subdivision and Land Development Activity Report on file at the following website: www.centrecountypa.gov.

**COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING CONTROLS
2012**

	Adopted Comprehensive Plan	Planning Commission	Municipal SALDO Applies	County SALDO Ordinance Applies	Zoning Ordinance	Parkland Dedication Ordinance	Building Permit Ordinance	Federal Flood Insurance Program	Ag Security Area	Storm-Water Ordinance
CENTRE COUNTY	X	X		X						X
CENTRE REGION										
State College Borough	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
College Township	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Ferguson Township	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Halfmoon Township	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Harris Township	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Patton Township	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
LOWER BALD EAGLE VALLEY REGION										
Howard Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Milesburg Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Boggs Township	X			X	X		X	X		X
Curtin Township				X			X	X		
Howard Township	X			X			X	X		
Liberty Township	X	X	X		X		X	X		X
NITTANY VALLEY REGION										
Bellefonte Borough	X	X	X		X		X	X		X
Benner Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Marion Township	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spring Township	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Walker Township	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MOSHANNON VALLEY REGION										
Phillipsburg Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Rush Township	X	X	X				X	X		
MOUNTAINTOP REGION										
Snow Shoe Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Burnside Township	X			X			X	X		
Snow Shoe Township	X			X			X	X		
PENNS VALLEY REGION										
Centre Hall Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Millheim Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Gregg Township	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Haines Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Miles Township	X			X	X		X	X	X	X
Penn Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Potter Township	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
UPPER BALD EAGLE REGION										
Port Matilda Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Unionville Borough				X	X		X	X		
Huston Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Taylor Township				X	X		X	X	X	X
Union Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Worth Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X

CENTRE COUNTY MARCELLUS SHALE GAS DRILLING: 2012



Unconventional Natural Gas Industry Update

The accompanying charts compare the number of unconventional natural gas wells drilled by year in Centre County and statewide in Pennsylvania. The county's sharp decline is attributed to the lack of pipeline infrastructure to transport the gas to market.

Although the number of wells drilled declined, the number of unconventional wells reporting production remained steady over the last two-year period, with 24 of Centre County's 64 total Marcellus wells reporting production.

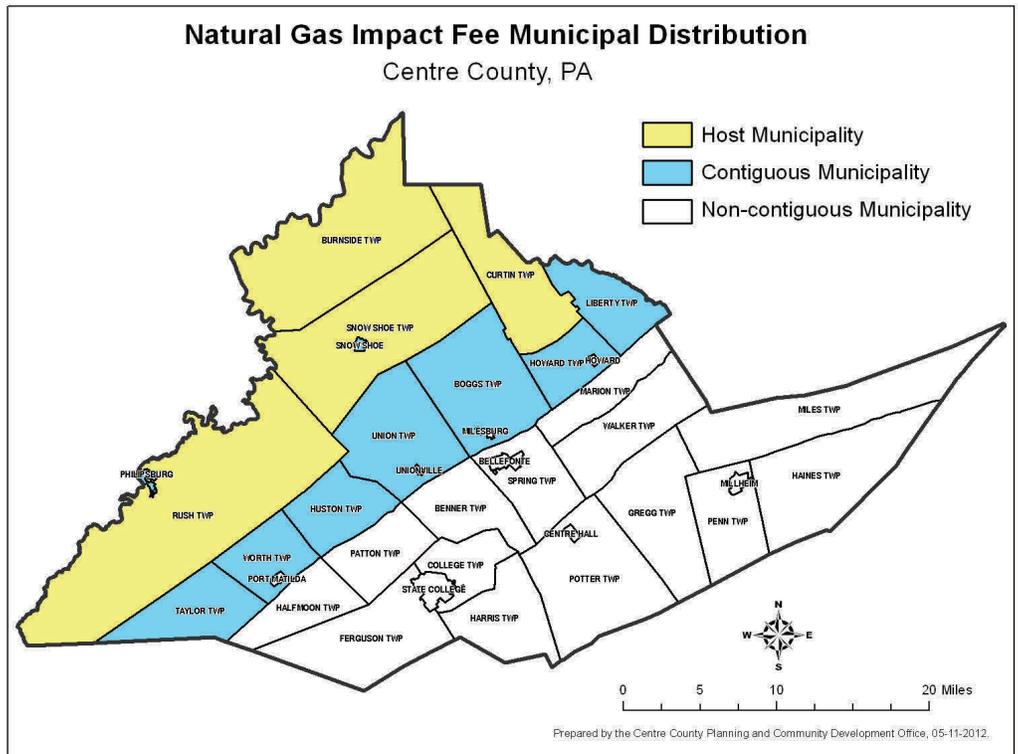
Marcellus Shale is an unconventional formation.

An **"Unconventional Natural Gas Well"** is a well that is drilled into an unconventional formation, which is defined as a geologic shale formation below the base of the Elk Sandstone or its geologic equivalent where natural gas generally cannot be produced except by horizontal or vertical well bores stimulated by hydraulic fracturing.

ACT 13

In November, each municipality in Centre County received its first disbursement of ACT 13 Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fees. Disbursements are scheduled to occur annually for a period of 15 years. The dollar amounts will fluctuate.

In an effort to ensure that each municipality meet the reporting requirements of this new legislation, the county planning office met with the host municipalities (see map), and prepared a Guideline Document for use of the ACT 13 funds. For more information on the local usage of 2012 funds — <http://centrecountypa.gov/index.aspx?NID=655>



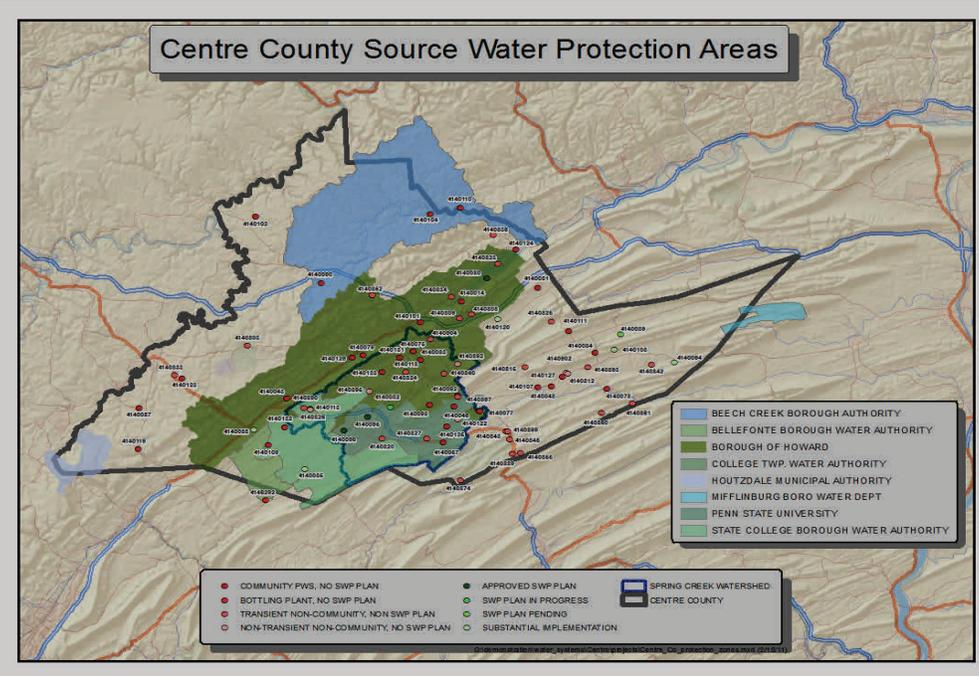
SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLANNING

Protecting water supplies is a critical element in the overall mission to provide safe and reliable supplies of drinking water to the residents of Centre County. Of the 45 Community Water Systems in the county, only 4 have approved plans (College Township, Howard Borough,

Penn State University, and State College Borough). But that is changing. Great progress was made in 2012 toward greater participation in the PA Department of Environmental Protection Source Water Protection program.

2012 Milestones:

- Mountain Top Regional Water Authority received a copy of their draft plan and are continuing to provide comment. The plan delineated source water protection areas, existing and potential sources of contamination, and identified a probable area for a new groundwater source.
- The five water systems with sources located in Rush Township are participating in a regional approach and have established the Central PA Source Water Alliance for Protection - a coalition of representatives from: Philipsburg's PA American, Houtzdale, and Cooper Township (Clearfield County), Oak Ridge, and Halfmoon. The Black Moshannon State Park water system is also a participant.
- Rush Township received a Water Resources Education Network grant to foster and support educational opportunities about Rush Township's drinking water resources.



CENTRE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATES

In 2012, the agriculture chapter of the Centre County Comprehensive Plan was updated to reflect current trends and considerations. New activities included in this update include:

- Agri-tourism
- Locally Grown / Organic Produce
- Equine Industry
- Viniculture
- Deer and Elk Farming
- Biofuels

cluded in the agriculture update include:

- Agricultural Security Areas
- Agricultural Conservation Easements
- PA Preferred
- PA Farm Link
- Agricultural Zoning

Today in America, one acre of farmland per minute is lost to development. The agriculture update also included programs and tools available to preserve farmland while securing property market value for farmers. The tools and techniques in-



Interesting Farm Facts:

- Of Centre County's agricultural sales, approximately 46% are related to the Dairy Industry.
- PA is the fourth largest wine grape producer in the nation. Centre County currently has three wineries.
- Equine activities occupy over 10,000 acres in Centre County.
- Centre County is ranked second in the state for commercial deer farms and PA is ranked second in the nation. This industry is growing an average of 12% per year.

Link - Agriculture Chapter Update:

<http://centrecountypa.gov/index.aspx?nid=212>

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

CCPCDO staff continues to take a proactive approach to the coordination of land use and transportation infrastructure development. In conjunction with the Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA), the CCPCDO provides staff support to the federally governed Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO). The CCMPO is the lead entity responsible for developing the county's transportation plans and allocating federal, state and some local transportation funds toward priority projects.

Funding Challenges Remain in 2012

As in previous years, the funding need for important transportation projects far outpaced the revenues available.

On the state level, discussions on the possibility of a state transportation funding bill continued.

As outlined in the Governor's Transportation Funding Advisory Committee's (TFAC)

report the funding gap in Pennsylvania was approximately \$3.5 billion annually. In order to bridge that gap, the TFAC recommended a bill that would supply up to \$2.5 billion of additional revenue annually for transportation investments.

As of early 2013, Governor Corbett offered a transportation funding proposal as part of his budget address that would supply \$1.8 billion in additional funds. Senator Rafferty recently answered with a \$2.5 billion bill that mirrored many of the TFAC recommendations. To date, neither the Governor's proposal or the Rafferty bill have advanced through the legislature.

On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). Funding surface transportation programs at over \$105 billion for fiscal years (FY) 2013 and 2014, MAP-21 is the first long-term

highway authorization enacted since 2005. MAP-21 maintained similar funding levels as its predecessor SAFETEA-LU.

While only a 2 year program, MAP-21 does aim to create a streamlined, performance-based, and multimodal program to address the many challenges facing the U.S. transportation system. CCMPO continues to monitor the ongoing rulemaking related to MAP-21 to determine how it may impact future planning efforts on the local level.

2012 - Accomplishments

Despite these fiscal challenges, the CCMPO, in close coordination with PennDOT, continued to advance high priority highway, public transportation, bridge and bicycle and pedestrian projects. Staff also continues its involvement in subdivision and land development reviews to ensure that transportation needs are adequately met at the initial stages of development. In addition, the

MPO staff continued to further advance its outreach and technical assistance efforts with its municipal partners on numerous initiatives.

A Look Ahead To 2013

The CCMPO looks to have a very busy 2013. Work continues on revising the MPO's Local Funding Formula, which could have significant impacts on the MPO's structure and service delivery model.

Additionally, intense effort will be given to the development of a new 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and the major update of the County's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). These documents given a short and long term look at the County's transportation infrastructure investments.

To Learn More

To learn more about the initiatives being undertaken by the CCMPO, please visit www.ccmpto.net.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2044

CCPCDO and CCMPO staffs will spend a significant part of 2013 developing a new Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

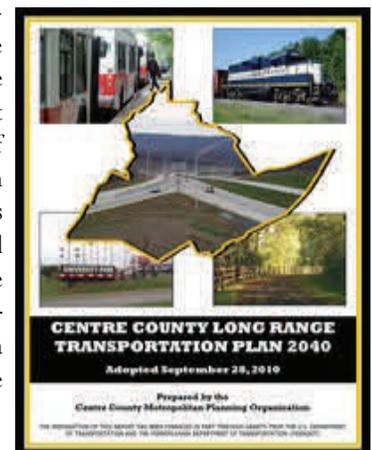
MPOs are required by federal law to update their LRTPs every 4 years. Centre County's LRTP 2040 was adopted in 2010 and will sunset upon the adoption of a new LRTP 2044 in June 2014.

Staff will spend 2013 revisiting

the LRTP 2040's Goals and Objectives, revising the Project Ranking Criteria and undertaking a countywide solicitation for new candidate projects. Additionally, as required by the new federal legislation MAP-21, staff will be developing Implementation Strategies and Performance Measures.

Implementation Strategies will help ensure that as time progresses, the County stays the course in implementing pro-

grams and policies recommended in the LRTP. The inclusion of Performance Measures will also for the first time give the County a set of qualitative measures that can be utilized to track its progress in achieving the Goals and Objectives outlined in the LRTP document. LRTP 2044 is currently scheduled for a June 2014 adoption by the CCMPO.



HOUSING



Centre County offers a First Time Home Buyer Program to eligible County residents providing down payment and closing costs assistance in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the purchase price, whichever is less. The assistance is in the form of zero percent, deferred loan that is made payable when the house is sold, when the mortgage is paid off, house is sold or no longer used as a principal residence, or is refinanced for more than 100% of the purchase price.

In 2012, the County, through its participating lenders, assisted three home buyers. Since the inception of the program, 307 home buyers have taken advantage of the program. For more information visit <http://www.centrecountypa.gov/index.aspx?NID=218> or call the Centre County

Planning Office at 355-6791.

In November 2012, the Centre County Board of Commissioners signed an agreement with the Centre County Housing and Land Trust to provide 15 hours per week of the Housing Coordinator's staff time to serve as the Housing and Land Trust's Executive Director.

The expanded role of the Housing Coordinator's position will enable the Housing and Land Trust to further develop its programs to better serve the affordable housing needs of the communities and residents of our County.

Administration of the Centre County Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program continues in the Penns Valley Region. The program is designed to bring

order to reduce ongoing and future maintenance costs, promote energy efficiency, and to preserve decent affordable owner-occupied housing. Interested homeowners should call the Planning Office for more information.

Staff is actively involved with the Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition in an effort to increase awareness of affordable housing issues in our communities.

The Year 2012 ended on a good note. Centre County was awarded \$150,000 of PHARE (Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement) Funds under Act 13, Natural Gas Impact Fee. The funds will be used for rental assistance, helping individual and families with rent and security deposits in order to prevent homelessness.

CENTRE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

The mission of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board is to preserve the County's prime agricultural land. The nine member board was established in 1989 and has purchased Agricultural Conservation Easements on 39 farms in seven townships totaling 6,213 acres. Funding for easement purchases comes from the Bureau of Farmland

Preservation, Centre County Government, and the federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program.

In 2012, the Agricultural Land Preservation Board initiated preservation on two farms, both to be completed in 2013. A matching grant provided by the PA Bureau of Farmland Preservation

funded a \$9,000 update of the County's LESA (Land Evaluation Site Assessment) system which is used to evaluate and rank applicant farms. Longtime Administrator Norman Lathbury retired in 2012, and trained a new Administrator for the program, Sarah Walter, throughout the fall.

CENTRE COUNTY FARMLAND TRUST

The Centre County Farmland Trust is a publicly supported, tax exempt, nonprofit organization [501(c)(3)]. The trust is authorized by the Internal Revenue Service and the Pennsylvania Department of State to accept, hold and administer conservation easements. Governed by a 15 member Board of Trustees established in 1996, the Trust has preserved 11 farms totaling over 1,000 acres. Two farms were preserved in 2012, one with exceptional historic value in Penns Valley

Land owners wishing to donate a conservation easement as a charitable gift must meet the minimum criteria established by

the Internal Revenue Service and the Trust. Land owners must have a current survey and legal description of the property along with an appraisal by a Certified General Appraiser who determines the easement value. Once approved by the trustees, an easement deed is prepared along with extensive documentation that establishes the condition of the land at the time the easement deed is recorded. Land owners who qualify may be able to claim their donation as a charitable gift and take advantage of federal tax reductions. Eased properties are inspected annually by the Board to en-

sure that the easement deed is being observed. Conservation easements are permanent and become part of the deed when land is sold or transferred. The land owner still owns the land but has donated the right of present and future land owners to develop the property.

Funding comes from annual memberships of individuals, families and corporate sponsors. Grants to support specific projects have come from the Hamer Foundation, Centre County Community Foundation, The Bureau of Farmland Preservation, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club.

CENTRE COUNTY 2012 WEST NILE VIRUS SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL PROGRAM



West Nile Virus is a disease that resides in bird populations and can be

transmitted to humans through the bite of a mosquito that has previously bitten an infected bird. While most cases of West Nile Virus in humans are mild or even undetected, in some instances the virus can result in inflammation of the brain or spinal cord, and can result in death.

Since mid year 2000, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) has made funds available in the form of annual grants to Pennsylvania Counties for the purpose of monitoring the local mosquito population for the presence of West Nile Virus, for the purchase of equipment and pesticide products for controlling mosquito numbers, and for public outreach to teach citizens how to protect themselves from becoming infected by West Nile Virus.

In Centre County the West Nile Virus (WNV) Program is administered by the CCPCDO. In 2012 the staffing consisted of a County Coordinator and one field assistant, both of whom are part time County employees.

Funding

The Centre County West Nile Virus (WNV) Program expended \$53,011 in grant funding in 2012. Centre County’s PADEP funding for the 2013 WNV Program will be \$55,200.

Surveillance and Control

During the surveillance season from early April until the end of September, larval and adult mosquitoes from 500 test sites

throughout the County are captured and sent to PADEP in Harrisburg for identification. The adult mosquitoes are further tested for West Nile Virus if they are found to be a species that can infect humans with the virus. In 2012 there were 717 sampling events in Centre County that resulted in 25,067 mosquitoes being shipped for identification and possible testing. There were 621 West Nile Virus tests performed on adult Centre County mosquitoes, with 52 positive results. The County’s WNV program is also responsible for collecting and shipping dead birds for virus testing. Sixty three birds from Centre County were tested in 2012, with 28 testing positive for West Nile Virus.

For the first time since 2003, a human case of WNV was confirmed in Centre County in 2012. There were also 3 cases of horses infected with the virus.



The presence of a positive mosquito or the presence of large numbers of a mosquito species that can transmit the virus to humans can result in the application of pesticides to reduce the population of these “disease vectors”. In 2012, Centre County West Nile Virus staff conducted 173 pesticide applications to control mosquito numbers.

Additionally, County WNV staff responded to 118 citizen requests for information, dead bird collection, or mosquito surveillance and control.

Public Education

Public education is also an important part of the West Nile Virus program. In 2012, the County West Nile Virus program gave WNV presentations to the six County

Senior Centers, and also maintained an educational booth at the Grange Fair in Centre Hall.

Protect Yourself

Following several years of declining positive mosquito results, in 2010 West Nile Virus began a significant return to Pennsylvania. In 2012 there were 3,410 positive mosquito results Statewide. One hundred thirty five birds were found to be infected with WNV, and there were also 51 veterinary (horse) cases. Fifty human cases of WNV were confirmed in 2012, with 4 deaths.



Residents should take reasonable precautions to avoid mosquito bites, such as wearing long sleeved clothing where mosquitoes are active, and using insect repellents outdoors, especially those containing DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. Elimination of standing water in both natural areas and artificial containers is the single most important thing residents can do to reduce breeding populations. Rain gutters, swimming pool covers, bird baths, wheelbarrows, ornamental ponds, and especially tires are all capable of breeding large amounts of mosquitoes.



GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) AND MAPPING



The internal and external GIS websites were upgraded in 2012 to provide the public and County employees with more tools, data layers and layer control options. The [public GIS website](http://centrecountypa.gov/index.aspx?NID=505) (<http://centrecountypa.gov/index.aspx?NID=505>) is a free service offered by Centre County for anyone with an internet connection. The [internal website](http://centrecountypa.gov/index.aspx?NID=205) (<http://centrecountypa.gov/index.aspx?NID=205>) is available through a WebIA subscription and provides users with more detailed information not provided on the public GIS site.

Centre County Government provides mapping services to municipalities, conservation groups, authorities, school districts, landowners, businesses, and the general public. Tax parcel boundaries, streets, buildings, floodplains, land use, and zoning are basic features on most maps; other datasets may be available upon request.

The departments of Tax Assessment, GIS, and Planning provide hard-copy maps at minimal fees.

RURAL GASIFICATION

This approach evaluates the expansion of natural gas service to existing industrial, commercial and residential properties in Centre County. Its basic concept is patterned after the rural electrification efforts of the 1930s and the expansion of telephone service in the 1940s.

As in the past, utility service (then electric and telephone, now natural gas), reaches high density areas. The issues to be addressed by “rural gasification” are the same: feasibility and funding for expansion of service to consumers.

Current conditions and the extent of the natural gas distribution systems were studied using spatial analysis to determine “hot spots” or locations where natural gas service might be extended.

Ten factors, both site-specific and spatial, were ranked and combined to produce a GIS data layer. The resulting GIS layer

was then symbolized to show the higher scored areas and the clusters of similarly ranked spots.

This model served as a feasibility study to identify priority areas for expansion of natural gas service in the county. Three priority projects were identified:

- Bald Eagle Valley Pipeline Extension Project -- a three-mile extension from the Bald Eagle Area High School east to the Milesburg Truck Plaza.
- Snow Shoe Township Pipeline Extension to the Interstate 80 Interchange with service to the Mountain Top Medical Center, FedEx, Rees’ and east to Fountain Road.
- Curtis Park, Philipsburg Borough -- an unserved pre-existing residential development located between two pipeline termini.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER INFORMATION



We would like to thank Kevin Abbey who represented Centre Region on the Planning Commission and served the citizens of Centre County from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2012.

MOBILE ENERGY EDUCATION TRAINING UNIT



In April, the Centre County Natural Gas Task Force working in conjunction with the County Planning Office and the Central PA Institute of Science and Technology hosted the Mobile Energy Education Training Unit (MEET-U) - a 44-foot trailer containing educational exhibits on a range of oil and natural gas topics. Sponsors for the event included: Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Aquatech, Babst / Calland Attorneys at Law, Columbia Gas of PA, Fulton Bank, HRG, and Resource Technologies Corporation.

GRANT ASSISTANCE / ADMINISTRATION

County planning staff provided support in various forms for the following grant projects completed or underway in 2012. In some cases staff time was used as in-kind services and in others, staff met the compliance requirements for receipt of the reimbursement dollars; acting as project administrator.

Redevelopment Assistance Capitol Program (RACP)

County planning staff administered the following RACP projects on behalf of the county. This grant functions as a reimbursement program for eligible and well documented expenses.

- **Philips Hotel Redevelopment Project**



\$1 million for expenses incurred to improve accessibility, fire safety, and overnight accommodations in Philipsburg Borough.

- **Centre County Grange Equine Facility**

\$1 million for the construction of an indoor horse arena. In 2012, this grant was successfully closed out.

- **Central PA Institute of Science and Technology**



\$3 million for the construction of a Transportation Training Center. An additional \$2 million request for release of funds was submitted in 2012 and awarded in 2013.

Community Conservation and Economic Development Program

- **CCC Camp S-121 Marker – Curtin Township**

In 2012, Centre County received \$5,000 for the installation of a historical marker at the former site of Civilian Conservation Corps Camp S-121, once located along the south side of Beech Creek stream, between Monument and Orviston. This project will be complete by June 2013 - the 80th anniversary of the CCC Camp's opening.

DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2)

- **Howard Borough Pedestrian / Bicycle Trail**

Howard Borough played a leading role in combining C2P2 funds with a Transportation Enhancement (TE) allocation for a total project of \$252,000 to complete a 3/4 mile trail following the historic Bald Eagle Valley railroad right-of-way connecting East End and West End Parks through the town center, linking the Howard Elementary School with nearby neighborhoods.

- **Penns Valley Rail Trail Feasibility Study**

Gregg Township was awarded a C2P2 grant, combined it with local funds for a \$64,600 project to complete a Rails-to-Trails feasibility study of the former 27-mile historic Lewisburg – Tyrone, Centre and Spruce Creek Railroad corridor from Ingleby in Haines Township to Lemont in College Township.

- **Philipsburg 13th Street / Powerhouse Fields**

At years end, staff was facilitating a meeting of Philipsburg Borough, the Cold Stream Recreation Foundation, PA Department of Environmental Protection, and NRG Energy Company to discuss the viability of pursuing a C2P2 grant request in 2013.

ACT 13 Natural Gas Funding Programs

- **PA Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund (PHARE)**

In partnership with the Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition and the Central PA Community Action, Centre County submitted a request for \$150,000 for a rental assistance program. These funds leveraged with an additional \$50,000 from the county's ACT 137 Housing Assistance Program will create a \$200,000 county-wide program.

- **DEP Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicle Grant**

At years end, staff was preparing to submit a request for funds toward the up-fit and/or conversion costs for 10 CNG vehicles. Partners for the grant were: Centre County Office of Transportation, Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority, Centre Area Transportation Authority, and Christoff-Mitchell Petroleum as a private fueling station provider.

US Economic Development Administration

- **Natural Gas Utilization Study Grant**

Centre County joined a partnership with two neighboring counties (Clinton and Mifflin) and the Susquehanna Economic

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The Centre County Planning Commission is comprised of elected officials and interested citizens to represent the regions of the County. The Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Willowbank Office Building. The Commission provides valuable input on the activities of the CCPCDO.

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Term Expires: 12/31/15

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