

Community Benefits Provided by Shale Development

Across the country, responsible shale development is creating new opportunities for states and local communities. From creating new jobs to providing millions in much-needed tax revenues, here's what people are saying about how oil and gas development is helping to power their communities and economies alike.



COLORADO

“There are tens of thousands of Colorado families just like mine, and many single mothers, who depend on oil and gas jobs to put food on the table, pay the bills, get health care, save for college and plan for retirement.”

Diane Banning

[Industry Employee in Colorado](#)

NORTH DAKOTA

“In the first quarter of 2013, Williston issued nearly \$72 million in building permits, more than twice the amount during the same period of 2012.”

[TIME](#)

OHIO

“What we've seen over the past three years is an increase in the number of oil and gas companies coming in and getting involved, wanting to get engaged in the community.”

Jo Sexton

[President of the Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

ILLINOIS

“Many counties in this often-struggling, largely rural region say they could use the jobs they're convinced would come from the drilling itself, the building of fences and roads, and the related trucking.”

[Associated Press](#)

TEXAS

“Von Ormy has collected property and sales taxes since 2009. The property tax rate has been lowered gradually since then, as sales tax proceeds began rising thanks to the nearby Eagle Ford Shale play.”

[San Antonio Express News](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

“The money gives us surplus funds to help small boroughs that aren't rich with funds. It gives small groups an opportunity to do things they otherwise could not.”

Steve Chronister

[President of the York County Commission](#)