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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

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***Dear Community Leader:***

Strong, dynamic community activities and the programs that support them have effects that reach far beyond their original intents. In fact, vibrant community development efforts often draw more people to a particular region and improve the local image of that area in the eyes of the rest of the nation.

***What is Community Development?***

Elected officials and community leaders often talk about community development in the context of economic development. While fundamentally linked, community development differs from economic development in that the former complements the efforts of the latter to increase the number or wage level of local jobs, or to bring new industry or capital into an area. To that end, community development focuses on making a

community a better place to live, work and raise a family. The goal of community development, then, is to improve the quality of life in a particular area. Community development can therefore serve as a foundation for economic development as workers, firms and investors are more willing to invest time and resources in a welcoming, active, pleasant and safe community.

It is in the spirit of developing strong, supportive communities that I have completed this guide for community leaders. It is my hope that this guide proves useful to you.

***About this Guide***

As you probably know, development is a many-faceted process, encompassing varied activities ranging from environmental conservation to downtown redevelopment. This guide subsequently includes several sections

outlining different aspects of community development.

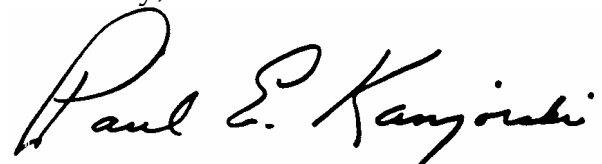
In fact, this packet is divided into eight broad areas. The guide contains several different kinds of information, compiled as available in each of the subject areas. Please see the table of contents for that listing and a breakdown of each section.

Some sections contain direct information on their subjects, including rules, regulations and case studies of how communities have implemented development schemes. Many sections include listings of government and private agencies that can be contacted for further information or guidance in research. Finally, where available, this guide contains listings of grants, loan programs and additional funding sources for community development programs, as well as suggestions for raising money and seeking out community sponsorships.

This pamphlet is designed to serve as a starting point to services and support in many areas and should serve as a basis for your own research, planning and creativity. Its contents are by no means comprehensive and should always be viewed as a work in progress. If you have any additional comments, concerns or information that you feel should be included in the guide, please contact my office.

As you move forward in your efforts to further develop your community, I wish you great luck and success in your endeavor, and hope that your time and energies will be well spent improving the quality of life in Northeastern Pennsylvania. As always, I stand ready to assist you in your efforts.

Sincerely,



Paul E. Kanjorski  
Member of Congress

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## COMMUNITY PLANNING

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## COMMUNITY PLANNING

### A. Introduction and Overview

The planning of a community requires careful organization and research of all available resources to fully develop the various aspects and strengths of a locale. Many avenues exist for individuals and organizations interested in developing their community. A variety of federal, state, and private agencies fund endeavors for development. The later chapters will express more detailed and specific elements of community planning, such as environmental conservation, public safety and civic pride initiatives. This chapter aims to give a broad overview of the agencies and regulations involved in the community planning process. A thorough understanding of the legal requirements and planning bodies in a community is vital for forming a comprehensive vision of a development project.

The **Planning Boards and Bodies** section deals with the state and federal regulations that require communities on the municipal, county and state level to create planning groups and comprehensive development plans for their area. Working with or creating such planning groups is essential to both the development and redevelopment processes.

The **Zoning and Subdivision Regulation for New Development** section describes the general functions of these regulations on each of the levels at which they operate. Different communities have adopted widely differing zoning standards and regulations, so this section seeks to provide an overview of how they may affect your development and redevelopment plans.

The **Creating Plans for Redevelopment** section focuses on revitalizing aging sections of your community. The emphasis is less on specific economic measures and more on providing the resources to fund such measures as main street revitalization and redevelopment in housing areas and abandoned industrial districts.

The final two sections focus on potential sources of funding to support community planning initiatives and additional research resources.

## **B. Planning Boards and Bodies**

The United States Constitution reserves the power of planning for the states. The **Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC)**, Act 247 of 1968, [<http://www.members.aol.com/StatutesP1/53.Cp.30U.html>] delegates planning authority to local governments that better understand the unique needs and resources of their communities. The code provides a broad range of options for counties and municipalities to create plans and planning bodies. The code requires counties to form a comprehensive plan for development of their area. This plan is not binding but instead serves as a guide for development.

At both the county and municipal levels, the MPC allows for planning groups to form as agencies presided over by government, or as commissions with memberships specifically appointed by government. These bodies have the power to create a comprehensive plan for development, zoning ordinances, and subdivision regulations.

Many of the county level planning commissions are staffed by engineers and technical and administrative personnel. While their role is advisory in nature when a municipal planning agency exists, the municipal agency is required to submit many development plans for review to the county commission. In general, the goal of the dual planning system under the MPC is for the municipality to have primary control over its local planning, but also to make sure that municipal planning fits well within the broader scope of the county's comprehensive plan.

The relevant community-planning group should approve any development project before that project gets underway. Included in the appendix of this section is a list of planning and development agencies within the 11<sup>th</sup> District, along with their website addresses and contact information. Some of the websites include documentation on their comprehensive plans, meetings and other activities.

For additional ideas and resource, a simple internet search for County Planning Commissions will reveal a host of websites for agencies, both within the Commonwealth and elsewhere in the country. Additionally, try searching the Pennsylvania Land Use Law Library at [www.landuselawinpa.com](http://www.landuselawinpa.com).



### **C. Zoning and Subdivision Regulation for New Development**

When considering plans for creating new development in a community, planners must be well aware of the particular zoning and subdivision regulations for that area. Even if an individual or group owns a parcel of land or structure themselves, they are not entirely free to develop or change that land as they wish. They must act within the framework of regulations that the local planning commission has assembled.

The comprehensive development plans that all counties must submit to the state under the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code often include zoning ordinances or subdivision regulations. In cases where municipalities also create planning agencies that pass their own zoning regulations and subdivision ordinances, the municipal planning regulations supercede those of the county planning commission.

Communities pass these zoning and subdivision regulations to ensure that all of the needs of the community are met while a sense of order and aesthetic appeal are maintained throughout the area. For example, they would seek to prevent a sewer treatment plant or amusement park from being constructed directly next to a residential area. Additionally, planners hope to ensure that their community does not become overdeveloped or suffer from a lack of green space, so they pass subdivision ordinances to supplement zoning regulations that may have inadvertently allowed for excessive development.

These regulations usually require individuals to obtain permits to build on, renovate, or subdivide their properties. The permits are issued by zoning boards that consider each application and ensure that the development plan fits inside the regulations. The following paragraphs describe the most important elements of zoning regulations and subdivision ordinances of which all potential planners should be aware.

#### ***Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances***

A zoning ordinance is a plan whereby a county or municipal agency creates sections, or zones, in their community that dictate where different forms of development are acceptable. In other words, the zoning ordinances determine what types of buildings may be constructed in different zones; single family residences vs. multi-family apartments or light commercial structures holding professionals' offices vs. heavy commercial structures housing shopping malls, and so on.

Additionally, zoning ordinances regulate how the facilities on the property may be used. Zoning restrictions also dictate the positioning of private entertainment facilities like pools and tennis courts as well as the size and positioning of signs.

Subdivision ordinances regulate the division of land into smaller parcels for sale or development. They now exist largely to protect against over-development and urban sprawl, as many zoning regulations will only allow a fixed number of structures to be built on a single piece of land.

**Before any development or land use activities are initiated, it is best to contact the local planning board. Included in the appendix of this section (Appendix A) is a list of planning and development agencies within the 11<sup>th</sup> District, along with contact information.** Depending on the zoning and subdivision laws that agency has enacted, even minor renovations to properties may require a permit, while larger projects like installing new sewer lines, posting a new sign in front of a property, or beginning a new development or revitalization project definitely will.

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## **D. Potential Funding Sources**

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### *Government Resources*

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#### **FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES**

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##### **Urban Development/Good Neighbor Program**

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<http://www.gsa.gov/goodneighbor>

On the federal level, the **Urban Development/Good Neighbor Program**, which can be accessed through a quick search of the General Services Administration (GSA's) web site works to ensure that federal installations make positive impacts on surrounding communities. These impacts can take the form of community partnerships to address mutual neighborhood concerns, beautification projects around their facilities and the surrounding area and lending of meeting space and other facilities to community groups and civic organizations.

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##### **Contact Information**

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Mr. Frank Giblin

3341 18<sup>th</sup> and F Streets NW, Washington, DC 20405-0000

Phone: (202) 501-1856/Email: [Frank.Giblin@gsa.gov](mailto:Frank.Giblin@gsa.gov)

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#### **STATE OPPORTUNITIES**

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##### **Pennsylvania Growing Smarter**

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[www.landuseinpa.com](http://www.landuseinpa.com)

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania directly supports and funds community planning efforts through the **Pennsylvania Growing Smarter** program. The program offers financial assistance, technical services and education and training opportunities for municipalities and planning organizations.

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##### **Contact Information**

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Governor's Center for Local Government Services - DCED

4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0025

Phone: (888) 223-6837/Fax: (717) 783-1402/Email: [Feedback@landuseinPA.com](mailto:Feedback@landuseinPA.com)

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##### **Main Street Program and the New Communities Program**

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The Commonwealth also offers grant programs for which non-profit redevelopment organizations may apply – the Main Street Program and the New Communities Program. Details for these programs can be found in the Growing

Smarter Toolkit at [www.landuseinpa.com/docs/docs\\_added\\_5\\_27\\_2003/GrowingSmarterToolkit.pdf](http://www.landuseinpa.com/docs/docs_added_5_27_2003/GrowingSmarterToolkit.pdf).

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***Contact Information***

**Main Street Program:**

Dianna Kerr  
Office of Community Development  
(717) 720-7411 / [DiKerr@state.pa.us](mailto:DiKerr@state.pa.us)

**New Communities Program:**

Aldona Kartorie  
Office of Community Development  
(717) 787-7409 / [Akartorie@state.pa.us](mailto:Akartorie@state.pa.us)

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**Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development**

[www.inventpa.com](http://www.inventpa.com)

Additional funding information is available through the **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development**. They offer a wide variety of programs and grants to counties, municipalities and independent non-profit organizations through their Community Resource Directory as well as a funding guide for non-profit organizations.

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***Contact Information***

Email: [Ra-DCEDCLGS@state.pa.us](mailto:Ra-DCEDCLGS@state.pa.us) or visit the contact section of the DCED website at [www.invent.com/contact.aspx](http://www.invent.com/contact.aspx).

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## PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

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### **American Planning Association (APA)**

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[www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org)

A host of both non- and for-profit private organizations also offer publications, technical services, and information for community planners. The **American Planning Association (APA)** is a non-profit public interest and research organization committed to urban, suburban, regional and rural planning.

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#### ***Contact Information***

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1776 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036-1904

Phone: (202) 872-0611/Fax: (202) 872-0643/Email: [CustomerService@planning.org](mailto:CustomerService@planning.org)

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### **Pennsylvania Planning Association (PPA)**

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[www.planningpa.org](http://www.planningpa.org)

The Pennsylvania chapter of the American Planning Association, the **Pennsylvania Planning Association (PPA)** is a non-profit independent organization for citizen and professional planners, as well as organizations and other individuals interested in improving their communities through planning. PPA serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas to encourage good planning practice and to stimulate citizen interests in community improvement through education and awareness.

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#### ***Contact Information***

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Director – Pennsylvania Planning Association

587 James Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112-2273

Phone: (717) 671-4510/Fax: (717) 545-9247/Email: [info@planningpa.org](mailto:info@planningpa.org)

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### **Pennsylvania Downtown Center (PDC)**

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[www.padowntown.org/](http://www.padowntown.org/)

PDC provides services to communities, both urban and rural, tailored to their unique economic and social conditions in order to recapture or sustain their downtown as a vibrant civic, social and economic center of activity. PDC works closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, municipal officials, local offices, corporate advisors, development corporations and community volunteers.

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**Contact Information**

Pennsylvania Downtown Center

130 Locust Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Phone: (717) 233-4675/Fax: (717) 233-4690/Email:[PAowntown@Patown.org](mailto:PAowntown@Patown.org)

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**Downtown Research & Development Center**

[www.downtowndevelopment.com/](http://www.downtowndevelopment.com/)

The **Downtown Research & Development Center** publishes advisor guides, case studies and pamphlets on creating revitalization projects. Their books include guides on soliciting sponsorships for events, writing grants and forming public-private partnerships for development schemes.

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**Contact Information**

Contact at their website at [www.alexcommgrp.com/drdc/contact.php](http://www.alexcommgrp.com/drdc/contact.php) or call toll-free at 1-800 232-4317

**NOTE: When applying for funding from any of these agencies or from any other grant program, the presentation should be as professional and well planned as possible. A beneficial guide to grant writing can be found at [[www.proposalwriter.com/grantwriting.html](http://www.proposalwriter.com/grantwriting.html)].**

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## **E. Additional Research Opportunities**

While every community certainly has unique needs, many problems are common to all communities, and researching what other communities have done in their own areas can prove very helpful in crafting ideas for one's own community. Two more websites offer a variety of helpful resources.

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### **PreservationDirectory.com**

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[www.preservationdirectory.com/downtownandmainstreet\\_main.html](http://www.preservationdirectory.com/downtownandmainstreet_main.html)

**PreservationDirectory.com** maintains a national listing of downtown revitalization projects.


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### **Northeast-Midwest Institute**

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[www.nemw.org/Downtown Revital.pdf](http://www.nemw.org/DowntownRevital.pdf)

The **Northeast-Midwest** has compiled a list of case studies of communities who have successfully implemented downtown revitalization projects and brought ailing urban districts back to life.



## APPENDIX A - COMMUNITY PLANNING

### Contact Information for Municipal Planning and Redevelopment Offices in the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania (Alphabetical by Municipality or County Name)

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#### **Carbon County Office of Planning & Development**

Phone: 570-325-3671  
Fax: 570-325-4080  
1 Lehigh Avenue  
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229-0210

#### **Columbia County Commissioners' Office of Planning and Development**

Phone: 570-389-9146  
[raungst@columbiapa.org](mailto:raungst@columbiapa.org)  
702 Sawmill Road  
Suite 104  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

#### **Columbia County Redevelopment Authority**

Phone: 570-784-9373  
Fax: 570-387-8806  
700 Sawmill Road  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

#### **City of Hazelton Office of Community Development**

Phone: 570-459-4965  
40 North Church Street  
Hazelton, PA 18201

#### **Redevelopment Authority of the County of Lackawanna**

Phone: 570-963-6830  
Fax: 570-963-6616  
200 Adams Avenue, Lower Level

Scranton, PA 18503

#### **Lackawanna County Planning Department**

Phone: 570-963-6400  
Fax: 570-963-6364  
200 Adams Avenue, Room 610  
Scranton, PA 18503

#### **Lackawanna County Conservation District**

Phone: 570-281-9495  
Fax: 570-281-9497  
1300 Old Plank Road  
Mayfield, PA 18433

#### **Luzerne County Office of Community Development**

Phone: 570-824-7214  
Fax: 570-829-2910  
54 West Union Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

#### **Redevelopment Authority of Luzerne County**

Phone: 570-655-3329  
Fax: 570-655-3287  
16 Luzerne Avenue, Suite 210  
West Pittston, PA 18643

#### **Monroe County Planning Commission**

Phone: 570-517-3100  
Fax: 570-420-3564



Administrative Center  
1 Quaker Plaza, Room 106  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360-2169  
[www.monroe2020.org](http://www.monroe2020.org)

**Redevelopment Authority of the  
County of Monroe**

Phone: 570-421-4300  
Fax: 570-420-9414  
37 S. Courtland St.  
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301-2825

**City of Nanticoke Community  
Development Office**

Email: None  
Phone: 570-735-2800  
15 East Ridge Street  
Nanticoke, PA 18634

**Redevelopment Authority of the  
City of Pittston**

Phone: 570-654-4601  
Fax: 570-602-9261  
Room 210, City Hall, 35 Broad Street  
Pittston, PA 18640

**Scranton City Office of Economic  
and Community Development**

Phone: 570-348-4216  
340 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, PA 18503-1523

**Wilkes-Barre City Office of  
Economic and Community  
Development**

Phone: 570-208-4113  
40 East Market Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

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## APPENDIX A - COMMUNITY PLANNING

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**Contact Information for Municipal Planning and Redevelopment Offices in  
the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania**  
*(Alphabetical by Municipality or County Name)*

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**Carbon County Planning Department**

*Phone: (570) 325-3671*

*Fax: (570) 325-3303*

**Columbia County Planning Department**

*Phone: (570) 389-9146*

**Lackawanna County Planning Department**

*Phone: (570) 963-6826*

*Fax: (570) 963-6364*

**Luzerne County Planning Department**

*Phone: (570) 963-6826*

*Fax: (570) 963-6364*

**Monroe County Planning**

*Phone: (570) 517-3100*

*Fax: (570) 420-3564*

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION & CONSERVATION**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION & CONSERVATION

### **A. Introduction and Overview**

Environmental preservation and restoration should be at the forefront of any community developer's mind. Northeastern Pennsylvania faces a dual challenge in confronting environmental issues. Not only should we work toward conservation of green spaces, but we must also repair the damage caused by the industrial pollution from our long history as the nation's premier coal supplier. The scars of heavy industry are still visible in many of our communities today, and so we are left with the weighty challenge of restoring our environment to health and renewing the possibility of useful development.

This chapter is divided into several sections, each with the aim of presenting resources to help a developer confront the dual challenges of environmental conservation and restoration. The following is a quick overview of each section:

The **Environmental Management and Enforcement Agencies** section details the federal and state organizations that work to create and enforce environmental conservation and protection legislation.

The **Environmental Remediation and Cleanup Initiatives** section looks at groups and funding sources on the national, state and local level dedicated to reclaiming polluted and abandoned industrial sites, streams, watersheds and green areas for either conservation purposes or for new commercial or recreational development.

The **Conserving and Protecting Existing Wild Land** section lists agencies that promote the creation of pristine wild lands, recreational areas and greenways to add aesthetic appeal to communities, encourage biodiversity and ensure lasting supplies of valuable natural resources.

The **Education, Recycling and Green Development** section introduces organizations and information dedicated to ensuring the wise and sustainable use of land and natural resources. The section outlines educational programs and groups that advocate for recycling regulation and technology; green construction techniques, both of structures and infrastructure; and increased energy efficiency.

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## **B. Environmental Management & Enforcement Agencies**

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### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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#### **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

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[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

On the national level, the United States **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** provides leadership in the nation's environmental science, research, education and assessment efforts. EPA works closely with other federal agencies and state and local governments to develop and enforce regulations under existing environmental laws. EPA is responsible for researching and setting national standards for a variety of environmental programs and delegates to states the responsibility for issuing permits and monitoring and enforcing compliance. Additionally, they provide resources and programs for citizens interested in improving the environment within their local communities.

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#### ***Contact Information***

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U.S. EPA Region 3  
1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Phone: (800) 438-2474

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#### **EPA's Superfund Program**

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[www.epa.gov/superfund/](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/)

The practice of dumping chemical wastes on thousands of properties nationwide has resulted in uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites, such as abandoned warehouses and landfills. Citizen concern over the extent of this problem led Congress to establish the Superfund Program in 1980 to locate, investigate, and clean up the worst sites nationwide. The EPA administers the Superfund program in cooperation with individual states and tribal governments. The office that oversees management of the program is the Office of Superfund Remediation Technology Innovation (OSRTI).

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#### ***Contact Information***

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Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460  
Phone: (703) 603-8798/Email: [ross.william@epa.gov](mailto:ross.william@epa.gov)

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### **The Abandoned Mine Land Fund**

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[www.osmre.gov/fundstat.htm](http://www.osmre.gov/fundstat.htm)

A fund controlled by the Office of Surface Mining under the Department of the Interior, the **Abandoned Mine Land Fund** was established in 1977 to pay for the reclamation costs of abandoned mine land projects. The principle of the fund consists of fees collected from coal producers. As of 2004 the fund has an unappropriated balance of over 1.5 billion dollars.

#### Contact Information

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Office of Surface Mining, 1951 Constitution Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240  
Phone: (202) 208-2719/Email: [getinfo@osmre.gov](mailto:getinfo@osmre.gov)

## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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### **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**

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[www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us)

In Pennsylvania, the **Department of Environmental Protection** is the state agency largely responsible for administering Pennsylvania's environmental laws and regulations. The DEP is responsible for reducing air pollution, supplying clean drinking water, protecting water quality in rivers and streams, making sure waste is handled properly, managing the Commonwealth's recycling programs and helping citizens to prevent pollution and comply with the Commonwealth's environmental regulations. DEP is committed to general environmental education and encourages effective public involvement in setting environmental policy.

#### Contact Information

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PA Department of Environmental Protection - Northeast Regional Office  
2 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711  
Phone: (570) 826-2511/Fax: (570) 830-3051

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### **Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)**

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[www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us)

The **Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)** is a state agency that maintains and preserves the Commonwealth's state parks and forestland. DCNR provides information on the state's ecological and geologic resources and establishes community conservation partnerships with

assistance and education to benefit rivers, trails, greenways, open space, natural areas, local parks and recreation facilities.

***Contact Information***

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Rachael Carson State Office Building

PO Box 8767, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17105

Phone: (717) 787-2869/Email: [Ra-askdcnr@state.pa.us](mailto:Ra-askdcnr@state.pa.us)

### **C. Remediation and Cleanup Initiatives**

While conserving America's national parks, wilderness and pristine areas is vital, it is important not to forget about areas that have already endured heavy industrial use. Cleaning up these sites to allow for their use and development is a highly efficient use of resources. The following programs work in various ways to promote the restoration of environmentally degraded lands.

#### **FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES**

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#### **EPA Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment Program**

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[www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency maintains the **Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment program**, a nation-wide program dedicated to redeveloping industrial sites and military bases devastated by pollution. The program rewards large grants to groups that perform studies on polluted areas, test brownfield remediation techniques and create plans for economic redevelopment on brownfield sites.

#### **Contact Information**

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U.S. EPA, Office of Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460  
Phone: (202) 566-2777/Fax: (202) 566-2757

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#### **HUD Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)**

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[www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/economicdevelopment/programs/bedi/index.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/economicdevelopment/programs/bedi/index.cfm)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's **Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)** is a key competitive grant program that HUD administers to stimulate and promote economic and community development. BEDI is designed to assist cities with the redevelopment of abandoned, idled and underused industrial and commercial facilities where expansion and redevelopment is burdened by *real or potential* environmental contamination.

#### **Contact Information**

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Philadelphia Regional Office  
The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Phone: (215) 656-0500/Fax: (215) 656-3433/Email: [Lisa.Peoples@hud.gov](mailto:Lisa.Peoples@hud.gov)



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## LOCAL INITIATIVES

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### **Earth Conservancy (EC)**

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[www.earthconservancy.org](http://www.earthconservancy.org)

On the local level, Congressman Kanjorski has partnered with community leaders in the Wyoming Valley to form a non-profit organization called the **Earth Conservancy**. The organization has focused on reclaiming, remediating and reusing Northeastern Pennsylvania's abandoned coal lands for responsible economic development and for recreation and conservation space. The EC purchased a large area of this damaged land from a defunct mining company and developed a comprehensive and multi-faceted plan both for its reclamation and eventual uses. The EC provides an excellent example of how land thought to be unusable can once again be converted to a valuable community resource.

#### ***Contact Information***

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## STATE OPPORTUNITIES

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### **Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Act**

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[www.dep.state.pa.us/growgreen/watershedprotection/FactSheets/G2factsheet.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/growgreen/watershedprotection/FactSheets/G2factsheet.htm)

The **Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Act**, which was enacted by the Pennsylvania General Assembly, authorizes the DEP, as part of their larger Growing Greener Program, to allocate grants for several environmental remediation projects. The program also works to fund conservation efforts for watersheds, streams and rivers. Eligible activities include acid mine drainage abatement, mine cleanup efforts and abandoned oil and gas well plugging. Local governments may use these grants for watershed assessments and restoration plans, implementation of watershed restoration or protection projects, construction of mine drainage remediation systems, reclamation of previously mined lands, and educational projects.

#### ***Contact Information***

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## **D. Conserving and Protecting Existing Wilderness**

Maintaining and conserving pristine wilderness and green space creates a community with diverse assets. Not only do sections of untouched wilderness add to the aesthetic appeal of the community, but they also preserve local wildlife and general biodiversity, allow for enjoyable recreational space, and even help to alleviate land use problems like flooding and soil erosion. The following programs work in various ways to preserve existing wild lands and to protect additional space and natural resources from use in development.

### **FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES**

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#### **Forest Legacy Program**

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[www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml)

The **Forest Legacy Program (FLP)**, a federal program in partnership with states, supports state efforts to protect environmentally sensitive forest lands. Designed to encourage the protection of privately owned forest lands, FLP is an entirely voluntary program. To maximize the public benefits it achieves, the program focuses on the acquisition of partial interests in privately owned forest lands.

Participation in Forest Legacy is limited to private forest landowners. To qualify, landowners are required to prepare a multiple resource management plan as part of the conservation easement acquisition. The federal government may fund up to 75% of program costs, with at least 25% coming from private, state or local sources. The USDA Forest Service administers the Forest Legacy Program in cooperation with State Foresters.

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#### ***Contact Information***

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#### **Land and Water Conservation Fund**

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[www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/lwcf/](http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/lwcf/)

Created by Congress in 1964, the Land and Wildlife Conservation Fund (LWCF) program provides matching grants to States and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high

quality recreation areas and facilities and to stimulate non-federal investments in the protection and maintenance of recreation resources across the United States.

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**Contact Information**

Recreation and Conservation - PA DCNR  
PO Box 8767, Harrisburg, PA 17105  
Phone: (717) 783-2659/Email: [Ra-askdnrc@state.pa.us](mailto:Ra-askdnrc@state.pa.us)

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**Private Stewardship Grant Program**

[endangered.fws.gov/grants/private\\_stewardship/](http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship/)

The Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service **Private Stewardship Grant Program** provides federal grants on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in voluntary conservation efforts on private lands that benefit federally listed endangered or threatened species, candidate species or other species at risk. Under this program, private landowners as well as groups working with the private sector are able to submit proposals directly to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for funding to support these efforts.

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**Contact Information**

Chief, Division of Endangered Species - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035  
Phone: (413) 234-4090

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**Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection**

[cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/](http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/)

The **Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection Web** site is a searchable database of financial assistance sources (grants, loans, cost-sharing) available to fund a variety of watershed protection projects. To select funding programs for particular requirements, you can use either of two searches. One is based on subject matter criteria, and the other is based on words in the title of the funding program. Criteria searches include the type of organization (e.g., non-profit groups, private landowner, state, business), type of assistance sought (grants or loans), and keywords (e.g., agriculture, wildlife habitat).

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**Contact Information**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds (4503T)  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington DC, 20460  
Phone: (202) 566-1155/Email: [Ow-owow-internet-comments@epa.gov](mailto:Ow-owow-internet-comments@epa.gov)

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### **Healthy Forest Reserve Program**

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[www.fs.fed.us/projects/hfi](http://www.fs.fed.us/projects/hfi)

In November 2003, the Congress passed and the President signed H.R. 1904, a large forestry bill. While much of that bill concerns the operation of the national forests, Title V set up a new "Healthy Forests Reserve Program", providing payments for private forest landowners who agree to plans to protect and improve habitat for endangered and potentially endangered species. This program includes the purchase of 99-year conservation easements. Many details -- including who at the Department of Agriculture will carry out the program -- are yet to be decided, and funding will depend on future appropriations.

#### ***Contact Information***

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Jennifer Plyer, Forest Service, Office of Communications

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### **North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)**

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[northamerican.fws.gov/NAWCA/grants.htm](http://northamerican.fws.gov/NAWCA/grants.htm)

The **North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)** was enacted in December 1989 and provides Federal cost-share funding to support the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. Its purpose is to stimulate public-private partnerships to protect, restore, and manage a diversity of wetland habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife. It also helps to maintain the proper distribution and abundance of migratory birds.

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### **Farmland Protection Program (FPP)**

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[www.info.usda.gov/nrcs/fpcp/fpp.htm](http://www.info.usda.gov/nrcs/fpcp/fpp.htm)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service administers the Farmland Protection Program (FPP), which provides funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farmland in agricultural uses. Working through existing programs, USDA joins with State, tribal, or local governments to acquire conservation easements or other interests from landowners. USDA provides up to 50 percent of the fair market easement value.

#### ***Contact Information***

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

Division of Bird Habitat Conservation

4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mailstop MBSP 4075, Arlington, VA 22203

Phone: (301) 497-5870/Email: [David\\_buie@fws.gov](mailto:David_buie@fws.gov)

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## STATE OPPORTUNITIES

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### **Growing Greener Program**

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[www.dep.state.pa.us/growgreen/](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/growgreen/)

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's **Growing Greener Program** provides funding to preserve farmland and protect open space; eliminate the maintenance backlog in State Parks; clean up abandoned mines and restore watersheds; and provide new and upgraded water and sewer systems. Four different state agencies administer four different components of the Growing Greener Program. The sources of funding include:

#### **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**

- ◆ Watershed Protection, Mine Reclamation, Oil & Gas Well Plugging, Technical Assistance, New & Innovative Technology Grants

[www.dep.state.pa.us/growgreen/defaultdep.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/growgreen/defaultdep.htm)

Contact DEP at (570) 826-2511

#### **Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)**

- ◆ Open Space and Recreation Grants

[www.dep.state.pa.us/growgreen/defaultdcnr.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/growgreen/defaultdcnr.htm)

Contact DCNR at (717) 787 2869

#### **Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST)**

- ◆ Wastewater, Drinking Water, Stormwater Management Grants

[www.pennvest.state.pa.us/pennvest/site/default.asp](http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us/pennvest/site/default.asp)

22 South Third Street

Harrisburg, PA 17101

Phone: (717) 783-6798/Fax: (717) 787-0804

Email: [Ra-pv-webmaster@state.pa.us](mailto:Ra-pv-webmaster@state.pa.us)

#### **Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA)**

- ◆ County Farmland Preservation Grants

[www.agriculture.state.pa.us/](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/)

Contact PDA at (717) 705-2122

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## **Pennsylvania Greenways**

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[www.pagreenways.org](http://www.pagreenways.org)

**Pennsylvania Greenways** is a program associated with the Pennsylvania DCNR that works to create and preserve greenways. Greenways are corridors of wild land connecting large preserved areas. They serve as green areas in suburban and urban locations, providing aesthetic and recreational value and they additionally allow wildlife to move safely from one wilderness area to another without the threat of harm. The group forms community partnerships on both the public and private levels to complete these valuable projects.

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### ***Contact Information***

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Phone: (717) 783 5877/Email: [mehill@state.pa.us](mailto:mehill@state.pa.us)

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*Apart from full-fledged beautification projects, there are many simple, inexpensive ways to greatly improve the image of a community, including:*

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## **Adopt-A-Highway Program**

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[www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/envoed/EnviroEd/Can\\_Do/PAbauty.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/envoed/EnviroEd/Can_Do/PAbauty.htm)

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT) and the US Department of Transportation offer the **Adopt-A-Highway Program**. Individuals, families, and volunteer groups sign a two-year program participation request with PENNDOT to adopt a two-mile portion of state highway and pick up litter in that section at least four times a year.

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### ***Contact Information***

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1713 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA 18103

Phone: (610) 798-4100

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## **Pennsylvania Cleanways Program**

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[www.pacleanways.org](http://www.pacleanways.org)

The **Pennsylvania Cleanways Program** is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to providing services where the Adopt-A-Highway program is not present – namely on non-state roads.

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### ***Contact Information***

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PA Cleanways, Inc.

105 West Fourth Street, Greensburg, PA 15601

Phone: (724) 836-4121/Fax: (724) 836-1980/Email: [info@pacleanways.org](mailto:info@pacleanways.org)

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### **Adopt-A-Stream Program**

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[www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/enved/EnviroEd/Can\\_Do/Adopt\\_a\\_Stream.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/enved/EnviroEd/Can_Do/Adopt_a_Stream.htm)

The **Adopt-A-Stream Program**, established by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, seeks to restore and improve aquatic habitats through a cooperative effort with other agencies, groups, and individuals. The program provides technical assistance in the planning and supervision of construction and a limited amount of materials to the coordinator of an approved project. Projects may include fish habitat improvement, fish habitat restoration, or stream corridor management.

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#### **Contact Information**

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PA Fish and Boat Commission, Habitat Management Section  
450 Robinson Lane, Bellefonte, PA 16823  
Phone: (814) 359-5185

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### **Pennsylvania Conservation Corps (PCC)**

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[www.dli.state.pa.us/landi/cwp/view.asp?A=145&Q=56094](http://www.dli.state.pa.us/landi/cwp/view.asp?A=145&Q=56094)

The **Pennsylvania Conservation Corps (PCC)** is a statewide program that offers work experience, job training and educational opportunities to citizens between the ages of 18 and 25 who complete conservation, recreation, and historical preservation projects for one year on the state's public lands.

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#### **Contact Information**

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1304 Labor and Industry Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120  
Phone: (717) 783-6385/Fax: (717) 787-9458/Email: [pcc@state.pa.us](mailto:pcc@state.pa.us)

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### **Industrial Sites Reuse (ISR) Program**

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[www.inventpa.com/default.aspx?id=291](http://www.inventpa.com/default.aspx?id=291)

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development offers a similar program at the state level. The **Industrial Sites Reuse (ISR) Program** provides grants and loans for environmental assessments and remediation of industrial sites intended for reuse. Public organizations, companies involved in redevelopment of industrial land, and private non-profit economic development companies are eligible for these grants.

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#### **Contact Information**

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Contact at [www.inventpa.com/contact.aspx](http://www.inventpa.com/contact.aspx).



## **E. Education, Recycling and Green Development Initiatives**

A vital component of environmental development is helping people change the way they behave and consume to patterns that are more friendly to the environment and do more to conserve our precious and increasingly scarce resources. Even if we clean up our environment the effort will mean little if polluters are still releasing chemicals upstream and upwind.

The keys to developing environmentally friendly living are education and thoughtful decision-making. This section lists several valuable resources for groups who seek to educate their communities about environmental issues, and who hope to create new development in their communities in a manner that is least damaging to the environment.

### **Education**

There are many agencies that either directly work to promote environmental education, or offer educational resources as one aspect of their programming. The following is a brief list of some of those agencies.

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#### **EPA's Office of Environmental Education (OEE)**

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[www.epa.gov/enviroed](http://www.epa.gov/enviroed)

The **Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Education (OEE)** advances and supports education efforts to develop an environmentally conscious and responsible public and inspire personal responsibility in caring for the environment. The OEE supports a grant program for environmental education initiatives, maintains an educator training program, sponsors fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students, participates on advisory groups and partnerships, and provides a recognition program in the form of the President's Environmental Youth Awards. In addition, their website is an excellent source for environmental education resources, publications and links to similar agencies.

#### **Contact Information**

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U.S. EPA, Region 3

1650 Arch (3C GOO), Philadelphia, PA 19103

Phone: (215) 814-2993/Fax: (215) 814-5102/Email: [brown.larry@epa.gov](mailto:brown.larry@epa.gov)



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### **Pennsylvania Cleanways Education Program**

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[www.pacleanways.org/education.html](http://www.pacleanways.org/education.html)

On the state level, the **Pennsylvania Cleanways Education Program** is dedicated largely to litter cleanup and prevention. PA Cleanways offers educational materials that are targeted to young children. Their website has a listing of activities books, lesson plans, and videos which can all be used in the classroom and focus on introducing the practice of active and responsible environmental stewardship to our state's young people.

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#### **Contact Information**

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PA CleanWays, Inc.

105 West Fourth Street, Greensburg, PA 15601

Phone: (724) 836-4121/Email: [info@pacleanways.org](mailto:info@pacleanways.org)

### **Recycling**

A vital component of environmentally friendly communities is an active recycling program that decreases the amount of natural resources harvested for consumer products. The following source focuses on creating recycling programs and educating the public about the importance of recycling and the specific practices that maximize the benefits of recycling.

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### **Recycling and Waste Management Grants**

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[www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/wm/recycle/recycle.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/wm/recycle/recycle.htm)

The **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection** has a web page dedicated to furthering recycling initiatives and education in the state. The site includes grant information, links to county recycling coordinators, programs for youth, and information for businesses looking to make their operations more earth friendly. The site also includes tips on reducing the amount of non-recyclable waste that offices produce.

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## Green Development and Environmental Infrastructure

As communities grow and evolve, expanding into new areas and revitalizing old structures and locales, developers are faced with the responsibility of ensuring that all construction is done in an environmentally sound manner. For that reason, developers need to be aware of government regulations regarding building materials, infrastructure construction, production methods and all other regulations that may affect their plans. The following agencies provide various types of assistance and information for environmentally sound development practices.

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### Smart Communities Network

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[www.sustainable.doe.gov](http://www.sustainable.doe.gov)

The U.S. Department of Energy sponsors the **Smart Communities Network** a program with a broad-based approach to producing communities that conserve energy and develop carefully to minimize resource consumption and damage to the environment. The program is directed at planners and builders preparing to develop new construction or renovate older structures, and offers a variety of resources on ensuring that such projects are conducted with the least amount of damage done to the environment.

#### *Contact Information*

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Contact at <http://www.sustainable.doe.gov/management/contact.shtml>.

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### EPA's Environmental Finance Program

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[www.epa.gov/efinpage](http://www.epa.gov/efinpage)

The **Environmental Finance Program** at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides financial technical assistance to local governments and communities as well as advice and recommendations from the Agency on environmental finance issues, trends and options. The Environmental Finance Program operates through three entities: the **Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB)**, the **Environmental Finance Center (EFC)** and the **Environmental Financing Information Network (EFIN)**. With the help of these three organizations, the EPA seeks to lower costs, increase investment and build capacity by creating partnerships with state and local governments and the private sector in order to fund environmental needs.

#### *Contact Information*

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Contact the EPA via email at [efin@epa.gov](mailto:efin@epa.gov) or toll-free at (800) 438-247

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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## **A. Introduction and Overview**

Every community shares the desire to keep its citizens safe. With the involvement of citizens in crime detection, prevention and outreach, law enforcement and other policing groups can better serve their communities, making them safer and more enjoyable places to live, work and visit.

This section aims to address the three levels on which a community must address public safety issues. First, the community must thoroughly understand the government law enforcement agencies in place in its area. Second, that community must form strong partnerships with those law enforcement agencies. Finally, the community must develop programs to educate its citizens, and especially its youth, on crime prevention.

The **Law Enforcement Agencies** section introduces the agencies on the federal, state and local level that work to ensure public safety in the United States. Their functions range from investigative groups that work to apprehend criminals and directly prevent harm from coming to citizens, to those which prosecute offenders in courts of law.

The **Community Partnerships** section details several programs currently available to community groups seeking to take a more active role in public safety. The section describes new, more community friendly methods of policing, as well as initiatives by which community members themselves become the “eyes and ears” of law enforcement. This section additionally outlines several grant programs available for communities wishing to implement these safety programs.

The **Education for Crime Prevention** section lists agencies that work to inform community members of possible criminal activities and ways to prevent them.

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## **B. Law Enforcement Agencies**

A thorough understanding of the responsibilities and resources of law enforcement agencies is key to creating a safe and orderly community in which people can live comfortably. A well-informed public is an invaluable tool in the hands of community leaders. Referring information quickly and smoothly to the correct agency can be vital to resolving and even preventing public safety concerns. The following agencies are responsible for law enforcement on the national and state levels.

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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#### **United States Department of Justice (DOJ)**

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[www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov)

The **United States Department of Justice (DOJ)** is America's national law enforcement agency. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) [[www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)] is the branch of the DOJ responsible for investigating federal crimes including terrorism, major white-collar crime, national and international organized crime and significant violent crime. In addition, the Department of Justice supervises the United States attorneys assigned to prosecute cases in federal court.

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#### ***Contact Information***

U.S. Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001

Email: [AskDOJ@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskDOJ@usdoj.gov)

### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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#### **Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office**

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[www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov)

The **Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office** is the chief legal and law enforcement officer in the state and is responsible for prosecuting all state level crimes in court. County District Attorneys draw their power from this office. In addition to prosecutory power, the Office does have some investigative and enforcement powers, especially over drug-related offenses.

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#### ***Contact Information***

14th Floor Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, PA 17120

Phone: (717) 787-9716/Fax: (717) 787-1190 or at

<http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/contact/Index.cfm>

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### **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)**

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[www.pccd.state.pa.us](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us)

The **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)** is a state organization working to prevent and reduce crime and delinquency. The PCCD seeks to improve the state criminal and juvenile justice systems by fostering inter-agency coordination and providing training, technical assistance and funding to support these improvements. It additionally provides statewide criminal statistical and analytical services, fosters community-based prevention initiatives, and provides support for victims of crime.

#### ***Contact Information***

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3101 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110  
Phone: (800) 692-7292

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### **Pennsylvania State Police Department**

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[www.psp.state.pa.us](http://www.psp.state.pa.us)

The **Pennsylvania State Police Department** is the state wide investigative and enforcement agency. They handle investigation of in-state fugitive criminals and criminals who cross the borders of a single county or municipality and they patrol state highways.

#### ***Contact Information***

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Public Information Office  
1800 Elmerton Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17110

## **LOCAL POINTS OF CONTACTS**

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### **Municipal Police Departments**

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Each municipality in Pennsylvania has its own police department to handle local criminal matters. Contact information for those agencies can be obtained by calling your County Commissioner's office.

## **C. Community Partnerships**

Communities must form strong partnerships with law enforcement agencies, encouraging active public participation in the crime prevention process. The safety of the community is best ensured when there is a working trust and partnership between the citizens and law enforcement agencies.

### **FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES**

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#### **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**

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[www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov)

The **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)** program, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, was established to advance community policing in jurisdictions of all sizes across the country. COPS programs focus on the prevention of crime on a local level. Community policing is a program developed by COPS as a collaborative effort between police and the community that identifies problems of crime and disorder and involves all elements of the community in the search for solutions. The COPS program provides grants to state and local law enforcement agencies through four main programs:

#### **Universal Hiring Program (UHP)**

COPS' Universal Hiring Program (UHP) provides funding directly to local, state, and tribal jurisdictions for the salaries and benefits of newly hired officers engaged in community policing. COPS awards funding through UHP to help law enforcement agencies partner with their communities to develop creative and innovative ways to deal with long-standing problems.

UHP provides federal funding for 75 percent of a newly hired entry-level officer's salary and benefits, up to a maximum amount of \$75,000 per officer, over the course of the three-year grant period. Departments are generally required to contribute at least 25 percent in local matching funds.

#### **COPS MORE (Making Officer Redeployment Effective)**

The COPS' Making Officer Redeployment Effective (MORE) program expands the amount of time current law enforcement officers can spend on community policing by funding technology,

equipment, and support staff, including civilian personnel. COPS' MORE grants cover up to 75 percent of the total cost of technology, equipment, or civilian salaries for one year. Therefore, agencies receiving grants are required to provide a minimum 25 percent local cash match.

### **COPS in Schools (CIS)**

The COPS in Schools (CIS) grant program is designed to help law enforcement agencies hire new, additional School Resource Officers (SROs) to engage in community policing in and around primary and secondary schools. CIS provides an incentive for law enforcement agencies to build collaborative partnerships with the school community and to use community policing efforts to combat school violence. The COPS in Schools program provides a maximum federal contribution of up to \$125,000 per officer position for approved salary and benefit costs over the three-year grant period, with any remaining costs to be paid with local funds.

### **Homeland Security Overtime Program (HSOP)**

The COPS Homeland Security Overtime Program (HSOP) was designed to supplement grantee agencies' state or locally funded officer overtime budgets, thereby increasing the amount of overtime funding available to support community policing and homeland security efforts. HSOP offers state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies the opportunity to supplement their officer overtime budgets for a period of one year.

### ***Contact Information***

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U.S. Department of Justice Response Center  
(800) 421-6770

## **STATE OPPORTUNITIES**

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### **Pennsylvania Commission for Crime and Delinquency**

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[www.pccd.state.pa.us](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us)

The **Pennsylvania Commission for Crime and Delinquency** offers a wide variety of grants for local governments and their law enforcement agencies in



areas including statistics and evaluation, technology, enforcement, juvenile justice, and victim assistance.

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### **Pennsylvania Regional Community Policing Institute**

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The **Pennsylvania Regional Community Policing Institute** provides training and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies, government institutions, and community groups interested in starting community policing programs. The training provides community leaders with the information and skills necessary to implement a successful community policing program, from building partnerships between diverse populations in the community to using initial community policing programs as models for municipality-wide changes in the police force.

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#### **Contact Information**

17th and Chew Streets, P.O. Box 7017, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18705-7017  
Phone: (610) 402-2589/Fax: (610) 402-2599/Email: [deanaw.pa.rcpi@fast.net](mailto:deanaw.pa.rcpi@fast.net)

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### **Regional Police Assistance Grant Program**

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[www.inventpa.com/default.aspx?id=347](http://www.inventpa.com/default.aspx?id=347)

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania also offers a **Regional Police Assistance Grant Program** for the start-up of a consolidated program between two or more municipalities. This can be beneficial for communities whose policing needs might be better served by pooling their resources with other communities to create a single new agency. This grant can extend for up to three years and covers the salary of the regional police chief and other related expenses.

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#### **Contact Information**

Phone: (888) 223-6837/Email: [dalfrye@state.pa.us](mailto:dalfrye@state.pa.us)

## **NON-PROFIT OPPORTUNITIES**

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### **Neighborhood Watch Program (NSA)**

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[www.usaonwatch.org](http://www.usaonwatch.org)

The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) has established the **Neighborhood Watch Program** as a national initiative to prevent crime. The program was developed in response to a multitude of requests from law enforcement leaders across the country looking for a crime prevention program which would

incorporate citizen involvement to address an increasing number of burglaries, especially in rural and suburban residential areas.

***Contact Information***

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1450 Duke Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3490

Phone: (703) 836-7827/Fax: (703) 683-6541/Email: [info@usaonwatch.org](mailto:info@usaonwatch.org)

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## **D. Education for Crime Prevention**

Perhaps even more important than creating swift and effective mechanisms to deal with crime once it has occurred is establishing a sound system of crime prevention. Education on crime prevention, safety precautions and the consequences of committing criminal actions is an essential tool in the promotion of crime prevention and general public safety.

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### **Public Education and Information Unit**

[www.attorneygeneral.gov/pei/index.cfm](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/pei/index.cfm)

The Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office includes a **Public Education and Information Unit** that provides resources to law enforcement agencies, communities, families, and individuals on a broad array of legal and crime-related issues.

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#### **Contact Information**

15th Floor Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, PA 17120

Phone: 717-772-0907/Fax: 717-772-4526

Contact via web at: <http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/contact/Index.cfm>

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### **Pennsylvania Center for Safe Schools**

[www.center-school.org/viol\\_prev/css/](http://www.center-school.org/viol_prev/css/)

The **Pennsylvania Center for Safe Schools** offers training, technical assistance, and an extensive resource library on ensuring the safety of children in the classroom. The agency conducts inspections of educational facilities to ensure they are free of safety hazards, trains educators on initiating peer dispute mediation programs, and also helps schools to create effective crisis prevention and evacuation plans.

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#### **Contact Information**

1300 Market Street, Suite 12, Lemoyne, PA 17043

Phone: (717) 763-1661

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### **Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE)**

[www.dare.com](http://www.dare.com)

The national **Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE)** works with local police departments and school districts to educate children on the dangers of drug use. DARE seeks to target children early in order to prevent them from becoming involved with drugs and drug use. The program trains police officers to work in classrooms and provides them with a 17-week curriculum.

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## **A. Introduction and Overview**

Residential space serves as the anchor of communities across Northeastern Pennsylvania. Permanent residents make up the supply and demand that allow the community to thrive economically. Local residents work in the same stores, restaurants, and small businesses that are kept alive through their daily patronage. These local residents are also likely to have a vested interest in the maintenance and improvement of the community. For this reason, establishing adequate and affordable housing is vital to the life of a developing community. This section attempts to provide community leaders with specific information on regulatory issues and financing opportunities.

The **Ensuring Diverse Housing Opportunities** section includes government and private resources for individuals seeking to provide, develop or purchase low-income housing, including funding information. Some programs also offer legal resources to ensure that discrimination on any basis is strictly prohibited.

The **Developing New Housing** section lists agencies that aid in funding new residential construction, both on new sites and in areas of redevelopment. They focus on low cost, environmentally sound, and energy-efficient building methods. The listed funding opportunities include aid for structural construction as well as the necessary infrastructure to go along with it.

The **Financing Opportunities for Community Housing Projects** section provides details about several federal and state agencies that can provide the financing necessary to develop community housing projects. For instance, these funding sources would be ideal for communities interested in converting an old school into senior housing and/or other similar projects.

The **Housing Maintenance and Improvement** section describes programs that provide information, technical assistance, and funding to low-income individuals hoping to make improvements to their homes and properties. These improvements include weatherization, handicapped accessibility and energy efficiency upgrades.

The **First Time and Low Income Home Buyers** section details government programs and private groups that provide individuals and families with low-cost housing or the financial means to acquire it.

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## **B. Ensuring Diverse Housing Opportunities**

A community that wishes to achieve true diversity must ensure that housing is available for individuals at all income levels. With the proper knowledge and maintenance, low-income housing can be just as aesthetically appealing to potential residents as high-income housing.

This section details several governmental and private organizations that work to ensure a diverse supply of housing opportunities through information distribution, technical assistance, and funding.

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#### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

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[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

The **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development** is a federal organization with the ultimate goal of providing a suitable living environment as well as a decent, safe and sanitary home for every citizen. They create opportunities for homeownership, provide housing assistance for low-income persons, create and rehabilitate affordable housing and enforce the nation's fair housing laws. They also assist local communities to spur economic growth and meet their development needs through funding and special programs.

##### **HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD)**

[\[www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/index.cfm\]](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/index.cfm) works to create vital and diverse communities by providing affordable housing, gainful employment opportunities and a comfortable living situation to all citizens. Their primary tool is the formation of community partnerships with public and private organizations. The CPD offers a number of grant programs to further these goals, including the *Community Development Block Grant*, the *Community Renewal Initiative*, the *HOME Program*, the *Section 11 House Opportunity Program* and the *Homeownership Zone Program*. Visit the CPD website for more details on these grant opportunities.

In addition, HUD's **Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)** [\[www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/index.cfm\]](http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/index.cfm) enforces the federal laws that prohibit discrimination in real estate on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or familial status. The office reviews complaints, processes discrimination charges, and

provides education to citizens on their rights and their legal recourses in cases of such discrimination. They supply grant funding to non-profit organizations working to end discrimination and they additionally provide education on fair housing. FHEO also works to prevent discriminatory lending practices by banks and mortgage companies.

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The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Phone: (215) 656-0500/Fax: (215) 656-3445/Email: [PA\\_Webmanager@hud.gov](mailto:PA_Webmanager@hud.gov)

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**Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)**

<http://www.inventpa.com/default.aspx?id=198>

On the state level, the **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development** is the agency that has the primary jurisdiction over housing issues in the Commonwealth. The Manufactured Housing Division within the Department of Community and Economic Development has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as the State Administrative Agency (SAA).

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***Contact Information***

400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225  
Phone: (800) 379-7448/Email: [ra-DCEDCS@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-DCEDCS@state.pa.us)

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**Pennsylvania Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies (PAHRA)**

[www.pahra.org](http://www.pahra.org)

The **Pennsylvania Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies (PAHRA)** conducts research, provides information, and works to increase public understanding of housing and community development. Their technical assistance center offers a wealth of resources on housing practices and regulations that are geared toward community planning professionals. They regularly publish a report of their research findings.

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***Contact Information***

Phone: (412) 247-0699

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## **C. Financing Opportunities for Community Housing Projects**

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### **FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES**

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#### **Federal Housing Administration (FHA)**

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[www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/fhahistory.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/fhahistory.cfm)

The **Federal Housing Administration**, a HUD agency, provides mortgage insurance on loans made by FHA-approved lenders throughout the United States and its territories. FHA insures mortgages on single family and multifamily homes including manufactured homes and hospitals. It is the largest insurer of mortgages in the world, insuring nearly 33 million properties since its inception in 1934.

FHA mortgage insurance provides lenders with protection against losses as the result of homeowners defaulting on their mortgage loans. The lenders bear less risk because FHA will pay a claim to the lender in the event of a homeowner's default. Loans must meet certain requirements established by FHA to qualify for insurance.

#### ***Contact Information***

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Contact via HUD's Pennsylvania office (See above.)

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#### **Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)**

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[www.fhlbanks.com/](http://www.fhlbanks.com/)

The **Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBanks)** are wholesale banks, places where community financial institutions turn for funds. The development experts at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh can work with community lenders, like banks and thrifts, to help localities to develop, expand or rehabilitate affordable housing and advance small business initiatives.

FHLBanks conduct two programs designed to meet the pressing housing and local economic needs of low-moderate income Americans and neighborhoods. Those programs are the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) and the Community Investment Program (CIP). Each FHLBank has an Affordable Housing Advisory Council made up of housing and community improvement advocates to provide guidance and direction on both AHP and CIP. AHP and CIP financing supports a wide range of housing and community development projects.



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**Contact Information**

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601 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-4455

Phone: 412-288-3400 or online at [http://www.fhlp-pgh.com/contact\\_fhlp.html](http://www.fhlp-pgh.com/contact_fhlp.html)

**GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ENTERPRISES**

Congress created government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs) in order to improve the workings of credit markets. HUD regulates the two housing GSEs, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which were chartered by Congress to create a secondary market for residential mortgage loans.

These GSEs are the largest source of housing finance in the United States. They are considered to be "government sponsored" because Congress authorized their creation and established their public purposes. Their Congressional charters require each corporation to achieve public purposes that include providing stability and liquidity in the secondary mortgage market, providing secondary market assistance relating to mortgages for low-and moderate-income families, and promoting access to mortgage credit throughout the nation, including underserved areas.

Even though Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are Congressionally chartered, they are also private, shareholder owned corporations that have been regulated by HUD since 1968 and 1989, respectively. Both GSEs fund residential mortgages by purchasing loans directly from primary market mortgage originators, such as mortgage bankers and depository institutions, and holding these loans in portfolio or by issuing mortgage-backed securities which are sold to a wide variety of investors in the capital markets.

Some of the financing programs offered by these two entities are outlined in the following paragraphs.

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**Fannie Mae**

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[www.fanniemae.com/index.jhtml](http://www.fanniemae.com/index.jhtml)

**Fannie Mae** is a corporation that secures mortgages for low- and middle-income families to facilitate their purchase of a home. Their office for *Affordable Housing and Community Development* has pledged to invest more than \$2 trillion in American communities over the next ten years through their *American Dream Commitment*. The commitment includes a minority homeownership

initiative, a mortgage consumer rights agenda and additional programs to close the gap of homeownership in the United States between the rich and the poor and between ethnic majorities and minorities.

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***Contact Information***

Fannie Mae Housing and Community Development Northeast Office  
1900 Market Street - Suite 800, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Phone: (215) 575-1400/Email: [housing\\_community@fannieMae.com](mailto:housing_community@fannieMae.com)

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**Freddie Mac**

[www.freddiemac.com/](http://www.freddiemac.com/)

**Freddie Mac** is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to keep money flowing to mortgage lenders in support of homeownership and rental housing. Freddie Mac purchases single-family and multifamily residential mortgages and mortgage-related securities, which it finances primarily by issuing mortgage pass through securities and debt instruments in the capital markets. By doing so, Freddie Mac helps homeowners and renters get lower housing costs and better access to home financing.

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***Contact Information***

Contact online at [www.freddiemac.com/corporate/about/contactus.htm](http://www.freddiemac.com/corporate/about/contactus.htm)

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**Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA)**

[www.phfa.org/](http://www.phfa.org/)

The General Assembly created the **Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency** in 1972 to provide more affordable housing for older adults, families of modest means and persons with disabilities. To date, the Agency has financed more than 100,000 houses and 56,000 apartment units while saving 32,000 homes from foreclosure. PHFA's funding comes from a variety of sources, including the sale of its own securities to private investors throughout the United States; and, program fees and funds that may be passed through from the state or federal governments.

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***Contact Information***

211 North Front Street, P.O. Box 8029, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8029  
Phone: (717) 780-3800 or contact online at [www.phfa.org/contact/email.htm](http://www.phfa.org/contact/email.htm)

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## **D. Developing New Housing**

In order to draw new residents into an area and to provide for that expanding population, communities often seek to construct new housing. When pursuing these projects, it is important for the local community to keep the overall impact of the new construction in mind and to plan accordingly.

Our country is working through the challenges presented by the limits on space for residential areas in its urban, suburban, and even rural areas. Development is increasingly pushing into former agricultural and green lands and there is growing concern that this trend may lead to complicated problems relating to traffic and the environment.

The following agencies and programs provide resources, funding, and technical assistance to forward-looking community housing developers.

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### **U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Housing Service**

[www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs)

The United States Department of Agriculture maintains a **Rural Housing Service (RHS)** that provides loan and grant opportunities to rural communities for a variety of housing and community related functions. RHS funds single-family homes, low-income and elder apartments, housing for farm laborers, and a variety of community social service centers. In addition, they create partnerships with a variety of agencies with a commitment to assisting with the housing and development needs of rural communities.

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#### **Contact Information**

550 Madison Ave

Scranton, PA 18510-2402

Luzerne & Lackawanna Counties: (570) 836-4157

Carbon & Monroe Counties: (610) 791-9810/Columbia County: (570) 433-3006

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### **Pennsylvania DCED "Brownfields for Housing" Program**

[www.inventpa.com/default.aspx?id=336](http://www.inventpa.com/default.aspx?id=336)

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development sponsors the **Brownfields for Housing** that works to reutilize abandoned industrial land as space for new housing development. The funding is available for eligible communities to either begin new construction or rehabilitate existing housing, provided that the land has been previously developed and is within a core community.

In addition to these agencies, county and local municipal agencies often sponsor their own development plans and activities on the local level, and may decide to form partnerships with non-profit organizations and community groups. **Listings of both county and municipal planning and development agencies and housing agencies can be found in the appendix of this guide.**

***Contact Information***

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Phone: (717) 720-7468 / Email: [bbubb@state.pa.us](mailto:bbubb@state.pa.us)

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## **E. Housing Maintenance and Improvement**

While securing and creating a diverse housing system for citizens is vital to the strength of the community, that system becomes worthless if the housing is not properly maintained. Housing maintenance and improvement covers several broad areas, from internal home renovation to external improvements that reduce energy consumption. These improvements can also include safety measures and construction for handicapped accessibility.

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### **Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)**

[www.inventpa.com/default.aspx?id=312](http://www.inventpa.com/default.aspx?id=312) and [www.waptac.org](http://www.waptac.org)

The U.S. Department of Energy and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development sponsor the **Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)**, which provides on-site technical assistance to low income home owners and renters living in homes that can no longer properly withstand the elements. The program uses state of the art devices to inspect a building's structure and can also weatherize the property to reduce heating costs and ensure that the structure will survive a harsh storm.

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#### ***Contact Information***

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development  
Commonwealth Keystone Building, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120  
Phone: (717) 783-3840

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### **Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)**

[www.eere.energy.gov/pro](http://www.eere.energy.gov/pro)

The U.S. Department of Energy's Philadelphia Regional **Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)** has a multifaceted approach to promoting the cause of energy efficiency in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

One of their programs, *Building America* [[www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/building\\_america](http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/building_america)], develops energy solutions for new and existing homes. These technical assistance services allow new developments to be produced more cost effectively and can reduce energy usage by thirty to fifty percent at no extra construction cost.

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#### ***Contact Information***

100 Penn Square East, Suite 890 South, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3396  
Phone: (215) 656-6950 / Fax: (215) 656-6981

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## **Pennsylvania Access Grant Program**

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[www.inventpa.com/default.aspx?id=339](http://www.inventpa.com/default.aspx?id=339)

The Pennsylvania Departments of Community and Economic Development and Public Welfare as well as the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency sponsor a combined financial effort to create the **Pennsylvania Access Grant Program**. This grant program provides funding for permanently disabled individuals to construct accessibility modifications in their existing homes or in new homes. This funding can come in the form of either a grant or a deferred action loan and has the goal of allowing people with disabilities to retain their independence and remain in their community.

### ***Contact Information***

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211 North Front Street, P.O. Box 8029, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8029

Phone: (717) 720-7409 / Email: [akartorie@state.pa.us](mailto:akartorie@state.pa.us)

*Additionally, county and local municipal agencies often sponsor their own maintenance and renovation programs on the local level or form partnerships with non-profit organizations and community groups. Listings of both county and municipal planning and development agencies and housing agencies can be found in the appendix of this section.*

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## **F. First Time and Low-Income Home Buyers**

Home ownership is a common goal of most citizens of the United States. Communities that encourage home ownership help to build an active and responsible community. Several public and private agencies assist Americans on their way to buying their first home:

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### **Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA)**

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[www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org)

The **Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA)** sponsors a variety of programs to assist individuals in buying their first home. Their *Future Home Buyer* program is targeted at high school students and stresses the benefits and hazards of credit, the importance of budgeting and saving, and the basic legal issues concerning homeownership. In addition, the PHFA offers a wide variety of inexpensive and deferred interest loan programs to single families and developers looking to create multi-family housing. Their loans are tailored to several specific purposes, including covering closing and down-payment costs, and purchasing homes greatly in need of improvement.

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#### **Contact Information**

211 North Front Street, P.O. Box 8029, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8029

Phone: (717) 780-3800 or contact online at [www.phfa.org/contact/email.htm](http://www.phfa.org/contact/email.htm)

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### **Habitat for Humanity**

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[www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)

**Habitat for Humanity** is an international non-profit organization dedicated to providing simple, well-constructed housing for all people. The program constructs housing for families willing to participate in the construction of the homes. The families then repay the cost of construction as a no-profit, no-interest mortgage to the organization, which uses the monies to finance additional housing projects. Habitat for Humanity is supported and staffed by volunteers and has constructed over 45,000 homes within the United States alone since 1976. While the organization does not accept funding from governments, it does form partnerships with local government and accept donated land, infrastructure and housing in need of rehabilitation.

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#### **Contact Information**

550 Madison Ave, Scranton, PA 18510-2402

Phone: (570) 342-7911 / Fax: (570) 342-6044 / Email: [oz@epix.net](mailto:oz@epix.net)

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### **Fannie Mae's Homepath program**

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[www.fanniemae.com/homebuyers/homepath/index.jhtml?p=Homepath](http://www.fanniemae.com/homebuyers/homepath/index.jhtml?p=Homepath)

The aforementioned **Fannie Mae** maintains the *Homepath* program, an information center for individuals preparing to purchase their first home. The center provides resources on local secure mortgaging and lenders in an individual's home area. They additionally provide information on types of mortgages offered, reverse mortgages for seniors, loans for home renovation, and a mortgage calculator and worksheets to help homebuyers estimate the real lifetime costs of their financial decisions.

### ***Contact Information***

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Northeastern Regional Office, 1900 Market St. Suite 800, Philadelphia PA 19103  
Phone: (215) 575-1400

*In addition, county and local municipal agencies often provide assistance and resources for first-time homebuyers on the local level and form partnerships with non-profit organizations and community groups. Listings of both county and municipal planning and development agencies and housing agencies can be found in the appendix of this section.*





## APPENDIX D - HOUSING

### Contact Information for County Housing Authorities in the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania (Alphabetical by County Name)

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#### Carbon County Housing Authority

215 South Third Street  
Lehighton, PA 18235-2109  
Phone: (610) 377-9375  
Fax: (610) 377-9397

#### Columbia County Housing Authority

700 Sawmill Road  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815-7726  
Phone: (570) 784-9373  
Fax: (570) 387-8806

#### Lackawanna County Housing Authority

2019 West Pine Street  
Dunmore, PA 18512-2208  
Phone: (570) 342-7629  
Fax: (570) 342-5756

#### Luzerne County Housing Authority

250 First Avenue  
Kingston, PA 18704-5808  
Phone: (570) 287-9661  
Fax: (570) 287-9088

#### Monroe County Housing Authority

1055 West Main Street  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360-1419  
Phone: (570) 421-7770  
Fax: (570) 421-6958

You can find each municipalities zoning, planning and housing contact information at <http://www.pamunicipalitiesinfo.com>.

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## **A. Introduction and Overview**

Pennsylvania is blessed with scenic beauty, a rich cultural heritage, and an abundance of waterways, forests, and open lands. Capitalizing on these environmental assets by creating a network of recreational trails and other community facilities across the state will help to preserve these areas for future generations. Recreational areas, trails, community centers, and playgrounds provide wildlife corridors, opportunities for outdoor recreation, stimulate tourism, contribute to environmentally-sensitive development, and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods and communities. They both display the natural beauty of Pennsylvania and preserve its historical and cultural character.

The two sections in this chapter focus on the two aspects of community recreational development:

The **Outdoor Parks, Green Spaces and Trails** section deals with the creation and maintenance of recreational areas in rural settings. It highlights the funding and technical assistance services available for creating, maintaining and improving natural recreation areas.

The **Athletic Complexes, Playgrounds and Community Centers** section describes funding opportunities for programs in more urban and suburban settings where little green area exists.

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## **B. Outdoor Parks, Green Spaces and Trails**

Rural and natural park settings showcase an area's aesthetic appeal, encourage healthy physical activity for residents, provide a pleasant gathering place for family and community events, and create a sense of environmental responsibility for the citizens who enjoy their use.

The following agencies and programs support parks and trails through a combination of loans and direct funding, technical assistance, and informative resources.

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#### **U.S. National Park Service (NPS)**

[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

The **U.S. National Park Service (NPS)** is dedicated to conserving and preserving our national natural treasures and pristine areas across the United States for both current citizens and generations to come. Their organization is a vast resource for information on recreational areas, trails, parks, historic sites, and the natural sciences. The following paragraphs provide some specific information on NPS programs design to assist local communities to develop recreational facilities.

#### **NPS National Center for Recreation and Conservation (NCRC)**

In addition, the NPS National Center for Recreation and Conservation (NCRC) [[www.nps.gov/ncrc](http://www.nps.gov/ncrc)] sponsors several programs that assist local communities in creating and maintaining recreational facilities. The NCRC provides technical assistance and national recognition for communities who create their own recreational trails.

#### **Federal Lands to Parks Program**

The Federal Lands to Parks Program [[www.nps.gov/flp](http://www.nps.gov/flp)] helps state and local agencies acquire surplus federal land to conserve and designate as recreation space.

#### **Land and Water Conservation Fund**

Finally, the Land and Water Conservation Fund [[www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/lwcf/index.html](http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/lwcf/index.html)] provides matching funds for local and state governments to acquire and maintain high quality outdoor recreation areas for communities.

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**Contact Information**

Northeast Office U.S. Custom House 200 Chestnut St. Fifth Floor Philadelphia PA 19106  
Phone: (215) 597-7013

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**Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)**

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[www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us)

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), through its **Community Conservation Partnerships Program (CCPP)** awards several grants for local governments and communities interested in improving their park and recreation areas.

**Community Conservation Partnerships Program (CCPP)**

CCPP Community Grants [[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants)], are presented to local governments and community groups for recreation, conservation, and park projects. These include the rehabilitation and development of parks and recreation facilities, acquisition of land for park and conservation purposes and technical assistance for feasibility studies, trails studies and site development planning.

**Rails-to-Trails Grant Program**

DCNR's Rails-to-Trails Grant Program provides 50 percent funding for the planning, acquisition or development of rail-trail corridors [[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/adgrant.aspx](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/adgrant.aspx)]. Eligible applicants include local governments and non-profit organizations established to preserve and protect available abandoned railroad corridors for use as trails or future rail service. These grants may be used in the acquisition, rehabilitation, and development of trail land and facilities.

**Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program Grants**

DCNR also offers the Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program Grants [[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/rectrails.aspx](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/rectrails.aspx)] that provide funds to local governments and private organizations for the purpose of developing and maintaining recreational trails and facilities for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail use. Grants may be used for maintenance and restoration of existing

recreational trails, development and rehabilitation of trail facilities, purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment, construction of new recreational trails, and acquisition of property for recreational trails.

### Conservation Volunteer Program

In addition, DCNR has developed a Conservation Volunteer Program [[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cons/](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cons/)] for groups and individuals interested in conserving the Commonwealth's recreational and park areas. Areas in which volunteers may work include creating or clearing hiking trails, assisting with visitor centers, conducting guided walks, serving as a "live-in" host at a state park campground or cabin colony, planting trees and flowers, improving accessibility to recreational areas, and providing technical assistance.

### Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council (PUCFC)

The DCNR Bureau of Forestry also partners with the USDA Forest Service, NA, State & Private Forestry, and Penn State University to help support the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council (PUCFC) [[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/pucfc](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/pucfc)]. The council is a non-profit organization for citizens in the Commonwealth who want to improve community forests and green spaces. The Council guides a statewide program that provides technical and financial assistance for communities and volunteer groups interested in planting and caring for trees and park spaces.

The PUCFC issues **Municipal Challenge Grants**, providing funding for local communities to conduct tree related projects in public spaces. These grants may be used for increasing tree inventories, tree planting, and tree care. In addition, PUCFC **Community Improvement Grants**, **Tree Improvement Grants** and **Mini-Grants** offer similar funding for creating and improving parks, trails and green spaces.

### Contact Information

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Rachel Carson Office Building, PO Box 8767, 400 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8767  
Phone: (888)-727-2757/ Email: [ra-askdcnr@state.pa.gov](mailto:ra-askdcnr@state.pa.gov)

For additional information on local parks and outdoor recreation facilities, please contact your county parks and recreation department. Contact information for District 11 Parks and Recreations Offices are listed in the appendix of this guide.

### **C. Athletic Complexes, Playgrounds and Community Centers**

Community recreation facilities provide positive places for children and adults to take part in physical and social activities. Most importantly, they serve as an option for children to be in a safe, healthy after-school environment.

The following organizations offer financial assistance, technical advice and informative resources for communities and local governments seeking to create, maintain and improve recreational facilities.

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#### **National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS)**

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[www.uni.edu/playground/resources/funding.html](http://www.uni.edu/playground/resources/funding.html)

The **National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS)** advocates for safer planning, construction, and maintenance of playground facilities across the country. NPPS's website is a comprehensive resource for playground publications. The program offers a free question and answer hotline and a lending library. In addition, they offer advice and resources on planning construction and applying for playground construction funding.

#### **Contact Information**

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School of Health, WRC 205, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 50614  
Phone: (800) 554-7529 /Fax: (319) 273-7308/Email: [playground-safety@uni.edu](mailto:playground-safety@uni.edu)

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#### **KaBOOM!**

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[www.kaboom.org](http://www.kaboom.org)

**KaBOOM!** is a non-profit agency dedicated to creating playgrounds and recreational areas for children. The group advocates for children's rights to recess time and recreational activities. They provide a comprehensive planning guide for the creation and maintenance of community playgrounds, and even offer website space to community groups. In addition, KaBOOM! provides funding and technical assistance for communities constructing new playgrounds.

#### **Contact Information**

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Contact online at [www.kaboom.org/contact.aspx](http://www.kaboom.org/contact.aspx)

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#### **FundingFactory**

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[www.fundingfactory.com](http://www.fundingfactory.com)

**FundingFactory** is a nationwide fundraising program for non-profit groups and educational institutions. The group accepts and recycles used cell phones,



printer cartridges and other items and in exchange gives sports supplies, playground equipment, and even cash.

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**Contact Information**

Funding Factory, 2101 West 12th Street, Erie, PA 16505

Phone: (888) 883-8237/ Fax: (814) 454-6881/Email: [info@fundingfactory.com](mailto:info@fundingfactory.com)

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**Hasbro Corporation Charitable Organizations**

[www.hasbro.org/pl/page.index/dn/hcf/default.cfm](http://www.hasbro.org/pl/page.index/dn/hcf/default.cfm)

The Hasbro Corporation sponsors two charitable organizations. The first, the **Hasbro Children's Foundation** sponsors a variety of grants aimed at helping children through positive community development. One of their grant programs is targeted at organizations on the local level who develop positive and innovative improvements and programming for children. The foundation has funded community centers and playground construction in the past.

The second group is the **Hasbro Charitable Trust** [[www.hasbro.org/pl/page.productdonations/dn/ct/default.cfm](http://www.hasbro.org/pl/page.productdonations/dn/ct/default.cfm)]. Among other initiatives, the program donates toys and sports equipment to non-profit and community groups and runs a program for eligible employees to have four hours per month of paid time-off to volunteer with children.

*For additional information on playground, athletic complexes, and community recreation facilities in your area, please contact your county parks and recreation department. Contact information for District 11 Parks and Recreations Offices are listed in the appendix of this guide.*



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## APPENDIX E - RECREATION

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**Contact Information for County Parks and Recreation Offices in  
the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania**  
*(Alphabetical by County Name)*

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### Carbon County Department of Parks & Recreation

625 Lentz Trail Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

Phone: (570) 325-3669

Email: [mauch2@ptd.net](mailto:mauch2@ptd.net)

### Columbia County Department of Parks

15 Perry Avenue

Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Phone: (570) 784-1992

### Monroe County Parks & Recreation

4221 Manor Drive Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Phone: (570) 992-4343

Fax: (570) 421-2871

Email: [mrcrpc@prolog.net](mailto:mrcrpc@prolog.net) / Website: [www.co.monroe.pa.us](http://www.co.monroe.pa.us)

### Lackawanna County Department of Parks & Recreation

200 Adams Avenue

Scranton, PA 18503

Phone: (570) 963-6764

### Luzerne County Recreation Department

5 Water Street

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

Phone: (570) 331-4028

Fax: (570) 331-7226

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## HERITAGE PRESERVATION

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## HERITAGE PRESERVATION

### A. Introduction and Overview

Encouraging residents of a community to become knowledgeable about their area's heritage produces a number of lasting benefits. Residents are likely to become more invested in their hometown if they feel that they are a part of the community's collective experience and history. Such a feeling of community should translate to greater civic involvement, both in democratic participation and a greater willingness to contribute to community events and programs. A shared sense of community heritage is vital to reconnecting people to their communities and to one another.

There are numerous organizations that promote historical and heritage preservation and civic participation, and which also provide resources for communities. This chapter is organized into four primary sections:

The **Preservation Agencies** section provides an introduction to the array of heritage preservation agencies that exist at the national, state and local level, and to the variety of resources and funding opportunities that they offer.

The **Rehabilitating and Preserving Historic Sites** section examines more in-depth processes of creating and safeguarding a historic site and presents programs that fund such endeavors. This portion attempts to give an overview of the regulations in place to protect historic sites from destructive development.

The **Local Heritage** section provides information on the heritage organizations in the 11<sup>th</sup> District's five counties – Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Monroe.

Finally, the **Civic Participation** section details organizations that promote community involvement and seek to encourage Americans to pursue active and responsible citizenship.

## **B. Federal and State Historical Preservation Agencies**

Our generation has inherited a rich, proud and colorful legacy in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Many agencies work on the state and national levels to maintain that legacy by sponsoring, preserving and renovating historic sites. This ensures that we pass these treasures on to future generations. The following agencies are dedicated to managing heritage and historic sites, parks, and battlefields, which are physical reminders of our heritage.

### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

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#### **U.S. National Park Service (NPS)**

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[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

The **National Park Service (NPS)**, a part of the **US Department of the Interior**, is a federal department established to preserve the natural and cultural resources of national parks for the enjoyment and education of both citizens and visitors. NPS acts as an advocate not only for national parks and open spaces, but also historical buildings and districts. The National Park Service has established several programs that fund, maintain and advocate for historic places to help preserve and present these pieces of history.

#### **National Register of Historic Places**

The National Register of Historic Places [[www.cr.nps.gov/nr](http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr)] serves as this nation's official list of cultural resources deemed worthy of preservation. Properties listed in the Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. All such properties, which currently number over 77,000, are nominated and then evaluated by Register staff members using a uniform evaluative process. Once a property is listed in the Historic Register, it becomes eligible for several classes of federal aid and tax benefits to fund preservation expenditure.

#### **National Historic Landmarks Program**

The National Historic Landmarks program [[www.cr.nps.gov/nhl](http://www.cr.nps.gov/nhl)] works to identify and preserve the places across the United States that have meaning for all citizens. There are less than 2,500 landmarks that bear this distinction, but the National Parks Service welcomes nominations. The National Historic Landmarks website details the nomination and selection processes.

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**Links to the Past: Cultural Resources Program**

The NPS's Links to the Past: Cultural Resources Program [[www.cr.nps.gov](http://www.cr.nps.gov)] provides a broad variety of resources to those wishing to learn more about the national heritage of the United States. It provides information on all of the NPS historic sites and programs and has several sources of funding for individuals looking to begin local education and preservation projects.

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**Contact Information**

U.S. Custom House 200 Chestnut St. Fifth Floor Philadelphia, PA 19106  
Phone: (215) 597-7013 or online at <http://data2.itc.nps.gov/npsdirectory>

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**Historic Architecture and Archaeology (ARCH) Program**

[www.arch.state.pa.us](http://www.arch.state.pa.us)

Pennsylvania's **Historic Architecture and Archaeology (ARCH)** program is an archive of the sites in Pennsylvania that have been named in the National Register of Historic Places and the National Historic Landmarks program. They hold the original nomination forms to the National Parks Service for the more than 3,000 National Register sites and over 200 National Landmark sites currently designated in Pennsylvania. The program is designed as a resource for educators and community leaders hoping to educate students and citizens about Pennsylvania's rich historical heritage.

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**Contact Information**

Email: [ra-arch@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-arch@state.pa.us)

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**Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)**

[www.phmc.state.pa.us](http://www.phmc.state.pa.us)

The **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)** sponsors a variety of programs and grants for communities across the Commonwealth. Their public resources include the Pennsylvania State Archives, an extensive record of Pennsylvania history, and a listing of the exhibits of the Pennsylvania State Museum, which they operate. They organize Pennsylvania's branch of National Preservation Week, the Pennsylvania Heritage Magazine, and an internship program. They additionally sponsor three grant programs: the Certified Local Government Grant Program, the Keystone Historical

Preservation Grant Program and the Pennsylvania History and Museum Grant Program.

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***Contact Information***

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)  
300 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120  
Phone: (717) 787-3362/Fax: (717) 783-9924  
Email: [RA-PHMC-Webmaster@state.pa.us](mailto:RA-PHMC-Webmaster@state.pa.us)

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**DCNR's Heritage Parks Program**

[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/heritageparks/](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/heritageparks/)

DCNR maintains a **Heritage Parks Program**, which seeks to identify and preserve State Heritage Parks. These parks are large geographic regions spanning two or more counties that contain resources that collectively exemplify the industrial history of Pennsylvania. The program identifies and promotes these resources in part through regional partnerships. The manual explaining the program in detail is accessible through a link on their website or at [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/heritageparks/manual.pdf](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/heritageparks/manual.pdf).

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***Contact Information***

Rachel Carson Office Building, PO Box 8767, 400 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17105  
Phone: (888) 727-2757

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

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**Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations**

[www.pamuseums.org](http://www.pamuseums.org)

The goal of the **Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations** is to better understand and present Pennsylvania's history. The group maintains a listing of all museum and heritage societies in the state and advertises conferences and workshops organized by those groups as well as their own informative events.

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***Contact Information***

130 Locust Street, Lower Level, Harrisburg, PA 17101  
Phone: (717) 909-3995/Fax: (717) 909-3996/Email: [ksamilo@pamuseums.org](mailto:ksamilo@pamuseums.org)

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## **C. Rehabilitating Historic Buildings and Sites**

While many preservation projects have already taken place on the state and national level, many important sites remain unprotected and poorly maintained. This section aims to be a resource to community developers looking to designate and improve the historic sites in their area, encompassing goals for better civic participation through fostering community heritage.

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### **NPS's Heritage Preservation Services**

[www2.cr.nps.gov](http://www2.cr.nps.gov)

The National Park Service administers several programs aimed at promoting historic preservation. Their **Heritage Preservation Services** branch provides technical resources and advice on rehabilitating heritage sites, as well as a guide to public participation in historical preservation planning. In addition, they sponsor a wide variety of funding programs and maintain additional technical resources for renovation projects.

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#### **Contact Information**

National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: (202) 354-2069/Fax (202) 371-1961/Email: [nps\\_hps-info@nps.gov](mailto:nps_hps-info@nps.gov)

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### **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)**

[www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov)

The **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)** advises the President and Congress on national preservation policy and advocates for such legislation and regulation on the national level. The group fosters preservation initiatives to enhance heritage tourism and bring the private sector more actively into the heritage preservation field. The ACHP also sponsors public education programs.

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#### **Contact Information**

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 809, Old Post Office Building  
Washington, DC 20004  
Phone: (202) 606-8503/Email: [achp@achp.gov](mailto:achp@achp.gov)

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### **Preserve America**

[www.preserveamerica.gov](http://www.preserveamerica.gov)

**Preserve America** is a new initiative designed to encourage preservation and enjoyment of historical areas. The program works to create and fund cooperative partnerships between various communities with the goal of fostering preservation projects. Preserve America also has funds for grants designed to



assist communities with their preservation efforts. On May 3, 2004 the first Preserve America Presidential Awards were presented and among those honored was the Lackawanna Heritage Valley for their contribution to Heritage Tourism.

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### Heritage Preservation

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[www.heritagepreservation.org/index.html](http://www.heritagepreservation.org/index.html)

**Heritage Preservation** is a national organization dedicated to providing advice and guidance on preserving not only sites, but historical artifacts and documents such as books, works of art, photographs, monuments, scientific specimens, family heirlooms, and anthropological artifacts. They sponsor evaluative programs to assess risks to heritage sites and artifacts, issue awards for preservation scholarship, and publish guides on heritage preservation.

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#### Contact Information

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1625 K Street, NW Suite 700, Washington, DC 20006

Phone: (888) 388-6789/Fax (202) 634-1435

Email: [dmossholder@heritagepreservation.org](mailto:dmossholder@heritagepreservation.org)

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### Preservation Pennsylvania

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[www.preservationpa.org](http://www.preservationpa.org)

**Preservation Pennsylvania** is a statewide, private, non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant properties. The organization seeks to preserve Pennsylvania's endangered historic landmarks by stimulating public awareness, holding workshops and meetings and monitoring relevant legislation. They also provide educational resources for local communities and advocates in support of historic places.

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#### Contact Information

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257 North Street, Harrisburg PA, 17101

Phone: (717) 234 -2310/Fax: (717) 234-2522/Email: [PPA@preservationpa.org](mailto:PPA@preservationpa.org)

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### National Trust for Historic Preservation

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[www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org)

The **National Trust for Historic Preservation** is a large, nation-wide non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and maintaining irreplaceable buildings, sites and landmarks that form part of the cultural heritage of the United States.

The Trust maintains several programs designed to support local preservation efforts to save and enhance historic resources.

***Contact Information***

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1785 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20036-2117

Phone: (202) 588-6000/Fax: (202) 588-6038

## **D. Local Heritage Associations**

The preservation of physical structures and landmarks that make up a community's heritage sites is an integral part of heritage preservation. However, equally important are the writings, records, histories, photographs, maps and documents that tell the stories of local communities. This section contains contact information for local heritage preservation societies existing within the 11<sup>th</sup> District.

### **Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor**

1 South Third Street, 8th Floor, Easton, PA 18042

Phone: (610) 923-3548

[www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/delaware/](http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/delaware/)

### **Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority**

1300 Old Plank Road, Mayfield, PA 18433

Phone: (570) 963-6730/Fax: (570) 963-6732

[www.lhva.org](http://www.lhva.org)

### **Columbia County Historical and Genealogical Society**

225 Market Street, PO Box 360, Bloomsburg, PA 17815-0360

Phone: (570) 784-1600

[www.colcohist-gensoc.org](http://www.colcohist-gensoc.org)

### **Luzerne County Historical Society**

49 Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Phone: (570) 823-6244/Fax: (570) 823-9011

[www.luzernecountyhistory.com](http://www.luzernecountyhistory.com)

### **Monroe County Historical Association**

900 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Phone: (570) 823-6244

[www.mcha-pa.org](http://www.mcha-pa.org)

*Although Carbon County does not have a historical society, a written history of the county is available online at [<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~carbdat/m&h/idx.htm>].*

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## **E. Civic Participation**

A community investment in the history and heritage of its region is sure to foster active civic participation. This section aims to provide additional resources to encourage and channel that participation into active, responsible and progressive citizenship and a better quality of life for all of the community's residents.

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### **Participate America Foundation**

[www.participateamerica.org](http://www.participateamerica.org)

The **Participate America Foundation** seeks to capitalize on renewed spirit of community purpose and civic responsibility that was inspired by the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 terrorist attacks. In that vein, they have established National Civic Participation week from September 11 through 17 to showcase community activity and participation across the country. The organization encourages and assists in the planning of activities during National Civic Participation week which exemplify its purpose.

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#### **Contact Information**

2751 Prosperity Avenue, 6th Floor Fairfax, VA 22031  
Phone: (703) 289-4670/Fax: (703) 289-4678

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### **National Issues Forums**

[www.nifi.org](http://www.nifi.org)

The **National Issues Forums** is a network of organizations, groups, and individuals that sponsor forums on public policy issues on a local level. These forums are led by trained, neutral moderators and are designed to encourage local residents with diverse opinions and experiences to express their views and to seek common ground on issues of concern.

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#### **Contact Information**

Phone: (800) 433-7834 or online at <http://www.nifi.org/contact/index.aspx>

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### **League of Women Voters**

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

The League of Women Voters offers up-to-date voter information and reports on civic participation and current public policy issues in an effort to get more people involved in the democratic process. They also provide numerous helpful links on their web site, including links to elected officials and media representatives. There are local Leagues in:

- ◆ Lackawanna County [[www.lwvlackawanna.org/](http://www.lwvlackawanna.org/)]
- ◆ Monroe County [[www.bloomington.in.us/~lwv/](http://www.bloomington.in.us/~lwv/)]

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**Contact Information**

1730 M Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036-4508  
Phone: (202) 429-1965/Fax: (202) 429-0854

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**Project Citizen**

[www.de.psu.edu/pawtp/pc](http://www.de.psu.edu/pawtp/pc)

**Project Citizen** is a program that teaches the values of active civic participation to middle school students. The Pennsylvania branch, which is sponsored by Penn State University, has designed a curriculum that allows students to study public policy issues and demonstrate their plans of developmental action. The final phase of the curriculum is a mock legislative hearing in which each group of students presents their plan and demonstrates their knowledge of the legislative process.

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**Contact Information**

Dr. George W. Franz  
Penn State Delaware County, 25 Yearsley Mill Rd, Media, PA 19063-5596  
Phone: 610-892-1411/Fax: 610-892-1405/Email: [gwf1@psu.edu](mailto:gwf1@psu.edu)

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## EDUCATION AND THE ARTS

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## EDUCATION AND THE ARTS

### **A. Introduction and Overview**

A successful community invests a great deal into education for its citizens. Well-educated children and adults are better prepared to succeed in life, increasing their willingness and ability to give back to the community. The community developer should be concerned with providing a quality education for each child and adult within the community.

Arts education is an important component of a student's overall learning. Participation in the arts fosters a sense of creativity and self-expression, both of which are important to child development. Sponsoring arts programs is one important way in which communities can invest in the success of their youth.

This section presents the arts and education simultaneously as a comprehensive approach to improving participation in both. The sections in this chapter will aim to describe a wide variety of resources available for arts and education programs.

The **Education for Children** section details a variety of public and private programs that provide supplemental education to children beyond their in-class experience. They range from pre-school programs to programs that build college awareness and readiness.

The **Arts Education** section lists programs that use the arts as a tool for education, which may enhance curriculums and improve academic performance. The programs sponsor a mixture of lesson plans, curriculums and grants for programs developing arts education initiatives.

The **Education for Adults** section focuses on three primary issues in adult education: basic and literacy education, English proficiency education and continuing education.

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## **B. Education for Children**

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Community developers must ensure that all children in their areas are receiving positive and healthy education in the skills that they will need to be successful in life. Communities acknowledge that a good school system is an excellent start; it should always be the first priority, and should be partnered with organizations to further education outside the classroom. This section aims to detail such programs, which serve the diverse needs of children at levels of development from pre-school to the college admissions process.

### **FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES**

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#### **U.S. Department of Education**

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[www.ed.gov/](http://www.ed.gov/)

The **U.S. Department of Education** offers a diverse selection of grant programs to schools and communities to create new education programs, buy equipment, and improve school facilities. The Department is also the primary distributor of college financial aid in the country through a mixture of loans and grants administered to low and middle-income students and their families. In addition, the research wing of the department of education produces hundreds of studies every year on effective programs, teaching practices, and administrative policies.

#### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program**

The Department additionally sponsors the **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program** [[www.ed.gov/21stcclc](http://www.ed.gov/21stcclc)], which works to form multiple community partnerships to create a full community effort in improving local education. The programs, which are individually tailored to best suit the needs of their school districts, organize a variety of initiatives including civic and artistic enrichment activities, after-school programs and field trips. In addition, many of the centers open up a school district's recreational facilities to members of the community so that they can be fully utilized when not being used by students.

#### **GEAR UP and TRIO**

In addition, the Department operates the **GEAR UP** [[www.ed.gov/gearup/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/gearup/index.html)] and **TRIO** [[www.trioprograms.org](http://www.trioprograms.org)] programs, both of which work with disadvantage high school students. The aim of the programs is to prepare students for a form of additional education after high school by recognizing the economic benefits of post-secondary education, on the student and the national levels.



Preparation is attained by a combination of tutoring programs, after-school activities and college information and preparation programs.

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**Contact Information**

U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202  
Phone: (800) 872-5327/Fax: (202) 401-0689/Email: [customerservice@inet.ed.gov](mailto:customerservice@inet.ed.gov)

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**Head Start**

[www2.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb](http://www2.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb)

The Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services operates the **Head Start Bureau** a national preschool program that aims to give disadvantaged children a “head start” – making them better prepared to enter elementary school. Head Start programs are funded by federal grants and are administered at the local level by a wide variety of public and private, for- and non-profit organizations and school systems.

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**Contact Information**

150 S. Independence, Mall West-Suite 864, Public Ledger Building  
Philadelphia, PA 19106-3499  
Phone: (215) 861-4000/Fax: (215) 861-4070/Email: [20dlett@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:20dlett@acf.hhs.gov)

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**Pennsylvania Department of Education**

[www.pde.state.pa.us](http://www.pde.state.pa.us)

The **Pennsylvania Department of Education** offers an array of grants, publications, and resources pertaining to education to residents of Pennsylvania. Their web site offers recent information and news for students, parents, teachers, and administration.

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**Contact Information**

PA Department of Education, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126  
Phone: (717) 783-6788/Email: [00fedprog@psupen.psu.edu](mailto:00fedprog@psupen.psu.edu)

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## NON-PROFIT OPPORTUNITIES

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### **Reach Out and Read**

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[www.reachoutandread.org/](http://www.reachoutandread.org/)

**Reach Out and Read** is a national, non-profit organization that donates books to children and disadvantaged families in the hope of developing a love of reading and early literacy skills to better prepare children for success when they enter school. The program uses volunteers, nurses, and doctors to promote reading aloud with children when families come in to doctors' offices for well-patient visits.

### ***Contact Information***

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Reach Out and Read National Center  
29 Mystic Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145-1302  
Phone: (617) 629-8042/Fax: (617) 629-8842

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## **C. Arts Education**

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Curriculums that encourage arts education have positive long-term effects on the community, and not only by improving education. If children gain an early love and appreciation of the arts, they are likely to support, practice and sponsor artistic endeavors later in life. An active artistic community is an excellent community resource for citizens of all ages.

The following are several agencies that fund and support arts education. The community planner can utilize these not only to improve education, but also to improve the state of the arts in the community:

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### **Arts in Education Program**

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[www.ed.gov/programs/artsed/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/artsed/index.html)

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Innovation and Improvement administers the **Arts in Education Program** which operates to support education reform by strengthening arts education as a necessary component of elementary and secondary school curriculums.

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#### **Contact Information**

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U.S. Department of Education, OII/Improvement Programs  
400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Room 3C126, FB-6, Washington DC 20202-6140  
Phone: (202) 260-2487/ Fax: (202) 205-5630/Email: [shelton.allen@ed.gov](mailto:shelton.allen@ed.gov)

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### **National Endowment for the Arts**

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[www.nea.gov/](http://www.nea.gov/)

The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts--both new and established--bringing the arts to all Americans, and providing leadership in arts education. Established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government, the Endowment is the nation's largest annual funder of the arts, bringing great art to all 50 states, including rural areas, inner cities, and military bases.

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#### **Contact Information**

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1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506  
Phone: (202) 682-5400

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## **Arts Education Partnership**

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[www.aep-arts.org](http://www.aep-arts.org)

The **Arts Education Partnership** is a national coalition of non-profit organizations, businesses and philanthropic foundations that ensure the arts are being well taught at every level of education. They act as a resource for educators and community groups by publishing arts education materials, as well as providing advice on the best tactics for securing funding from the federal government. In addition, the Partnership advocates for education legislation, which includes funding for arts programs.

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### **Contact Information**

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One Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001-1431

Phone: (202) 326-8693/Fax: (202) 408-8081/E-mail: [aep@ccsso.org](mailto:aep@ccsso.org)

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## **ARTSEEDGE**

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[www.artsedge.kennedy-center.org](http://www.artsedge.kennedy-center.org)

**ARTSEEDGE** is the product of a collaborative effort on the part of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Department of Education. The goal of the program is to bring together concrete resources that educators can use in integrating the arts into their subject area's curriculum. They have developed a set of lesson plans based on this concept and foster an idea exchange forum where educators can discuss the ARTSEEDGE curriculum, in addition to their own. ARTSEEDGE also maintains a directory of professional development resources for educators and administrative personnel.

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### **Contact Information**

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The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

2700 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20566

Or online at <http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/aboutus/contactus.cfm>

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## **D. Education for Adults**

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Opportunities for basic and continuing education for adults can open doors to individuals that thought going back to school was impossible. Teaching an adult to read or facilitating their return to school to finish a degree are simple but powerful methods of creating social and economic mobility for a community's citizens. The following agencies all focus on topics in adult education, from literacy to continuing education:

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### **National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy (NCSALL)**

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[gseweb.harvard.edu/~ncsall/](http://gseweb.harvard.edu/~ncsall/)

The **National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy (NCSALL)** offers practice resources for literacy educators and professionals based upon the findings of an ongoing research study. They offer two types of resources: teaching materials for educators that directly use the curriculum, and training materials for literacy professionals that work with teachers to develop their own literacy curriculum plans.

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#### **Contact Information**

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Nichols House, 7 Appian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138

Phone: (617) 495-4843/Email: [ncsall@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:ncsall@gse.harvard.edu)

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### **College is Possible Program**

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[www.collegeispossible.org/](http://www.collegeispossible.org/)

The **College is Possible Program** founded in part by the AFL-CIO and the National Institute for Literacy, aims to promote college awareness and expectations of attendance amongst those who never dreamed of attending college. Their resource center for adults, which is easily accessible through their web site, includes information on choosing the right college program, distance learning, funding sources and purchasing textbooks.

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#### **Contact Information**

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Contact through the American Council on Education at:

Phone: (202) 939-9365/Email: [gpa@ace.nche.edu](mailto:gpa@ace.nche.edu)

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### **National Center for ESL Literacy Education**

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[www.cal.org/nclle](http://www.cal.org/nclle)

The **National Center for ESL Literacy Education** was founded as an information center after U.S. Department of Education figures within the United States reported that over half of all people enrolled in adult education programs were

attending ESL classes. Their center has links to other nation-wide ESL programs and organizations, a hotline to answer quick questions about ESL and an array of other resources. They publish pamphlets and newsletters several times a year and are currently in the process of developing new ESL Adult curriculums.

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***Contact Information***

4646 40th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016-1859

Phone: (202) 362-0700/Fax: (202) 363-7204/Email: [ncle@cal.org](mailto:ncle@cal.org)

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**American Association for Adult and Continuing Education**

[www.aaace.org](http://www.aaace.org)

The **American Association for Adult and Continuing Education** represents members from education, business, military and community organizations. It publishes *Learning* magazine as well as the *Adult Education Quarterly*. The organization lobbies for increased standards and additional funding for adult education initiatives, conducts research on educational best practices and publishes books and research reports.

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***Contact Information***

4380 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD 20706

Phone: (301) 918-1913/Fax: (301) 918-1846

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**PA Dept. of Education Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education (ABLE)**

[www.able.state.pa.us/able/site/default.asp](http://www.able.state.pa.us/able/site/default.asp)

The **Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE)** administers several grants with the goal of helping adults and their families economically by working to improve the literacy skills of educationally disadvantaged adults. The program goes beyond basic education to fund additional programs, including one to help adults attain their Adult Secondary Diploma/General Educational Development (GED).

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***Contact Information***

333 Market St., 12th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

Phone: (717) 772-3737/Fax: (717) 783-0583/Email: [rosbrandt@state.pa.us](mailto:rosbrandt@state.pa.us)

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## HEALTH CARE

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## HEALTH CARE

### A. Introduction and Overview

The availability of high quality, comprehensive health care for all citizens in need is the bedrock of any successful community. Community leaders can help provide vital resources for their communities in a number of ways.

The three sections in this chapter focus on some of the central aspects of community health care development:

The **Nursing and Staff Education** section highlights the funding and technical assistance services available to community leaders seeking to increase the number of trained health care professionals available to their communities.

The **Community Medical Center Development** section summarizes various resources available for the creation and improvement of community primary care facilities.

The **Substance Abuse Center Development** section lists some organizations and grants dedicated to increasing the availability of substance abuse treatment facilities and other mental health resources.



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## **B. Nursing and Staff Education Programs**

To meet the challenge of providing excellent health care a community must secure several important components of a healthy community. An abundance of skilled and educated health care staff must exist to staff hospitals and other health care facilities.

### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

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#### **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

[www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/](http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/)

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has approximately 300 grant programs, most of which are administered in a decentralized manner by several agencies. The online service GrantsNet allows prospective applicants to search the database to find the grants most applicable to their goals.

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#### **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**

[www.hrsa.gov](http://www.hrsa.gov)

The Health Resources and Service Administration is a federal agency under the Department of Health and Human Services. It is responsible for managing most of the health care grant and resource opportunities distributed by the federal government.

##### **Bureau of Health Professionals**

The Bureau of Health Professionals [[bhpr.hrsa.gov](http://bhpr.hrsa.gov)] is an agency under the HRSA that seeks to improve the health status of the population by providing national leadership in the development, distribution and retention of a diverse, culturally competent health workforce that provides high quality care for all. They provide funding opportunities for the education of health care workers as well as programs that help eliminate health workforce shortages.

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##### **Contact Information**

HRSA, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Parklawn Building  
5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857

Phone: (301) 443-6853 (Bureau of Health Professionals Community contact)

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## **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

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[www.nih.gov/](http://www.nih.gov/)

The **National Institutes of Health** is the federal agency responsible for promoting medical research in the United States. Part of their mission involves encouraging the education of health care professionals. In exchange for a two-year commitment to a research career, NIH will repay up to \$35,000 per year of a student's qualified educational debt, pay an additional 39% of the repayments to cover Federal taxes, and may reimburse any state taxes that result from these benefits.

### ***Contact Information***

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National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892

Phone: (301) 496-4000/Email: [nihinfo@od.nih.gov](mailto:nihinfo@od.nih.gov)

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## **Public Health Services (PHS)**

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[grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/gps/](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/gps/)

The **Public Health Services** administers a diverse array of assistance programs concerned with the whole spectrum of health concerns. The PHS agencies and offices are responsible for the award, administration, and monitoring of these programs under a variety of legislative authorities, governing regulations, policies, and procedures utilizing mechanisms ranging from discretionary project grant awards to block grants to States. They administer awards to a wide range of recipients, including State and local governments, educational institutions, hospitals, nonprofit organizations and, in certain programs, for-profit organizations.

### ***Contact Information***

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PHS Region III, P. O. Box 13716, 3535 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19101

Phone: (215) 596-6653

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## **Pennsylvania Department of Health**

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[www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/](http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/)

The **Pennsylvania Department of Health**, through its program the State Health Improvement Planning Partnership (SHIP) intends to increase community empowerment by providing meaningful opportunity for community planning based on local needs. These opportunities include state assistance and affiliation

with community based health initiatives, including those seeking to increase local resources by encouraging the education of more health care professionals.

***Contact Information***

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P.O. Box 90, Health and Welfare Building, Harrisburg, PA 17108  
(717) 772-5298

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## **C. Community Medical Center Development**

Regular contact with health care staff is important to diagnose and prevent health problems before they become an emergency. The availability of primary care facilities like community medical centers is an important resource for citizens that have ailments best treated outside the emergency room. The following organizations offer financial assistance, technical advice and informative resources for communities and local governments seeking to create, maintain and improve community medical facilities.

### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

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#### **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

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[www.hhs.gov/](http://www.hhs.gov/)

The Department of Health and Human Services directs several different agencies that each organizes federal initiatives in distinct issue areas. The following two agencies provide support for community leaders interested in developing new community based health facilities.

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#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)] is recognized as the lead federal agency for protecting the health and safety of people - at home and abroad, providing credible information to enhance health decisions, and promoting health through strong partnerships. CDC serves as the national focus for developing and applying disease prevention and control, environmental health, and health promotion and education activities. A large part of disease prevention in the United States focuses on the development of primary care health facilities.

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#### **The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives**

Due to the recent creation of the CFBI [[www.hhs.gov/fbci](http://www.hhs.gov/fbci)] technical assistance has been provided throughout the country to increase the capacity of faith-based and community organizations working with vulnerable and needy populations. HHS has reached out and collaborated with religious and neighborhood organizations that for decades have been bringing solutions to bear on some of our country's most intractable problems.

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***Contact Information***

200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20201  
Phone: (202) 619-0257/Toll Free: (877) 696-6775

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**Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**

[bphc.hrsa.gov/](http://bphc.hrsa.gov/)

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provides funding and informational resources for initiatives with various health related causes, including the enhancement or creation of primary care facilities and community health clinics. Part of the HRSA, the Bureau for Primary Health Care, is responsible for disseminating these resources to interested community leaders.

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***Contact Information***

Bureau of Primary Health Care, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
East West Towers, 4350 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814  
Phone: (301) 594-4300

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**The Office on Women's Health**

<http://www.4woman.gov/owh/CCOE/>

The **Office on Women's Health**, under the department of Health and Human Services, administers the National Community Centers of Excellence in Women's Health program. This program provides federal grant money for the development of community health centers that focus on the health of women.

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***Contact Information***

200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 730B, Washington, DC 20201  
Phone: 202-690-7650/Fax: 202-205-2631

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**Pennsylvania Department of Health**

[www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/](http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/)

The Pennsylvania Department of Health administers programs designed to encourage the development of health care facilities across the state, and particularly in areas with a shortage of adequate health care resources. The states primary interests are in creating new community health centers as well as encouraging the education of more health care workers. The Bureau of Health Planning, under the state department of health, is responsible for managing the primary care practice opportunities.

***Contact Information***

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P.O. Box 90, Health and Welfare Building, Harrisburg, PA 17108

Phone: (717) 772-5298

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## PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

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### **National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)**

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[www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/](http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/)

The National Association of Community Health Centers is the national trade association serving and representing the interests of America's community health centers. They can provide information and advice to those interested in starting new health centers.

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#### ***Contact Information***

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7200 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 210

Bethesda, MD 20814

Phone: (301) 347-0400/Email: [contact@NACHC.com](mailto:contact@NACHC.com)

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### **The Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center (Pa AHEC)**

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[www.hmc.psu.edu/pa\\_ahec/](http://www.hmc.psu.edu/pa_ahec/)

The Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center is a private organization funded in part by the federal and state departments of health. One of its goals is to develop an information and communication network to provide consultation, technical assistance, education and other professional support for community-based primary care practitioners. It also focuses on facilitating the recruitment and retention of primary care providers in underserved areas.

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#### ***Contact Information***

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Contact their Northeastern Pennsylvania office at:

Keystone College, One College Green, LaPlume, PA 18440-0200

Phone: (570) 945-5623/Fax: (570) 945-5613/Email: [vera.walline@keystone.edu](mailto:vera.walline@keystone.edu)

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### **The National Rural Health Association (NRHA)**

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[www.nrharural.org/](http://www.nrharural.org/)

The National Rural Health Association is a national membership organization, whose mission is to improve the health and health care of rural Americans and to provide leadership on rural issues through advocacy, communications, education and research.

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#### ***Contact Information***

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One West Armour Blvd. Suite 203, Kansas City, MO 64111

Phone: (816) 756-3140/Fax: (816) 756-3144/Email: [mail@NRHArural.org](mailto:mail@NRHArural.org)

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## **D. Substance Abuse Center Development**

Too many communities lack the resources to deal with the problem of citizens in need of substance abuse treatment. The development of substance abuse centers can go far to both provide a source of hope for those suffering from drug addiction as well as serve as an educational resource to prevent others in the community from turning to substance abuse.

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#### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

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[www.samhsa.gov/](http://www.samhsa.gov/)

SAMHSA's mission is to build resilience and facilitate recovery for people with or at risk for substance abuse and mental illness. In collaboration with the States, national and local community-based and faith-based organizations, and public and private sector providers, SAMHSA is working to ensure that people with or at risk for a mental or addictive disorder have the opportunity for treatment. SAMHSA provides a wealth of grant opportunities for the development of treatment facilities, the vast majority of which (Over 75%) are distributed in the form of block grants to the states. These must be applied for through the state agencies noted in the next part of this section. There are, however, a few grant programs that are directly available to communities. Several are listed below.

#### **Physician Clinical Support System**

This program is dedicated to programs that aim to train physicians not experienced in treating individuals suffering addictions, with hopes of providing more doctors that can treat those with substance abuse problems.

#### **Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Targeted Areas of Need**

The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance the community's ability to provide a comprehensive, integrated, and community-based response to a targeted, well-documented substance abuse treatment capacity problem and/or improve the quality and intensity of services.



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**Recovery Community Services Program**

This program aims to help prevent relapse and promote sustained recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders through providing peer-to-peer recovery support services that are responsive to community needs and strengths.

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**Contact Information**

Parklawn Building, Room 12-105, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857  
Phone: (301) 443-4795/Fax: (301) 443-0284

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**U.S. Department of Justice**

[www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov)

The **Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (DCDG)**, administered through the Department of Justice provides financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and American Indian tribal governments to develop and implement treatment drug courts that effectively integrate substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over nonviolent, substance-abusing offenders.

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**Contact Information**

Bureau of Justice Assistance, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531  
Phone: 202-514-6638/Fax: 202-305-2543/ Email: [AskBJA@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:AskBJA@ojp.usdoj.gov)

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**The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS)**

[www.dpw.state.pa.us/omhsas/dpwmh.asp](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/omhsas/dpwmh.asp)

The **Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services** is the Pennsylvania state office responsible for the management of state facilities for substance abuse treatment. The office is a part of the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare. OMHSAS is committed to education, prevention and treatment of those with substance abuse problems.

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***Contact Information***

Health & Welfare Building, Room 502, PO Box 2675, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675  
Phone: (717) 787-6443/Fax: (717) 787-5394/[www.SamhsaGovCenters.org](http://www.SamhsaGovCenters.org)  
Toll Free OMHSAS Information and Referral Line: (877) 356-5355

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**PA Department of Health Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs**

[www.health.state.pa.us/bdap](http://www.health.state.pa.us/bdap)

The **Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs** was established by the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act and is charged with developing and implementing a comprehensive health, education, and rehabilitation program for the prevention, intervention, treatment and case management of drug and alcohol abuse and dependence. This program is implemented through grant agreements with the 49 Single County Authorities (SCAs) who, in turn, contract with private service providers.

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***Contact Information***

02 Kline Plaza, Suite B Harrisburg, PA 17104  
Phone: (717) 783-8200/Fax:(717) 787-6285

**PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS**

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**The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)**

[www.health.org/](http://www.health.org/)

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) is the Nation's one-stop resource for information about substance abuse prevention and addiction treatment. They provide several valuable resources for community leaders interested in developing treatment facilities in the form of conducting customized searches, providing grant and funding information and referring inquiries to the appropriate organizations.

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***Contact Information***

Contact toll free at (800) 729-6686 via their website at  
<https://store.health.org/email>

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## HOMELAND SECURITY

### A. Introduction and Overview

The very real threat of terrorism that manifested itself in the events of September 11, 2001 has fundamentally changed and intensified the focus of our country's domestic security efforts. As the reality of security threats increases so too must community vigilance and reaction capability.

There is much to be done. Our communities can work both toward identifying and heading off threats before they become serious, as well as preparing response plans and facilities in order to minimize the impact of any events that might take place.

This section is divided into three parts that correspond with three of the primary challenges facing community response and prevention groups. The purposes of some of the grants may also overlap the sections into which this guide is organized. For the majority of the grants noted here the most appropriate contacts is the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, or PEMA.

The **First Responder Training** section outlines some opportunities to help response units obtain the best possible training to prepare them for the many different shapes a threat to security can take. The primary point of contact for training opportunities, as well as nearly all other opportunities in this chapter, is PEMA. You can find contact information for PEMA throughout the following pages.

The **Equipment Opportunities** section lists several sources of funding aimed at providing responding units with the best modern equipment available for dealing with security threats. From communications equipment to vehicles, the opportunities for communities to update their facilities are vast.

The **Offsetting Homeland Security Overtime Costs** section deals with programs that attempt to defray some of the costs of the extra resources required to maintain extra preparedness. When the country is in a state of high alert police, fire, and medical units all increase the intensity of their services. The associated overtime costs can be devastating for already tightly budgeted civil offices.

## **B. First Responder Training**

New threats require new solutions. Our police, fire fighters and medics should have the most up to date training allowing them to use the most appropriate techniques to handle whatever problems might arise.

This section provides a wealth of opportunities to ensure our communities first responders are as prepared as they can be.

### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

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#### **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

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[www.dhs.gov/](http://www.dhs.gov/)

The Department of Homeland Security is committed to working with citizens, private industry, trade organizations, and all levels of government to keep America safe. While most of the opportunities provided by DHS are administered through state and local organizations as block grants, there are a wide variety of opportunities to work with the new Department such as forming and implementing public-private partnerships, and obtaining technical assistance and training. Additionally the DHS can sometimes help provide direction to the most appropriate grants and loans relevant to a community leaders specific vision.

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#### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

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[www.fema.gov/](http://www.fema.gov/)

FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders.

#### **Contact Information**

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Region III Office

615 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

Phone: (215) 931-5608

A specific FEMA program that you might find helpful, the Emergency Management Institute, is listed below.

#### **Emergency Management Institute (EMI)**

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The Emergency Management Institute is an organization under FEMA that specializes in providing numerous educational

opportunities for all things related to emergency preparedness. The Institute administers a number of classes and courses available to train local responders in their local areas as well as at national training centers elsewhere.

***Contact Information***

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16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Phone: (301) 447-1000/Fax: (301) 447-1052

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**Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)**

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[www.pema.state.pa.us/](http://www.pema.state.pa.us/)

The vast majority of all federal money dedicated to Homeland Security programs is administered by the states. In Pennsylvania the state agency responsible for Homeland Security is the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). PEMA's mission is to coordinate state agency response, including the Office of the State Fire Commissioner and Office of Homeland Security, to support county and local governments in the areas of civil defense, disaster mitigation and preparedness, planning, and response to and recovery from man-made or natural disasters. PEMA helps to distribute many of the funding opportunities that are handed down from the DHS or FEMA.

***Contact Information***

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2605 Interstate Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9364

Phone: (717) 651-2149/Fax: (717) 651-2040/Email: [ra-easternregion@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-easternregion@state.pa.us)

The following PEMA programs may be of particular interest. You can learn more about each of these programs through the PEMA contact information provided above:

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### **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs)**

A Community Emergency Response Team is a group of individuals who are trained to act as a first response unit in the case of an emergency. You can start your own CERT with help in organization, education and training from the Emergency Management Institute as well as PEMA.

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### **Citizen Corps**

Citizen Corps was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that will make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds.

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### **Emergency Management Performance Grants**

Through this grants program, FEMA provides states the flexibility to allocate funds according to risk and to address the most urgent state and local needs in disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Working within the standard federal government grant administration process, EMPG provides the support that state and local governments need to achieve measurable results in key functional areas of emergency management.

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## **Pennsylvania Homeland Security Task Forces**

[www.homelandsecurity.state.pa.us/](http://www.homelandsecurity.state.pa.us/)

Pennsylvania homeland security opportunities are managed through nine Counter Terrorism Task Force Districts. The counties that compose the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania are divided into two Counter Terrorism Task Forces: *the Northeast PA Emergency Response Group* and *the East Central PA Counter Terrorism Task Force*. The vast majority of Homeland Security grant money for both training and equipment funding to organizations that supply first providers, primarily police and fire departments as well as medical professionals. *See appendix for which task force serves your community.*

*Additionally, a board of directors made up of County Emergency Management Coordinators controls each task force. A county-by-county list of these coordinators can be found in the appendix of this guide.*

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**Contact Information**

**Northeast Emergency Response Group**

Monroe County EMA  
100 Gypsum Road  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
(570) 992-4113  
Email: [mcoes@ptd.net](mailto:mcoes@ptd.net)

**East Central Counter Terrorism Task Force**

Schuylkill County EMA  
435 North Center Street  
Pottsville, PA 17901-2528  
(570) 622-3739  
Email: [akaplan@scema.org](mailto:akaplan@scema.org)



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**The Center for State Homeland Security (CSHS)**

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[www.cshs-us.org/](http://www.cshs-us.org/)

As a nonprofit collaboration, the Center offers objectivity and technical depth and is uniquely positioned to support homeland security planning, analysis, engineering, technology evaluation and information sharing needs across all states and their local jurisdictions. The Center assists state and local governments in the implementation of their homeland security missions by supporting strategic planning and facilitating widespread and timely access to the best available information, facilities and tools.

**Contact Information**

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3150 Fairview Park Drive South, Falls Church, VA 22042-4519

Phone: (703) 610-1623/Fax: (703) 610-1821/ Email: [info@cshs-us.org](mailto:info@cshs-us.org)

### **C. Equipment Opportunities**

Some of the new techniques associated with combating terrorism require new equipment that communities lack. Other communities may need to bolster their traditional facilities in times of increased danger. The following provide information on programs that assist communities in their efforts to upgrade equipment and facilities.

#### **FEDERAL OPORTUNITIES**

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### **Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP)**

[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/)

The **Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP)** is the principal component of the Department of Homeland Security responsible for preparing the United States for acts of terrorism. In carrying out its mission, ODP is the primary office responsible to providing training, funds for the purchase of equipment, support for the planning and execution of exercises, technical assistance and other support to assist states and local jurisdiction prevent, plan for, and respond to acts of terrorism. Some grants administered in part by the ODP are listed here.

#### **Homeland Security Grants Program**

This program is designed to enhance the capability of state and local agencies to prevent and respond to incidents of terrorism involving the use of CBRNE weapons. This grant program consolidates three other grant programs, the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), and the aforementioned Citizen Corps Program (CCP).

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#### **Contact Information**

810 Seventh Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20531

Phone: (800) 368-6498/Fax: (202) 514-5566/Email: [askcsd@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:askcsd@ojp.usdoj.gov)

#### ***Or Contact PEMA at:***

2605 Interstate Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9364

Phone: (717) 651-2149/Fax: (717) 651-2040/Email: [ra-easternregion@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-easternregion@state.pa.us)

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## **The U.S. Fire Administration**

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[www.firegrantsupport.com/](http://www.firegrantsupport.com/)

As an entity of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the mission of the **United States Fire Administration** is to save lives while preventing economic losses due to fire and related emergencies, through leadership, advocacy, coordination and support. Established by the federal FIRE Act, and administered by the Office for Domestic Preparedness, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program awards grants directly to fire departments of a community to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of firefighting personnel. It is one of the only federal grant programs allocated directly from a federal agency (ODP) to the local first responder.

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### **Contact Information**

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Phone: (866) 274-0960 (Help Desk)/Email: [firegrants@dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov)

Or at the Office for Domestic Preparedness at the contact information above.

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## **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

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[www.fema.gov/](http://www.fema.gov/)

FEMA Provides several opportunities to help communities meet their security needs. One of these opportunities is listed below, however for a more complete list, see <http://www.fema.gov/preparedness/>.

### **National Capability Assurance**

FEMA's Capability Assurance effort focuses on resources and programs to help the state and local emergency management and response communities be better prepared to respond to disasters and incidents of all kinds. These processes and resources focus primarily on assessment and exercise-related programs, processes and systems.

## **COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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## **Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)**

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[www.pema.state.pa.us/](http://www.pema.state.pa.us/)

The mission of the **Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency** is to coordinate state agency response, including the Office of the State Fire Commissioner and Office of Homeland Security, to support county and local governments in the areas of civil defense, disaster mitigation and preparedness,

planning, and response to and recovery from man-made or natural disasters. PEMA helps to distribute many of the funding opportunities that are handed down from the DHS or FEMA.

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**Pennsylvania Homeland Security Task Forces**

[www.homelandsecurity.state.pa.us/](http://www.homelandsecurity.state.pa.us/)

The two Pennsylvania Homeland Security Task forces that serve our district coordinate the disbursement of money from federal programs that are allocated to first responder units (police and fire departments, and medical workers) to compensate for special equipment needs brought on by counter-terrorism precautions, as well as for training and education programs.

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***Contact Information***

**Northeast Emergency Response Group**

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**East Central Counter Terrorism Task Force**

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Email: [akaplan@scema.org](mailto:akaplan@scema.org)

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## PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

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### **National Emergency Management Association**

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[www.nemaweb.org/](http://www.nemaweb.org/)

NEMA is the professional association of and for state emergency management directors. NEMA's mission is to provide national leadership and expertise in comprehensive emergency management and serve as an emergency management information and assistance resource.

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### **Emergency Management Accreditation Program**

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[www.emaponline.org](http://www.emaponline.org)

The **Emergency Management Accreditation Program** is a voluntary accreditation process for the state and local programs responsible for coordinating preparedness for and response to disasters, whether natural or human-caused. Accreditation is based on compliance with collaboratively developed national standards for emergency preparedness, the EMAP Standard, demonstrated through self-assessment, documentation, and on-site assessment by an independent team of assessors

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## **D. Offsetting the Costs of High Alert**

The increased policing and general community readiness that comes with a federally designated High Alert status creates extra costs for communities, especially police and fire departments. In many cases, government funding can cover first responder's overtime compensation.

### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

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#### **Homeland Security Overtime Program**

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[www.cops.usdoj.gov/](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/)

The aforementioned COPS Office, under the Department of Justice, administers the **Homeland Security Overtime Program**. The program is a grant opportunity that provides communities with funding to compensate for increased overtime costs associated with counter-terrorism or other security measures.

#### ***Contact Information***

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U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services  
1100 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530  
Phone: (800) 421 6770/Email: [ask.Cops@usdoj.gov](mailto:ask.Cops@usdoj.gov)

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#### **Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)**

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[www.pema.state.pa.us/](http://www.pema.state.pa.us/)

On a case-by-case basis the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency disburses money from the Department of Homeland Security to compensate municipality first responders overtime pay associated with High Alert Status. Eligibility for such funding is usually determined at the county level first by County Emergency Management Coordinators.

*A listing of PA District 11 County Emergency Management Coordinators can be found in the Appendix of this guide.*

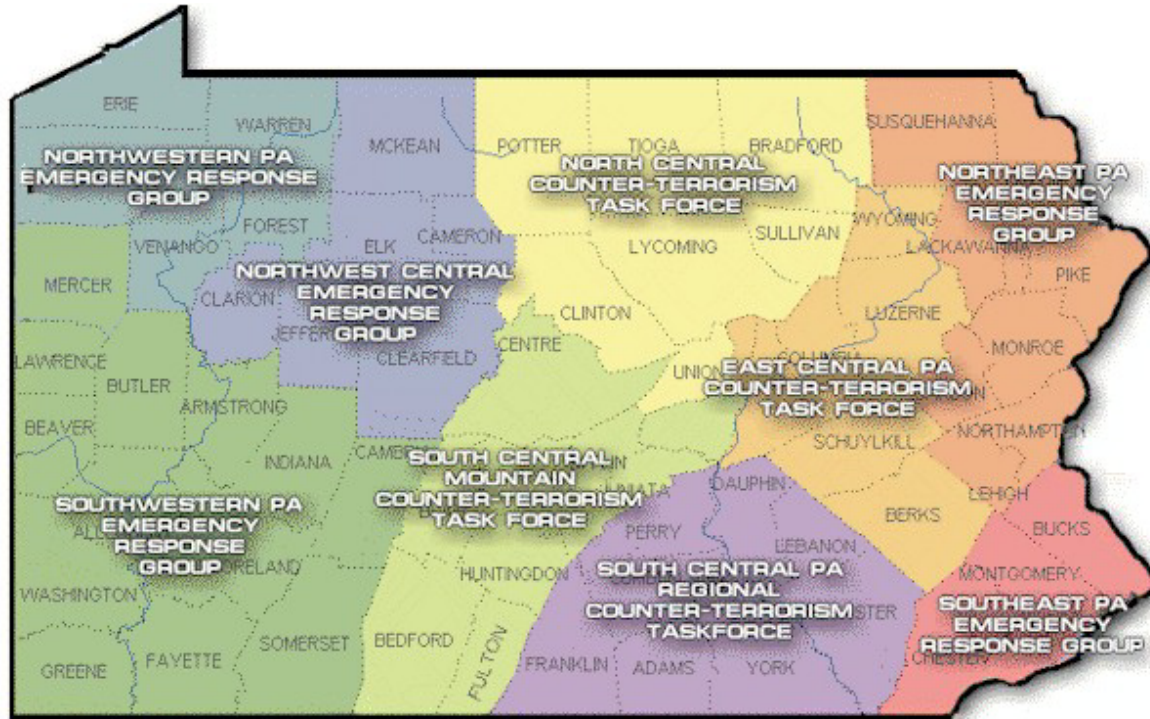
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## APPENDIX I - HOMELAND SECURITY

### *Division of Counties into Counter-Terrorism Task Force Districts*



#### *Northeast PA Emergency Response Group:*

- ◆ Lackawanna County
- ◆ Monroe County
- ◆ Lehigh County
- ◆ Northampton County
- ◆ Pike County
- ◆ Susquehanna County

#### *East Central PA Counter-Terrorism Task Force:*

- ◆ Carbon County
- ◆ Columbia County
- ◆ Luzerne County
- ◆ Wyoming County
- ◆ Schuylkill County
- ◆ Bucks County

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### County Emergency Management Agency Coordinators

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#### Carbon County Emergency Management Agency

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#### Columbia County Department of Emergency Services

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#### Lackawanna County Department of Emergency Services

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#### Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency

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