

# Welcome to Fulton County

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**Fulton Fall Folk Festival  
3rd Weekend in October**

# American Community Survey in Fulton County, PA

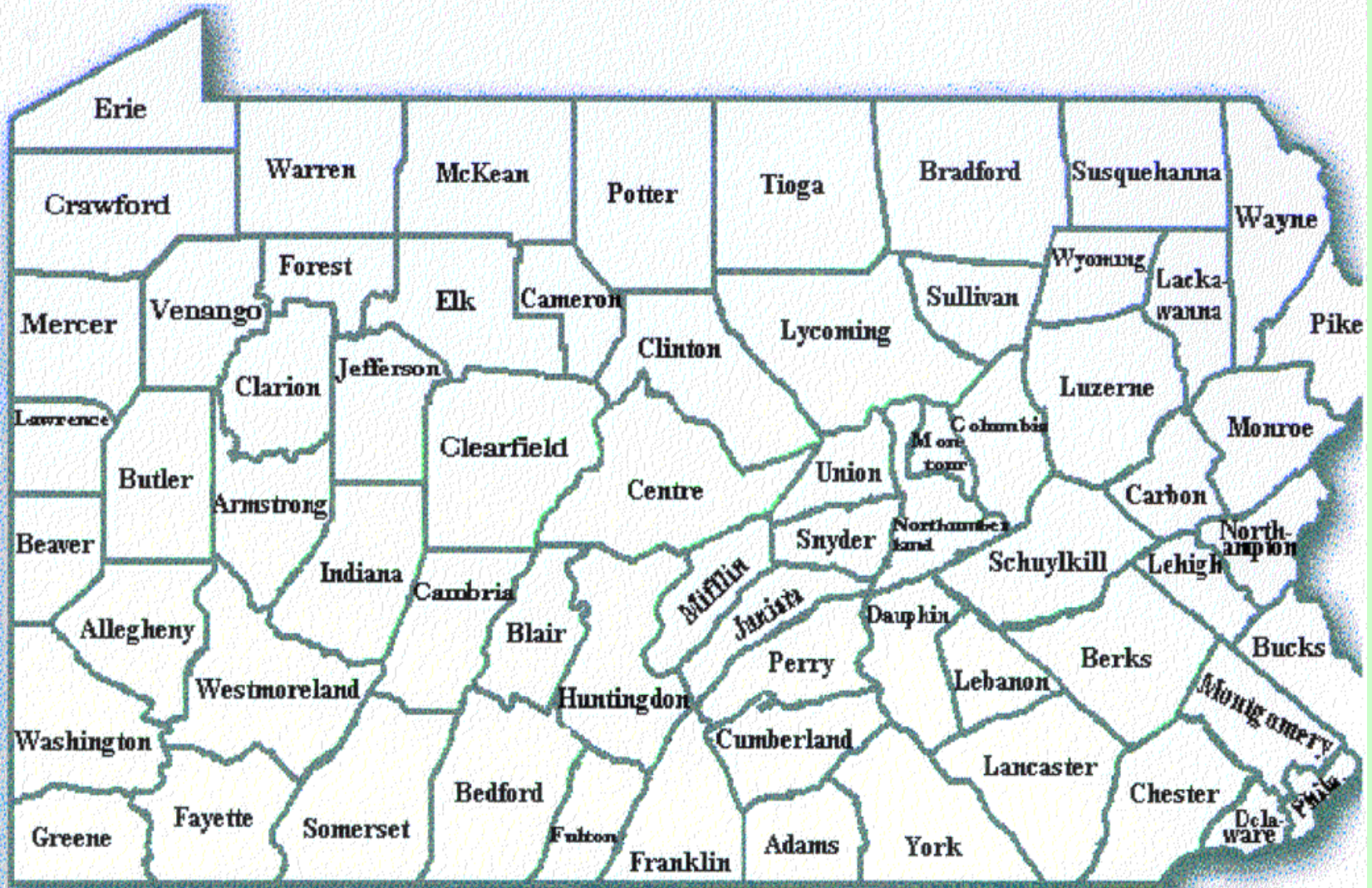
## Telling A Story



# A Human Story

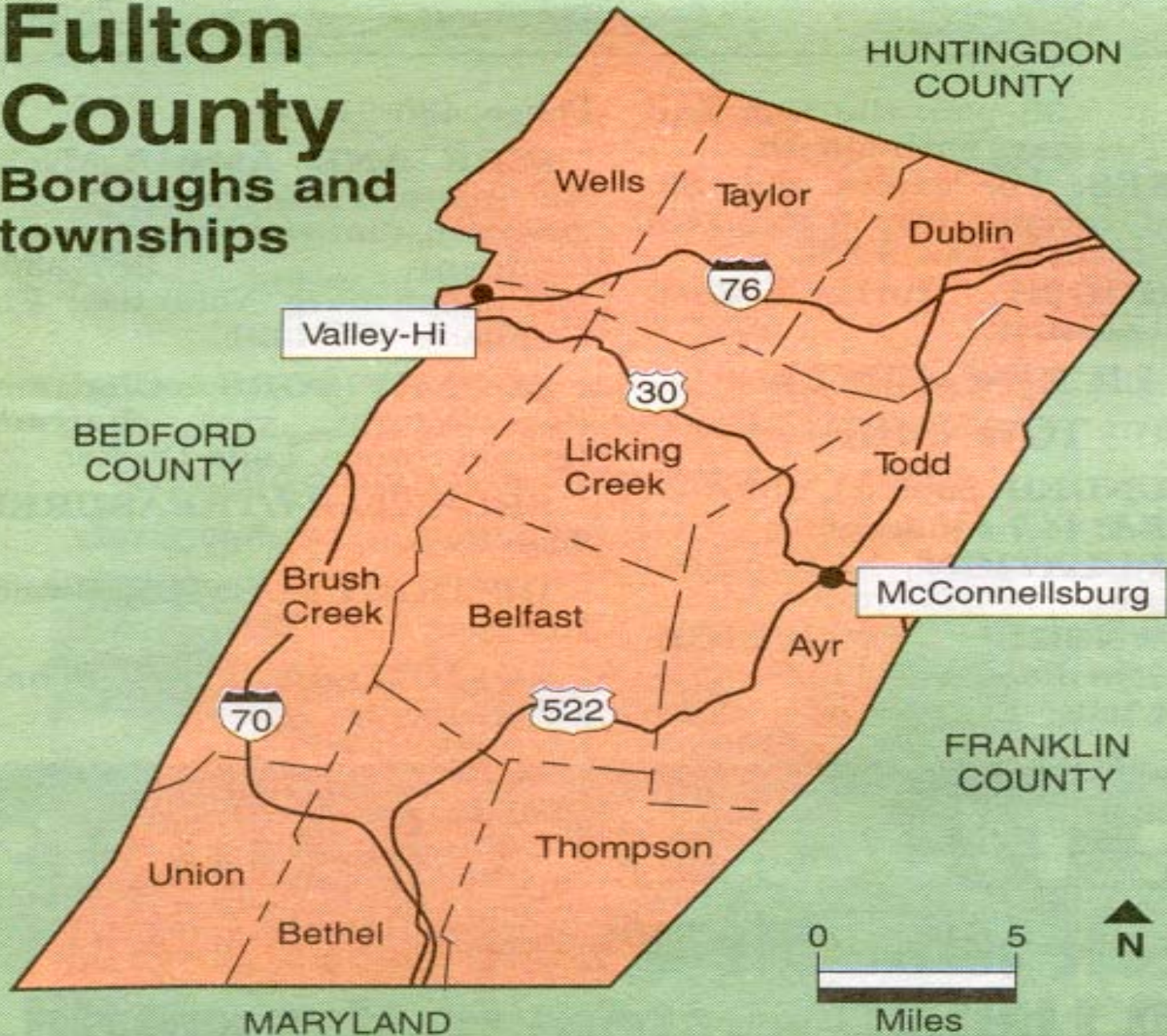


About *People*  
in Fulton County, PA



# Fulton County

## Boroughs and townships





# Fulton County, PA

- Small, 100% rural county
- South – Central Pennsylvania
- Population of 14,261 (per 2000 Census)
- Class 8 on a scale of 1 to 8
- Geographically isolated



# FULTON COUNTY

- As per 1996-97 Combined ACS Data:  
Population – 14,373  
Ages 0-17 - 3,827 or 27%  
Ages 18-64 - 8,674 or 60%  
Ages 65+ - 1,872 or 13%  
Median Age - 36.5  
Age 65+ As percent of population – 13.0%

# The Tuscarora Mountains



A view of McConnellsburg  
from the Tuscarora summit

- This mountain range forms a natural barrier to the east, west, and north of the county and isolates us from the more densely populated areas in many ways.



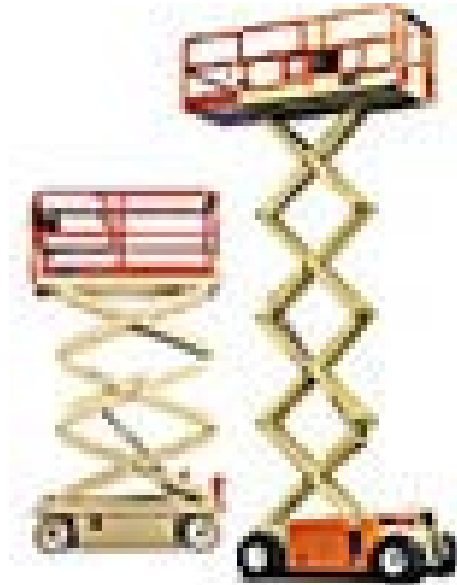
# An agrarian community



- Fulton County has typically always been an agrarian community composed largely of family dairy farms.

• With the failure of so many family farming operations, the county is beginning to move more toward a manufacturing and industrialized economy.

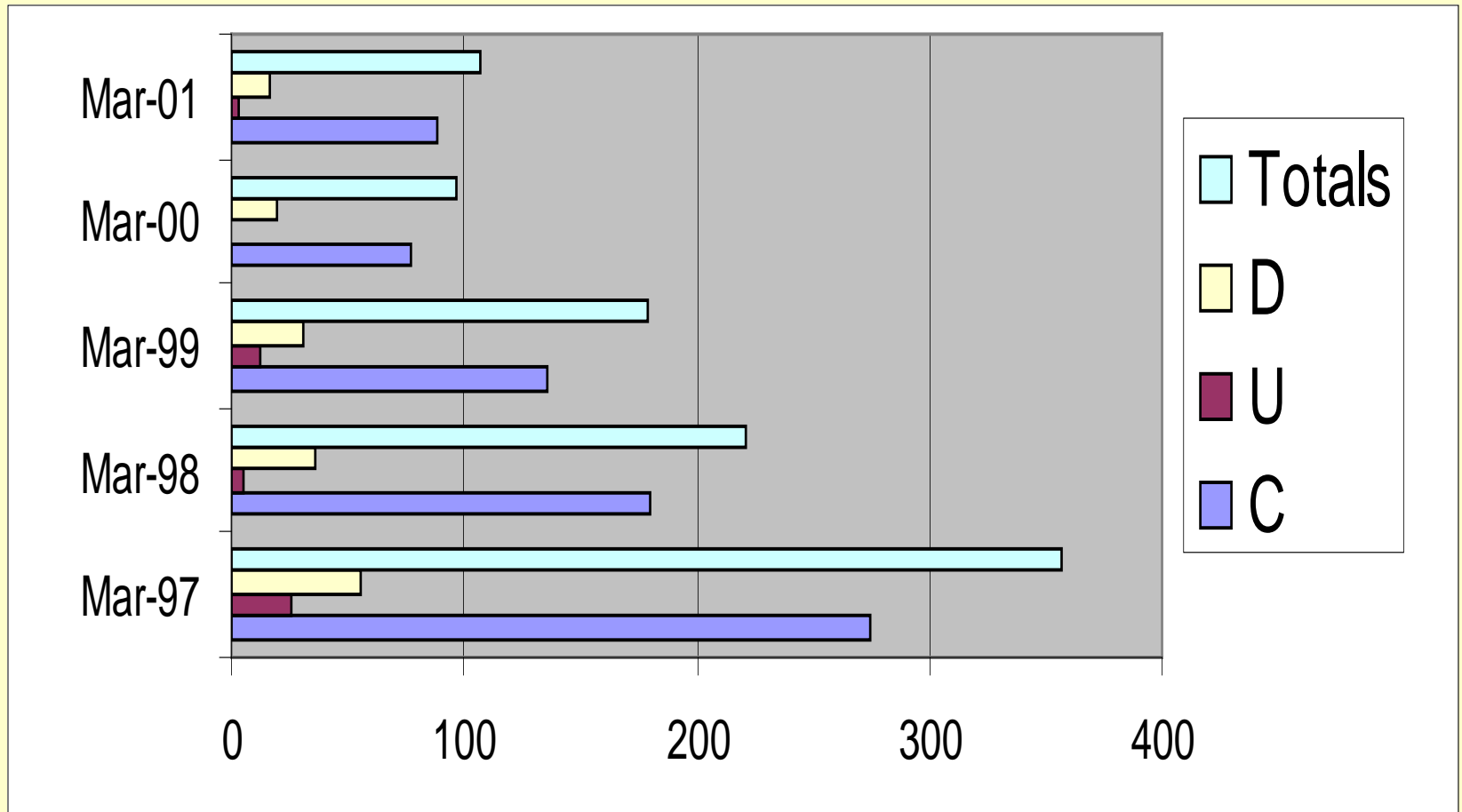
# JLG Industries



- The world's largest manufacturer of aerial platform lifts.
- Headquartered in McConnellsburg, PA
- Workforce of over 2000.

JLG's fortunes rise and fall with the construction industry and the overall economy, as a result, the county is quickly affected by changes in the economy. For example, Fulton County now has highest rate of unemployment in the state and two years ago had the lowest.

# Welfare-To-Work Changes in CAO Cases

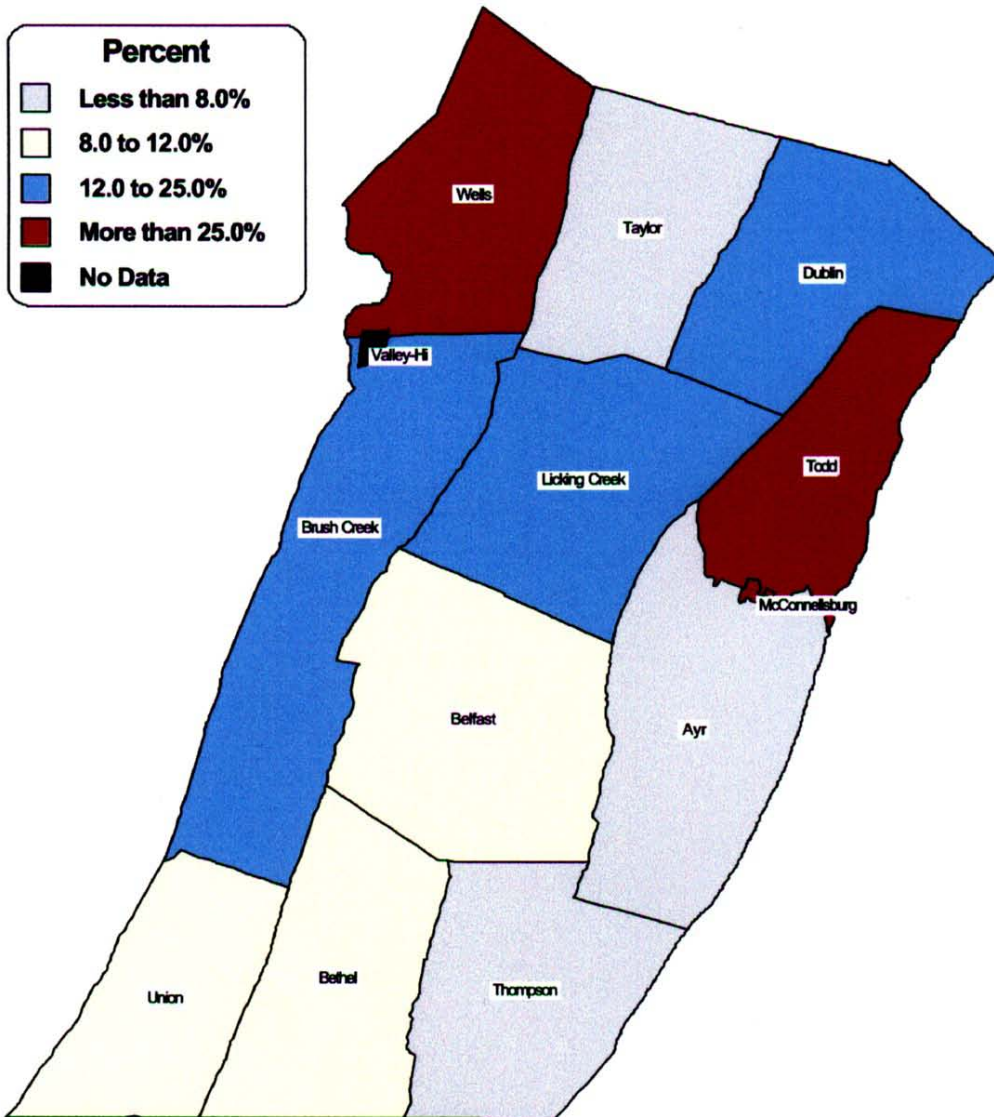




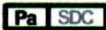
# Problems

- Isolation
- Extremely Rural
- Poverty
- Transportation
  - Lack of public transportation
  - Difficult terrain to travel

# People Below Poverty Level (ACS) Fulton County



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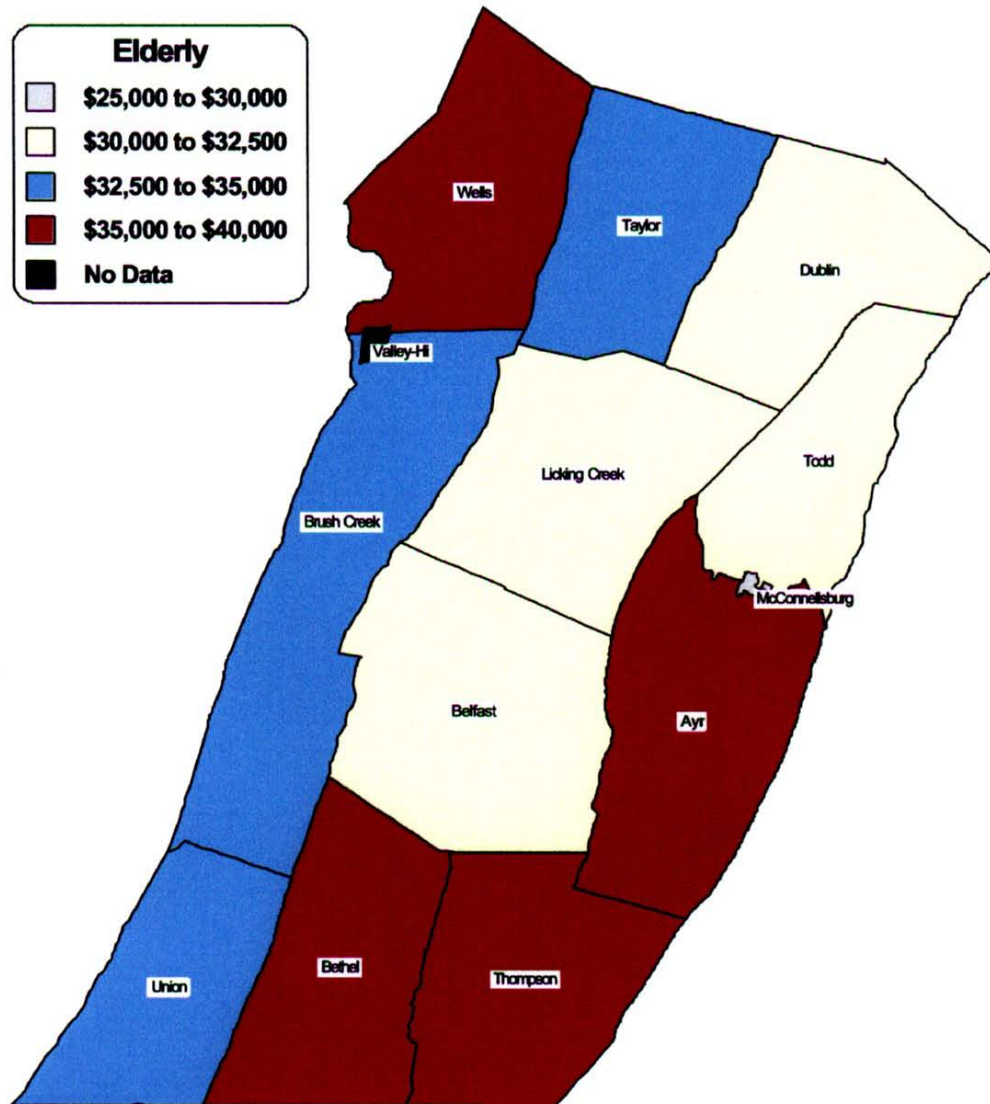


## Median Family Income

Universe: Families

Place	ACS	1990
Fulton County	\$33,381	\$26,866
Ayr Township	\$39,360	\$26,660
Belfast Township	\$30,390	\$26,250
Bethel Township	\$35,024	\$28,625
Brush Creek Township	\$32,745	\$27,143
Dublin Township	\$30,040	\$26,638
Licking Creek Township	\$30,355	\$26,089
McConnellsburgh Borough	\$27,883	\$27,981
Taylor Township	\$34,040	\$21,118
Thompson Township	\$37,993	\$29,261
Todd Township	\$31,179	\$30,625
Union Township	\$33,864	\$27,833
Valley-Hi borough	-	\$23,750
Wells Township	\$37,188	\$26,500

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# Solutions

- 1996, a collaborative board was formed to administer state Family Service System Reform (FSSR) funds.
- Membership was formed from representatives from the county's three school districts, human service agencies, churches, community consumers and businesses
- Membership was limited to those who had the ability to commit resources i.e. agency directors, school superintendents, hospital administrator, etc.



# Fulton County Partnership, Inc.

- In February, 1999, the Collaborative Board formed a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation called: Fulton County Partnership, Inc.



The mission of the partnership is ***“to promote a quality of life based on developing the fullest potential for children, families and individuals by addressing the needs of residents through integrated, collaborative and comprehensive system of health, education and human services in Fulton County.”***

# Partnership initiatives



- Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP)
- HelpLine
- A dental clinic
  - For county residents with ACCESS (Medicaid) cards
- Welfare to Work Transportation Program



# American Community Survey

*What we are going to look at:*

- How have we used ACS data?
- What changes have come as a result of ACS data?
- What are we currently using ACS data for?
- How do we plan to use ACS data in the future?



# How have we used ACS data?

- Fulton County was one of the first American Community Survey sites chosen and, as such, has had data available since 1996.
- The collaborative FSSR board performed a needs assessment for Fulton County, relying heavily on ACS data.



# How have we used ACS data?

- As a result of the needs assessment, the collaborative board developed the Dental Clinic, the Medical Assistance Transportation Program, and the Welfare to Work Transportation Program.



# How have we used ACS data?

- Recently, the Fulton County Partnership, Inc. was awarded a grant that will be used to employ a full-time dentist in the clinic. The grant was awarded in part, due to the evidence provided by ACS that there was a county wide need for affordable and accessible dental care.



# What Changes have come as a result of ACS data?

- Implementation of a dental clinic
- Transportation programs
  - Medical Assistance Transportation Program
  - Welfare to Work Transportation

(ACS data was used to develop the Welfare to Work grant in Fulton County from \$6,000 to \$60,000 this year.)



# Current use of ACS data

- Aging trends in Fulton County
  - The Area Agency on Aging office is interested in studying aging trends in order to comply with establishing a four year plan that will drive the agency's delivery of service until September 2004.



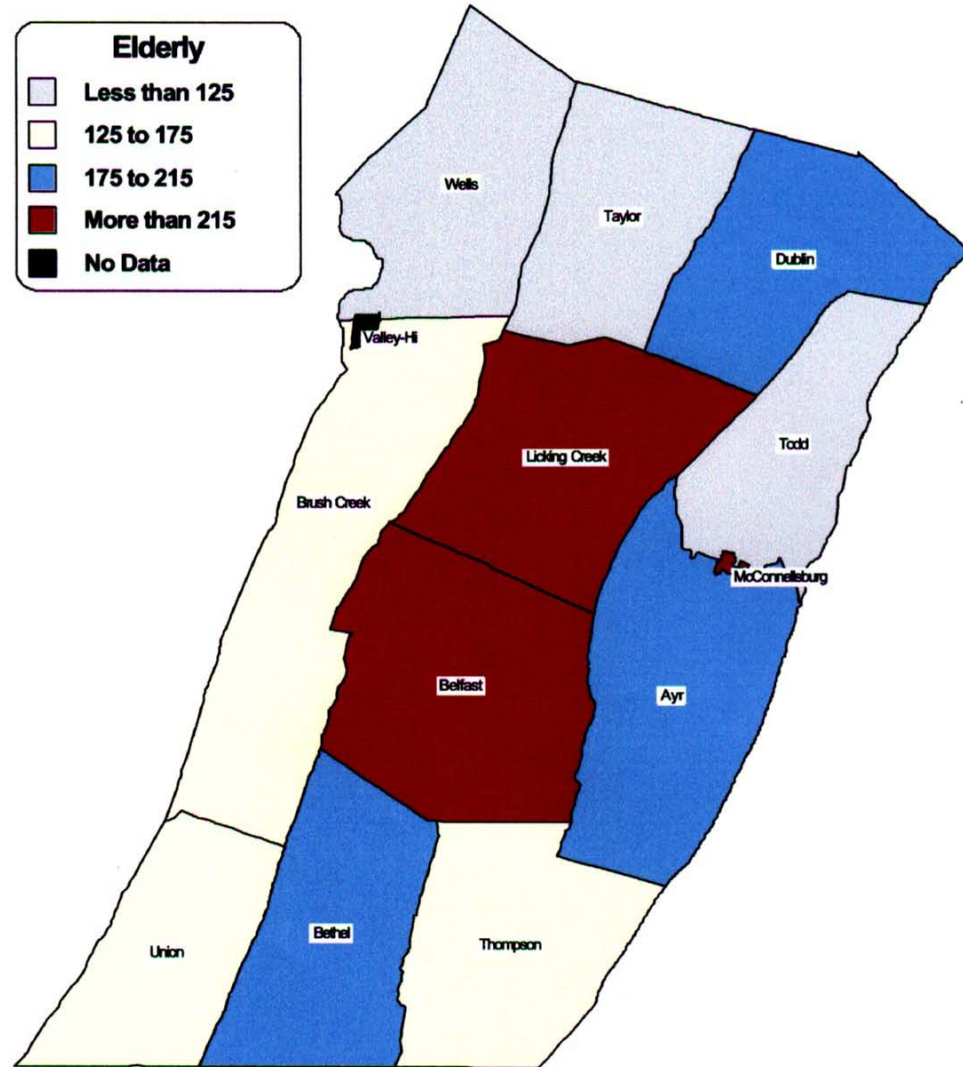


# Current use of ACS data

Area agency on Aging provides:

- Home delivered meals
- Congregate meals
- Socialization
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Nursing home care
- Personal care
- Domiciliary care
- Counseling
- Guardianship
- Employment and training
- Protective services
- And more...

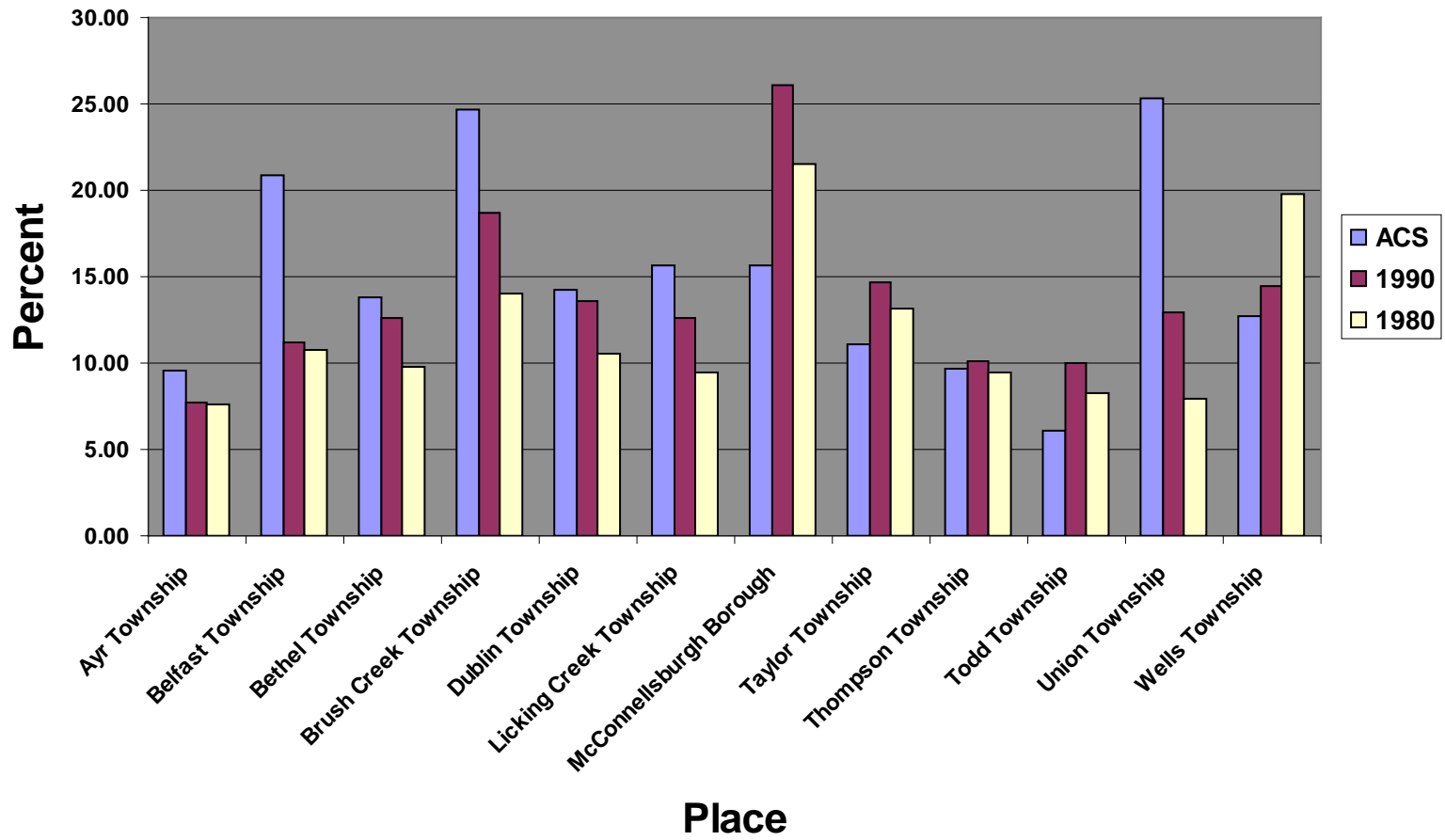
# Number of People 65 and Over (ACS) Fulton County



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# Percentage of People 65 and Over





# Current use of ACS data

- **Fulton County Medical Center Mobile Care Unit**
  - The FCMC is currently completing the application process for funding for a mobile medical van for Fulton County. The ACS data will be used to study geographic clusters of low income children and adults as well as elderly citizens.



# Current use of ACS data.

Human Services Development Fund Grants

HSDF

- Home-Delivered Meals
- Transportation
- Personal Care for Adults and Elderly
- Counseling
- Homemaker Services
- Information & Referral
- Crisis Intervention



# Current uses of ACS data.

Human Services Development Fund Grants

- County money given to organizations that are being effective in meeting county needs
- Gives control of money to county.
- Allows solutions that are tailored to the needs of a rural county.



# Current uses of ACS data.

## Homeless Assistance Funds

- Housing Assistance (payments made to avoid eviction or homelessness) includes:
  - emergency payments for rent
  - utilities
  - security deposits
- Emergency Lodging
  - Temporary lodging for homeless people (voucher program designed to help transient population and/or people who are homeless due to fire, etc.)



## Current uses of ACS data.

Currently, the Fulton County Partnership, in conjunction with the Area Agency on Aging is finalizing plans to sponsor a flu vaccine immunization program at the three senior citizen sites located within Fulton County.

Because we have a limited number of doses of vaccine available, we are using ACS data to allocate the doses to the elderly.





# Current uses of ACS data

We know that each senior center serves certain townships, we are able to calculate the number of senior citizens in each township using ACS data as follows:

*McConnellsburg Senior Center* – serves elderly from McConnellsburg Borough, Todd, Ayr and Licking Creek Townships.

*Hustontown Senior Center* – serves elderly from Dublin, Taylor and Wells Townships.

*Warfordssburg Senior Center* – serves elderly from Belfast, Bethel, Brush Creek, Thompson, Valley-Hi and Union Townships.

# Current uses of ACS data

## McConnellsburg Senior Center

Name of Township	1990 65+ Population	ACS (1996) 65+ Population
McConnells- Burg Borough	225	289
Ayr	167	211
Todd	143	92
Licking Creek	178	219
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>811</b>

# Current uses of ACS data

## Hustontown Senior Center

Name of Township	1990 65+ Population	ACS (1996) 65+ Population
Dublin	155	189
Taylor	172	124
Wells	84	61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>374</b>

# Current uses of ACS data

## Warfordsburg Senior Center

Name of Township	1990 65+ Population	ACS (1996) 65+ Population
Belfast	135	261
Bethel	166	178
Brush Creek	113	119
Thompson	107	127
Valley-Hi	8	0
Union	79	92
TOTAL	608	777



# Current uses of ACS data

- Fulton County Partnership was allocated 650 doses of flu vaccine.
- Using the previous charts with the ACS data, there are 811 elderly citizens or 41% of the elderly population who could attend the McConnellsburg Center; and
- 374 or 19% who could attend the Hustontown Center; and
- 777 or 40% who could attend the Warfordsburg Center.
- Using those percentages, 266 doses should go to McConnellsburg; 124 to Hustontown; and 260 to Warfordsburg.



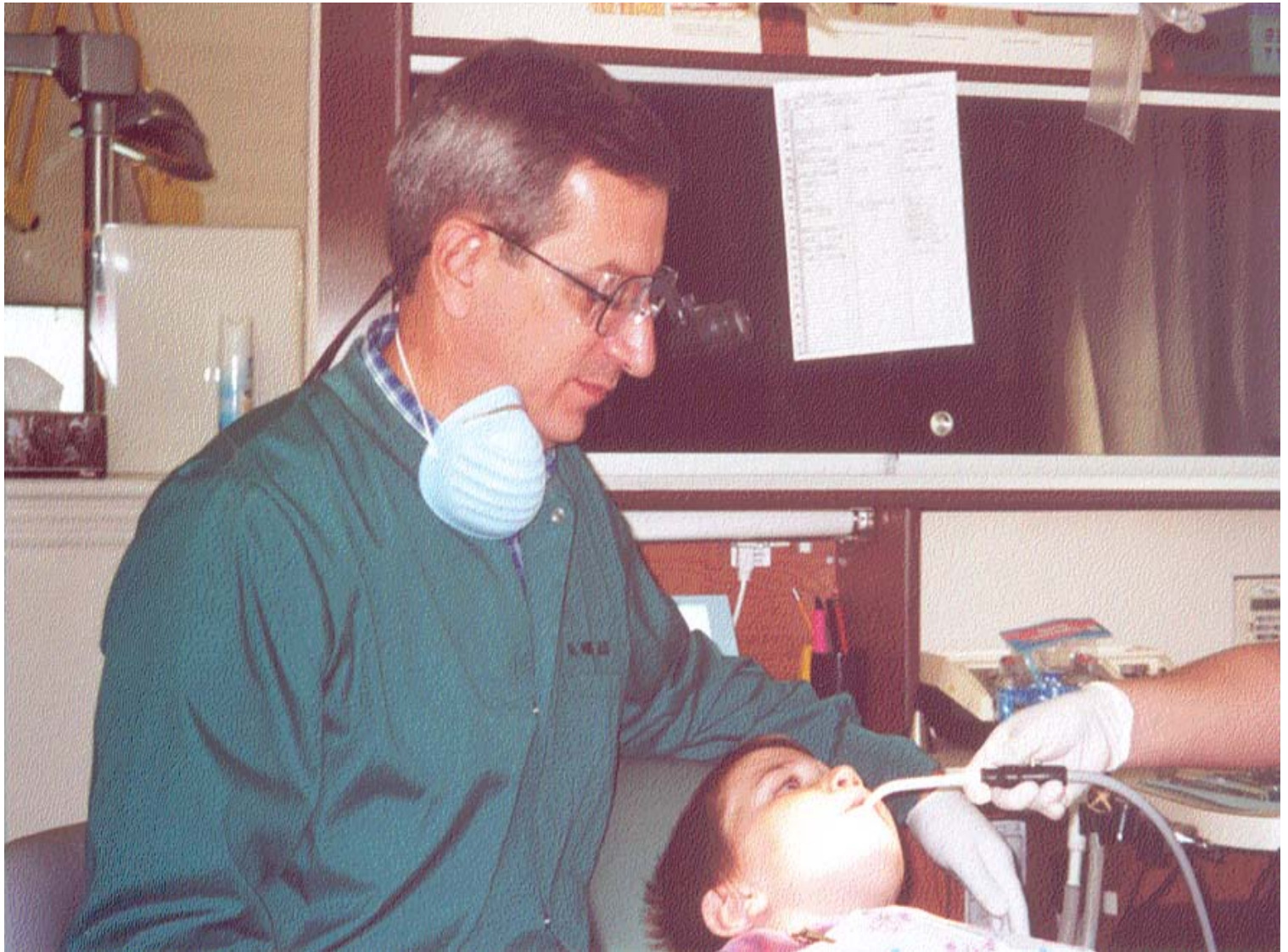
## Current uses of ACS data

- Using old 1990 data, flu vaccine would likely have been misallocated at 41% or 266 doses for McConnellsburg (Okay)
- 24% or 156 doses for Hustontown (off by 32 doses or 5%; and
- 35% or 228 doses for Warfordsburg (off by 32 doses 5%).



# How do we plan to use ACS data in the future?

- Up to-date statistical information = more accurate use of money and effort.
- Better planning from more accurate identification of trends.
- Prevention. By identifying trends we can act to prevent negatives from fully developing.

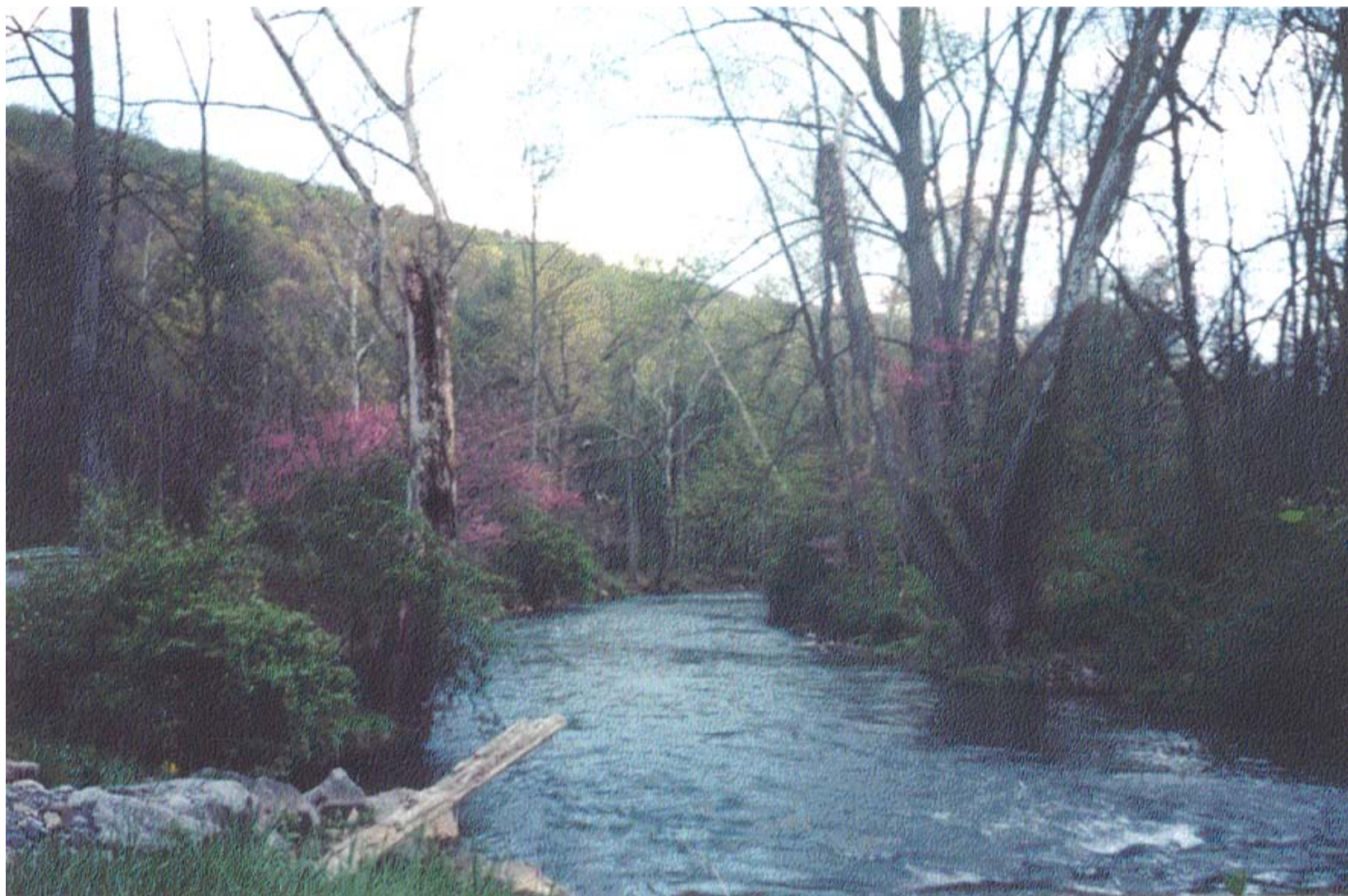


Fulton County Partnership Dental Clinic





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# Questions?

