

## **CENTRAL BRADFORD PROGRESS AUTHORITY**

### **2008 COUNTYWIDE WORK PROGRAM**

- ◆ **Utilize US Department of Commerce US Commercial Services Rural Client Outreach program to enhance existing and new business opportunities.**
- ◆ **Utilize CBPA representation on the Upper Susquehanna Regional Advisory Board of the Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeast Pennsylvania to enhance existing and new business opportunities for high technology companies.**
- ◆ Continue to expand the impact of the Bradford County Enterprise Zone.
- ◆ Continue primary focus on manufacturing expansion and investment, tax base expansion and job development.
- ◆ Develop second tier complementary business development and entrepreneurship opportunities with existing manufacturers.
- ◆ Provide small business technical assistance by aiding in project development and financing packages in cooperation with the Small Business Development Center.
- ◆ Develop a plan to support sustainable value added agricultural operations in Bradford County.
- ◆ Coordinate with the Northern Tier Hardwoods Association to enhance local opportunities for hardwood production.
- ◆ Coordinate with the Pennsylvania Bluestone Association to enhance local opportunities for bluestone production.
- ◆ Continue efforts in infrastructure development in primary business development corridors with respect to land use decisions.
- ◆ Focus on short-term and long-term opportunities to stabilize energy rates for businesses in Bradford County.
- ◆ Enhance postsecondary educational partnerships to allow strong workforce development initiatives.
- ◆ Maintain an ongoing relationship with TREHAB to facilitate workforce and community development projects.

- ◆ Utilize new CBPA website and other resources to establish strong marketing efforts for economic development in the CBPA service area.
- ◆ Market available industrial and commercial properties for business development in Bradford County.
- ◆ Continue to utilize the Pennsylvania Business Retention and Expansion Program to remain aware of local business needs and trends.
- ◆ Explore New CBPA funding sources.
- ◆ Strengthen existing legislative relationships and establish new relationships to leverage federal and state funding programs for the maximization of economic development project impact in our rural environment.
- ◆ Explore opportunities to utilize tax-exempt bond financing for the facilitation of economic development projects.
- ◆ Develop maintenance/replacement schedule for components of One Progress Plaza.

## 2008 Bradford County Priorities

- ◆ **As top priority – Establish CBPA as lead agency to support study and implementation of alternative energy solutions for electrical power in our region.**
- ◆ **Facilitate occupancy and employment opportunities for Paper Magic buildings in Canton and Troy.**
- ◆ **Facilitate federal redevelopment funding for Canton, Troy and Towanda.**
- ◆ **Facilitate funding for design and construction to flood-proof the Valley centralized sewage treatment plant.**
- ◆ **Continue support for the establishment of Camco in Valley Business Park.**
- ◆ **Continue support for area industries interest in Department of Defense Title 3 funds.**
- ◆ **Support and facilitate Arrow United expansion opportunities.**
- ◆ **Manage the TREHAB/OCS grant for Cargill Corporation.**
- ◆ **Facilitate solutions to Mills Pride’s electrical energy needs.**
- ◆ **Support Martha Lloyd housing project and facilitate sewer extension needs.**
- ◆ **Support GIS infrastructure and mapping overlays facilitated by the NTRPDC as a high priority for the region.**
- ◆ **Meet quarterly with the Bradford County Economic Development Advisory board and the Bradford County Commissioners to identify and prioritize key economic development projects.**
- ◆ **Maintain an ongoing relationship with existing local economic development organizations such as Western Bradford Development Corporation, Wyalusing Industrial Development Corporation, Valley Economic Development Agency and area Chambers of Commerce.**
- ◆ **Work with Craftmaster Manufacturing to explore local expansion opportunities.**
- ◆ **Continue to support expansion projects and new product opportunities at Dupont.**
- ◆ **Aid OSRAM Sylvania in proposed capital investment projects.**
- ◆ **Work with Metadyne/Samtron to help enable new tungsten reclamation processes.**

- ◆ Support funding of a public water extension into Wysox Township.
- ◆ Obtain funding for demolition and environmental cleanup to support redevelopment activities at the Willow Street site in Troy Borough.
- ◆ Fund a solution for Oak Hill Veneer's industrial effluent issues by upgrading sewage treatment opportunities.
- ◆ Continue to support ongoing upgrades to Canton, Troy, Valley area and Towanda's water and sewer systems.
- ◆ Facilitate an expansion at R & T Technologies to accommodate business growth.
- ◆ Work with PennDOT and Cargill Taylor Beef to prioritize and fund the Route 706 relocation project to improve industrial access in and around Wyalusing.
- ◆ Market Valley Business Park and the former Blue Swan Airport to potential industrial tenants.
- ◆ Finalize infrastructure to support Mill's Pride and Valley Business Park by advancing the Road C industrial access road project and redundant electrical service.
- ◆ Access PA Capital Budget funding to support investment at Ingersoll-Rand.
- ◆ Collaborate with TREHAB to develop reuse options for the former Main Elementary building in Athens.
- ◆ Coordinate with Leprino Foods and South Waverly Borough to complete the Yanuzzi Drive project, east and west segments.
- ◆ Finalize environmental assessment and begin cleanup activities to support redevelopment at the Sayre Railyards KOZ site.
- ◆ Continue to support efforts of the Sayre Enterprise Center business incubator.
- ◆ Assist Jersey Engine Rebuilders in marketing its site.
- ◆ Obtain the remaining assets of the former Northern Bradford Authority Revolving Loan Fund to enhance lending capabilities.
- ◆ Expand CBPA revolving loan fund capabilities throughout Bradford County through utilization of the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant program and other funding sources.
- ◆ Develop new capital budget projects inventory as legislation permits.