A. Grant Opportunities and Grant Administration Activities:

CDBG:
- Ongoing processing of Sewer Lateral Grant applications and Grant payment applications from Burnside Twp and Rush Twp. Homeowners and Contractors.
- Started preparing the fyi 2011 County CDBG Application.
- Worth Twp Sewer Project Labor Compliance monitoring and project meetings.
- Review/approval of Philipsburg Boro Building demolition contracts. Demolition underway.

Redevelopment Capitol Assistance Program (RCAP):
- Philips Hotel Redevelopment -- $1 million allocation -- No change
  - Awaiting the final invoice from project manager.
  - Office of Budget is currently evaluating compliance with Prevailing Wage.
- Second Mile -- $3 million allocation
  - Contract submitted to Harrisburg for approval.
  - Site preparation has begun with completion of project by Spring 2013
- Centre County Grange Equine Facility -- $1 million allocation
  - Ribbon cutting ceremony occurred on August 15
  - Assignment Agreement for payment of reimbursement funds completed.
  - Documentation prepared and submitted for Special Conditions

Growing Greener – CEI:
- All county funds have been assigned and DCNR grants must be complete by December 31, 2011
- Bellefonte’s Parkview Heights Park: Construction on schedule with completion by end of October. Amended contract received.
- Millheim’s Community Park: Parking lot has been built and the playground equipment has been purchased. All work to be substantially complete no later than November 14, 2011 and ready for final payment by November 28, 2011.

Community Conservation and Economic Development Program Funds: $5,000 -- CCC Camp 121 Marker
- Maintenance Agreement between county and township in discussion
- Awaiting response from DCED on revised scope of work.

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP):
- Continued support of the HPRP grant administration process for IDIS.

DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2):
- Awaiting announcement of funds. Two project / grant applications submitted: Howard Borough Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail and another for the Penns Valley Rail Trail Feasibility Study.
- Howard has selected an engineering firm (Keller Engineers) for the master site plan phase.

TreeVitalize: Harris and College Townships and State College Borough are participating.

B. Comprehensive Planning:

Land Use: Staff is digitally capturing Lower Bald Eagle and Penns Valley Regions. Mountaintop, Moshannon Valley, and Upper Bald Eagle are complete. Mountaintop Region acres have been calculated.

County Update Chapters:
- Agriculture: Still in draft form and under review.
- Housing: Initial work has begun on this chapter.
- Recreation: Final draft chapter is being circulated within the office for comments.

C. County Wide / Local Planning / Outreach:

Zoning: Staff is assisting Worth and Haines Townships in the development of zoning ordinances.
- Haines continues with their review of the zoning districts making corrections and updates. Worth Twp Supervisors held a public hearing on September 12 and will continue that hearing on October 6 for adoption. Staff in working with Gregg Township Planning Commission finalized the
draft inclusionary housing policies and procedures. The document is under review by the Gregg Township Board of Supervisors. Staff also worked with Gregg Township officials on revising the zoning ordinance to allow additional lots to be subdivided from a parent tract of land following an initial subdivision of land.

Snow Shoe Twp and Milesburg Borough requested assistance with zoning amendments in July.

**Airport Zoning Ordinance:** Staff continues to provide assistance to impacted municipalities (Worth, Huston, Potter, and Rush) to address the PennDOT required guidelines for vertical and horizontal hazard surface distances.

**Ongoing Regional Assistance:**
- Nittany Valley Joint PC – working on comp plan recommendations
- Penns Valley Regional PC -- identifying five (5) recommendations from their comprehensive plan and implementing them and also assisting with developing a regional equipment inventory.
- Upper Bald Eagle Halfmoon COG – staff provided information on seismic testing for natural gas to the officials at the August 2, 2011 meeting.

**Marcellus Gas:**
- Latest well count (September 1st): 57 drilled wells; 52 additional wells permitted. **NO CHANGE**
- Significantly updated CCNGTF web page.
- Current and Related Projects –
  - Pipeline Easement Considerations – ready for approval in September
  - Mobile Energy Education Training Lab – request to bring to Centre County
  - Mountaintop Region Source Water Protection Plan: MTRA took action to participate in the Source Water Protection Technical Assistance Program and has begun to form a steering committee. Staff is assisting with this project and Rush Township’s project, below.
  - Rush Township Source Water Protection Plan – township-wide effort for 8 water systems. First public meeting held in August. Second public meeting -- September 21st. Township will consider taking official action to participate in the SWP Technical Assistance Program.
  - Pre-Drilling Water Testing Procedures – future guideline document / brochure under revision.
  - Opportunity exists for free water testing for income approved households.
  - Roadway Operations Safety Planning and Route Information Sheets – future guideline document. Responses from natural gas companies have been very slow.
  - CNG / LNG viability for transport and non-transport applicability continues to be discussed.
  - Workforce Housing – concept for local production continues. Tour of HB Rentals – Oct. 10
- **Upcoming Public Outreach Opportunities:**
  - Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission – September 19th
  - Centre County Association of Township Officials – September 29th
  - CBICC Breakfast Before Business – November Date TBA
  - Affordable Housing Coalition – November 3rd

**E. Economic Development:**

**Bellefonte Community Economic Development and Revitalization:** Assisting with: (1) a community-wide survey to identify gaps in service, and (2) a Technical Assistance Grant to develop a process for the application of new blight legislation for vacant properties.

**Centre Region Economic Development Assessment** has been completed. COG committees are reviewing the recommendations. More information can be found at [www.crcog.net](http://www.crcog.net) under the Centre Regional Planning Agency link.

**Underutilized Site Inventory:** Check it out at the [Community and Economic Development Web Page](http://www.co.centre.pa.us/planning/ced/default.asp)

**F. Agricultural Land Preservation Program:**
- On August 23, settlement for the easement purchase of the David and Darlene Bierly farm located in Potter Township was completed. 189.26 acres of this 215 acre farm are now preserved.
- August 24- September 1, exhibited the PACE program and the Farmland Trust at Centre County Grange Fair.

**Small Community Water Systems:**
- Monthly Certified Operator services provided to Orviston, Monument, Mt. Eagle, and Eagle Creek including yearly water testing requirements.
Continued troubleshooting assistance provided to Eagle Creek with customer water quality complaints. Met with PA DEP staff at Eagle Creek, collected water samples, flushed mains.

In discussion with Pennvest about funding for potential water projects in Snow Shoe Boro, Coburn, Millheim and Rebersburg

G. West Nile Virus Program:

The Centre County WNV Program is funded at $42,798 for 2011.

As of September 9, there have been 12 WNV positive birds found in Centre County, and nine positive mosquito samples. The positives have been collected in State College Borough, College Township, Harris Township, Centre Hall Borough, Spring Township, Bellefonte Borough, Howard Township, Patton Township, and Ferguson Township.

As of September 9, there are 55 Counties in Pennsylvania with WNV activity, with two human cases.

H. Subdivision and Land Development Activity:

- Subdivision and Land Development activity resulted in the creation of 16 new files
- Reviewed and/or conditionally approved 13 plot plans
- 10 plot plans were granted Final Approvals and released for placement on record in the Recorder of Deeds Office
- Responded to one request for FEMA Flood Hazard Boundary information
- Performed seven Private Right-of-Way and/or Easement Agreement reviews
- Conducted several pre-submission meetings and final site inspections

I. Transportation - County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

- MPO Membership – MPO Membership subcommittee met in August and is forwarding three items to the MPO Coordinating Committee for discussion:
  1) Consideration of adding 1 new regional voting member to cover Bellefonte Borough, Marion and Walker Twps; removing Bellefonte Borough as a non-voting member.
  2) Bylaw change requiring that a region be designated as two or more municipalities.
  3) Discussion of potential changes to funding formula as requested by Ferguson Twp.

- State Transportation Commission – Hearing was held in Altoona. MPO collaborated with SEDA COG and North Central RPO on testimony.

- Keystone Funding Coalition – MPO is attending meetings with local legislators regarding future transportation funding legislation in PA.

- Bridges – Work continues on local bridge inventory, working with GIS Department to develop a new county bridges layer as part of this effort

J. Cultural, Environmental, and Recreation:

- Headwaters RC&D: Policy Committee meeting was held to discuss future of the program, work continue to find a way to build staff capacity to continue these programs. State RC&D meeting will be held in State College in late September.

K. Housing

Staff continues administration of the Act 137 Program, Fair Housing, and is providing support to the Housing Cabinet.

Staff continues with its participation as a member of the Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition and is involved in all of the Coalition’s committees. Activities include: participating in the speaker’s bureau, planning for the annual Housing Summit, and organizing landlord and consumer education.

- Worked with the Education Committee on developing a YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard) campaign for affordable housing.
- Exploring the possibility of developing a shared housing program for Centre County residents through the efforts of the Housing Ladder Committee.

Staff continues to work with State College Borough staff on the procedures for implementing the housing rehabilitation program for the Penns Valley Region. In addition, we are identifying outreach opportunities to inform the region’s residents of this program. Information on the program will be presented to the Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission on September 19, 2011

FTHB Program:
• Responded to inquiries from potential home buyers and lenders.
• Processing a FTHB application
• Followed up on a FTHB participant’s requirement to complete repairs by a certain date
• Checked the Sheriff Sale listing for FTHB potentially facing mortgage foreclosure

Staff serves as the Executive Director for the Centre County Housing and Land Trust, providing support to the Board of Directors and the Finance, Housing, Marketing, and Project Development Committees. In addition, staff follows through on work items specific to Thompson Place properties and homeowner concerns. Staff is finalizing the Draft Market Study.

Municipal Support: Staff finalized the revisions to the Model Inclusionary Housing Policies and Procedures Manual for the Gregg Township Planning Commission’s consideration. Staff is working with the Gregg Township Board of Supervisors on the draft Manual.