A. Grant Opportunities and Grant Administration Activities:

CDBG:
- Closeout of Homeowner Lateral Grant Programs in Burnside and Worth Townships.
- Attended Unionville Waterline Pre-Construction meeting and reviewed requirements with Contractor.
- Closeout and final payment processing of the Peru waterline project.
- Prepared County’s Semi-Annual Invoice for CDBG Program Administrative Costs.
- Ongoing LMI Income Survey of Potters Mills and Greens Valley Road.
- Completed Environmental Review for Burnside Sewer Laterals.
- Attended annual Mt. Eagle Water Town Meeting to review Water Meter Installation.
- Reviewed Bid Documents for the Port Matilda Sewer Plant Upgrade Project.
- Met with Gregg Twp Water Officials to review purchasing process of Water Meters and appurtenances for Spring Mills.

Redevelopment Capitol Assistance Program (RCAP):

- **Philips Hotel Redevelopment** -- $1 million allocation, total reimbursement amount received = $903,322.
  - Final payment request submitted.
- **Grange Equine Facility** -- $1 million allocation, reimbursement amount received = $975,000.
  - Final audit to be completed Spring 2013. Balance of payment following audit.
- **CPI** -- $3 million allocation
  - Work continues to satisfy the Special Conditions of the Grant Agreement. Meeting: August 8th.
- **CPI** -- $2 million RACP request; submitted on June 29th.

Community Conservation and Economic Development Program Funds: $5,000 -- CCC Camp 121 Marker
- Curtin Township will consider the MOU document at their August meeting. Execution of the grant contract will be an agenda item once we reach concurrence with the township for the MOU.

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

DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2):
- **Howard Borough Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail / DCNR Funding = $46,000**: PS&E package was advertised in July. The project still has an anticipated let date of September 13th.
- **Penns Valley Rails to Trails Feasibility Study / DCNR Funding = $33,200**: 12 proposals were received for the feasibility study, of those 4 were short listed for interviews. Interviews were held on August 4th. The interview committee will be recommending to Gregg Twp at their August 9th meeting that AlbertinVernon Architects be awarded the contract.

Aaronsburg/ Millheim STAG: Aaronsburg has agreed to a technical correction which will allow Millheim Borough and the County to take over the grant responsibilities. Staff will continue to coordinate this grant project. The PENNVEST funding awarded to Millheim Borough will enable them to replace the waterline along the entire length of Route 45 within their jurisdiction and serve as the required matching funds for the STAG. Staff had Dave Henning from PENNVEST attend the June 5 HAMA meeting to discuss potential PENNVEST funding for the Aaronsburg water system. It doesn’t appear to be good option at this time due to the high loan to grant ratio.

Local Grant Funding Sources: Provided updates for website posting and to local potential applicants.

NTHP – Jordan Preservation Excellence Fund: Grant awarded to assist with feasibility assessment for an underutilized Bellefonte building (Cadillac Building is a high priority) – work to be done in conjunction with PA Downtown Center and Keystone C.O.R.E. Services. Scheduled to occur in September 2012.

B. Comprehensive Planning:

- **Land Use**: Centre Regional Planning Agency has provided their land use data which will be merged with the land use data created by CCPCDD and GIS office. The GIS office will assist in the final QC/QA of the data.
- **County Update Chapters**:
C. County Wide / Local Planning / Outreach:

Zoning:
- Haines Township Planning Commission will review and finalize a draft zoning ordinance and conduct a public meeting on August 15th.
- Miles Township – staff met with township officials and the public on August 2nd to discuss their interest in developing a municipal zoning ordinance. The supervisors and public agreed to begin the process with County Planning assistance.
- Snow Shoe Township – assisted with zoning amendment to permit a temporary water treatment facility for the NG industry. A land development plan for this proposed use is was conditionally approved by the County Planning Commission pending PennDOT HOP approval.
- Worth Twp Supervisors held a public hearing on July 19th and adopted the zoning ordinance.
- Milesburg Borough - Staff is making revisions to Milesburg Borough’s zoning ordinance. The final version will be reviewed on August 13th.
- Staff is providing assistance to other municipalities as requested.

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: Continue to provide support to the Commission. Next meeting: Sept 2012.
- Penns Valley Regional PC – Facilitating a discussion on park and ride and fixed route options in September. Provide support to the Commission.
- Upper Bald Eagle Halfmoon COG – Attend the COG monthly meetings and continue to provide support to the COG members, as needed.

PA Keystone Community Designation: Submitted the Keystone Community Designation Request for Philipsburg Borough on July 12th. If successful, this designation will give Philipsburg Borough priority for DCED grant opportunities, technical assistance, and training.

Natural Gas Industry / Related Projects:
- Natural Gas Task Force: Adopted a bi-monthly schedule; next meeting scheduled for September 10th.
- ACT 13: Continue to maintain current information and post to county’s website.
  - All Centre County municipalities met the deadline for submittal of 2010 budget information.
  - Zoning ordinance revisions as a result of Act 13 are still in flux. The PUC and DEP have appealed the Commonwealth Court decision to the PA Supreme Court with a request that the case be heard in October. This action will have no effect on the distribution of impact fees.
  - The municipal impact fee projections were updated to reflect “Liquid Fuels Highway Miles” and the most recent statewide spud well count. The PUC has not responded to our request concerning the source of data for highway miles – conflicting information exists.
- PUC ACT 13 Well Count: 62 of 62 wells reported
- DEP Spud Report: Gulf USA 25 is now included in DEP’s reporting.
- 2012 Well Count: 2 (no change since April); 1 additional permit issued to Range Resources in July
- Headwaters’ water testing program completed for approximately 50 property owners in the county.

This program is still open to Centre County property owners.
- Utilization of Natural Gas and Alternative Fuel Conversion Process –
  - Guideline document for natural gas appliance conversion. Summer intern Josh Sherry prepared a draft guideline document for homeowners’ regarding home appliances which are natural gas powered. The document includes links to websites from multiple sources and provides cost-benefit data. The document was distributed to the Economic Development Committee of the Task Force for feedback.
  - Feasibility Study for Natural Gas Service Expansion. A draft GIS analysis was applied county-wide based on factors learned from studying the possible extension of natural gas service to the Milesburg area. The applied methodology used both marketing techniques and GIS to identify and prioritize future NG service expansion zones. The Milesburg area is identified as a priority zone. With further input from Commissioner Exarchos and natural gas service expansion guidelines from Jim Saylor (Transportation Planner at SEDA-COG), staff is
in the process of evaluating NG service expansion to meet current and future conditions. This applied methodology is expected to wrap-up by late summer.

D. **Economic Development:**
   - Continue to support local economic development / revitalization efforts in Bellefonte and Philipsburg.
   - Underutilized Site Inventory: Total properties currently listed = 82; most (48) in Nittany Valley and Penns Valley Regions.

E. **Agricultural Land Preservation Program:**
   - Attended the DEP Citizens Roundtable meeting held at Graymont Lime in Pleasant Gap on July 16.
   - Participated in the interviews of the top three candidates for the Senior Planner/Ag Land Preservation Coordinator position on July 26.
   - Attended the Centre County Agricultural Land Preservation Board meeting On July 26.

F. **Small Community Water Systems:**
   - Monthly Certified Operator services provided to Orviston, Monument, Mt. Eagle, and Eagle Creek.
   - Received SOC Testing Waivers for Monument and Orviston.
   - Conducted annual Nitrate, HAA5/TTHM, IOC and VOC testing for Monument, Orviston, Mt. Eagle and Eagle Creek.
   - Initiating Groundwater Rule compliance in Orviston and Mt. Eagle.

G. **West Nile Virus Program:**
   - As of August 2nd there have been 16 positive mosquito samples and 6 positive bird samples in the County for WNV.
   - To date there have been 4 adult sprays for nuisance mosquitoes and 2 adult sprays for positive WNV activity performed in the County.

H. **Subdivision and Land Development Activity:**
   - Subdivision and Land Development activity resulted in the creation of 21 new files
   - Reviewed and/or conditionally approved 18 plot plans
   - 17 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 eight Private Right-of-Way and/or Easement Agreement reviews
   - Provided review comments relative to one non-jurisdiction proposal
   - Conducted several pre-submission meetings and final site inspections

I. **Transportation - County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):**
   - **Federal Funding** – MAP 21, the new federal transportation funding was signed in July. Overall, the new package keeps Federal funding essentially flat, but it does consolidate a number of programs including Transportation Enhancements. Contrary to earlier drafts, MAP 21 also preserves smaller MPOs like the Centre County MPO.
   - **Local Funding** – The MPO Chair is attempting to organize a meeting of the 8 municipalities that contribute a local share to the MPO budget to discuss the potential funding formulas.
   - **Universal Access Study** – CATA and its consultant LCS Consultants from Colorado have kicked off this feasibility study, which evaluates the potential of implementing expanded fare-free transit in the CATA service area.
   - **Local Asset Inventory** – The MPO has received 2 new Xplore units from PennDOT and participated in a two day intensive training on the best practices for the local bridge and roadway data collection project. The MPO is also working on a MOU, with an anticipated value of $8,500 with the Centre County GIS office for their assistance during this project.
   - **Atherton Street** – MPO staff participated in a project scoping meeting with PennDOT and the engineers from State College Borough and College, Ferguson and Patton Townships. This meeting was held to begin phasing out the reconstruction of the stormwater infrastructure and resurfacing of North and South Atherton Street from the Valley Vista Drive intersection in Patton Township to the Harris Township line.

J. **Cultural, Environmental, and Recreation:**
   - **Source Water Protection Plans:**
     - Mountaintop Regional Source Water Protection Plan: Draft plan is complete and will be reviewed in August by steering committee. Staff is a member of the steering committee.
• Rush Township Source Water Protection Plans – All 6 systems participating.
• Central PA Source Water Alliance for Protection – Continues to meet on a monthly basis. Recently met on July 27th at the Philipsburg DEP office.
• Rush Township has received a regional Water Resources Education Network (WREN) grant to further the outcomes of the source water protection plan and source water environmental education programming.

Headwaters RC&D & Trust:
The RC&D Council and Trust met on August 1st and received reports on ongoing fundraising, program of work items and follow-up on the STB decision to reactivate the rail line in Rush and Snow Shoe Townships that could eventually lead to the elimination of 9.3 miles of the Snow Shoe Rail Trail.

PA RC&D:
The annual meeting will take place in State College in September.

K. Housing
Staff continues administration of the Act 137 Program.

FTHB Program:
• Responded to inquiries from potential home buyers and lenders.
• Processed two home buyer applications.
• Processed several requests for payoffs.
• Scheduled a meeting with the Board of Commissioners to receive lender feedback on the program.

Staff provides staff support to the Housing Cabinet.

Staff is researching new requirements for Fair Housing and the activities that would need to be implemented in the near future.

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. Currently, the Coalition is exploring the possibility of developing a shared housing program for Centre County residents through the efforts of the Housing Ladder Committee. Assisting with the planning for the annual Housing Summit, as well as developing talking points for the speakers’ bureau.

Staff continues to work with State College Borough staff on outreach for the housing rehabilitation program for the Penns Valley Region. The Borough of State College has been receiving applications from households interested in receiving assistance. Followed through on questions and concerns from State College Borough staff.

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. Work activities include:
• Working with the Housing Committee on developing the home buyer application process and related documents
• Followed up on Thompson Place homeowner concerns, especially monetary defaults. Scheduled a joint meeting of the Executive Committees of the CCHLT and Habitat for Humanity to discuss the defaults and violation of an agreement.
• Worked on an RFP for Lender Services
• Working with the Finance Committee on exploring expanding the level of lender services as well as developing a Gift Acceptance Policy.

L. Gypsy Moth
Staff recommends that the County submit a letter of intent regardless of the current situation. There is no commitment to participate but it provides DCNR with an indication that Centre County will participate in future years if another gypsy moth problem arises. As of August 7th we had not received any additional information from DCNR.