

Planning Developments



Mifflin Juniata Dental Clinic.



Juniata Terrace Borough street paving project.

County CDBG Projects Selected

Mifflin County has concluded its selection process for projects to be funded by the 2006 CDBG entitlement. The proposals were received by the deadline of December 13, 2005. The first public hearing was held on December 15, 2005. This hearing was held in conjunction with a County Planning Commission meeting. At that time, each applicant gave a brief presentation to the Planning Commission and to two of the County Commissioners, who also attended the meeting. Following the meeting, the proposals were reviewed by staff of the Planning and Development Department to determine eligibility and fundability under CDBG guidelines. The proposals were also reviewed to determine project readiness, feasibility, and budget suitability.

The Planning Commission's CDBG subcommittee met on January 9 to prioritize the proposals and make funding recommendations to the County Commissioners. The recommendations were presented to the County Commissioners at their workshop on January 12. The second public hearing was held January 19 at which time a resolution was passed to fund seven projects.

This year, for the first time, the CDBG funding was considered on a two-year basis. All of the proposals received were regarded as high priority proposals, and the 2006 funding level is not sufficient to fund them all. The County will consider other emergency community CDBG funding needs as they arise, but another open competition

is not planned until the 2008 cycle. The following list of funded projects shows the actual funding for 2006, and the estimated funding for 2007:

Mifflin Juniata Dental Clinic, Inc. – *Equipment Purchase and Installation, Dental Technician, and Removal of Architectural Barriers* – \$12,947 in 2006 and \$10,000 estimated for 2007. The County proposes to fund its fair share of the equipment purchase and salary for the dental technician for one year. Contingent upon funding, the County plans to fund the removal of architectural barriers in the facility from 2007 funds. Juniata County has allocated \$2,500 from their 2006 CDBG program for this project as well.

Juniata Terrace Borough Council – *Street Paving* – \$19,500 in 2006 and \$100 estimated for 2007. The County proposes to seal serious cracks and patch the most damaged portions of the street. This is a reduction to the request made by the Borough.

Newton/Wayne Joint Municipal Authority – *Newton-Wayne Wastewater Collection and Pumping Station* – \$100 in 2006 and \$100,000 estimated for 2007. The request to the County is for a pump station and emergency generator that would serve Newton Hamilton Borough and the former campground area. This request is part of a larger multimillion dollar project that is scheduled to begin in 2008. The County intends to partially fund this project in 2006, and fully fund it in 2007.

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School House Road in Menno Township.

Menno Township Supervisors – *School House Road Repair* – \$130,000 in 2006 and \$100 estimated for 2007. The County proposes to provide Menno Township with sufficient funds to widen and repair the two 90 degree turns on the road and widen the 14-foot stretch of roadway between Route 655 and the Amish schoolhouse.

Wayne Township Supervisors – *T-839 Ryde Road Storm Water and Paving Project* – \$10,000 in 2006 and \$70,313 estimated for 2007. Currently, this road is unpaved and has serious access and storm water problems. Funding will be provided for the engineering and paving. Wayne Township will undertake the storm water improvements. The engineering and certain materials related to storm water mitigation will be funded from 2006 funds. The paving is planned for 2007.



Access problem on Ryde Road in Wayne Township.

Subdivision Plan Submitted for Third Street Renewal Project

The Third Street Renewal Project is moving toward summer construction. A request for quotes for surveying services was issued in September 2005. Sarge Engineering and Surveying was selected to prepare the subdivision plan for review by Lewistown Borough and the County Planning Commission. Sarge surveyed the property and prepared a plan that subdivides the lot into two approximately equal lots. The plan provides off-street parking to be accessed from Buttermilk Alley at the rear of the properties.

The preliminary plan was submitted to the Lewistown Borough Council for their December 2005 meeting. According to the Borough Solicitor, before the final plan can be approved, an agreement with the Scotia Group, the owners of the property at the rear of the Habitat properties, must be reached. This agreement would eliminate an easement for the public waterline, which has recently been relocated so that it is no longer on the Habitat

Mount Union Municipal Authority – *Ferguson Valley Road and Valimont Drive Water Main Replacement* – \$30,000 in 2006 and \$5,000 estimated for 2007. Pending the outcome of a neighborhood income survey, waterlines will be replaced and a fire hydrant added to this neighborhood in Wayne Township.

Mifflin County – *Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program* – \$5,551 in 2006 and \$15,000 estimated for 2007. Funds will be allocated for part of a rehabilitation job.

Mifflin County received \$253,160 for 2006, which is a 6 percent reduction from the previous year. The funds have been allocated among these projects, and 17.8 percent of the grant will be used for administration. The County’s final proposal must be submitted to DCED by March 3.

property. The agreement would also provide an easement for the recently relocated sewer line. Chris Torquato, Habitat for Humanity of Mifflin County’s attorney, is currently negotiating this agreement. Sarge Engineering has prepared a revised plan that shows the new location of the sewer easement and the elimination of the water easement.

The relocation of the sewer line will not affect Habitat’s ability to place a duplex in the middle of the two properties. Because of the Borough’s required setbacks, the duplex will be limited to 42 feet in width.

After the subdivision plan is approved, Habitat for Humanity can proceed with construction. Habitat is currently developing plans for the duplex with the aid of a local volunteer, Patrick Gantz. One of the families has been selected, and plans are being modified to accommodate a family of four.



Habitat for Humanity’s signage for the Third Street Renewal Project.

Derry and Granville to Hold CDBG Public Hearings

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors begins its 2006 CDBG program with a public hearing scheduled for February 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the Derry Township Building, 15 West Mill Street, Yeagertown. The supervisors will discuss replacing waterlines and repairing and resurfacing streets in the Woodland Avenue area. This is a multi-year project requiring at least three years of funding. In addition, the Mifflin Juniata Dental Clinic has requested funds for equipment. The public hearing is open for proposals and comments. A second public hearing scheduled for March 6 at 5:30 p.m. will be held to receive public comment on Derry Township's resolution to submit the CDBG application to DCED.

The Granville Township Board of Supervisors will hold its first public hearing for 2006 CDBG projects on February 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Granville Township Building, 100 Helen Street, Lewistown. The supervisors will discuss storm water and street repairs in the Fairview area and an equipment request for the Mifflin Juniata Dental Clinic. The public hearing is open for proposals and comments. A second public hearing scheduled for March 6 at 7:00 p.m. will be held to receive public comment on Granville Township's resolution to submit the CDBG application to DCED.

The townships' CDBG applications will be submitted before April 7.



*Woodland Avenue
in Derry Township.*

Planning Commission Announces Keynote Speaker

Ronald Bailey, Senior Research Fellow at Franklin and Marshall College, and a former executive director of the Lancaster County Planning Commission, will be the keynote speaker at the County Planning Commission's annual dinner meeting. Mr. Bailey's topic will be *Rural Pennsylvania in a Time of Change*, which will focus on changes that will likely occur in rural Pennsylvania in the next few years. Mr. Bailey, a member of the Pennsylvania State

Planning Board, will also discuss changing policies as they relate to the State Planning Board, as well as the importance of comprehensive planning for communities in Mifflin County.

The Planning Commission's annual dinner meeting will be held on March 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarion Inn in Burnham. The invitations to the annual dinner meeting will be mailed in early February.



*Fairview area
in Granville Township.*

Public Sewer Plan Advisory Committee Appointed

The County Public Sewer Plan was initiated in November 2005. In January 2006, the County Commissioners appointed an advisory committee, comprised of representatives of municipalities, Council of Governments (COG), Mifflin County Industrial Development Corporation (MCIDC), industry, and a sewage enforcement officer, to oversee the plan's development and ensure community input. The committee held its first meeting on January 25. The project consultant, Timothy Staub of RETTEW, presented to the committee an overview including a 16-month timeline for completion, information to be collected for review, and project expectations. Mr. Staub explained the importance of consistency

between sewage planning and municipal/county comprehensive plans, as well as the Chesapeake Bay Initiative.

The Chesapeake Bay Initiative is a strategy that establishes standards for addressing nutrient (nitrogen and phosphorus) and sediment pollution entering the Chesapeake. The Juniata River is part of the Chesapeake Bay system. The initiative is important to this area because it considers disposal practices associated with local sewage treatment plants and industries, as well as runoff related to agriculture.

The advisory committee will meet with the COG on March 16 to further discuss the plan and the impact of the Chesapeake Bay Initiative.



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Upcoming Events

- The Mifflin County Planning Commission's 2006 regular meetings will be held the fourth Thursday of each month (except November 16) at 3:30 pm in Meeting Room B at the Mifflin County Courthouse.
- Mifflin County's CDBG application submission deadline is March 3.
- The Derry Township Supervisors will hold their first 2006 CDBG public hearing on Monday, February 6 at 5:30 pm at the township building in Yeagerstown. The second public hearing will be held Monday, March 6 at 5:30 pm.
- The Granville Township Supervisors will hold their first 2006 CDBG public hearing on Monday, February 6 at 7:00 pm at the township building in Lewisstown. The second public hearing will be held Monday, March 6 at 7:00 pm.
- The Mifflin County Commissioners will consider amendments proposed for the County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance at their regular public meeting on February 16 at 9:00 am.
- The Mifflin County Planning Commission will hold its annual dinner meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:00 pm at the Clarion Inn in Burnham.
- Derry and Granville Townships' CDBG application submission deadline is April 7.
- The American Planning Association will hold its National Conference from April 22-26 in San Antonio, Texas.

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