Making An Impact

Doing PA Act 13 the Right Way
Getting Engaged

- Community Natural Gas Task Force
- Feb 2008 Kick-off
- **Mission:** Identify key issues, research facts and information, and review and propose public policy
Becoming Educated

- July 2008
- Community and Local Government Leaders Visit Forth Worth TX
- Lessons Learned from Barnett Shale gas exploration
- Getting Prepared
Helping to Shape the Future

Marcellus Shale Advisory Commission
March 24, 2011

Chair: Lt. Governor Jim Cawley

Commission Members include:
- Mike Krancer, Secretary of DEP
- George Greig, Acting Secretary of Agriculture
- C. Alan Walker, Secretary of DCED
- Richard J. Allan, Secretary of DCNR
- Barry Schoch, Secretary of PennDOT
- Patrick Henderson, Governor’s Energy Executive
- Robert Powelson, Pennsylvania PUC
- Jeff Wheeland, Lycoming County Commissioner
- Vincent J. Matteo, Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber
Crafting a Vision

Taking the Lead in implementing Act 13 — Passing the “Ordinance”

Feb 2012

Lycoming County acts quickly on impact fee

It was a decision that wasn’t much of a decision at all.

When given the opportunity to levy an impact fee on Marcellus Shale gas drillers with legislation passed 10 days ago, the Lycoming County Commissioners quickly gave a public "yes."

While officials of a few other counties in the state seem to have a quandary with going along with the legislation, it’s hard to see why a county wouldn’t want to enact an ordinance to collect the fee.

The ordinance gives Lycoming County options and flexibility on how and where its share of the revenue from the gas drilling impact fee can best be used. They recently became the first county in the state to hire a consulting firm to study gas industry impacts, a move that will allow it to make an informed decision on how to use its impact fee revenues.

A summary of the legislation says options for the fee funds include: public works, economic development, environmental initiatives, water, treatment, schools, parks, and libraries.

Pennsylvania finally has a gas impact fee. And generally speaking, that’s a good thing.

The natural gas industry should be paying something for what it is extracting out of the earth in Pennsylvania. And that money needs to be funneled to agencies regulating the industry, environmentally and otherwise, as well as counties and communities hosting the industry.

But the proof of this bill’s worth will come in the days and months ahead as the details of the impact fee show themselves.

Does the bill — signed into law by Gov. Corbett Monday — really give counties in our region enough control over how the fee revenues are spent to assist communities with infrastructures affected by the gas industry’s presence?

Since most local government groups have supported the bill, we hope the local control is there with the funding.

How close is the impact fee’s relationship with the state’s General Fund? We hope, beyond envi-
Enlightening the Community

- April 2012 Event In Williamsport
- Over 110 leaders invited
- Act 13 Defined & Explained
- Impact Fee Provisions Outlined
Impact Studies Completed

Commissioner Approved
30 Aug 2012
Two Studies Ongoing

THE IMPACTS OF
THE MARCELLUS SHALE INDUSTRY
ON PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
IN LYCOMING COUNTY

THE IMPACTS OF
THE MARCELLUS SHALE INDUSTRY
ON TRANSPORTATION
IN LYCOMING COUNTY
Community Outreach

1 May 2013 letter to municipal and authority leaders
Act 13 Funds Coming Home

2011-2012 $407M collected by PUC

Act 13 Formula

County of Lycoming Portion $8.4M

Allocation Plan

STATE 40%

LOCAL COUNTIES 36%

LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES 64%

2012 REVENUES $4.4M

2011 REVENUES $4.0M

EXTERNAL REQUESTS $4.7M

CORE COUNTY $3.7M
Merit-Based Evaluations

- **Four Threshold Criteria**
  - Lawful Entity
  - Benefits Lycoming County
  - Meets an Act 13 Eligible Category
  - Not used for tax relief

- **Four Competitive Criteria**
  - Project Justification
  - Project Impact
  - Project Strength
  - Misc (Public Safety etc)

- **Goal---Address “Impacts and Opportunities”**
Municipalities, Authorities, and Organizations Served

- Hughesville Borough
- Muncy Borough
- Muncy Creek Township
- Wolf Township
- Watson Township
- Clinton Township
- Limestone Township
- Duboistown Borough
- Penn Township
- Williamsport
- South Williamsport Borough
- Mifflin Township
- Fairfield Township
- Muncy Township
- McIntyre Township
- Montgomery Water & Sewer Authority
- Williamsport Muni Water Authority
- Williamsport Sewer Authority
- Lycoming County Water & Sewer Authority
- Hughesville Water Authority
- Central Area Fire Chiefs Assoc
- STEP
- SEDA COG
- Penn College of Technology
- Lycoming County Recreation Authority
- Williamsport Municipal Airport Authority
- River Valley Transit
- Lycoming/Clinton Joinder Board
- Ralston Water Authority
Leveraging our ACT 13 Investments

One county ACT 13 dollar leverages $13.75 in external projects

Supports $64.4M in EXTERNAL PROJECTS

LYCOMING INVESTMENT $4.7M
Diversifying Our External Investments

$4.7M Invested (2011-2012)

- Housing: $610K
- Water & Sewer: $1.1M
- Transportation: $2.2M
- Public Institutions: $743K
Responding to the Need

85% of external requests met.

$5.5M Requested

$4.7M pledged by Lycoming County
The Wrap Up

- Getting Engaged & Doing Act 13 the Right Way
- Allowing Impact Dollars to make an IMPACT
- Leveraging our Invested funds
- Diversifying our Allocations
- Responding to Needs
- Analyzing our Process and Results
- Taking a Strategic Step down the Infrastructure Path

Act 13 Request Window is now Closed