

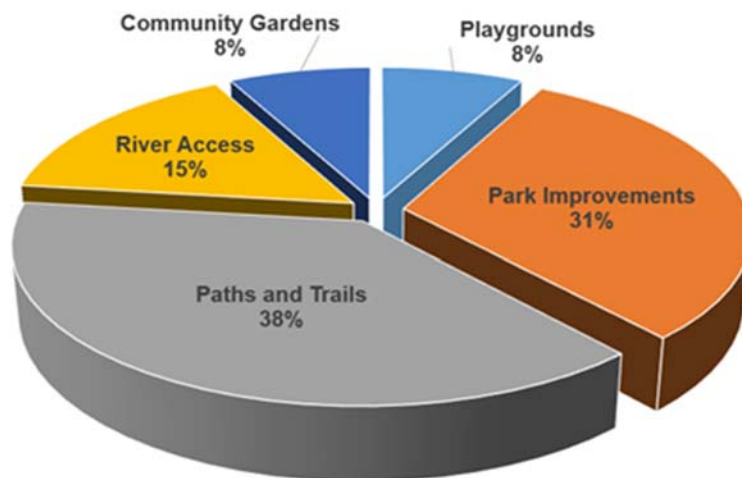
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

An Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) in the amount of \$75,737 was awarded to Huntingdon County on November 25, 2014 to provide financial assistance to Huntingdon House and the Center for Community Action. The ESG was a two-year grant. Huntingdon House received \$25,000 to provide assistance with essential services and health and safety issues. The Center for Community Action received \$48,000 directed towards rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention. The remainder of the grant was used for administration costs. The contract was finalized and closed out in November 2016.

ACT 13 LEGACY FUND

One provision of Act 13 that directly impacts Huntingdon County is the establishment of a Legacy Fund (Section 2315(a.1)(5)), which allows each county in the Commonwealth to receive a share of the Marcellus Shale drilling impact fee based upon county population. These funds are intended for “the planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, natural areas, community conservation and beautification projects, community and heritage parks and water resource management. Funds may be used to acquire lands for recreational or conservation purposes and land damaged or prone to drainage by storms or flooding.”

Since September 3, 2013, the Huntingdon County Commissioners have made a total of \$30,000 available each year, with a maximum award of \$10,000 per project. The Planning Commission has been appointed to accept and review applications, and make recommendations to the County Commissioners.



2013 - 2016 Huntingdon County

In 2016, two applications totaling \$19,585.00 were received and reviewed by the Planning Commission. Recommendations were forwarded to the County Commissioners, who awarded \$10,000.00 each to Shirleysburg Borough for ballfield improvements and a Borough sign and to Shirley Township for creation of a park and riparian buffers in the Business Park.

Of the \$98,345.53 approved for eligible municipal projects since 2013, \$38,951.70 has been spent. Projects have been approved in Alexandria, Broad Top City, Cassville, Huntingdon, Mount Union and Shirleysburg Boroughs; and in Morris, Porter, Shirley and Smithfield Townships.

LITTLE JUNIATA RIVER FIRM UPDATE

The last Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) that were adopted in Huntingdon County occurred in October of 2012. This Map Update was part of the Map Modernization Project. It is not often that these maps are updated, as Warriors Mark Township learned while trying to fix the error on the maps in the Dry Hollow area. Substantial amounts of hydraulic and hydrologic analysis need to be done to any watershed for FEMA to consider updating the FIRMs. Tyrone Borough, just west of Warriors Mark Township in Blair County, had been on a quest to update the FIRM maps in the Borough. Tyrone was able to get the Army Corps of Engineers to assist in the analysis and work needed to submit to FEMA. FEMA reviewed the information and ultimately published draft FIRMS for the entire watershed affecting the Borough. That watershed also impacts Warriors Mark Township, Birmingham Borough, Spruce Creek Township, and Morris Township.

JUNIATA RIVER BLUEPRINT COMMUNITIES (JRBC)

The JRBC's 5-Year Strategy built on the Goals and Objectives collaborating with the Outcomes the Community desired. Since the Core Team presented the 5-Year Strategy to the community, they have been working on implementation realizing that the key to success in implementing projects is to make sure key stakeholders in the community know about the project. The Core Team decided that it was critical to hold additional public meetings after the 5-Year Strategy was developed. The first public meeting focused on building a visual inventory of properties in the communities by analyzing maps of the communities so that strategies could be made to target improvements. The Core Team realized that efforts moving forward are to activate stakeholders to take ownership of the completion of the projects in the 5-Year Strategy.