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From Jason Fink's Desk - President/CEO of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce

Getting started on my article and am challenging myself to maintain focus. Today is the first day of the baseball season and the sun is shining. They're also calling for the weather on Saturday to be in the upper 70s so all is right here in Lycoming County.

Maybe it's the spring weather or just the fact that we're into the more active time of year, but I am so excited about what lies ahead for us here in Lycoming County and Pennsylvania as a whole. This week I got the opportunity to host four team members from Business PA. This is a new approach to economic development comprised of various functions at the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

Governor Shapiro came into office looking at where Pennsylvania ranked among project expansion investment, new business development and small business start-ups and found that we were lagging behind in all of these sectors. This, unfortunately, was the pattern for the past 12 years of the previous two Governors that took a more "wait for them to come" approach and never invested in truly growing these areas of our economy.

Business PA was formed out of two primary sectors of DCED, the Governor's Action Team and Office of International Business Development. Another component that was elevated and given more prominence in this was marketing. The function of business attraction was previously under the Tourism Office at DCED. This now is part of the Business PA team that is out there leading the efforts to grow business and industry here in the Commonwealth.

One refreshing aspect of their work is seeing them getting out across the Commonwealth to meet with companies that are already here. The other day I was talking with someone about various aspects of economic development and frustrations at times about the public perception of it. Many people only see economic development through the lens of it being new business and industry to the area. The amount of resources required to bring a new company is significant. However, we have many companies that grow and add to their companies through investing in both physical expansion and new employee hires. This, though, doesn't get the same type of excitement that a new company does, even if their investment and employment may be less than the existing company expanding in the area. While I get that having something new is exciting, I see more value in having our present employers growing in the area because they know the value of the market in terms of doing business and access to a quality workforce.

Where I'm going with this is that DCED through Business PA also sees and knows the value of working with our existing companies to help them grow. They are now getting out across the state working through their local economic development partners to meet with business and industry. We hosted four members from the team and were excited to share with them some of the work that is being done in our county.

We lined up tours for them at Kellanova, West Pharmaceuticals, New Trail Brewing and Lycoming Engines. They got a chance to tour each of these plants to see firsthand the operations and processes in place for their manufacturing of products here in the area. I always enjoy the chance to get into the plants to see what is taking place and see the great things our neighbors help make that get distributed globally.

A couple of items that I picked up from our tours include Kellanova, which was Kellogg's, makes 6 million Pop-Tarts a day in Muncy. If you were to take the production of Pop-Tarts made over a 4 day period and laid them end to end, it would stretch from New York City to Los Angeles.

West Pharmaceuticals is just wrapping up the expansion of their Williamsport plant. This will allow them to take product that was previously produced in plants in Florida and North Carolina and shipped to Jersey Shore, to now be made here, significantly improving their efficiency and reducing shipping costs.

The team at New Trail Brewing will be celebrating this month their 7th year in business. Many of us locally have enjoyed their various offerings, but so too have others across the Commonwealth and many other states. One amazing note that I took away from them was they have seen month over month growth since they've been opened in 2018.

It still amazes me in talking with the team at Lycoming Engines that they have people that don't know that they exist who live here in the county. They employ well over 500 people and are the lead manufacturer of piston airplane engines that are sold all over the world. Those in the aviation industry definitely know the Lycoming name for the quality engines manufactured right here in our community. Many might not know that they also make engines for drones. These aren't the type that you see at the local hobby store but are the types you would see used in sectors such as agriculture, communications and military.

We were happy to share this with the Business PA team and know that what they learned from their time here will help them as they continue to grow new services to help existing companies here in the Commonwealth. It's good to have the state fully engaged in the business attraction and retention. While there are other sectors such as housing and population growth that also need addressed, they are taking the right steps to see that there are the jobs in place that will be key in addressing these items. The Chamber looks forward to continuing our partnership with them and growing Pennsylvania's overall economy.



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Leadership Lycoming Business & Economic Development Day



The Class of 2025 began their Business & Economic Development Day at Lycoming Engines with an update from Jason Fink, President/CEO of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce. Jason shared insight into developments within Lycoming County, such as Williamsport Ballpark Inc., a 7-field complex going in near Penn College that will bring tourism to the area and hinted at exciting changes at the old Lycoming Mall.

Then the class heard from Shannon Massey, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Lycoming Engines. Shannon provided an overview of the nearly 96-year-old operation. Providing 67% of all single piston engines in the market, it's no surprise they are a mainstay of the community. Chris Gayman, Sales Manager, and Jen Miller, Senior Director of Engineering and member of the Class of 2025, then toured the class through the facilities.

The class was joined by Dennis Gilbert, President of the IMC - Innovative Manufacturers' Center. Dennis shared information about the IMC's 12-county footprint, where they work with over 500 manufacturers to provide training and process optimization. He then led the class through an activity to identify challenges to economic development within Lycoming County.

After that, the class headed to PMF Industries, a leader in precision metal forming utilizing spin extrusion. Sam Shea, Human Resources Manager; Jerry Ulsamer, Manufacturing Manager, CNC Department; and Ben Lyne, Manufacturing Engineer, led tours of the expansive facilities where they produce materials for culinary and aerospace clients. Class members were given a special keepsake to remember their visit.

The final stop for the day was Bald Birds Brewing Co: Jersey Shore. There, the class listened to a panel of small business owners, including Joe Feerrar, Owner of Bald Birds Brewing Company; Karl Fisher, Owner of Alabaster Coffee Roaster & Tea Company; Heather Newhart, VP of Natural Waterscapes; and Marianne Beane & Anne Reiner, co-CEOs of Ignite Business Services, Inc. Highlights included the unique challenges of the small business world while also having the benefits of setting the business's tone, mission, and purpose. They shared the many ways they are part of the community, such as collaborating with other small businesses, sponsoring local events/sports teams, and serving as a community meeting space. As Joe Feerrar said, it's about "being a good steward of the community." Following the panel, Joe provided a tour of the facilities, originally a Woolrich distribution center. The vast space is home to a bar area, event space, Gunzey's restaurant, and gaming area for public use. Behind the scenes, they have designated areas for brewing, distilling, and copacking.

Thank you to all for taking the time out of your busy schedules to provide us with these opportunities and experiences! A BIG thank you to our hosts for the day: Heather Allison, Class of '03, and Lauri Moon, Class of '04.

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Alexander Family Dealerships and community members celebrate the opening of a Muncy Township dealership in 2023.

Impact of Alexander Family Dealerships reaches far

By **MARK MARONEY**
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A trust between customer and their employees puts Alexander Family Dealerships at the top of the rung in car, truck, sport utility sales and service in Greater Williamsport.

"We have a lot of trust in our employees," said Aubrey Alexander, representing the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships, which now has 20 dealerships in the state.

The dealerships employ nearly 1,000 skilled personnel.

"About 975 to 1,000 — it fluctuates," Aubrey recently told members of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce.

Blaise, a native of Centralia, the abandoned village with the underground mine fire, attended nearby Mount Carmel Area High School and the Indiana Institute of Technology where he studied mechanical en-

gineering.

He grew up working with his father, Aubrey, at Alexander & Son's in Atlas, another coal region community where hard work comes and a man's word are foremost.

Blaise's first professional experience outside the family business was as a used car manager for a dealership in State College.

In August 1980, Blaise moved his young family to Montoursville, where he opened the doors to his first dealership, Blaise Alexander Chevrolet.

Over the past 45 years, through economy downturns, years when the economy was in a status quo and when there were years - especially during the height of the Marcellus Shale industry natural gas well drilling boom - when Greater Williamsport experienced an economic rebound - the dealership has maintained a footprint, that has grown and spanned across the state.

Today, the dealerships extend north to south from Mansfield, and its college community and agriculture-base to as far south west as Lewistown.

The dealerships are east to west from Philipsburg, to Hazleton along bustling Interstate 81.

Today, the dealership supplies 16 vehicle brands, has

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Natural Waterscapes focuses on customer service, community engagement

By **MATTHEW COURTER**

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Sitting near lakes, ponds and other waterways can serve as a source of rest and relaxation for many, but maintaining them can be quite the chore.

Those looking for solutions to any problems that might pop up need look no further than Natural Waterscapes, 960 Route 15, South Williamsport.

Natural Waterscapes was founded by Jon Klotz, who holds a masters degree in hydrology, in 2007, after spending more than ten years doing environmental restoration work.

"I just decided it was time for a change to focus a little less on public sector work and more private sector work," he said.

Initially a building firm focused on small ponds and water features, the business evolved large pond and lake design and construction around throughout the country, and in 2012, began selling pond management products at retail, while dipping their toes into the e-commerce realm.

In 2018, Natural Waterscapes transitioned away from design and construction to focus on their product offerings.

"Our e-commerce and product side of the business has grown substantially since then. We ship products into all 50 states, and in 2023, we opened a second distribution center in Richardson, Texas," Klotz said.

Their products are available via a print catalog, direct-



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Some of Natural Waterscapes' work, as seen on the company's social media.

ly through their website, as well as major online retailers such as Amazon.

The products offered by Natural Waterscapes include pond dyes to color the pond water and limit weed growth and much more.

"We sell a line of natural products that use beneficial bacteria and enzymes to help balance the pond water and prevent excess algae blooms. We sell some chemical algaeicides and aquatic herbicides as well," Klotz said.

"Some of our big sellers are aeration systems to improve the oxygen content of the water for a healthy environment for fish and other aquatic organisms and two different bottom ceiling products for both new construction or situations where someone may have a leaking pond or lake," he said.

Natural Waterscapes offers their services to residential, commercial and even government customers.

Along with their large selection of products, Natural Waterscapes offers aquatic management services, local-

ly. "We have an aquatic management specialist who goes out to ponds and lakes, assesses their health and then puts together a treatment plan," Klotz explained.

That specialist will then visit and treat the area on a bi-weekly basis throughout the growing season.

Other services include water testing through their in-house laboratory, identification of algae species and aquatic weeds.

That service can also help to identify cyanobacteria, an organism that can create toxins in the water.

Once identified, Natural Waterscapes can help create a treatment plan aimed at clearing up any of those issues.

But, profit is not the only concern for the business, said Klotz, noting their commitment to serving the community.

"We work with a number of local nonprofits and organizations around the country," he said.

"We work with North

Central Sight Services fulfill some of our product through kind of a unique relationship, where we use their vision impaired employees to and manufacturing needs," Klotz explained. Following the devas-

tating effects of Hurricane Debby, Natural Waterscapes, Natural Waterscapes Vice-President Heather Newhart, helped create a group called compassion campers, which the company helped to send around 50 fully-stocked campers to flood victims in North Carolina, according to Klotz.

"She raised a little bit over half a million dollars in support of that effort, and partnered with a couple other local businesses to do that as well," Klotz said.

"To support their staff's involvement in the community, every full-time employee is awarded 24 hours (See NATURAL,

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SMALL BUSINESS

Potting Bench offers plant options, good food, exceptional service

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As springtime returns to the area, many with a green thumb are anxious to return to their gardens, as others crave the taste of their favorite frozen treats. Fortunately, neither has to look far for a solution, as The Potting Bench, located at 324 Matthews Blvd., South Williamsport, has seamlessly married the two.

In late 2019, owner Dustin Solomon purchased the property on which a greenhouse formerly stood.

“It sort of fell into some disrepair just because no one was operating it, so when we purchased it, we just started to do a bunch of renovations,” he said.

“My mom, dad and I always liked and had an interest in plants,” Solomon said.

It was following their first season that they decided to introduce ice cream into the mix.

“After COVID, we grew plants in the spring, and we sold through all of our plants that first season before June, so we knew at that point that in order to extend our season, we needed to do something,” he said.

“My dad and I had been talking, and I always had this dream since I was about 10-years-old, that we should have an ice cream store,” he said.

Solomon said he, his family and staff take great pride in ensuring that their customers get matched up with exactly what they need.

“We spend a lot of time trying to provide customer service so that people can make the right decisions for plants in their yard, whether that be annuals or spring flowers and how to make their own planter, or if



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Staff at the Potting Bench wait to take customers' orders on a late March weekend.

they want us to make a planter for them, we do that as well, along with hanging baskets,” he said.

The Potting Bench’s team also works with customers to help them design larger home landscapes that will survive a wide range of conditions.

“We also offer workshops. In the spring, fall and at Christmas time, we have workshops where people come in and can do a DIY either craft or arrangement or even make their own planter,” Solomon said.

Many of the plants available in the garden center are grown by The Potting Bench itself, with others provided by two growers with greenhouses dedicated to the busi-

ness, as well as other large scale greenhouses and nurseries across the state.

The inventory of the garden center ranges from vegetables and herbs to perennials and small shrubs, to indoor plants, and even a selection of tropical plants.

For those that have questions or concerns about plants they already own, Solomon said his staff are willing and able to offer advice, though he stresses anyone seeking their input should bring only photos of the plants, so as to not spread possible infections or other issues to the plants onsite.

For those customers who are unsure of just what they’re looking for, The Potting Bench offers an ex-

pansive list of goodies to snack on while browsing the garden center, including their very own soft serve ice cream.

“We carry Sunset hard ice cream. So for those people that can’t find it locally, that’s an option,” Solomon said.

Even those sensitive to milk products can join in the dining experience as The Potting Bench also carries a fruit-based Dole soft serve, as well as lactose-free soft vanilla ice cream.

“We spend a lot of time coming up with unique ideas for our specialty Sundae, that are a little bit different that you might see elsewhere,” Solomon said.

“Candy cake is one of them. We

make a strawberry shortcake sundae,” he said.

Other specialty treats include a blueberry crumb cake during blueberry season, and a carrot cake sundae and peanut butter Easter egg sundae for Easter.

“It’s always theme-related, usually, and they’re all homemade,” Solomon said.

Several hot foods are available as well, including pork barbeque sandwiches, and on special occasions, soft pretzels.

“Our first special event is going to be on national pretzel day, which is also our fifth year anniversary celebration,” Solomon said.

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five collision centers, commercial truck sales, and a car wash.

If you ask anyone of the Alexander family members - including listening to their television and social media and print advertisements - they will say they have achieved these goals by focusing on customer experience and the community.

"Blaise and the dealerships are all involved in the communities where they live," said Merrill Smith, assistant vice president with M&T Bank. "Their support is done by making targeted contributions especially to organizations that have an outreach effect for all citizens of the community, especially children," he said.

The dealerships care about the places in which they do business because they are a part of the communities at large.

They also contribute mightily to various charities and organizations.

Recent contributions include the St. Joseph Center of Special Learning of Pottsville and the Susquehanna Health

Foundation's "Continuing The Innovation Capital Campaign" — an expansion and renovation project for the Muncy Valley Hospital Emergency Department.

This hospital in Muncy, just off Interstate 180, is located in a grown sector for Lycoming County, based on county planning documents.

The area of eastern Lycoming County, for example, is experiencing a residential and commercial boom.

As has just occurred, Blaise and his team have once again partnered with Raise the Region, through the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.

One of the beneficiaries of (Blaise's and his family and team) support was the donation of a building and land to the Bucktail Medical Center in Renovo.

He has been a leading contributor to the James V. Brown Library Children's Wing campaign. Other beneficiaries of his and the dealerships' contributions include Montoursville's Indian Park, where individuals and families can hold picnics,

stroll on quiet tree-lined paths, and enjoy the benefits of the urban oasis in this suburban and bedroom community.

The dealerships also contribute to the Eastern Lycoming YMCA, Hope Enterprises, Williamsport Symphony, numerous youth sports teams, fire and police departments, and families in need.

One of the bright spots anyone who knows the Alexander family can see each year and experience on a personal level is their commitment to education and educating the next generation of mechanics, sales associates and dealership specialists.

The family supports area high schools, and places a strong emphasis on Pennsylvania College of Technology's Scholarship Fund and their automotive programs.

The Sun-Gazette has covered special events where the Alexander family and their employees teach high school students the trade, sharing what makes a professional employee at the dealership and how they can work and go to school and learn hand's on how to become a fully

employed Alexander Family Dealership employee - earning not only a liveable wage but also a career path toward success.

As such, Blaise also contributes to the Indiana Institute of Technology Study Abroad Scholarship, Zollner Engineering Center expansion and renovation project and the Theta Xi Fraternity Kappa Delta Chapter Scholarship Fund.

He and his children established the Anne and Blaise Robert "BR" Alexander Memorial Scholarship Fund, in memory of his late wife, Anne, and his son, Blaise Robert. This fund awards scholarships to graduating seniors of Montoursville and Mount Carmel area high schools (BR and Anne's alma maters) along with other high schools.

At blaisealexander.com customers can find an inventory of new, work trucks, pre-owned, certified pre-owned, cars, vehicles of all sorts, service and parts, service specials, ways to order parts and accessories and a finance center to value your trade and set up a financial plan.

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Shoppers needing to quench their thirst while on the hunt for that perfect plant are also in luck, as The Potting Bench offers several unique drink options.

"Obviously milkshakes and ice cream-related, but then we have refreshers. We do make our own homemade lemonade and homemade lemonade slushies, we have boba drinks," he said.

Several upgrades have been made in anticipation of opening day, including heightened shopping tables, updates to the gift shop and a covered dining pavilion.

With an eye towards the community, The Potting Bench offers several fundraising options.

"Whether that be a school group, a club or an adult organization, they can sign up to either sell plants, planters or we also offer coupon books, and then they take a very large portion of the proceeds, and use it for their organization," Solomon explained.

Solomon said the business also sees a large share of field trips from schools and pre-schools all across Lycoming County.

For Solomon, the key to The Potting Bench's success has been their focus on providing their customers with an exceptional experience.

"We strive to have the highest quality and the best customer service, so we're always trying to be the most knowledgeable on whatever it is that we're trying to offer, and then at the same time, making sure that whatever it is that we offer, it's the best that you're going to find in the area," he said.

For more information on The Potting Bench and its many offerings, check out their Facebook page or visit them at www.pottingbenchmarket.com.

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of volunteer time off annually to use in support of organizations of their choice," a Natural Waterscapes video provided by Klotz said.

"This past year, their team contributed over 560 volunteer hours to a variety of organizations, the video said.

With such a community-minded focus, it comes as no surprise that Klotz cites customer service as their strongest selling point.

"We're hyper focused on customer service, and we're a company, unlike most e-commerce companies, where you can pick up the phone and talk to an expert," he said.

"We really provide that hands-on level of guidance and expertise, and we focus on using natural products as much as possible to balance and care for the water bodies we service," he Klotz said.

"If you go on our website and look at our reviews, that's where most of our five star reviews come from," he said.

"We're very proud of that, and we're

easy to get a hold of," Klotz said.

They can call us, chat through our website, text us, email us, or they can connect through Facebook and Instagram," he said.

Those interested in any of the products or services can check them out at www.shop.naturalwaterscapes.com, contact them at 877-493-7660 or reach out on any of their social media platforms.



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March PM Exchanges



AAA North Penn held a PM Exchange at their location in South Williamsport on March 6th. Guests had the opportunity to learn about all of the services that are offered while enjoying delicious food from Farrington Place.



The West Branch Susquehanna Builders held a PM Exchange in conjunction with their 2025 Home Show. In addition, Jackass Brewing Company co-hosted the event. A great time was had by all!

Upcoming PM Exchanges

PDC Spas

Thursday, April 10 | 5-7pm
200 East Church Street, Williamsport



PDC Spas is thrilled to invite you to our PM Exchange & Grand Opening Celebration! We are excited to showcase our locally made spa products and introduce the Williamsport community to the incredible benefits of hydrotherapy for health and wellness at our new, state-of-the-art showroom.

Genesis House

Thursday, April 24 | 5-7pm
800 West Fourth Street, Williamsport



Genesis House is excited to announce a special PM Exchange in the foyer of the historic Park Place, celebrating its 40 years of dedicated service in addiction counseling within the community.

Montoursville Chamber of Commerce End of Winter Mixer

Spring is in the air!

Chamber members listened to live music by Izzy Butters while enjoying delicious food and festive drinks at the Montoursville Chamber of Commerce End of Winter Mixer at Twin Meadows Farm, LLC . Beverages were provided by Rosko's Brew House and Pour Decisions Distillery.



2025 Leadership Lycoming Final 3

Leadership Lycoming held their annual Final 3 event at Jackass Brewing Company in Williamsport on March 21st.

Guests were treated to appetizers and beverages while they battled it out for the grand prize.

In the end, the last three tickets remaining belonged to the following, who decided to split the \$3,000 prize!

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Additionally, thank you to all of the volunteers and Final 3 Committee as well as all who were able to donate a raffle basket.



March Ribbon Cuttings



The team at Thairapy on Broad held their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, March 22nd. Go and check out their location at 346 Broad Street in Montoursville.



Marshall Welch and the team at PDC Spas cut the ribbon on their new location at 200 East Church Street in Williamsport. They have taken over the building where Woodrich crafted fantastic local items for many years and are excited to continue showcasing locally made products in the space.

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Visit www.leadershiplycoming.com to learn more and download an application.

Deadline to apply is April 18th, 2025

Leadership Lycoming is a program of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce



Bill's Appliance Center

Grand Re-Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, April 26, 2025

2098 Lycoming Creek Road, Williamsport

Ribbon Cutting @ 11am

Open House 9am-3pm

Large & Small Appliance Give-A-Ways!

Live Radio Broadcast with Gary Chrisman 10am-12pm



Bright Beginnings Preschool and Pre-K

Ribbon Cutting Event

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ribbon Cutting @ 4:30 PM

145 Ashler Manor Drive, Muncy





AUGUST 12, 2025



NOW ACCEPTING

applications for the 19th Grand Slam Parade, taking place in downtown Williamsport on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025.

The parade serves as Lycoming County's welcome to the 20 teams playing in the 78th Little League World Series®.

If your business, non-profit, or community group wants to participate, now's the time to apply! Applications are due May 30th & can be electronically submitted by going to

www.GRANDSLAMPARADE.com

Businesses looking to be affiliated with the parade can download sponsorship & advertising information at grandslamparade.com. This year's parade will be broadcast live on WNEP-16. Get your name out to the local & regional community across the television airwaves!



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Lycoming County Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund

The Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) provides low-interest loans to developers and grants to non-profits and local governments for the cleanup of contaminated sites.



RLF Overview

The Lycoming County Revolving Loan Fund Program, funded by an \$800,000 U.S. EPA award, makes loans and grants available for site remediation and subsequent redevelopment. The goal of the program is to return Lycoming County Brownfield sites to productive use. Lycoming County has lead a brownfield program since 2005 and has inventoried over 80 sites and conducted over 30 site assessments through its program.

Contact

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Lycoming County Department of Planning & Community Development
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Acceptable Use of Funds

- Cleanup of hazardous substances and/or the mitigation of threatened release of hazardous substances
- Preparation of Remedial Action Workplans
- Construction of a site's engineered remediation cap which could include foundations/ roadways
- Demolition of structures to the extent that the demolition is integral to accessing contamination
- Site monitoring and data collection

Terms and Conditions

- Grants available for municipal and non-profit entities
- Loans for private entities
- Low interest rates and flexible repayment terms determined on a case-by-case basis
- All sites and work subject to EPA approval and site cleanups overseen by PA DEP Act 2 Program
- Davis Bacon Act wage rates, wage notices, and payroll required
- No-prepayment penalties
- 20% match requirement



Apply Online/
Information:

<https://www.lyco.org/brownfields>

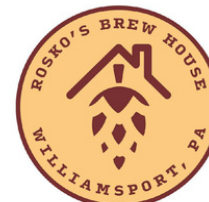


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