



NTRPDC Celebrates 50th Anniversary



The Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC) celebrated its **50th anniversary** on Friday, October 20th at the Troy Sale Barn during its annual meeting. As NTRPDC marked this significant milestone, the Commission also recognized outgoing Chairperson, Elizabeth Arnold, for her service to NTRPDC.

Over the past five decades, NTRPDC has accomplished significant milestones and successes. From infrastructure improvements to assisting in securing funding for community development projects, the Commission has consistently adapted to the evolving needs of the region. Collaborative partnerships have been a key to the success of NTRPDC, including the formation of several area organizations under the Northern Tier umbrella. Those organizations include: B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Endless Mountains Transportation Authority, Northern Tier Hardwoods Association, and Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority who were recognized during the meeting for their commitment to enhancing the quality of life for residents across the Northern Tier region.

Amid the celebratory mood, NTRPDC highlighted ongoing projects and notable achievements. The Commission continues to make significant strides in various areas, including infrastructure development, economic revitalization, and community engagement initiatives. Recent accomplishments included

highlights across the five-county service region, including business services, youth programs, grant writing, workforce development, and transportation planning.



Field Representative, Chuck Dillon from Pennsylvania Senator Gene Yaw's Office and Pennsylvania Representative Tina Pickett presented citations on behalf of the PA State Senate and PA House of Representatives commemorating NTRPDC's 50th anniversary. NTRPDC recognized staff with employment milestones which occurred during 2020-2023.

Executive Director, Frank Thompson said, "We are tremendously proud to finally celebrate the 50th anniversary of NTRPDC. This milestone is a testament to the dedication of our team and the unwavering support of the communities we serve. As we look to the future, we are committed to continuing our legacy of service and innovation, fostering sustainable growth and resilience within the Northern Tier region."

Upcoming Opportunities



Free Virtual Employer Workshop

Wednesday, January 10th
10AM to 11AM
Virtual via Microsoft Teams

[Click here for more info!](#)

Does your small business need an original logo?
You might be eligible for the

LOGO CREATION PROGRAM

This project is for small businesses located in Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming Counties that meet the project criteria and have never had a

professionally-designed, original logo. Businesses with no logo or those that have non-original, template, or DIY logos will be considered.

Are you eligible?

Eligible small businesses must:

be in existence for at least one year, have less than 100 employees, and meet additional criteria.

Visit this link:

to review the form, which includes all eligibility criteria and describes the program in detail. [Submit here](#) if you are interested in learning more!

HURRY! Your form must be received in order for you to get on the list.

For more information about the Logo Creation Program, contact Cynthia Traore at traore@northerntier.org

Funding Opportunity: COVID-19 ARPA PA Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program (DCED)

**Applications will be accepted beginning
January 11, 2024 – April 9, 2024.**

The Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program (Facilities) is funded pursuant to the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (Capital Projects Fund) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Facilities Program will offer \$45 million in competitive grants to community anchor institutions and units of local government for community projects to construct, acquire, or improve facilities that are, or will be open to the public and will directly enable work, education, and health monitoring at the respective facility. [Click here for full program guidelines.](#)

Business Financing

5K Stone



5K Stone and Perez Equipment will be a stone cutting facility in Northeastern PA taking over the existing operations of B&D Stone. The overall business model will remain the same as the existing shop, just under the new guidance of Mr. Perez. 5K Stone will focus on the lucrative cutting of Bluestone products which will include treads, stand-up, colonial, as well as custom orders from builders and landscapers.

DGR Excavating LLC

DGR Excavating LLC, owned by Syme and Christina Hughson, started in 2018 serving

local residents on property improvements, ponds driveways and drainage. The business then quickly moved into servicing municipalities. These jobs include reconstructing existing roads, streambank stabilization, new office buildings, new salt shed, new culverts and resurfacing roadways.



Stacey Urban, Loan Program Manager

If you are interested in business financing for your new or existing business, please contact Loan Program Manager, Stacey Urban at 570-265-1510 or urban@northerntier.org.

NTRPDC and partners receive \$4.5 million in ARC ARISE funding to empower youth and foster career opportunities in Pennsylvania and New York

The Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC) and partners across New York's Southern Tier have been awarded a \$4.5 million ARISE grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for an innovative initiative to empower youth, enhance the workforce ecosystem, and foster career opportunities across the region.



Funding was made via ARC's Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE), which aims to drive large-scale, regional economic transformation through multi-state collaborative projects across Appalachia.

Under the banner of the Twin Tiers ARISE Program (TTAP), the six partnering organizations are set to focus on eight counties within the Appalachian region including Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga and Wyoming in Pennsylvania and Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben in New York.

Bringing career coaches into schools helps bridge the gap between youth, educational providers, parents and regional employers. The coaches work with guidance offices to bring businesses into the schools, to take students out to businesses, and present work opportunities including apprenticeship, job shadowing and paid work experiences.

NY State TTAP partners include Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board, Corning Community College, Career Development Council, GST BOCES; Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben Workforce NY.

Using funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, ARC launched ARISE in August of 2022 to strengthen Appalachian business and industry, and to grow and support the development of new economic opportunities across multiple states. A total of \$227 million has been made available through ARISE to date.

2023 Grant Application Highlights

In 2023, the team at Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission played a crucial role in assisting over two dozen grant applications, with numerous projects currently awaiting funding outcomes. Noteworthy successes include projects funded by key organizations such as the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), PENNVEST, Department of Justice (DOJ), PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), and the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS).

Highlighted achievements from the assisted grant applications in 2023:

- **ARC Area Development**
 - Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative's Northern Pennsylvania Smart Metering Upgrade Project - \$448,415
 - North Penn Comprehensive Health Services' Towanda Terrace – Laurel Health Build-out Equipment Purchase - \$100,000
 - Tioga County Board of Commissioners' Welcome Center Site Preparation and Trailhead Construction- Pine Creek Rail Trail Extension-Phase II - \$750,000
- **PENNVEST**
 - Wyalusing Municipal Authority's Headworks Project – loan of \$462,820.00
- **DOJ COPS Hiring Program**
 - Tunkhannock Borough Police Department - \$150,000
- **DCED Neighborhood Assistance Program**
 - Susquehanna County Interfaith's Pathways: The Final Destination - \$20,250
- **PRPS RecTAP**
 - Cherry Township's Mildred Playground - \$2,500.00
- **CFA DCED COVID-19 ARPA PA Small Water & Sewer**
 - Silver Lake Township Municipal Authority - Quarter Lake Tank Modification, Control Panel, and Pump Upgrade - \$417,516

For more information regarding funding opportunities and grant assistance, please contact Katie Smith at smith@northerntier.org or Kim Jennings at jennings@northerntier.org

NTRPDC Attends Registered Apprenticeship Training

On Wednesday November 15, 2023, workforce development staff from PA CareerLink®, Bradford County Action, Trehab Community Action Agency and Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission convened at the Bradford County Public Safety



Center to participate in Registered Apprenticeship training.

The trainer, TJ Warholic, the PA Apprenticeship and Training Office's Apprenticeship and Training Representative (ATR) for the Northern Tier Workforce Development Area discussed many important facets of Registered Apprenticeship with the

group. This professional development day was attended by approximately 30 workforce development staff representing the Northern Tier region.

National Apprenticeship Week (November 13-19), celebrates the importance of apprenticeships in providing valuable hands-on experience, training, and pathways to successful careers across various industries, fostering a skilled workforce and economic growth. Learn more about Pennsylvania registered apprenticeship [here](#).

BST Employer Newsletters



The Northern Tier Business Services Team distributes a monthly employer newsletter with county specific information. Click on the link for your county below to read information on local PA CareerLink® events, DEIA, and other employer specific topics.

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The Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC) is the Local Development District (LDD) serving the Pennsylvania counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga and Wyoming. We provide business financing, international trade counseling, government contract assistance, grant writing, transportation planning and workforce development services.

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