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# A TASTE OF THE REGION

CELEBRATING LOCAL FLAVOR AND CRAFTSMANSHIP  
FROM ACROSS THE NORTHERN TIER

Come explore the incredible flavors and creations from Pennsylvania's Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming Counties, featuring local vendors, artisans, and producers. From handmade goods to delicious eats, discover what our region has to offer.



GATE 3, ALPARON PARK, TROY, PA



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025



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**Northern Tier Regional Planning and  
Development Commission Honored with  
2025 Impact Award from the National  
Association of Development Organizations**



***July 28, 2025 – Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC) based in Towanda, PA has recently been recognized with a 2025 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for the Northern Tier Business Education Partnership (NTBEP).***

The Northern Tier Business Education Partnership (NTBEP) was initiated by Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC) and the Northern Tier Workforce Development Board (NTWDB) to act as a conduit between schools and local businesses along with providing career education and exploration activities to students. The program provides career coaches to work in local schools with young people to promote awareness of occupations that are regionally available to them. In addition, coaches connect school districts to employers to assist in implementing activities to help students realize these local workplace opportunities. Employers are able to discuss skills gaps with educators and administrators through these connections.

Presented annually, the [NADO Impact Awards](#) honor regional development organizations and their partners for strengthening communities, building regional resilience, and enhancing local economies through innovative approaches to economic and community development. NADO is a Washington, DC-based membership association of regional development organizations that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities, and economies.

This year's cohort included 90 impactful projects led by 79 organizations across 24 states. These award-winning efforts will be recognized during [NADO's 2025 Annual Training Conference](#), held this coming October in Salt Lake City, Utah. All selected projects are featured in an interactive StoryMap that showcases summaries, images, and key partners. The map is available at [www.nado.org/2025impactawards/](http://www.nado.org/2025impactawards/).

"The Impact Awards are an annual reminder of the creativity and commitment that regional development organizations bring to their communities," said 2024-2025 NADO President Rick Hunsaker, Executive Director of the Region XII Council of Governments in Iowa. "This year's awardees show how local and regional partnerships, driven by vision and collaboration, can lead to lasting positive change across our country."

"We're so proud of our BEP program earning this NADO recognition. Our

dedicated staff and career coaches deserve a spotlight on their work. Exposing young people to their future opportunities and connecting them with local businesses is one of the many great efforts of our workforce development program. The future success of our local economy is dependent upon its future workforce,” said Executive Director, Frank Thompson.

The Impact Awards are presented in memory of Aliceann Wohlbruck, NADO’s first executive director, who was a lifelong advocate for regional solutions and rural economic development.

For more information, contact Jody McCarty, Workforce Program Administrator at [mccarty@northerntier.org](mailto:mccarty@northerntier.org).

### **About NADO**

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) promotes public policies that strengthen local governments, communities, and economies through the regional strategies, coordination efforts, and program expertise of the nation’s regional development organizations. Learn more about NADO at [www.nado.org](http://www.nado.org).

## **Cynthia Traore Completes Appalachian Leadership Institute**



The Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC) is proud to announce that Business Development Administrator, Cynthia Traore, has successfully graduated from the Appalachian Leadership Institute (ALI), a leadership development program sponsored by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

ALI is a highly competitive program that equips leaders from across the 13 Appalachian states with the tools and strategies needed to strengthen economic development in their communities. Over the course of nine months, fellows participate in intensive sessions focused on leadership, regional collaboration, and innovative problem-solving.

Representing Pennsylvania, Cynthia was one of only 38 fellows to complete the class. During the program, she worked alongside a diverse group of professionals including elected officials, educators, economic developers, and nonprofit leaders, all united by a shared commitment to advancing Appalachia.

"We're thrilled for Cynthia with her graduation from ALI. Acceptance into the program is very competitive, but the personal growth and new connections make the effort worth it. We're all proud of her accomplishments and deserved recognition," said NTRPDC Executive Director, Frank Thompson.

The knowledge and connections gained through the ALI program will directly support NTRPDC's mission to promote sustainable development, business growth, and community vitality in Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming counties.

Join us in congratulating Cynthia on a job well done!

## Action Requested: Local Coordinated Plan Survey

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SURVEY!

Attention Public Transit Riders in:  
**Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna,  
Tioga, & Wyoming Counties**, we want  
to hear from you! Help improve mobility  
in your region by sharing your opinion



This survey is being conducted as part of the Federally  
required Local Coordinated Transit Plan

Please visit:

**<https://forms.office.com/r/dKngz60rnK>**

**to take the survey by Sep 8, 2025**

Paper copies available upon request

Call 717-514-0205

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR PARTICIPATION!**



## Ag Roundtable Recap: Strengthening Agriculture Through Partnership

The recent Ag Roundtable hosted by NTRPDC brought together partners from across the region to discuss collaborative opportunities in the agricultural sector. The meeting highlighted several promising initiatives aimed at increasing awareness, support, and visibility for agriculture in the Northern Tier.

One key outcome was a shared interest in supporting and promoting ag-related events such as career fairs, field trips, festivals, and educational campaigns. NTRPDC is currently compiling a regional calendar to showcase these efforts and will be collecting event details as they are announced.

To provide more consistent support to ag businesses, a regional resource list is being developed. This tool will help ensure that partner organizations have access to clear, coordinated information when engaging with the agricultural community. Organizations are encouraged to share a summary of their ag-related priorities and services to support this effort.

In addition, NTRPDC is creating an agri-tourism map and dashboard to highlight businesses that are open to the public. Farms, markets, and other venues that would benefit from increased visibility will be included. Basic contact information, web or social media links, and operating schedules will help populate the platform.

**To guide next steps, we are conducting a stakeholder survey. Responses will help shape future programming and partnerships within the region's agricultural landscape:**

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/Wd5vJv4i9B>

NTRPDC is grateful for the continued collaboration and looks forward to building on the momentum generated through this roundtable.

## Business Financing

### The Marigold on Main, LLC

Marigold on Main is a new Spa and Wellness Center coming to 489 South Main St, Montrose, PA. They will offer a variety of services including an Ionic Foot Detox, tanning beds, and massage chairs. Welcome, we wish you much success!



### 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](mailto:urban@northerntier.org).

## Students Participate in NTRPDC's Manufacturing & Trades Career Camp

Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission hosted a 3-day career camp for students in grades 6-9 from Bradford and Sullivan counties at the end of June. The Manufacturing and Trades Career Camp focused on increasing students' awareness of careers



related to manufacturing, construction trades, and transportation, and educating them about opportunities available in their home communities with life-sustaining wages and projected openings for the future (i.e. High Priority Occupations). It was the goal of this program to reach students before they enter high school and finalize their post-graduation plans, with the hopes

of peaking student interest in manufacturing and trades occupations within the Northern Tier Region. In doing so, we build tomorrow's workforce, and our future communities and regional economy.

To view the newsletter highlighting all the events from the career camp, [click here!](#)

## BST Employer Newsletter



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

August 2025 Employer Newsletter

### Empowering People. Developing Businesses. Strengthening Communities.

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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