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Northern Tier Region Awarded over \$4 million in TASA Grant Funds

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) recently announced investments of more than \$74 million in 72 projects in 38 counties to improve community resources and public accessibility around the Commonwealth. The projects are funded as part of the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Surface Block Grant Program. The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside funding program focuses on projects to construct pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improve access to public transportation, create safe routes to schools, create trail projects that serve a transportation purpose, or enhance safety for vulnerable travelers.

This year, three projects within the Northern Tier were awarded over \$4 million to improve local pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure. In Susquehanna County, Lanesboro Borough was awarded \$1.5 million to construct concrete curbs and sidewalks along the east side of Route 171 from the Susquehanna Community School District's High School entrance northward approximately 1,100-feet to the intersection of State Route 1009. Also, in Susquehanna County, the Rail-Trail Council of NEPA was awarded \$1.48 million for a 4-mile D&H rail-trail project traversing Ararat and Thompson Townships and Thompson Borough to connect to projects underway in Thompson Borough. In Tioga County, Westfield Borough was awarded just over \$1 million to construct new sidewalks along the southern side of Main Street from Riverside Park to the eastern Borough border. The project, which includes new sidewalks, curbing, ramps, and crosswalk access, will replace the currently dilapidated sidewalks.

Oil and Gas Industry Tour



On May 12th, 2026 students from Northern and Southern Tioga School Districts, along with their chaperones, participated in a drilling site tour hosted by Repsol. Lynse West, Community Relations Supervisor at Repsol, coordinated the event. This opportunity was designed to help students

explore careers in oil and gas and connect classroom learning to real-world opportunities.

Approximately 9 students toured the site, which featured involvement from Repsol employees in numerous occupations. Students had the opportunity to hear from a number of professionals from different career paths to learn about specific jobs in the industry. Having first-hand conversations allowed students to gain insight into the education and skills necessary to attain employment and thrive in the oil and gas industry.

Amanda Capone, Career Pathways Coordinator at Southern Tioga SD, said, "Our students got a lot out of this and were still talking about it when they got back to school." Along with students, Repsol also hosted legislators at the event and Lynse West conveyed that she hoped the tour provided helpful insight into activities, safety practices, environmental consciousness, and commitment to responsible development in the region.

Special thanks to Repsol for allowing our students to participate in the tour and to everyone who participated for sharing valuable career insight with students. Partnerships like this help students better understand workforce opportunities available within the region and make informed decisions about their futures.



LAUNCH! Your Success Newsletter



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