

BOROUGH OF LEWISTOWN

2023

ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING



GROUND RULES

- Silence phones
- Questions anytime
- Listen while others speak
- Bathrooms
- Water
- Individual complaints

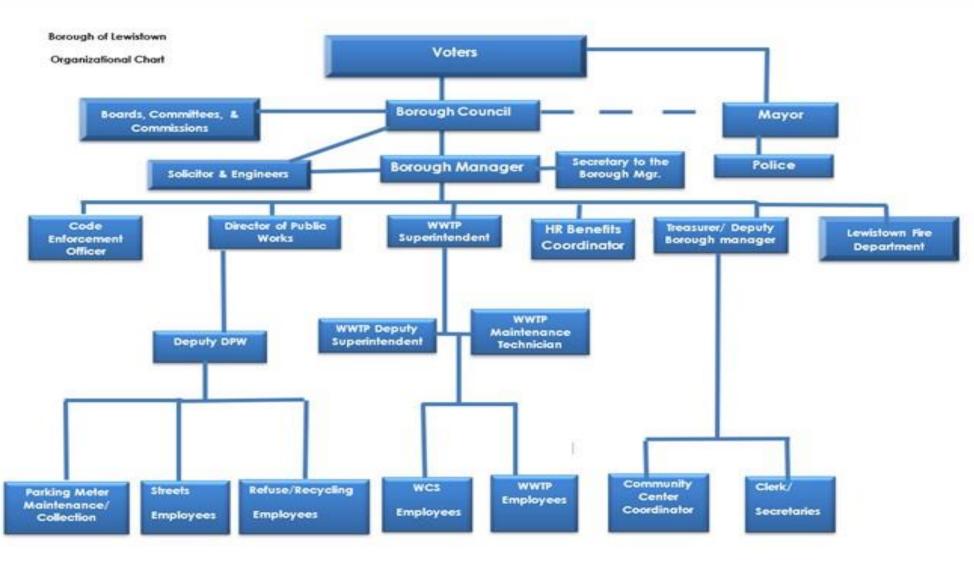
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<u>AGENDA</u>

- Council / Mayor / Committees
- Police Department
- Directorate of Public Works
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Codes Enforcement
- Fire Department
- FAME EMS
- County / MCMA
- Downtown Lewistown Growth
- Borough Website
- Questions







Council / Mayor / Committees

- > 4 seats opening in 2024
- > 3 seats remain in place
 - ✓ Bobby Hammond ②
 - ✓ Bill Wilson ②
 - ✓ Jim Steele ©
- ➤ Mayor still in office ©



Council / Mayor / Committees

- Committees
 - ✓ Finance
 - ✓ Streets
 - ✓ Law and Ordinance
 - ✓ Personnel
 - ✓ Fire
 - ✓ Recreation Board
 - ✓ Parking Authority
 - ✓ Planning Commission

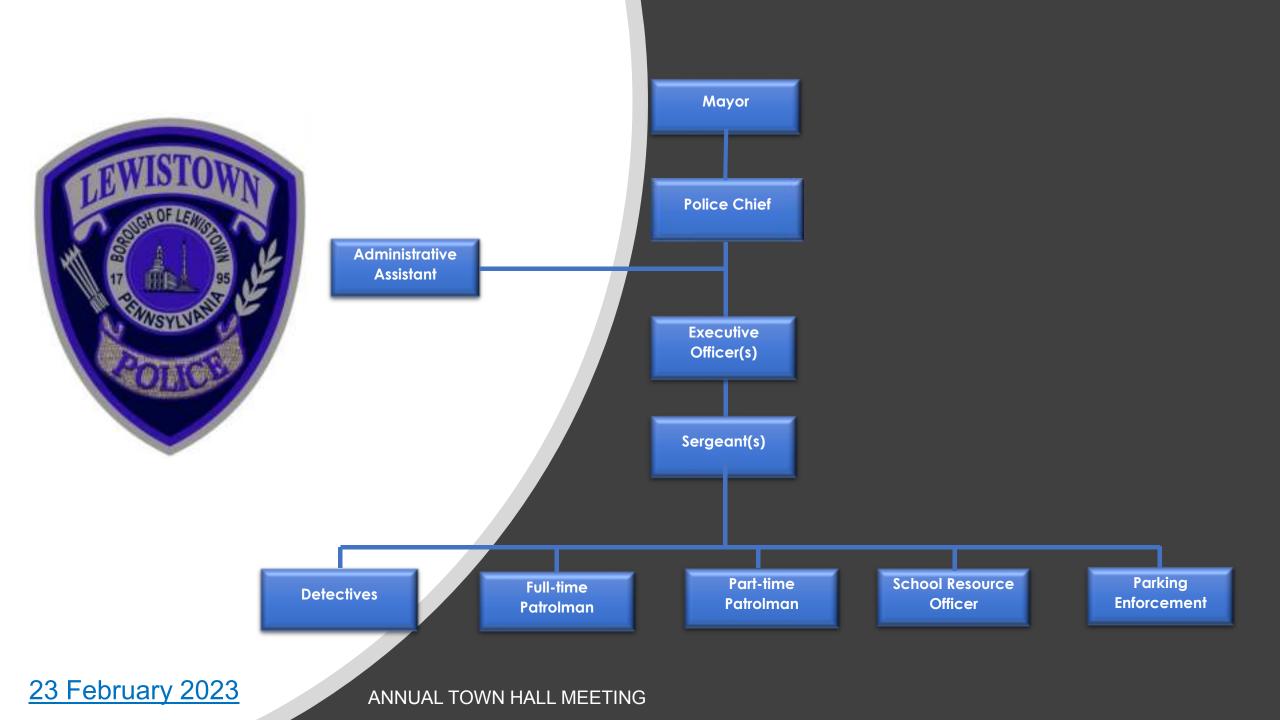


LEWISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES- 2023	
FINANCE: 4TH THURSDAY 5:00 PM	STREETS: 2ND THURSDAY 5:00 PM
Robert Hammond, Chair	Aaron Wilson, Chair
Jim Steele	Venus Shade
Nelson Rieffannacht	Bill Wilson
PERSONNEL: (DIRECTLY AFTER FINANCE IF NEEDED)	LAW AND ORDINANCE: 3RD THURSDAY 5:00 PM
Robert Hammond, Chair	Venus Shade, Chair
Jim Steele	Aaron Wilson
Aaron Wilson	Larry Searer
REPRESENTATIVES TO BOROUGH BOARDS, JOINT COMMITTEES, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL BOARDS:	
ADA COUNCIL	MIFFLIN COUNTY COG
APPOINTEE	Mayor Bargo
FIRE AD HOC COMMITTEE 1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 6:00 PM	RECREATION BOARD: 1ST TUESDAY 6:00 PM
Aaron Wilson, Chair	Aaron Wilson
Venus Shade	Venus Shade
Jim Steele	
FAME EMS BOARD	MC BROWNFIELD COMMITTEE
Mayor Bargo	Mayor Bargo
DOWNTOWN LEWISTOWN, INC	DR. PARCEL'S POOR FUND
Mayor Bargo	Mayor Bargo
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EG CHANNEL (PER QTR) 3RD THURSDAY 4:00 PM Venus Shade	PLANNING COMMISSION: 1ST WEDNESDAY 4:00 PM William Clokey
	Virki Sweitzer
Larry Searer Aaron Wilson	William Parson
Aaron Wilson	Bryan Van Scyoc
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: MEETINGS ARE AS NEEDED AND ADVERTISED	Michael Halloran
Mark Remy, Solicitor	Michael nationali
Jim Steele	
Scott Gutshall	
Lisa Knudson	
Michael Spahr	
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Police Department

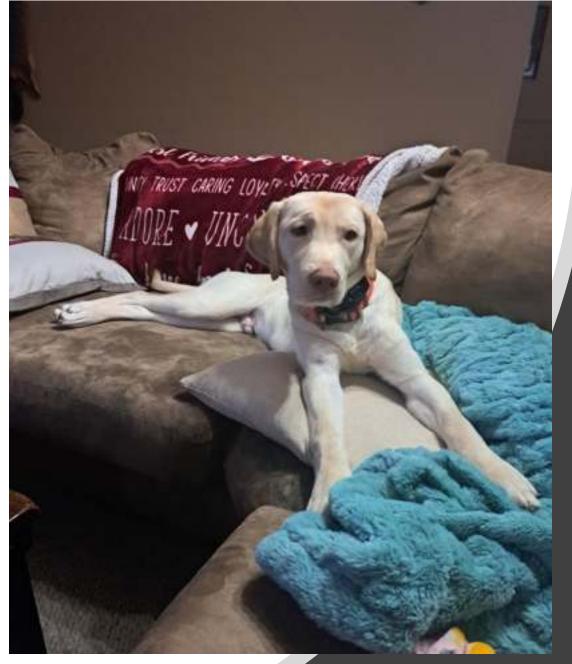
- 2022 Annual Report
- Projects / Grants
- Police Station Options
- Personnel
 - ✓ Testing
 - ✓ Incentive Program
- Organization Chart
- Ring Neighbors App





2022 Police Department Statistics

- Calls For Service: 6,554 15% over 2021
- 111 Criminal Arrests
 - ✓ 2 Homicide Arrests
 - ✓ 31 Drug Related Arrests
 - √ 37 DUI Arrests
 - ✓ 23 Assault Related Arrests
 - √ 18 Theft/Burglary Arrests
- 422 Traffic Citations Issued
- 187 Non-traffic Citations Issued
- 4,744 Parking Tickets Issued (\$43,305 Revenue)
- 198 Traffic Crashes Investigated



2022 Police Projects / Grants

- Will receive \$306,882 in funding for new technology equipment
- New per capita rugged laptops and related in-car equipment
- License plate readers
- New updated Records Management System
- Funding to continue the Mental Health Co-Responder Program
- Assist with the new Therapy Dog program



2022 Police Projects / Grants

Marijuana Enforcement Act Grant:

- Receiving \$46,221 in funding for DUI Enforcement Training
- Annual Update training for current Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) (2023-2024)
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training for nine officers
- Training of a new department DRE
- Will cover all training, travel, and overtime expenses



2022 Police Projects / Grants

Other:

- Hired two additional full-time officers
- Received over 400 mental health referrals
- Officers completed almost 800 additional training hours
- Conducted National Night Out
- Trunk or Treat
- Fill-a-Cruiser event
- > And more...



2022 Police Department Staff

Staffing:

- √ 10 full-time patrol officers
- ✓ 1 Detective (Criminal Investigations)
- ✓ 1 Detective Sergeant (Criminal Investigations Supervisor)
- √ 1 Full-time Department Narcotics Investigator
- √ 1 School Resource Officer
- √ 1 Executive Officer
- √ 1 Chief of Police
- √ 1 Administrative Assistant



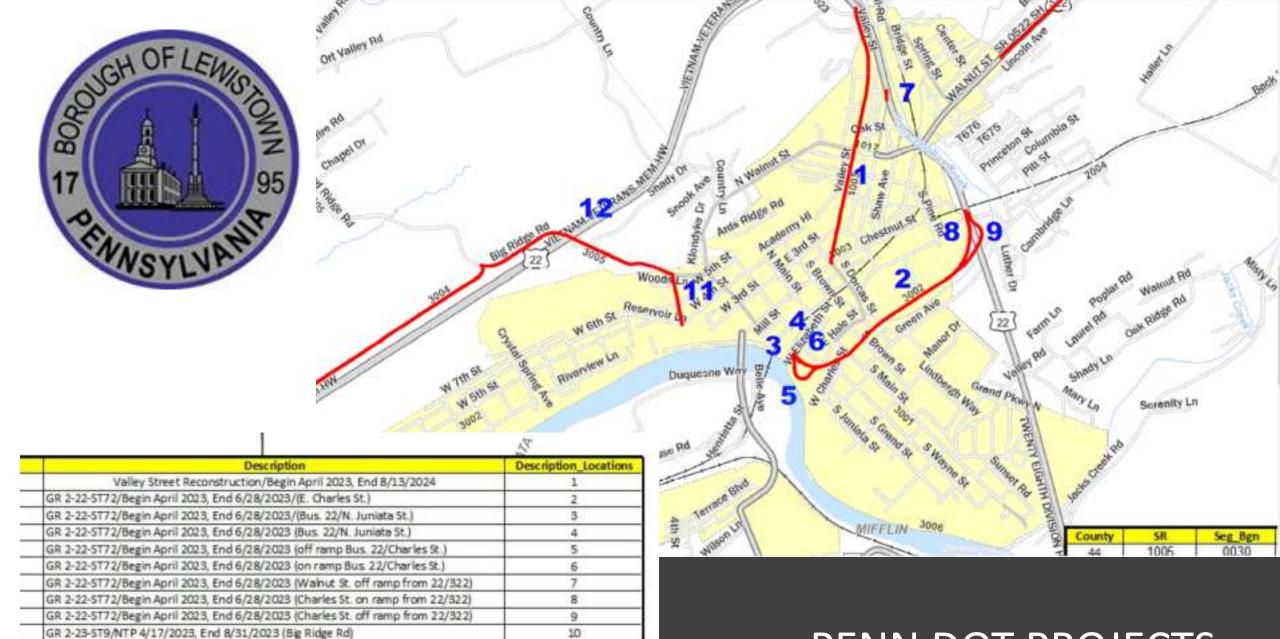
Directorate of Public Works

- DCNR Pool Study / Rec Park Community Pool
- Parking Meters (800+)
- PennDOT Projects
 - ✓ Valley Street (\$5.3M / April '23-August '24)
 - ✓ East Charles Street (\$1.1M / April-June '23)
 - ✓ Bratton Ave / Ridge Road (\$2.5-5M / April-August '23)
 - ✓ SR 522 Betterment (CY 2024)
 - River Bridge (March 2023)









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GR 2-23-ST9/NTP 4/17/2023, End 8/31/2023 (Bratton Ave)

GR 2-23-ST9/NTP 4/17/2023, End 8/31/2023 (Big Ridge Rd)

SR 522 Betterment/Estimated begin 12/19/2023, End 11/1/2024

DF Box Culvert/NTP 1/30/2023, End 9/22/23 (Long Lane)

PENN DOT PROJECTS







Directorate of Public Works

- Borough Projects
 - ✓ Southside Paving / ADA Ramps (\$330K)
 - ✓ Catherine-Walnut Park (\$100K)
 - ✓ Alley Paving
 - ✓ Storm Water Drain Sliplining (\$150K)



SOUTH SIDE PAVING



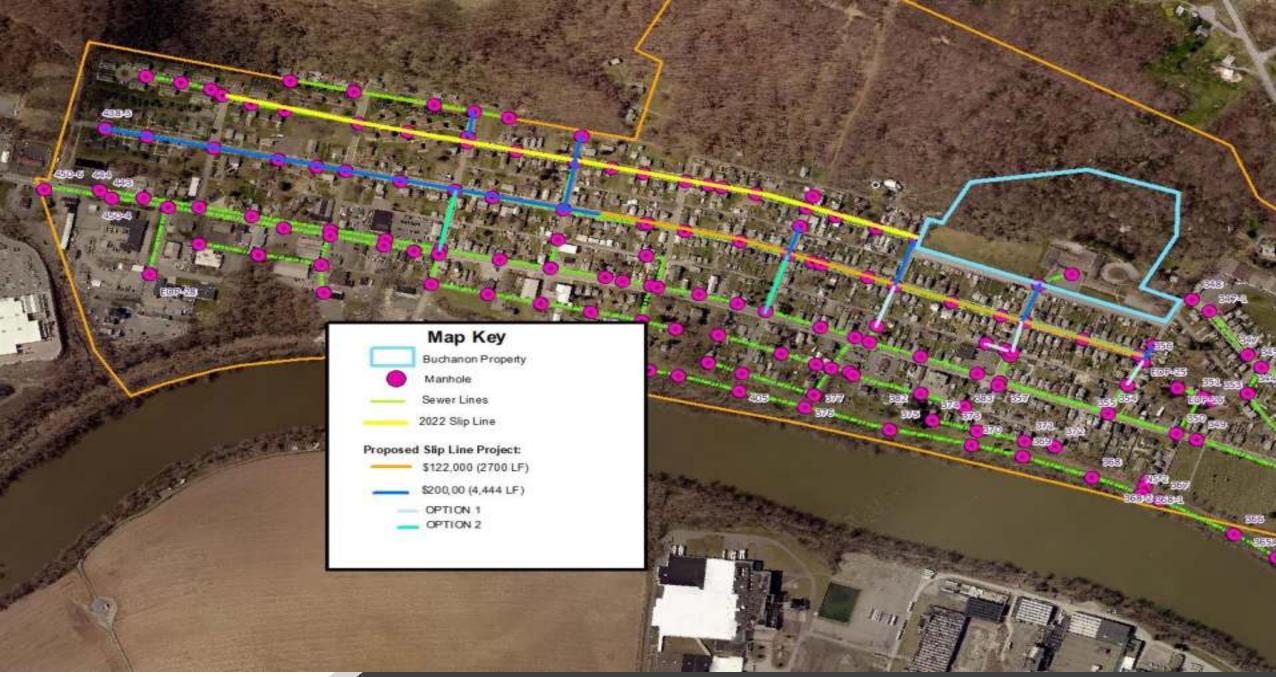






Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Borough Projects
 - ✓ Sliplining 5th Street and laterals (\$330K)
 - ✓ Digester State ARPA Grant (\$2M project)
 - \$1M+ is Federal ARPA
 - \$650K+ is Borough
 - ✓ Infiltration and Inflow
 - ✓ DEP Moratorium











BOROUGH OF LEWISTOWN

Code Enforcement



What does the Codes office do?

- Issue Permits
- Code Enforcement
- Zoning Issues
- Floodplain Administration
- Public Safety



Code Enforcement

- Projects
 - ✓ Demolitions
 - 22 Ridge Road (\$66,867)
 - Bingaman Property (\$207,000)
 - ✓ Property StandardsCommittee (173 vacant)
 - ✓ Condemnations (37)



Violations Process

- Document Violation
 - courtesy notice
 - contact owner by phone
 - Send certified violation notice
 - Issue citation
 - Attend scheduled court hearing
 - Issue citations weekly until violation is corrected



Condemnations

Current total: 37

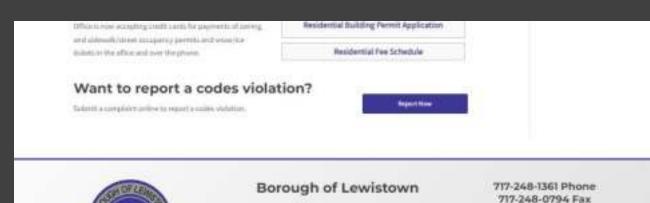
2 types of condemnation:

- Unsafe Property
 - Requires structural engineer
 - Demolition
 - Unsanitary conditions
- Unfit for occupancy
 - No water
 - No power
 - No heat
 - Unsanitary conditions



Complaints

We do not see everything; if you know of a property that you think is in violation, please submit the information on our website.





2 East Third Street Lewistown, PA 17044

Office Huma Handay Triday, 8:35 a.m. to 4:35 p.m. Send us a message 727-249-222, upo e Savugo Manage 727-349-1345, upo e Savugo Office TET-349-1345, upo E Propor LOSice TSY-348-1323, upo E Repor LOSice TSY-348-1323, upo E Savugo Office

THE RESERVE



Property Standards Committee

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Blight

Definition- abandoned and deteriorating homes and buildings as well as vacant lots filled with trash, high weeds, etc.







12 years of Decay

22 Ridge Road

June 2012



September 2010





March 2015



22 Ridge Road

November 2015





22 Ridge Road



March 2022







Cost to Borough Taxpayers

☐ Violations Cost: ~\$10 per

violation notice sent

☐ Property Cost: \$1 + filing fee

☐ Demo Cost: \$66,867.00

■ Manhours: \$ +

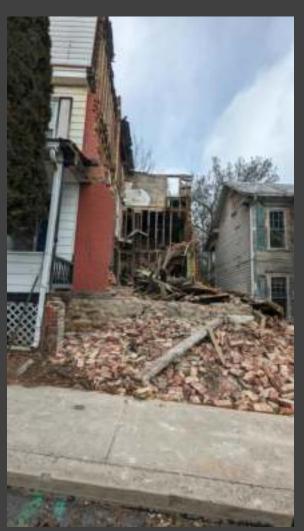
☐ Attorney Fees: \$ +

22 Ridge Road

Demolition









Valley Street Demolition

Costs: Demo: \$207,000

- + Manpower hours
- + Attorney fees
- + Violation Notice costs







Negative Effects of Vacant Properties

- Unsightly & unattractive.
- In some cases, unstable & unsafe.
- Decrease surrounding property values.
- Reduce local tax revenue. That reduces funding for public services and functions like code enforcement, fire companies, police
- Empty buildings can bring an increase of crime including:
 - Trespassing, that can lead to squatters
 - Vandalism ranging from graffiti to broken windows
 - o Theft
 - o **Arson**
 - Risk to first responders



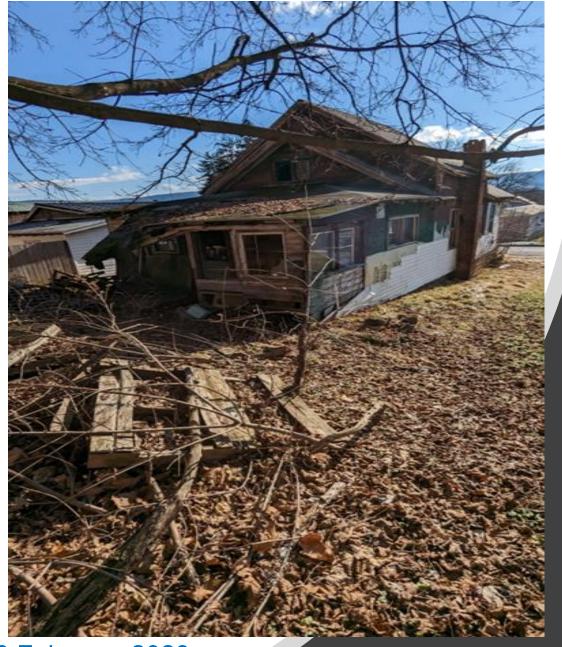




Example



Vacant since 2017
Attraction for neighborhood to dump trash
"Cat house"



What can be done?

- Vacant Property Registration
- Ensures the Borough has current contact info for owners
- Ensures owners are aware of their obligations under Borough Codes and Regulations.
- ☐ What buildings must be registered?
 - Vacant buildings & vacant lots
- □ What can be exempt? ~Registration required; fees waived:
 - Under renovation (with active permits issued)
 - Actively listed for sale/lease
 - Scheduled for demolition (with permits issued)
- ☐ What registration means?
 - Providing current contact info
 - Maintaining property standards







After

What can happen....

Before



After







- 2022 Annual Report
- Brooklyn-United Merger
- > 2023 Fire Convention
- Challenges
 - ✓ Required Equipment
 - ✓ Fire Station Upgrades
 - ✓ Membership



Lewistown Fire Department

- ➤ 2022 Annual Report
- Total of 318 calls
 - 16% Medical Assist
 - 15% Motor Vehicle Accident with Injury
 - o 11% Accidental Alarm
 - 10% Building Fire
 - 9% Natural / Liquid PropaneGas Leak
 - o 39% Miscellaneous





Lewistown Fire Department

- City Hook & Ladder
 - Fire engine / Rescue Truck
 - Jaws of Life
 - Other specialty tools
 - Rescue Boat
- Brooklyn-United
 - Aerial (Ladder) Truck
 - 3 x Engines
 - Rescue Boat
- Average of 75-85 responders





- United Fire and Rescue 2022
 Annual Report
 - Total of 220 calls
 - o 27 Fire
 - 49 Rescue and EMS
 - 27 Hazardous Condition
 - o 37 Service
 - o 8 Good Intent
 - 72 False Alarm and False Call
 - Averaged 22 minutes per call
 - Averaged 5 fire fighters per call





- Brooklyn-United Merger
- Brooklyn Fire Side has been merged into United Fire and Rescue
- Brooklyn Social Club is now its own Entity
 Outside of the Fire Department
- 1st Organizational Meeting was held 2/13/2023
- Officers, By-laws, and Standing Operations
 Guidelines were accepted and put into place for
 the new company
- New company name will be Heritage Volunteer
 Fire Company Number 1





- Brooklyn-United Merger
- Fictious Name of Heritage Fire & Rescue
- Company is working on finalizing all the Legal Name
 Changes which takes approximately 30 days
- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in March
- A Press Release will happen in the next 30 days
- Conversations are taking place about United's Building based on Deed research (move in date under one station is pending the name change)
- A rebranding committee will be established to finalize patches and a logo for the new company





Challenges

- Required equipment is outdated, failing, or out of service
- Working on a grant for an E-1 Quint apparatus ladder truck to replace the current ladder truck
 - Estimated cost is \$1.8M
 - Funded by a possible \$1M grant and internal fire department and Borough funding
 - Will help with the Borough's ISO insurance rating which results in lower insurance costs for citizens
- Fire station requires repairs to the windows, roof, and HVAC system
- Membership is declining



23 February 2023

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- > 2022 Report
- Staffing
- > Fleet
- Budget
- Projects



15,073 total responses in 2022

• 2,887 (20%) of those were in Lewistown Borough



Staffing:

- 21 Paramedics
- 30 EMTs
- 17 wheelchair vans
- Office Manager
- Secretary
- Mechanic



Fleet:

- 9 ambulances
- 1 rehab unit
- 6 wheelchair vans
- 4 ancillary vehicles



- FAME EMS operated on a \$4,324,000 Budget in 2022
- 2 years ago we replaced all the litters in the fleet with Ferno Power X1 cots at a cost of \$280,00.00



• We ordered 2 new ambulances during COVID they are expected to be delivered this spring at a cost \$340,000 (each?)

 Prices keep going up due to supply issues

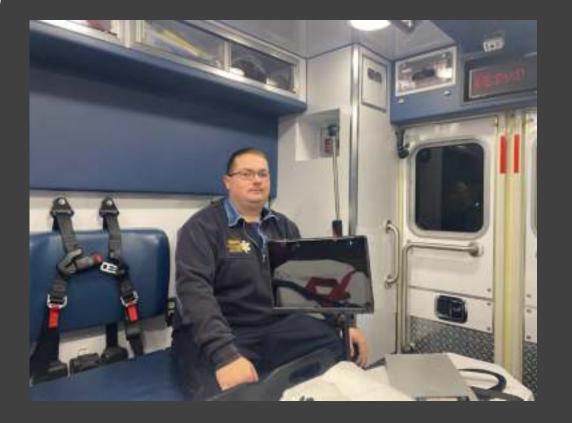


 We are using our raffle proceeds to help pay off the litters

 Member ship drive: less than 20% return



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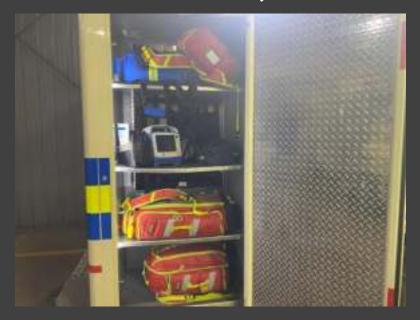




 Partnered with Geisinger for the program. It puts a Neurologist in the back or the ambulance or in the patient's home



•Gear in this compartment alone is close to \$100,000





• We are continuing to work to find solutions to staffing and funding issues to provide the best care possible to the citizens of Lewistown Borough and all of Mifflin County.



Mifflin County Projects

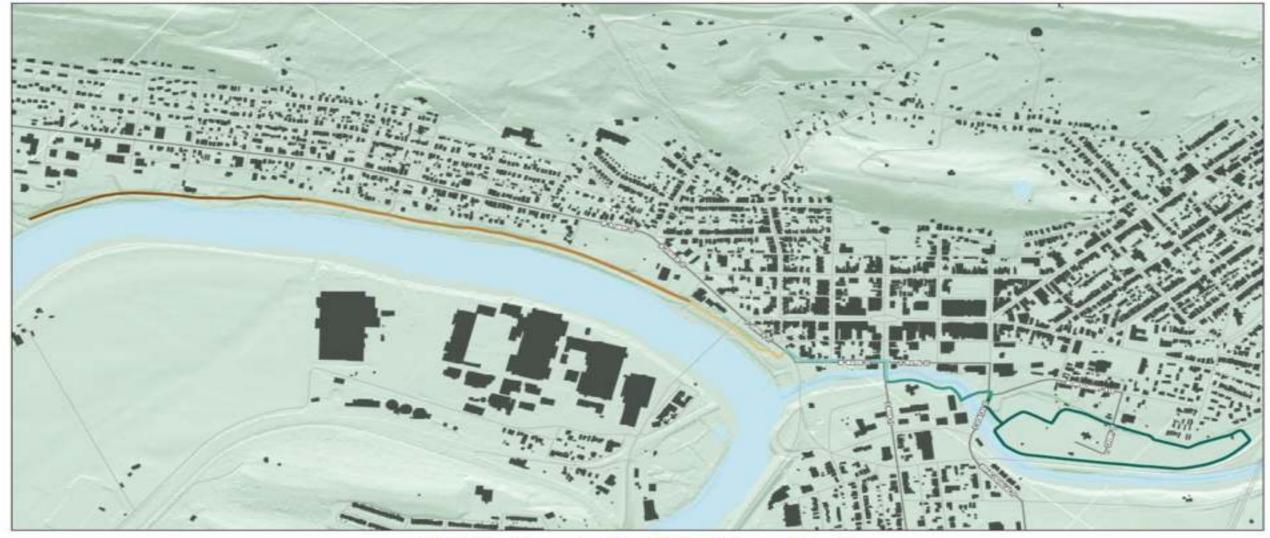
- River and Park Trail Network
 - ✓ Juniata River Trail Phase 1 (Rothermel Trail)
 - \$521,977.85
 - ✓ Juniata River Trail Phase 2
 - \$597,128 (bidding phase)
 - ✓ Future Trail Feasibility Studies and Master Plan
 - Victory Park to Stone Arch Bridge Park
 - \$6,530,000
 - ✓ Victory Park to Kish Park
 - · \$TBD



Mifflin County Projects

- River and Park Trail Network: Future Phases
- The trail segment from Recreation Park to Kish Park contains numerous obstacles and will require further study to define the best route for trail development.
 Detailed cost estimates for this segment have not been completed due to the uncertainty and options available. Generalized costs for trail development areprovided below:
- ✓ 10' wide paved trail development to include clearing, earthwork and compaction, bituminous pavement, drainage, signage, site amenities, road crossings, fine grading and seeding: \$350,000 to \$450,000/mile.
- ✓ Trail engineering and design: \$50,000-\$65,000/mile.
- ✓ For an additional perspective, the first phase of the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail in Union County cost nearly \$3,000,000 to construct nine miles to PennDOT standards in 2011.





Mifflin County Juniata River Trail

Prepared by Mifflin County GIS

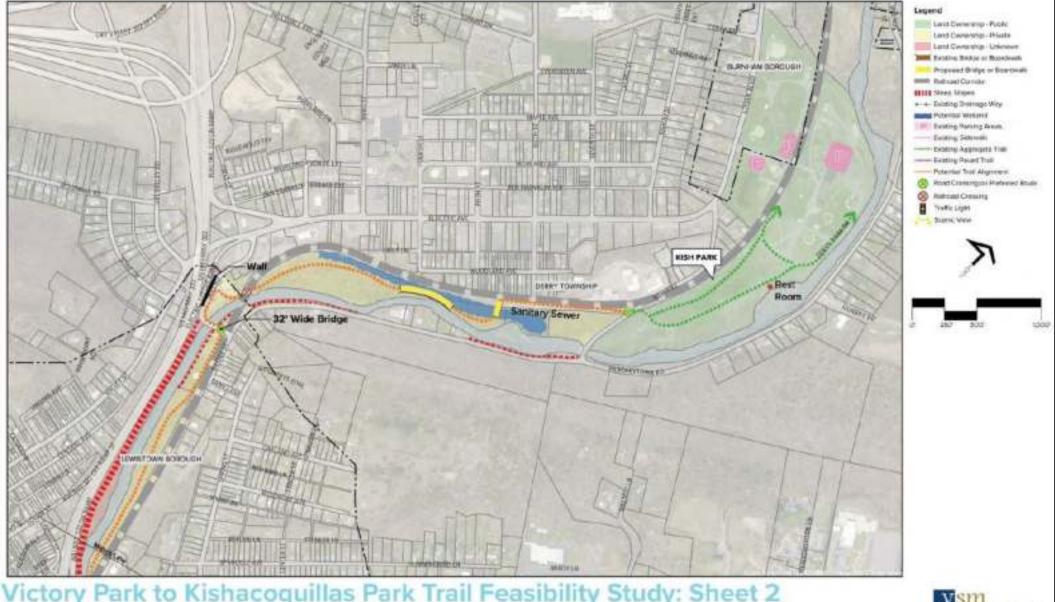
Phase 2 — 0.49 miles
S. H. Rothermel Trail — 0.72 miles

Victory Park — 0.21 miles

Downtown Connector - 0.23 miles

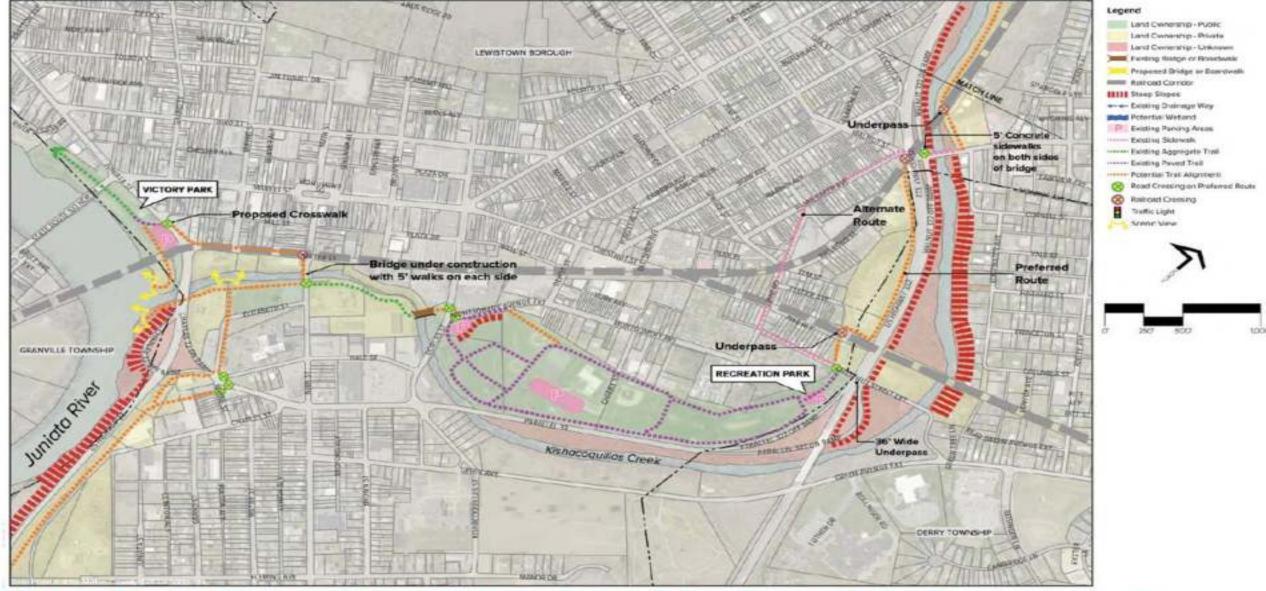
Kish RiverWalk — 0.21 milesRec Park — 1.07 miles





Victory Park to Kishacoquillas Park Trail Feasibility Study: Sheet 2
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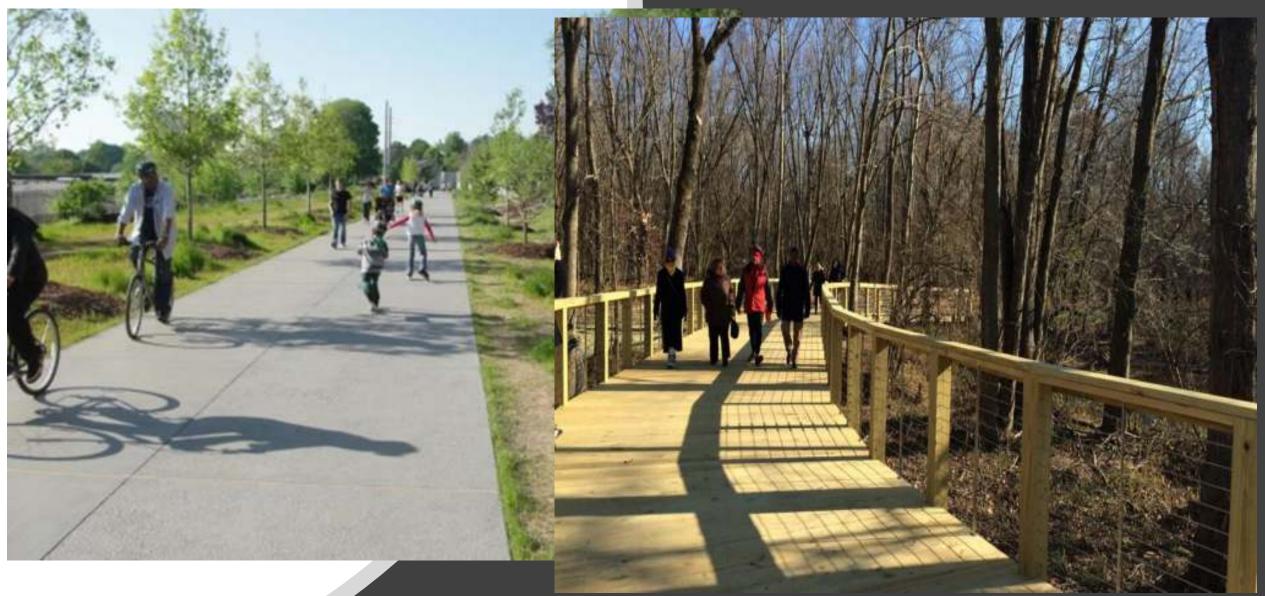




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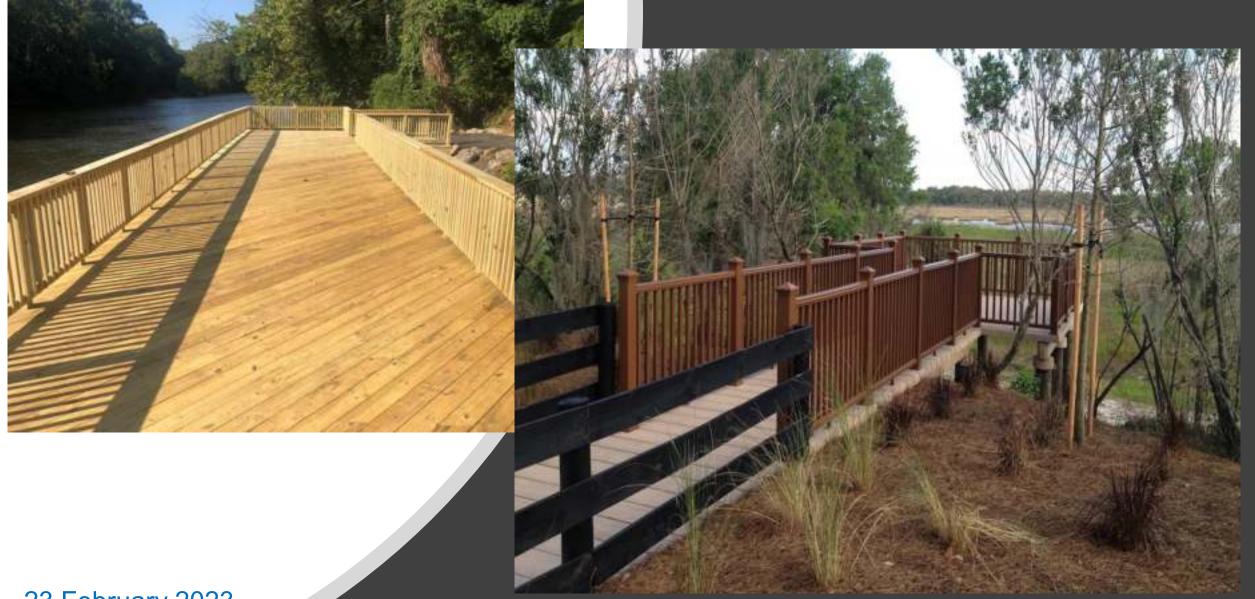
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MCMA Projects

Water System Previous Improvements

- Valley St ('22) \$2.4 million
 - 5,200' of 8" Ductile Iron Pipe
 - -7 new Hydrants
 - 150 new service connections
- 4th St ('21) \$1.4 million
 - -5,000' of 8" Ductile Iron Pipe
 - 5 new Hydrants
 - 130 new service connections



MCMA Projects

Water System Previous Improvements

Other major improvement projects over the years:

- 2 million gallon Walnut St. Tank ('00) \$1.2 million
- 16" West End Transmission Main ('00) \$.8 million
- Fire System Improvement ('01-'02) \$1.5 million
- 1.3 million gallon West End Tank ('18) \$1 million

Total improvement investment in Lewistown Borough - \$8.3 million





Borough / MCMA Projects

Sewer & Refuse Billing Data Share

No Changes to:

- Where you pay sewer & refuse
- Customer support for sewer & refuse questions

New:

- Bill format Postcard to full-page bill
- Go Live Target Q2 / Q3 2023



DLI: INCENTIVES

- Local Economic
 Revitalization Tax
 Assistance (LERTA)
- Passed by Borough Aug 2000
- > Approved by MCSD April 2022
- County Consideration Still Pending



INCENTIVES

LERTA

- Provides Tax Abatement
- Of qualified improvements for
- All Properties in Borough
- Residential & Commercial
- On Sliding Scale
- Borough has Applications



BASICS

Non-Profit Charitable

- > Formed March 1998
- > 24 Member Board of Directors
- Accredited Main Street Org w
- Main Street America



BASICS

- PA Economic Development
 - Partnership with County
 - MCIDC, Derry, Granville Twps.
 - Lewistown, Burnham Boroughs
- > 50+ Business, Individual Contr.
- Delivering Tax Credit \$'s to
- Industries, Commercial Busin.
- Grant Administrator for Municipal
- And Business Programs, Projects and Services



INCENTIVES

Façade Improvement

- 52 Projects/Properties to date
- \$50,000 in new \$ available
- Target core Downtown Bldgs.
- Projects Address Exterior



<u>INCENTIVES</u>

Façade Improvement

- > \$10,264 Total Project
- > \$5,000 Reinvestment Award
- Included Lighting, Painting,
- > Awning Recovering, Signing



 Before Façade Improvement

INCENTIVES





 After Façade Improvement

INCENTIVES





<u>INCENTIVES</u>

Façade Improvement





INCENTIVES

- Façade Improvement
 - \$10,639 Total Project
 - > \$5,000 Reinvestment Award
 - Included Painting, Signing
 - Awning Recovering,
 - Original Shutter Restoration



<u>INCENTIVES</u>

Façade Improvement





• 101 EAST MARKET





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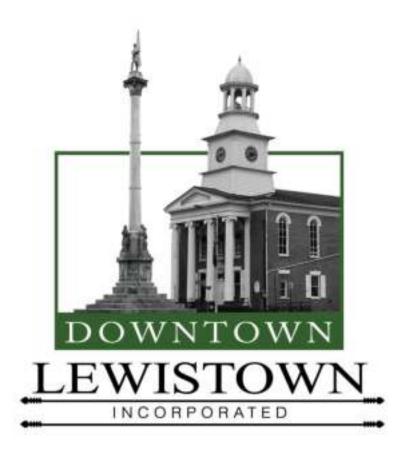
- Façade Improvement
 - \$11,800 Total Project
 - \$5,000 Reinvestment Award
 - Included Overhang Painting
 - New LED Lighting,
 - New Sign



- Starts, Relocation, Expanded
 - East End Coffee Company
 - Hometown Potter's Studio LLC
 - Mill Street Barber Shop
 - Batter & Dough Bakeshop
 - > The Crooked Shelf Bookshop
 - MR Stax
 - Vibe Salon
 - Home Blessed Home Care
 - Metaphysics, A Spirited Space
 - Adelphi Village Counseling Srvc
 - Angels On Call
 - The Square Café & Bakery



- Starts, Relocation, Expanded
 - Families United Network
 - Morgan Chiropractic
 - Reedsville Creamery
 - D&E Toys & Collectibles
 - Landstar Inway
 - Corner Lunchbox
 - Mifflin County Wireless
 - Lewistown Home Health-Hospice
 - Chris's Pedicare
 - In Home Services of Central PA
 - Centroid Corporation
 - Peer Star, LLC



- Starts, Relocation, Expanded
 - Advocacy Alliance
 - Juniata Valley Behavioral
 - The Paisley Bride
 - Rotech Healthcare, Inc.
 - Kathy's Korner
 - Matt Conrad CPA
 - Miss Stephanie's School of Dance
 - Lewistown Printworks
 - Amanda Moeller State Farm Ins
 - Amy B's-Bilger's Barber Shop
 - EXP Realty



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• 145 EAST MARKET





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• 130 EAST MARKET





• 131 SOUTH PLAZA DR





• 124 EAST MARKET





GREEN ART

ADOPT A PLANTER





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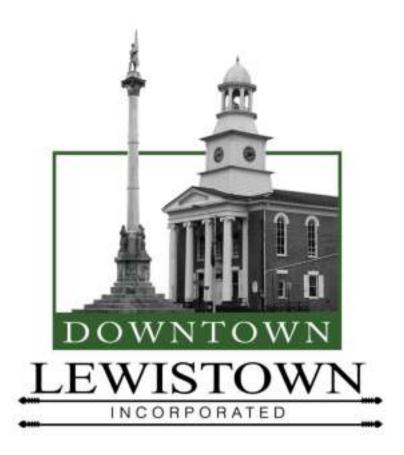




WILD GEESE

Community Partnerships RC&D





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Community Partnerships RC&D

- 28 Landings
- 28 Incubating
- → 4-5 Landings Expected Spring 2023



WILD GEESE

Community Partnerships RC&D





- Coming Soon!
- The Nook
- Moon Dragon
- Essence of Earth
- Direct Dental Care
- Geisinger-Lewistown School of Nursing
- Community Services Group
- And More but not ready for prime time!



120 EAST MARKET





• 15 EAST MARKET





• 16 EAST MARKET





• 6 EAST MARKET





• 25 WEST MARKET





FUTURE

Old Elks-New Owners





FUTURE

• 19 South Brown





FUTURE

Geisinger School of Nursing





Borough Website

- Updated
 - ✓ <u>Meeting schedules</u>
 - ✓ Codes
 - ✓ Ordinances
 - ✓ Pay bills
 - ✓ Ask questions



Questions / Comments

