

Brooke-Hancock Regional Planning and Development Council
West Virginia Economic Development District 11

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A. Introduction

The following Mid-Year Progress Report for the Brooke-Hancock Regional Planning and Development Council (B-H) is submitted for EDA’s Financial Assistance Award/ Amendment 2 in the amount of \$52,000. The grant award number is 01-83-14416 The reporting period covers the six-month July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 timer period.

This EDA Partnership Planning Grant helps B-H carry out their long-term planning efforts and their outreach to the economic development community on EDA’s programs and policies. The demands on EDDs like B-H have increased significantly due to the current economic downturn and the evolving nature of the global economy. The US EDA may be assured B-H values this grant and its ability to leverage jobs and investment.

Working together, we are uniquely positioned to create opportunities in the following manner.

We’re problem solvers and implementers

We’re a cost efficient and effective organization

We’re a publicly accountable organization

We’re uniquely positioned, as a local agency, to integrate and deliver federal programs

B. Performance Measures

Pursuant to Attachment 3. Authorized Performance Measures for this Partnership Planning Assistance Grant agreement, the following performance measures are provided.

The number of economic development initiatives implemented from the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) process that lead to private investment and jobs.

2010: 18 2011: 22 2012: 23 2013: 24

The number of sub-state jurisdiction members actively participating, of the total eligible to participate in the Economic Development District (EDD) program

2010: 45 2012: 65 2012: 65 2013: 71

C. Regional Employment and Population Profile

The region is Brooke and Hancock County, West Virginia, referenced as West Virginias Economic Development District #11 by the US Economic Development Administration. The BH region has a continuing cycle of manufacturing lost and pointedly evident need for job diversification.

In the year 2011, 22% of all jobs were direct manufacturing jobs. In previous decades, 1980 and 1990, 35% and 28% of all jobs were direct manufacturing related. In 2011, Brooke and Hancock County had a documented lost of over 150 jobs in the manufacturing steel industry. Since 1995, due to the devastation of international steel competition, our two-county region has lost 12,000 steel worker jobs. Our domestic steel companies are now international conglomerates. In 1995, our regional lynchpin industry, Weirton Steel was the top private sector employer in West Virginia. Today, West Virginia’s top employer is Wal-Mart.

Since mid-2010, economic development professionals have touted the oil and gas industry as a legitimate job generating stable. Preliminary private investment documents this potential and the forthcoming calendar year should better profile this commitment. On an unemployment basis, the region has unveiled through the following unemployment profile.

Unemployment Rate		* Seasonally adjusted																
Year 2012-2013																		
Brooke and Hancock Counties, West Virginia																		
Year	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
	J	M	M	J	S	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
Brooke	11.1	10.5	9.4	10.3	8.7	9.4	8.9	11	11.2	10.6	9.5	8.3	8.8	8.4	7.7	6.8	7.0	7.0
Hancock	12	10.8	9.7	9.8	8	9.0	8.8	12	11.0	9.7	8.6	7.5	7.9	8.1	8.5	7.3	7.7	7
WV	7.1	7.0	7.3	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.0	6.6	5.9	8.3	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.0
USA	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.0
Source: Workforce West Virginia.																		
http://www.workforcewv.org/lmi/datarel/cnty_PR.pdf																		
*																		
"Seasonally adjusted" is a statistical method for removing the seasonal component of a time series that is used when analyzing non-seasonal trends.																		
It is normal to report seasonally adjusted data for unemployment rates to reveal the underlying trends in the labor markets. Many economic phenomena have seasonal cycles, such as agricultural production and consumer consumption, e.g. greater consumption leading up to Christmas.																		

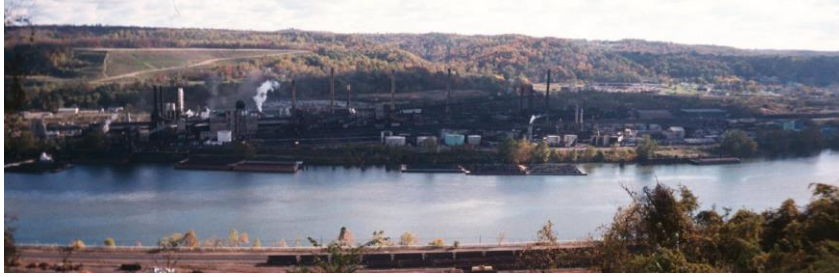
Population and Industry Profile. USA, Brooke County and Hancock County.

People & Income Overview (By Place of Residence)	United States	Brooke County, WV	Hancock County, WV
Population (2012)	313,914,040	23,853	30,305
Growth (%) Since 2000	11.5%	-6.3%	-7.2%
Growth (%) Since 1990	26.2%	-11.6%	-14.0%
Land Area (in sq. miles)	3,531,905.4	89.2	82.6
Population Density (2012)	88.9	267.4	366.9
% Reporting One Race Only (2011 ACS 5 year est.)	96.8%	99.3%	98.9%
% Reporting Only African American (2011 ACS 5 year est.)	12.4%	1.5%	2.3%
% Reporting Hispanic (of any race) (2011 ACS 5 year est.)	15.9%	0.7%	1.1%
Households (2011 ACS 5 year est.)	114,761,359	9,756	13,149
Labor Force (2012)	154,975,000	10,400	13,765
Unemployment Rate (2012)	8.1	9.6	9.4
Per Capita Personal Income (PCPI) (2011)	\$41,560	\$31,037	\$30,670
10 Year PCPI Growth (%) adj. for inflation	5.0%	1.9%	2.2%
Poverty Rate (2010)	15.3	14.7	13.6
High School Diploma or More - % of Adults 25+ (2011 ACS 5 year est.)	85.4%	88.8%	88.2%
Bachelor's Deg. or More - % of Adults 25+ (2011 ACS 5 year est.)	28.2%	15.6%	15.5%
Industry Overview (2012) (By Place of Work)	United States	Brooke County, WV	Hancock County, WV
Covered Employment	131,684,961	7,533	11,171
Avg Wage Per Job	\$49,289	\$36,082	\$33,880
Manufacturing - % of all jobs	9.1%	24.1%	26.4%
Avg Wage Per Job	\$60,548	\$54,821	\$52,970
Transportation and Warehousing - % of all jobs	3.9%	0.4%	3.6%
Avg Wage Per Job	\$48,611	\$48,610	\$37,681
Health Care, Social Assist. - % of all jobs	14.2%	N/A	9.7%
Avg Wage Per Job	\$46,154	N/A	\$26,722
Finance and Insurance - % of all jobs	4.2%	145**	2.6%
Avg Wage Per Job	\$91,155	\$35,843	\$39,142

Source: Stats America, 2013.

D. Prominent Regional Economic Changes: 2013

January 9, 2013. The *Wheeling-Intelligencer* in “Feds Suing RG Steel for Environmental Violations” stated “The federal complaint – filed in U.S. District Court in Wheeling shows the government seeks to collect as much as \$32,500 per day for each alleged violation of the Clean Air Act and the Solid Waste Disposal Act during operations at the Mountain State Carbon coke plant in Follansbee.



Follansbee. Mountain State Carbon Coke Plant.

January 14, 2013. The *Steubenville Herald Star* in “Region Draws Attention for Economic Possibilities” stated “The top of West Virginia is getting renewed attention from top state officials as a place with economic promise. Within the span of three months, four sites in Hancock and Brooke counties have become available for development.”

February 6, 2013. The *Steubenville Herald Star* in “Authority Seeks to Unite Groups” stated “Site accessibility needs have three groups working together to get landholder approvals that could create and enhance the Northern Panhandle economy while making their properties more valuable.”

March 5, 2013. The *Steubenville Herald Star* in “Old Plant has a New Tenant” stated “The old Wheeling Corrugating plant has its first tenant, a Tulsa, Okla.-based Pipeline Company that will be installing a 40-mile plus section of pipeline.”

March 18, 2013. The *Steubenville Herald Star* in “Group Aims to Expand Broadband Internet” stated “A committee of the Brooke-Hancock Regional Planning and Development Council is working to extend higher speed Internet service to rural and other underserved areas of the two counties and needs the public’s input to do it.”

April 25, 2013. The *Wheeling-Intelligencer* in “Region Tops in Drilling Output” states “Because of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling, the vast Marcellus Shale formation is now the most prolific producing region of natural gas in the United States.”

May 23, 2013. The *Steubenville Herald Star* in “Population Across Area Continues to Decline” stated “Despite promises of job growth resulting from the local oil and natural gas boom, the aging Upper Ohio Valley has lost an estimated 1.2 percent of its population since the 2010 Census, figures released today indicate.”

July 14, 2013. The *Weirton Daily Times* in “Wellsburg Aims to Breathe new Life into Old Properties” stated “Idled more than three decades ago, Wellsburg Mayor Sue Simonetti sees the old Brooke Glass factory as the centerpiece of a citywide effort to reinvent Wellsburg.”



Wellsburg. Brooke Glass community visioning session.

July 14, 2013. The Steubenville Herald Star in “Redevelopment Spark Plug” stated “Eagle Manufacturing’s multi-million dollar expansion is seen as a redevelopment spark plug for Wellsburg, but President and CEO Joe Eddy says his company wouldn’t be building the 50,000 plus square foot warehouse and office space if it were not for federal brownfield funding.”



Wellsburg, WV. Eagle Manufacturing Warehouse.

August 20, 2013. The Steubenville Herald Star in “Wellsburg Targets Development” stated “Wellsburg officials want to replace unused former industrial sites with new businesses and remove dilapidated structures that create a hazard or eyesore. And their first step is doing that is to establish a comprehensive plan for development.”

October 16, 2013. The Weirton Daily Review in “Notice Given on Weirton Port Dissolution” stated “West Virginia Public Port Authority Executive Director James or issued formal notice Tuesday of the state board’s decision to dissolve the local port authority.”

October 24, 2013. The State Journal in “BDC Looks at Properties from a Different View” stated “marketing two old Hancock County football stadiums for economic development purposes means looking at them from two angles – above and below.”

November 14, 2013. The Steubenville Herald Star in “Plans for New Bridge Moving Forward” stated “The proposed new Ohio River Bridge has passed another hurdle, with the Federal Highway Administration ruling the span wouldn’t have a major negative impact on the area for which it’s targeted.”

November 25, 2013. The Weirton Daily Times in “Hancock Courthouse Improvements Begin” stated “With work begun on a new secure entrance for the Hancock County Courthouse, county commissioners on Thursday awarded a bid for another courthouse improvement project.”

E. Work Program Achievements and Future Tasks

1. BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT

Program Objectives

1. To create new revenue producing sites through the redevelopment of strategic mothballed commercial-industrial sites called brownfields.
2. To create jobs through the redevelopment of brownfield sites.

Achievements

On a continuing basis, since 2003 B-H has established the most active brownfield program in West Virginia. Through the Northern Brownfield Assistance Center, the program has been supplemented by start-up mini-grants to establish community buy-in and visioning. The Brownfields Program is our building block to start the redevelopment discussion. It keeps the conversation going; builds a dialogue; and creates partnership confidence.

Key program achievements include the following items.

- Through a current B-H contract with the US EPA, since 2003, BH completed **22 Phase 1 assessments, 10 Phase 2 assessments**, and six mini-grant programs for community buy-in.
- The B-H Brownfields Team attended and presented at the **West Virginia Brownfield Conference** in Morgantown in September 2013.
- The B-H Brownfield Team attended the **National Brownfields Conference**, sponsored by the US EPA, in Atlanta in 2013.
- The B-H Brownfield Team prepared and **submitted a US EPA brownfield assessment grant** in the amount of \$400,000 in January 2014. The Business Development Corporation of the Northern Panhandle (BDC) also submitted an application for \$400,000 while the community of Wellsburg submitted a hazardous assessment grant for \$200,000.
- The B-H Brownfield Team in coordination with the West Virginia Brownfield Assistance Center held **eight community brownfield redevelopment meetings** in Wellsburg in 2013.
- The B-H Brownfield Team in September 2013 closed out a **\$400,000 three year assessment grant from the US EPA**

- The B-H Brownfield Team in September 2013 in collaboration with the North Side Industrial Development Corporation in Pittsburgh submitted a grant to the Benedum Foundation to assess Ohio River communities.

Over the past seven years, BH has received three brownfield assessment grants in the total amount of \$800,000. The first grant was completed at the end of calendar year 06. The second grant was closed-out in October 2008. The third grant closed in September 2013. A request for a fourth round funding was submitted in January 2014.



Weirton. On a quarterly basis, the Brooke-Hancock Brownfield Task Force meets to review brownfield progress and investments.

BH has and will continue to assist the City of Weirton, Brooke and Hancock County and Jefferson County Regional Planning for brownfield redevelopment purposes. On a quarterly basis, the BH Brownfield Task Force meets.

In addition, BH has received four site evaluation grants through the Benedum Foundation to move assessed brownfields toward clean-up and redevelopment. These identified sites were Weirton's Rail Yard, Weirton's North End, Chester's Taylor-Smith-Taylor Pottery, and Wellsburg's Brooke Glass. The Taylor-Smith-Taylor site and Brooke Glass site are currently active. Local citizen interest groups have rallied behind these grants and meet on a monthly or bi-monthly basis.

Future Work Program

- Quarterly Brownfield Task Force Meetings
- Coordinate sub brownfield grants work through the Business Development Corporation of the Northern Panhandle and the City of Wellsburg, both separate January 2014 assessment grant applicants.

2. ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Following a visioning and funding start-up program through BH, a privately funded 501 c 3 organization called Valley Ventures was initiated in December 2007. Funded through a \$200,000 grant from the

Benedum Foundation, Valley Ventures targets start-up businesses and supports the development of these businesses through a mentoring program.

Valley Venture evolved through the following steps.

Many people in the Upper Ohio Valley start new businesses and expand existing businesses leading to much needed increases in economic development and job creation” added Streaan.

Program Objectives:

1. Serve as a leader for entrepreneurship and work in cooperation with those throughout the Brooke-Hancock Region to foster an environment for small business development.
2. Create an entrepreneurial network to assist small business.
3. Encourage entrepreneurial education throughout the school systems.
4. Develop small business workshops.
5. Continue to create various resources and documents to distribute entrepreneurial and management information.
6. Research/seek funding opportunities for projects pertaining to entrepreneurial development.

Achievements:

Their work program and achievements may be accessed through <http://www.valleyventures.org/>

Future Work Program:

- Continue the financially independent work of Valley Ventures to increase entrepreneurial opportunity in the BH region.

3. STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

In 2011, through a \$215,000 US Economic Development Adjustment Assistance grant and in cooperation with the Business Development Corporation of the Northern Panhandle, BH completed a cluster analysis/strategic action plan. site management application to The project was anchored by a related targeted industry study. The project purpose was to carry out a detailed, step by step, project specific, and regionally consensus built action strategy for stabilization and diversification.

The Economic Adjustment Assistance tasks included the following parts.

- To evaluate the region’s current economy
- To identify target industries and business synergies for a stable and diversified regional economic future
- To evaluate the region’s economic strengths and weaknesses
- To recommend, create and carry out a detailed, step by step, project specific, and regionally consensus built action strategy for stabilization and diversification.

Program Objectives

- To develop a targeted economic growth strategy
- To link businesses and communities to critical resources and partnerships to execute the targeted growth strategy.
- To provide direct assistance to businesses and entrepreneurs in the targeted areas.

Achievements

- At the recommendation of the strategic action plan, a site design plan has been completed for Three Springs Drive.
- At the recommendation of the strategic action plan, the BDC purchased property for redevelopment in Chester and Beech Bottom.

Future Work Program

Strategies, as denoted in the strategic action plan, are marked as immediate or longer terms. These strategies are as follow.

Immediate Strategies

Market the Brooke-Hancock Region to target identified cluster industries

Share plan with regional groups	BCD, Municipalities, BH,
Work with local brokers outreach effort	other interested stakeholders 2-2
Develop relevant cluster information related to workforce, infrastructure, financing, etc. BDC 2-2	
Develop GIS for property searches and inventory	BDC
Establish primary point of contact for cluster targets	BDC
Update marketing material – incorporate target industries	BDC
Work with the State of WV regarding recruitment of cluster prospects	WVDO, BDC
Work with the State of WV regarding master plan development proposals	WVDO, BDC

Encourage Business Retention

Establish regularly scheduled industry/stakeholder roundtables	BDC
Business Retention Survey	BDC

Track Business Movement

Ongoing data collection regarding site location decisions	BDC
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Develop Effective Workforce Training Programs Linkages with Industry

Collaborate to define appropriate training program opportunities	BDC, WV Northern Community College, other local colleges 2-4
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Longer Term and Ongoing Strategies

Bolster Traditional Manufacturing

Encourage private industry leadership forum	BCD
consider development of a multi-tenant spec building	BDC

Provide Adequate Housing Stock

Solicit developer interest in conversion of substandard housing	BDC
Explore alternative affordable housing, limited equity ownership	BDC

Establish Zoning Local Municipalities, MPO 2-7

Infrastructure Funding

Identify funding sources for two master planned sites
Identify measures to expand intermodal facilities

BDC, BH
BDC, Weirton Port Authority

Incentivize Higher Wage Jobs

Consider incentives at master planned sites
Analyze potential incentives for other sites

BDC
BDC

Consider Foreign Trade Zone Status

BDC, Weirton Port Authority

Incorporate Sustainable Technologies

Incorporate sustainable technologies with new firms
Detail federal funding options for sustainable technologies

BDC, local utilities
BDC

Develop Shared Facilities and Encourage Business Synergies

Target industries which can provide service, supply links with existing or new companies
Assemble information which profiles existing company goods that they supply or purchase

BDC
BDC

Consider a R&D Incubator Space

BDC

* BDC - Business Development Corporation of the Northern Panhandle, WVDO – State of West Virginia Development Office,
BH – Brooke-Hancock Regional Planning and Development Council

4. PORT DEVELOPMENT

One of the most underutilized resources in the region is the Ohio River. Unfortunately, due to funding issues, the West Virginia Public Port Authority dissolved the locally recognized port authority (“The Weirton Area Port Authority (WAPA). WAPA was a political subdivision of the State of W.Va. and created in 1997 and was granted full powers & duties by the W.Va. Public Port Authority. Its charter - to establish an Inland Port in the W.Va. The dissolving of WAPA has left a temporary void. It appears the Business Development Corporation of the Northern Panhandle (BDC) through its recent land purchases and consensus building has filled this void.

The mandate for river port development is obvious. According to the Federal Highway Administration, between 2000 and 2015, transportation tonnage will have doubled. In 2000, the federal highway system was at 70% capacity, rail was at 90% capacity and river barge was at 33% capacity.

Program Objectives

1. To utilize the Ohio River and its tributaries as an economic driver for job creation.
2. To expand ancillary port use through warehouse expansion and infrastructure development.

Achievements

- The Weirton Area Port Authority was dissolved while the BDC through its land purchases and leadership has adequately filled its void.

Future Work Program

The BDC initiative is best described through its webpage <http://www.bhbdc.com/>

5. IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

The Brooke-Hancock Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap for diversification and long-term stability. With this intent, the Brooke-Hancock Regional Planning and Development Council (BH) analyzes the regional economy, establishes goals and objectives, develops an action plan and identifies investment priorities. As a continuing economic development planning process, the CEDS is a guideline to be updated and evaluated on a continuing basis.

Objectives:

1. Meet with the Brooke-Hancock Regional Planning and Development Council to update/prioritize projects.
2. Submit updated document to the West Virginia Development Office on or before the deadline.
3. Continue to work with the Brooke-Hancock Community Development Coalition to carry out entrepreneurial action items.
4. Track and record plan progress.

Achievements:

- In December 2013, BH coordinated and updated its CEDS priority projects.
- In 2013, BH documented the following achievements .

**Brooke-Hancock Regional Planning and Development Council
Completed Project List. 2013.**

<i>Requesting Agency</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Impact</i>
Beech Bottom Council	Acquire property for economic development	100,000	Ec. Development
Beech Bottom Water Council	Three-Way Emergency Tie-In	170,000	Environmental, Safety
Brooke Co. Commission	Courthouse Sprinkling System	150,000	Safety
Brooke Co. Commission	Magistrate/Law Master Relocation and Housing of Courts	300,000	Administrative
Brooke Co. Commission	Ambulance Service Structure	1,000,000	Safety
Brooke Co. Park Board	Two mowers for Brooke Hills Park/Triflex Deck	20,000	Health & Aesthetic
Brooke Co. Park Board	Toll House Repair	50,000	Econ. Dev. & Tourism
Business Dev. Corp. of the Northern Panhandle (BDC) BDC	Clean-Up/Redevelopment of Taylor, Smith and Taylor Pottery Site	\$800,000	Safety, Ec. Dev. & Environmental
Brooke-Hancock Regional Planning	Local Energy Grants	289,000	Safety & Econ. Dev.
Hancock Co. Commission	New Manchester Sidewalk Project	200,000	Health and Recreation
Oakland Public Service District	Water System, Tank Construct. and Water Line Extesion	4,900,000	Econ. & Health
Top of West Virginia	Paving of Weirton Event Center Lot	15,000	Comm. Dev.
Wellsburg	Banner Fiberboard	750,000	Econ. Dev.
Weirton, City of	Safe Routes to School	110,000	Safety/Recreation
Wellsburg, City of	Traffice Signal @ 15th St. & 12th St.	150,000	Safety
Weirton, City of	Colliers Way Bridge @ US 22	4,500,000	Safety
Total		13,604,000	

6. **OTHER EDD DEVELOPMENT-RELATED PROJECTS**

Program Objectives:

- Participate with other economic development professionals as deemed appropriate.
- Provide research and grant writing to create job development programs.

Achievements:

- On a continually basis, BH staff prepares and assist in the preparation of grant, loan and aid documents. Over the last six months, BH has prepared 12 grant/loan documents.
- A comprehensive list of other activities follows.

CURRENT PROJECTS

PROJECT 1. Brooke PSD: Mahan’s Lane, Eldersville Rd., and Bruin Drive Sewer Extensions – Phase I

Grantee: Brooke County PSD

Funding Sources:

		Amount Drawn Down
EPA Grant Funds	\$9,872,200.00	9,872,200.00
IJDC Loan	\$2,517,800.00	2,517,800.00
IJDC Grant	<u>\$ 775,000.00</u>	<u>775,000.00</u>
Total	\$13,165,000.00	13,165,000.00

Description: These sewer extensions in the unincorporated areas of Brooke County adjacent to the City of Follansbee known as Mahan Lane and Bruin Drive will consist of 24,380 lf of gravity sewer line; 5,000 of 10" gravity sewer; 9,250 lf of 8" gravity sewer; 1,230 lf of 6" service laterals; 7,900 lf of 6" force main; 1,000 lf of 4" force main; and 75 manholes. The project will also include the acquisition of rights-of-way, design and engineering, and project administration.

Status: Construction complete. Project close-out underway.

PROJECT 2. Brooke Co. PSD’s Mahan Lane/Eldersville Rd./Bruin Drive Sewer Project – Phase II

Grantee: Brooke County PSD

Funding Sources:

		Amount Drawn Down
SCBG	\$ 1,500,000	\$315,891.64
SRF Loan	<u>\$ 700,000</u>	
Total	\$ 2,200,000	

Project Description: The project continues where Phase I leaves off, and includes St. Johns Road, and the Community of Louise.

Funding Source: SCBG Grant, CWSRF Loan

Project Status: The project was just awarded another \$400,000 of the Small Cities Block Grant funds for this fiscal year, and the remaining \$700,000 for next fiscal year if we are ready for construction. Phase II of the project has been broken down with Phase IIA consisting of Louise and St Johns Road Areas. Approximately 89 customers will be added with Phase IIA. Easement acquisition is underway.

PROJECT 3. Project: Oakland PSD Water System Upgrade, Tank Construction, and Water Line Extension

Grantee: Oakland Public Service District

Funding Sources:

		Amount Drawn Down
Hancock County Commission:	\$ 230,000	\$ 230,000.00
Oakland PSD(previously obtained)	\$ 100,000	\$ 75,235.00
BPH Design Grant	\$ 192,000	\$ 192,000.00
DWTRF Loan	\$3,014,455	\$ 2,649,551.00
DWTRF Loan Forgiveness	<u>\$1,367,839</u>	<u>\$ 1,367,839.00</u>
Total	\$4,904,294	\$ 4,514,625.00

Project Description: The District proposes to upgrade the existing system by adding a filtration system for iron and manganese to improve water quality. The project also includes the construction of a water tank. The existing water tank will be refurbished. A water line extension will provide service to approximately 115 new customers along Chapman Hill and Tope Road area of Hancock County.

Project Status: The project is under construction and is nearing completion.

PROJECT 4. Project: Wellsburg Combined Sewer Separation Project – Phase II

Grantee: City of Wellsburg

Funding Sources: SRF: \$ 4,000,000 (proposed)

Project Description: This project will separate combined sewers within the 6th, 7th and 8th Streets in Wellsburg. A separate sanitary sewer will be constructed in the area.

Project Status: Project has received IJDC approval. Final design is underway.

PROJECT 5. Wellsburg Water System Improvements Project

Grantee: City of Wellsburg

Funding Sources:

		Amount Drawn Down
Design Loan from the BPH:	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 215,000.00
DWTRF Loan	<u>\$ 2,435,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,182,461.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,650,000.00	\$ 2,397,461.00

Project Description: The project consists of improvements to the City’s water distribution system. At the treatment plant, filter media will be replaced, chemical feed system will be replaced, clarifier repairs and replacements, and telemetry valves will be replaced. An emergency generator will be installed; a new filter backwash pond will be constructed. Also approx. 3,000 lf of 6” water line along Commerce Street will be replaced. Repairs will be made to the existing booster station and existing suburban tank.

Project Status: Waterlines are completed. Work on the Water Treatment Plant is nearing completion. Punch list items are being addressed.

PROJECT 6. Weirton Sewer Project

Grantee: Weirton Sanitary Board

<u>Funding Sources:</u>	<u>Amount Drawn</u>
<u>Down</u>	
WV SRF Loan	\$ 1,173,206.00
	\$ 5,904,000

Project Description: The project consists of improvements to the City’s sewage treatment system, with the focus being the 5th Street Lift station. Also constructed will be approximately 25,000 lf of 16” force main, and approximately 4,000 lf of 10” gravity sewer lines.

Project Status: Construction is underway in the mill area and on Freedom Way.

PROJECT 7. Weirton Water System Improvements Project

Grantee: Weirton Water Board

<u>Funding Sources:</u>	
WV BPH Grant	\$ 50,000.00

Project Description: The Weirton Water Board received \$50,000 to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report for a water system improvements project. The project consists of construction of a redundant transmission system from the treatment plant to the main lines in case of a breakdown in the system like the one that occurred in Weirton recently.

Project Status: Preliminary Engineering Report is completed. Project is estimated to cost between \$2.9 and \$5.0 million depending on which aspects the City would undertake.

PROJECT 8. Broadband Strategic Plan Project

Project Description: Prepare a regional strategic broadband plan for the State. A contractor will be procured to provide this service. A broadband needs assessment will be conducted. The results will be used to develop the plan.

<u>Funding Source:</u>	WV Geological and Economic Survey	\$ 50,000.00
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In kind services	\$ 10,000.00
Total	\$ 60,000.00

Project Status: The Draft Plan was adopted in December 2013.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Future infrastructure projects are being developed based on the water and sewer facilities plans.

BH is providing administrative services to the Hancock County Commission on the New Manchester Sidewalk Project.

BH is working with Hammond PSD, Beech Bottom, and Wellsburg on an emergency water tie-in which will improve the water situation for each of the entities should they have a water shortage emergency. The project has received IJDC approval. Final design is underway. We will then go to the PSC for a waiver of a certificate of convenience and necessity.

BH is assisting the Hancock County Historical Museum in their request for grant funds for architectural services for rehabilitation of the building structure.

BHJ also assists Weirton Transit Corp. with grant administration.

Future Work Program:

- Continue advisory research and grant writing.