

**Welcome**

**Wayne County  
Oil & Gas Task Force**

**May 13, 2010**

# Oil & Gas Task Force Sub-Committees

- **Workforce**
- **Public Safety**
- **Planning**
- **Outreach**
- **Government**
- **Environment**
- **Economic Development**

# Oil & Gas Task Force

- Jennifer Porter
- Dr Joann Hudak
- Steve Price
- Edward Coar
- Dave Messersmith
- Michele Stahl
- Laura Travis
- Brian Smith
- Dennis Chapman
- James Labar
- Robert Muller
- Donna Labar
- Mary Beth Wood
- Michael Narcavage
- Peter Chacon
- Robert Suhosky
- Michael Thomley
- Kevin Stiles

# Mission Statement

**To identify key issues, research facts, information, and review and provide public education regarding the economic, environmental and community impacts of oil and gas exploration of the Marcellus Shale in Wayne County**

# Goals

**To capture economic opportunities, protect the environment, and educate the people and community related to Marcellus Shale development in Wayne County**

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Workforce Sub-Committee

## Workforce Committee

- Participants to date
  - Jennifer Porter, Chair: Workforce Wayne
  - Joann Hudak, Ed. D.: Pike/Wayne Business Education Partnership
  - Marie Allison: Johnson College
  - Larry Milliken, Diane Puhalla, Sue Birtch: Lackawanna College
  - Ken Gelderman: Leeward Construction
  - Joe Grabin, Bob McGraw: Linde Corporation
  - Marcy Swingle: The Honesdale National Bank
  - Ryan French: Wayne Bank
  - Marie McDonnell: Wayne County Employment & Training Office
  - Mike Narcavage: Chesapeake Energy
  - Pete Chacon: Newfield Exploration

## Workforce Committee

- Mission
  - *To plan for workforce development related to Wayne County Marcellus Shale activity, including kindergarten through high school programming, as well as post-secondary training for students and adult workers*

## Workforce Committee

- Meeting Schedule:
  - Bi-monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, 8-9am at Workforce Wayne office, 32 Commercial St, Honesdale
  
  - 2010 dates:
    - Feb 19
    - April 16
    - June 18
    - Aug 20
    - Oct 15
    - Dec 17

## Workforce Committee

- Action Items

- Develop Oil and Gas Career Pathway guide
- Investigate programs
  - K-12 (teacher workshops, STEM education)
  - Higher education
  - Job training
- Community Outreach
  - Ensure a career portion of a future Expo
    - w/ Economic Development Committee
  - Distribute print, web information about careers
    - w/ Outreach Committee

- Contact

- Jennifer Porter, 570-253-5334, [jporter@workforcewayne.org](mailto:jporter@workforcewayne.org)

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Public Safety Sub-Committee

## Public Safety Committee

- Participants

- Steve E. Price, Chair, Wayne County Emergency Management
- Pete Hooker, Wayne County Emergency Management
- Michael Thomley, Hess Corp.
- Peter Chacon, Newfield
- Michael Narcavage, Chesapeake
- Area Fire Chiefs

- Mission

- To create training for Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement in Wayne County for the responding personnel.

## Public Safety Committee

- Action Items
  - Connect local FIRE, EMS, Law Enforcement, and gas personnel together for training
  - Set up 911 Address for each site
  - Fire Chiefs come up with a Box plan for each site
- Contact
  - Steve E. Price, 570-253-1622
  - Pete Hooker, 570-253-1622

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Planning Sub-Committee

## Planning Sub-Committee

- Participants

- Edward Coar (Sub-Com Chairman) Wayne County Dept of Planning
- Christopher Barrett, Wayne County Dept of Planning
- William Douglass, Upper Delaware Council
- Cathy Hunt, Berlin Township Supervisor
- Tim Jones, Keystone Consulting & Associates
- Albert Wildenstein, Mount Pleasant Township Supervisor
- Mark Zimmer, Attorney at Law

- Mission

- To provide planning related information targeted to local governments regarding Act 247, The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (**PMPC**).

## Planning Sub-Committee

- Goals

- Collect information relating to the PMPC and the gas industry
  - Post PMPC related information on the the Wayne County Planning Commission's web page
  - Develop an on-line resource for use by local governments and the public -- [www.co.wayne.pa.us/?pageid=38](http://www.co.wayne.pa.us/?pageid=38)
- Be a resource for local government planning efforts
- Work with local governments and gas industry to promote local regulation that is within the legal framework of Pennsylvania planning law.

- Contact

- Edward Coar, 570-253-5970 ext. 4060

## Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code

- Comprehensive Plans cannot exceed requirements of Oil and Gas Act III,(6)
- Comprehensive Plans shall recognize the extraction of minerals as a lawful activity and its impact on water supplies is governed by statutes regulating mineral extraction III,(7)(b)(1)

## **Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code**

- Zoning Ordinance regulations are superseded by the Oil and Gas Act VI,603(b)
- Zoning Ordinances must provide for reasonable development of minerals VI,603(i)

## **Two PA Supreme Court Cases**

- **Oakmont Borough case – In the Borough’s zoning ordinance, a prohibition of oil and gas wells in a residential district is not pre-empted by the Oil and Gas Act**
- **Salem Township case – The Township’s SALDO was in effect regulating the same items which were pre-empted by the Oil and Gas Act of 1984**

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Outreach Sub-Committee

## Outreach Committee

- Participants

- Dave Messersmith, Chair, Penn State Extension
- Michele Stahl, Northern Wayne Property Owners Alliance
- Jamie Knecht, Watershed Specialist, Wayne Conservation Dist.
- Dave Soete, Senior Resource Specialist, Upper Delaware Council
- Craig Olver, Forestry Consultant and Forest Landowner
- Errol Flynn, Attorney at Law

- Mission

- Provide fact-based educational outreach to Wayne county residents on issues related to natural gas development.
- Assist other sub-committees with educational outreach.

- Educational Program Ideas
  - Drinking water testing workshops (June 15)
  - Detailed explanation of drilling process and DEP inspections.
  - Program for realtors.
  - Estate planning session for landowners.
  - How to best deal with impacts to roads, housing, public services.
  - Information session on emergency response procedures.

- Web Site Ideas:
  - Link to PA DEP eFacts & eNotice with instructions.
  - Create an Events section listing educational programs offered through the Task Force.
  
- Contact
  - Dave Messersmith, 570-253-5970 x 4110  
[dtm101@psu.edu](mailto:dtm101@psu.edu)
  - Or any Outreach committee member!

- “Home Water Well Testing in the Gas Well Era”
- June 15, 2010
- Contact Wayne Conservation or Penn State Extension to pre-register.

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**Home Water Well Testing in the Gas Well Era**



**AGENDA**

- How gas wells can impact ground-water wells.
- Regulations to protect private wells.
- Potential water pollutants.
- Testing strategies - including test packages through Penn State and third party water testing.
- How to collect water samples.
- Interpretation of water test results.

Presenters: Bryan Swistock,  
Water Resources, Penn State University and  
Joe Calabro, Aqua-Tech Laboratory

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!**

Call 570-253-5970 x 4110 or  
570-253-0930

Admission: \$5 payable at the door

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Pennsylvania at: <http://water.cas.psu.edu>

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**June 15, 2010**

**2:00 — 4:00 pm  
Damascus School**

**Damascus, PA  
or**

**7:00 — 9:00 pm  
Park Street Complex**

**648 Park St  
Honesdale, PA**



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Government Sub-Committee

## Government Sub-Committee

- Participants

- Laura Travis (Sub-Committee Chairman)
- Brian Smith, Wayne County Commissioner
- James Labar, WEDCO President
- Dennis Chapman, Township Supervisors

- Mission

- To promote communication between the gas companies and municipalities to ensure local governments are aware of the activities occurring within their respective jurisdictions.
- To provide information useful to local governments regarding how drilling activities may relate to municipal ordinances and how those ordinances may be improved.

## Government Sub-Committee

- **Goals**

- Survey Townships to understand methods being utilized to manage road damage, repair and maintenance through the drilling process
- Establish Township / Industry contact list to improve communication between municipalities and industry
- Investigate the use of ordinance regulation in other parts of the Commonwealth

- **Contact**

- Laura Travis, 570-798-2949 / 570-798-0158

## Government Sub-Committee

- Transportation Issues
  - Damage sustained to municipal roads by heavy truck traffic
  - Best method to ensure roads are repaired and maintained?
- Posting & Bonding vs. “Road Agreements”
  - Posting & Bonding – collected fee amounts may be outdated and insufficient, program difficult to manage
  - “Road Agreements” – many municipalities opting for this method, easier to implement and enforce

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Environment Sub-Committee

## Environmental Sub-Committee

- Participants

- Robert Muller, Chair, Wayne Conservation District
- Sue Carrier, Delaware Highlands Conservancy
- William Manner, WJM Environmental, Pinchot Institute
- Tom Daschke, Wayne Co. Farm Bureau
- Don Hamilton, National Park Service
- Barbara Leo, Northeast PA Audubon
- Paul Reining, Wayne Conservation District
- Mike Uretsky, NWPOA, Delaware Highlands Conservancy

## **Environmental Sub-Committee**

- **Goals**
  - Identify Environmental Concerns/Impacts
  - Identify Resource Conservation Opportunities
  - Identify Environmental Educational Needs
    - Public
    - Industry
    - Governmental Entities
  - Make Recommendations to Task Force

# Identified Environmental Concerns

## Water Impacts

Quantity

Quality

## Site Impacts

Floodplains

Wetlands

Streams

Access to site

Proper Selection of pad location and access

## **Identified Environmental Concerns(continued)**

### **Roads – Public and Site**

Construction, Maintenance and Repair Standards

### **Land Use**

Drilling Site Impacts

Compressor Sites

Pipelines

Fragmentation

Avoidance of Sensitive Areas

### **Air Pollution**

### **Noise Pollution**

### **Scenic Character and Aesthetics**

### **Agriculture/Forest Resources**

## Identified Resource Conservation Opportunities

Potential Diversification of Land Use

Recreational Use

Increased Access

Expanded Use of Property

Greenways-develop Connectivity

Road Improvements – built to dirt road program standards

## **Educational Needs**

### **Public**

Managing Existing and Changing Property Use(ex.  
Dairy to other use)

Open Space and Ag Land Protection

Young Farmer Program

Lease to own & Mentor Program

### **Industry**

Environmental Protection

County Specific Resource Awareness

## **Preliminary Recommendations**

### **Ongoing Dialog with Gas Cos. involved in the County**

- Erosion control and Site Evaluation
- Identification of Critical or Sensitive Areas
- Access Roads development
- Road Use Agreements with Municipalities
- Participation in Environmental Subcommittee
- Joint Development of Natural Resource Guide & Appropriate Mapping

## **Preliminary Recommendations (continued)**

**Department of Environmental Protection be involved in public education process**

**Responsibility of drilling and pipeline companies**

- Hiring contractors that have attended training associated with, erosion control, dirt road construction and maintenance, access roads, well pad construction

- Minimum of a foreman on site during construction who has attended training

**Needs Assessment of Opportunities**

Open Space & Recreational Use Planning

**Contact Robert Muller, 570-253-0930**

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Economic Development Sub-Committee

## Economic Development Committee

- Participants

- Donna LaBar, Co-Chair, Wayne County Chamber of Commerce
- Michele Stahl, Ameriprise Financial Advisor, NWPOA
- Todd Stephens, Stephens Pharmacy/Northeast Med-Equip
- Robert Suhosky, Cherry Ridge Realty
- Mary Beth Wood, Co-Chair, WEDCO

- Mission

- To increase commerce and create jobs in Wayne County through the development of the natural gas industry.

## Economic Development Committee

- Action Items

- Connect local business to the industry

- Marcellus Shale Business Expo

- Visit Northern Tier expo on June 26

- [www.ntmarcellusexpo.com](http://www.ntmarcellusexpo.com)

- Shared Business Directory

- Example: [www.directchamber.com](http://www.directchamber.com)

- Business Development Seminars

- Example: <http://extension.psu.edu/naturalgas/webinars>

- Community Link

- Example: Shop Local Campaign

## Economic Development Committee

- Advocate for responsible business/industry development
  - We are the Business voice at the roundtable
  
- Provide business/industry support
  - Resources  
Connect to workforce, technical, marketing support, etc.
  - Small business financing programs
  - Infrastructure

## Economic Development Committee

- Contact

- Donna LaBar, 570-253-1960
- Mary Beth Wood, 570-253-5334

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<http://www.wcpaoilandgastaskforce.info>