

# Wayne County Oil & Gas Task Force

## *Press Release*

Over the past several years, many Pennsylvania Counties, including Wayne County, have witnessed the emergence of natural gas exploration. As this industry continues to develop a presence in Wayne County, both challenges and opportunities will materialize. Although this is not a new industry to Pennsylvania, there is much uncertainty regarding what to expect. At this time, it is prudent to draw on the knowledge of others who have already experienced natural gas drilling in their area. In an effort to learn what new challenges and opportunities may take place here in Wayne County, a task force has been established.

The Task Force is not an authority that aims to regulate the industry. It is an organization that brings representatives of many local organizations to the same table to learn from the experiences of other communities, collect and distribute information to the public and serve Wayne County's residents and businesses. The composition of the Wayne County Oil and Gas Task Force includes sub-committees on: Workforce, Public Safety, Planning, Outreach, Government, Environment and Economic Development.

On Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Wayne County Park Street Complex in Honesdale, a public presentation will take place. The purpose of the presentation is to introduce the various sub-committees that comprise the newly formed Wayne County Oil and Gas Task Force. Anyone interested in finding out more about the Wayne County Oil and Gas Task Force is welcome to attend this public presentation. Information on the task force is also available at <http://www.wcpaoilandgastaskforce.info>

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