### NORTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

# 2019 NORTH CENTRAL OVERVIEW



#### WHO WE ARE

For over 50 years, the North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission has been a significant regional resource and a partner for progress. Our job is to maximize North Central's contribution to the region's economy and quality of life. North Central is a multi-faceted regional resource that employs a talented and committed staff to navigate complex state and federal programs. These programs generate considerable benefit to the area's community and economic development, human services, infrastructure and information technology. Our organization indeed has much to offer this great region.

#### WHAT WE DO

North Central serves as a forum through which local businesses and communities work cooperatively to improve our region. This spirit of coordination and service was fundamental to our establishment in 1967 and continues to be our guide today.

- We are the local contact for many state and federal programs
- We guide diverse activities and efforts into coordinated channels
- We write comprehensive development plans based on what we have experienced and gained knowledge of, and what we learn through studies of physical, social, and economic conditions
- We identify trends in the region and act upon opportunities to promote the general health and welfare of our residents
- We serve as a forum for the discussion and study of shared challenges and problems

Our organization is structured around the following four divisions: Community Development/Regional Planning; Economic Development; Women, Infant & Children; and Information Technology/Rural Broadband.

#### VISION

"North Central will be recognized and respected as a premier regional development organization by providing first class services to its customers."

#### **OUR MISSION**

"North Central will exceed the expectations of its customers and stakeholders by committing to organizational excellence, helping to build vibrant communities, aiding in the preparation of a first-class workforce, stimulating economic vitality through intergovernmental collaboration, and partnering to build the infrastructure and technology necessary for regional growth."

#### **VALUE STATEMENT**

"North Central will act with integrity, openness, respect and honesty in all relationships, dealings and transactions and will strive to earn and convey trust through these values. North Central will keep faith with the public trust through efficient cost effectiveness and stewardship of resources."

#### **CORE VALUES**

Professional Trust and Respect Innovation, Adaptability and Leadership Service and Stewardship Accountability and Commitment Partnering and Teamwork Future Focus

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# **PROGRAMS & SERVICES**



#### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Government Contracting Export Marketing Assistance Business Finance Assistance Brownfield Revitalization Keystone Opportunity Zones Foreign Trade Zone 254 WEDnetPA Regional Coordinator for: Partnership for Economic Performance (PREP) Engage! Business Calling Program

#### **MAPPING & DATA**

Asset Inventories Data Analysis GIS Services U.S. Census Data

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Appalachian Regional Commission Economic Development Administration Public Infrastructure Greenways Planning Flood Resiliency Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) Local Project Development and Delivery

# **RURAL BROADBAND**

Internet Service Provider Wireless Networking Vertical Assets Studies

#### **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

Rural Planning Organization (RPO)NutritionalLong Range Transportation PlanHealth ScreetTransportation Improvement ProgramPublic Participation Plan (PPP)Transportation AlternativesBicycle and Pedestrian PlanningFreight PlanningCoordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

#### **REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLANS**

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS)

#### WOMEN, INFANT & CHILDREN

Nutritional Counseling Health Screenings

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# 2019 NORTH CENTRAL FAQ



The North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission is designated by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) as the Local Development District (LDD) and by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) as the Economic Development District (EDD) for North Central Pennsylvania. North Central plays a lead role in identifying priority needs of local communities by working to foster community and economic development, to target and meet the most pressing needs, and to build community cohesion and leadership.

# WHAT IS A LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT?

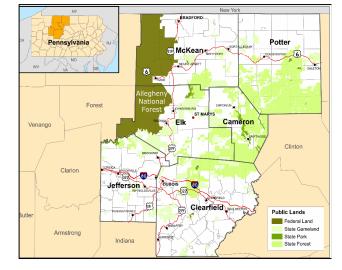
LDDs help public and private sector leaders develop and implement programs and services that build strong, regional economies and communities. LDDs are cost-effective, efficient, and focused on leveraging resources to meet the region's needs. They provide comprehensive regional strategies for community and economic development, and raise awareness of regional needs by engaging policymakers at the state and federal level.

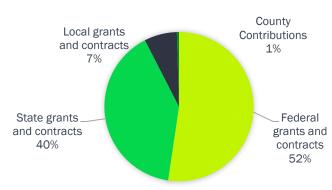
#### WHAT IS THE NORTH CENTRAL REGION?

We serve six counties in North Central Pennsylvania, including Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean and Potter. That being the case, we have strong partnerships with regional entities across Pennsylvania and the U.S. to ensure our staff are primed in best practice and that our counties receive maximum representation.

# HOW IS NORTH CENTRAL FUNDED?

Through a variety of state and federal grants in addition to local contributions paid from the six-county region we serve, North Central is able to maintain operations from our home base of Ridgway, PA.

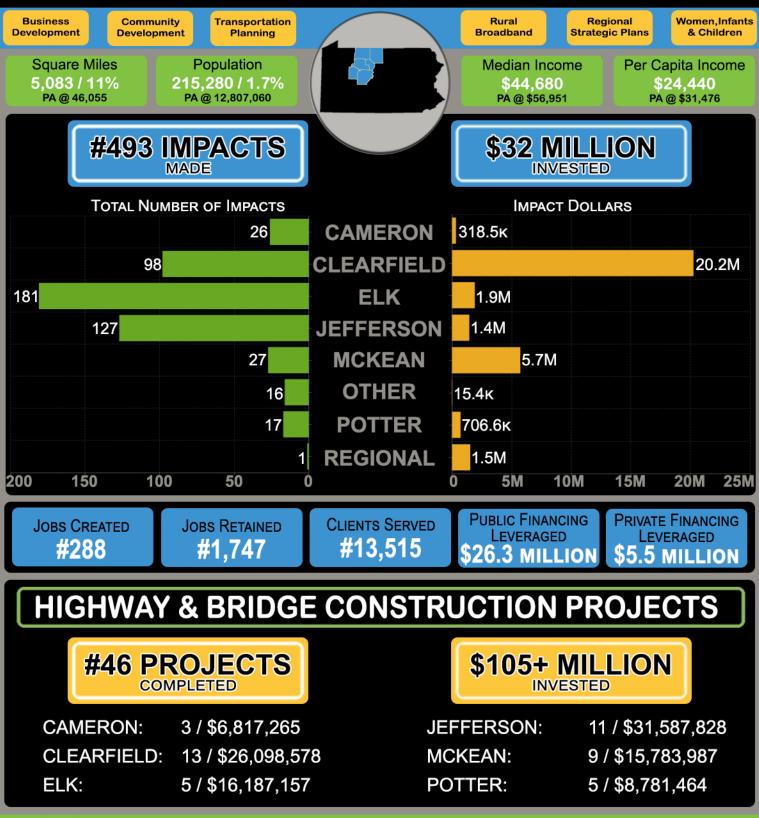




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# 2018 - 2019 REGIONAL IMPACTS



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