

BAMM PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

290 S. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – BUTLER AREA MULTI MUNICIPAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT – 2014

Presented to: Butler Township, City of Butler, East Butler Borough,
Penn Township & Summit Township

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Keystone Principle #9: "Plan regionally, implement locally."

The BAMM Oversight Committee met regularly during 2014 to discuss issues of common concern and projects of regional significance. As required by our Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement (ICA), the Oversight Committee is providing this Annual Report of accomplishments during 2014.

Participating Municipalities and Designated Voting Representatives

Butler Township –	Charles Nedz, and Tom Lavorini
City of Butler –	John Mossman, JoAnn Snyder
East Butler Borough –	Earl Fennell and Lois Fennell
Penn Township –	Bert Mowry, Chuck McCall and Cheryl Hughes
Summit Township -	Chuck Montag, Jane Heasley

Officers

As required by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (ICA), the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary are to be elected at the first meeting of each year. The officers elected in 2014 were:

Chairman	Bert Mowry, Penn Township
Vice-Chairman	John Mossman, City of Butler
Secretary	Cheryl Hughes, Penn Township

These accomplishments relate to recommendations made in the BAMB Plan,

Zoning

- Butler Township is actively working to amend their Zoning Ordinance to account for the Oil and Gas industry and for the new Small Cell Technology.

Economic Development

- The area has seen significant impact with the development of the oil and gas industry as there have been multiple well pads drilled in the area and there has also been development of pipelines and processing plants and a compressor station.
- Construction of new Rite Aid building has been completed as part of the Center City Project, 139 S. Main St.
- Construction of Government Center Annex making progress, 124 W. Diamond St.
- Butler City is Planning for a new Dunkin Donuts at 238 N. Main St. (former Flynn's Tire property)
- Butler City is in preliminary planning for new Center City parking garage at 131 S. Cedar St. (southeast corner of S. Cedar St. and E Birch St.)
- Butler City is in preliminary planning for new Springhill Suites Hotel at 125 E. Jefferson St. (southeast corner of Jefferson St. and Cedar St.)
- Butler Township had two new Hotels completed in 2014 along the 356 corridor, a Holiday-Inn Express and a Hampton-Inn.
- The Butler County Airport located in Penn Township is adding a new taxi-way and refueling station

Communications/Quality of Life

- The City of Butler demolished 2 blighted houses.
- There were 6 blighted structures in Butler Township that were removed.

Infrastructure/Transportation

- There has been an announcement that the Balls Bend corridor on 228 in Middlesex Township will be redone and improved as part of a 25 million dollar improvement. The road will be four lanes and will be straightened. This project is in a Township that was not part of the comprehensive plan but it is mentioned in the BAMB plan as an important project due to the

connecting corridor and the positive connection between two population centers in Butler County.

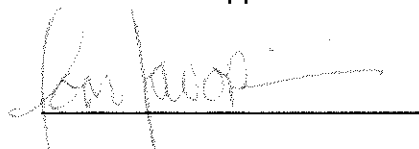
- We are continuing to work with the SPC and the County Planning to get support for a traffic study to be completed along the state rt. 68 corridor from Butler City to I-79.
- Butler County Planning Department is submitting a grant application for CCP funding from Penn-DOT District 10 to study the potential for a designated truck route around downtown Butler.
- Butler City and Butler Township submitted a joint application to the state to receive Sync-Up funding to improve or replace the timing devices on multiple traffic controls throughout the two municipalities.
- Butler Township worked with neighboring Connoquenessing Township to receive funding to retime the traffic control devices on state rt. 68.
- Repairs to Monroe St. Bridge and Mercer St. Bridge
- Butler City is working on the Sullivan Run flood Control Project; maintenance of stream channel, scour protection, and tree removal.
- Summit Township is working on getting sewage to the Township.

Parks/Recreation

- Construction of the Trail Head adjacent to Fr. Marinaro Park is underway. This will service the Butler Freeport Trail, providing 11 parking spaces and a bridge with railings over the River. The City of Butler has agreed to maintain the parking lot.
- Penn Township is using revenues from the Harcrest Park oil and gas lease for matching funds for future projects. A parking lot has been constructed, trails cut in, a gazebo added and a small pavilion is in the planning process. There is a new stone base sign that was a Boy Scout Eagle project.
- Butler Township adopted the Master Park Study for the Butler Township and Preston Park Properties
- Butler County has received a grant and is in the process of preparing a county comprehensive parks plan. They have also been working on an update for Alameda Park, a feasibility study for the Alameda Pool, and a County Greenway Plan.
- Alameda Park is adding a 1.5 acres doggie park that is being privately funded.
- Alameda Park is in the process of 1.2 million dollar renovating project on their pool.
- Alameda Park installed composting restrooms on their property.
- A parking Lot was recently completed along the Rails to Trails in Summit Township.

Summary

The Oversight Committee is pleased with the efforts this year and looks forward to another successful year in 2015. A special thank you to all of the elected officials who have supported and continue to support this Planning effort for the Butler Area.



Tom Lavorini, Chairman- 2015
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