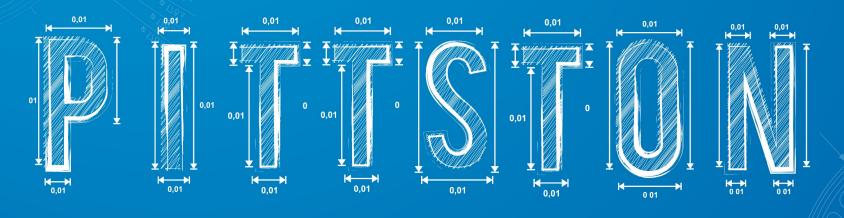
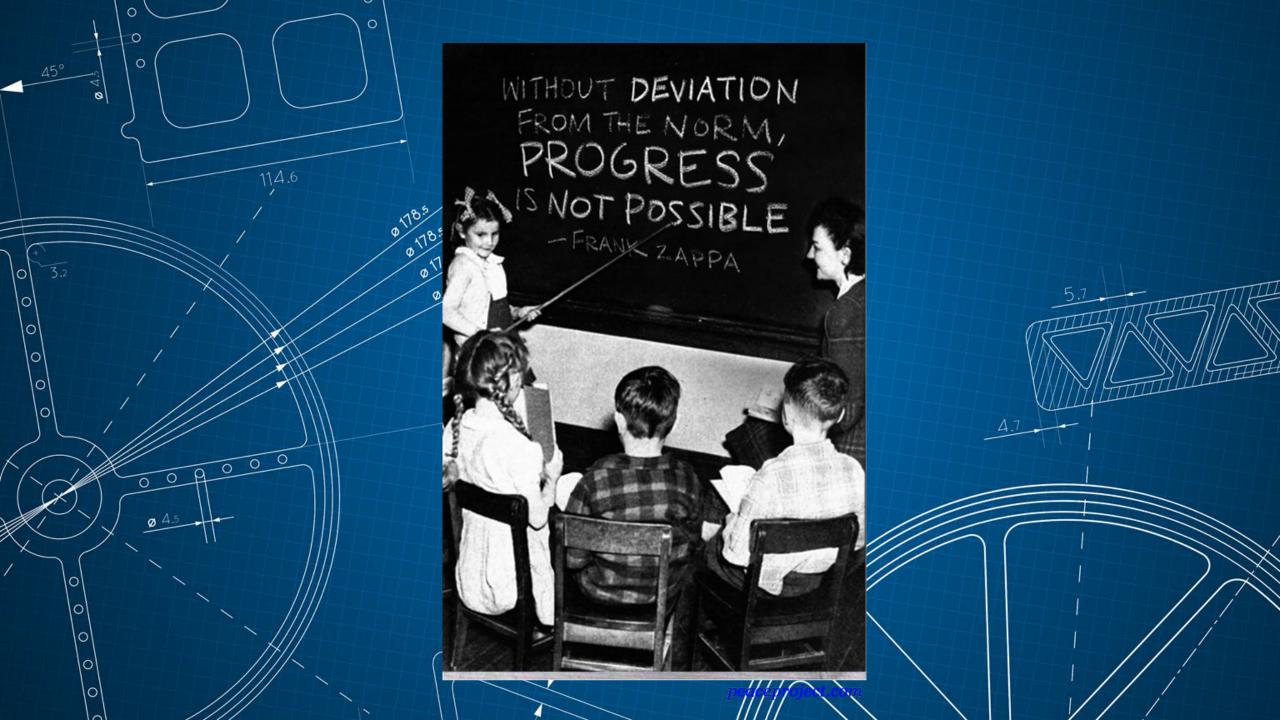
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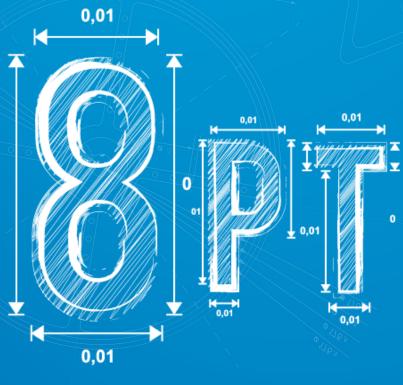
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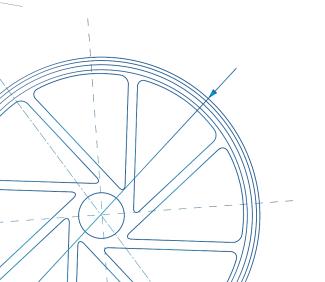






- DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
  - NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT BLIGHT REMEDIATION
- 3 INFASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT
  - \_\_\_\_OPERATIONS RESTRUCTURING
- ART/PROGRAMMING
  IN PARKS & PUBLIC FACILITIES
  - PRIORITIZING AND EXPANDING CODE ENFORCEMENT/SAFETY
- ASSESSMENT EVALUATION SHORT VS. LONG TERM PLANS
  - MUNICIPAL COOPERATION



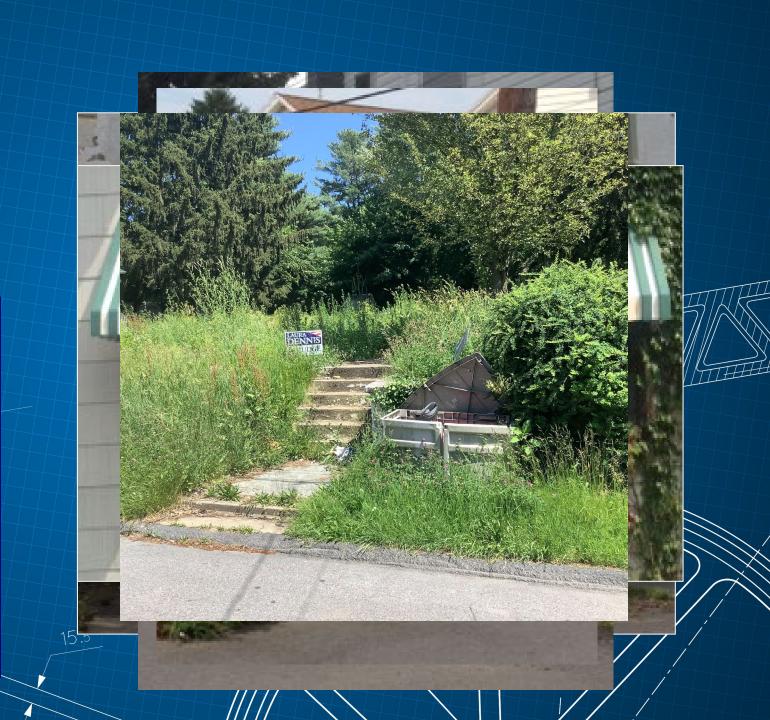


- 1. Historical Analysis
- 2. Current Conditions
  - a. Downtown and Neighborhoods
- 3. Identify Problems
- 4. Development Plan
  - a. Inventory, Evaluation and Data
  - b. Mitigation Strategies
  - c. Housing Summit = Shareholders and Partners
  - d. Public Presentation
- 5. Implementation
- 6. Anticipated Outcomes
- 7. Impact

# BIGINS BILLIANS BILLIANS

Blight encompasses vacant lots, abandoned buildings and houses in derelict or dangerous shape. Environmental contamination can be included as blight. Blight can refer to smaller property nuisances including overgrown lawns, uncollected liter, graffiti, inadequate street lighting and a general lack of concern for appearance to a structure or neighborhood element.

Pennsylvania enacted "Blighted Property" via the enactment of Act 79 of 2019



#### IMPACT OF BLIGHT

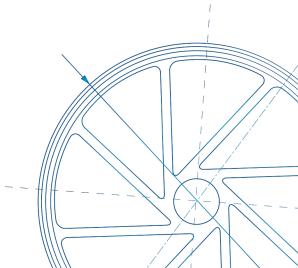
#### "PROFOUND NEGATIVE IMPACTS" IT'S AN ECONOMIC CRIME.

- -Decreases surrounding property value
- -Erodes health of local housing markets
- -Safety hazards
- -Reduces tax revenue
- -Results in lower assessed property values across neighborhoods
- -Impacts surrounding insurance premiums
- -Drives negative perceptions
- -Links to adverse health conditions
- -Negatively effects cognitive and behavioral functions, especially in children
- -Increases crime rates
- -Impacts neighborhood score on overall satisfaction measures emotional costs

#### **ANALYTICS HAVE SHOWN:**

ESTIMATED COST TO AMERICANS IS EQUAL TO SEVERAL BILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR







#### **DEMOLITION**



#### REHABILITATION



#### INFILL



#### **BUILD COMMUNITY**



#### PREVENTION



## LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY





## COOKOUT COOKOUT

#### JOIN US!

#### **WEST PARK**

12pm-2pm

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#### SEPT. 25TH

The City of Pittston is happy to present it's second neighborhood social event! Join us in West Park on September 25th for food, refreshments, music, games and entertainment! Activities will be provided for the kids!

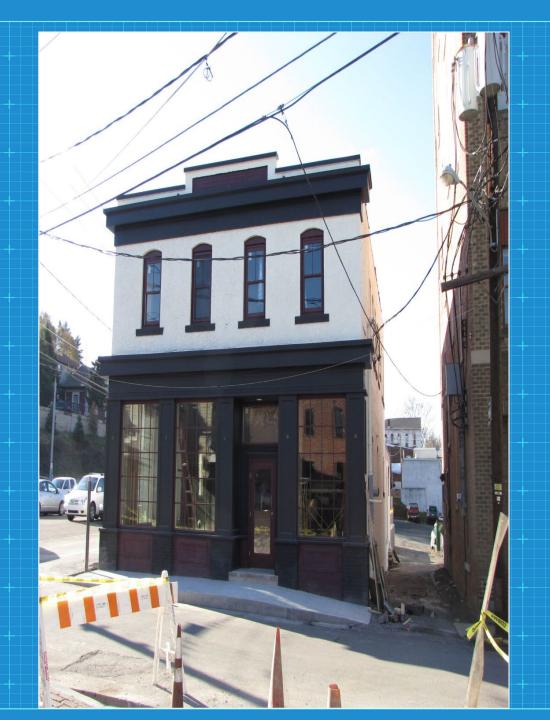
Bring your own chair or blanket, and get ready for some summer fun!

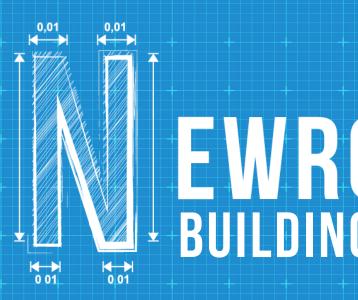
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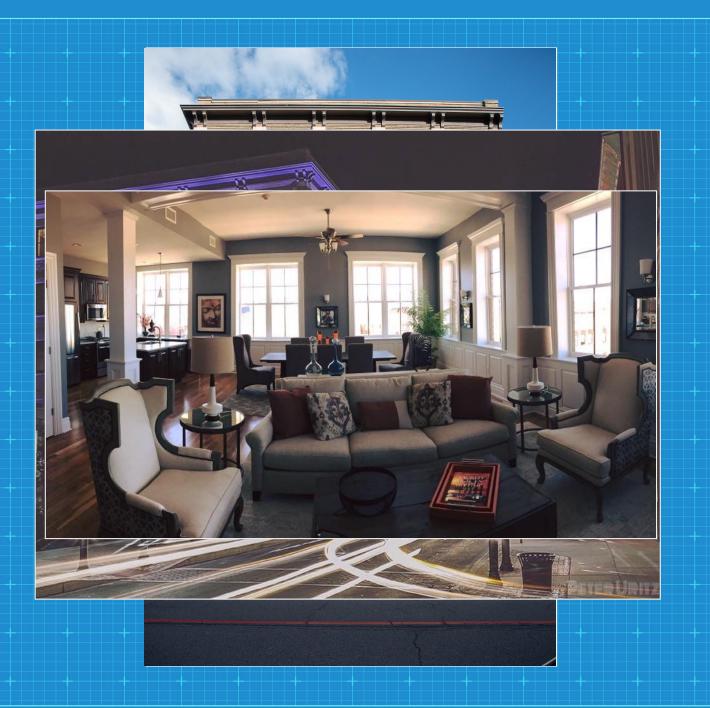
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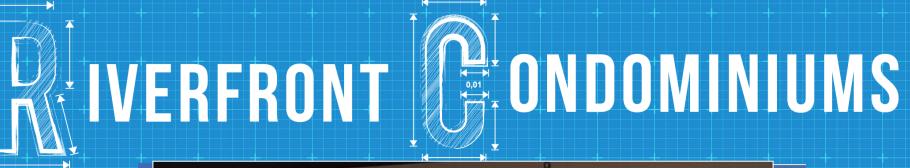
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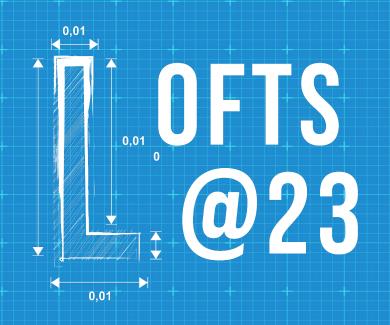
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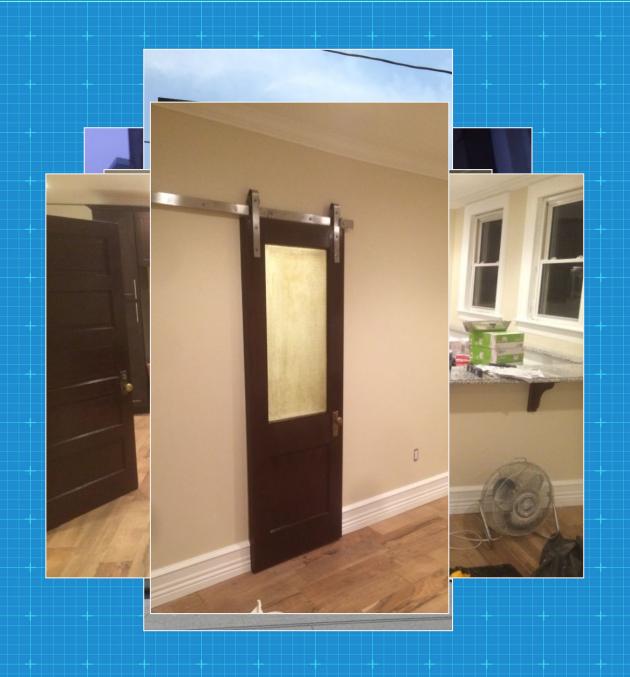










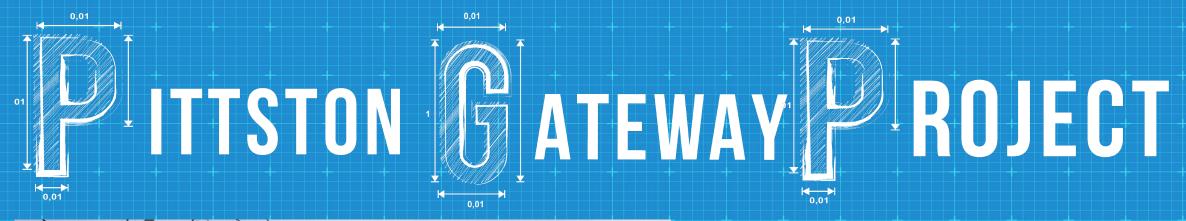




GETS DONE...

CASE STUDIES







SOUTH MAIN STREET PHASE 1

9 PROPERTIES

COMBINED CITY TAXES \$3,900

### 283 + 289-291 S MAIN STREET



USED TIRE BUSINESS



CONDEMNED DOUBLE-BLOCK HOUSE

### 293 + 295 S MAIN STREET



**BOARDING HOUSE** 



VACANT LOT/ DILAPIDATED GARAGE

#### 299-301 + 303 + 307 S MAIN STREET



**VACANT HOUSE** 

VACANT LOT



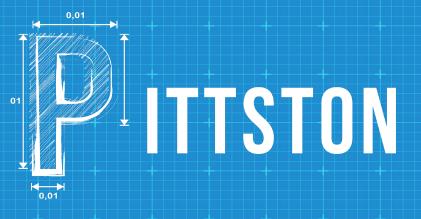
BLIGHTED RENTAL PROPERTY

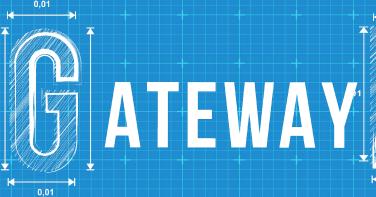
## PAD SITE 1 LUZERNE BANK PROJECT COST \$1,600,000

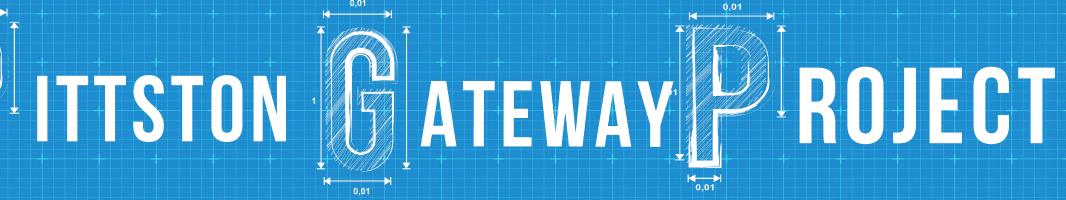


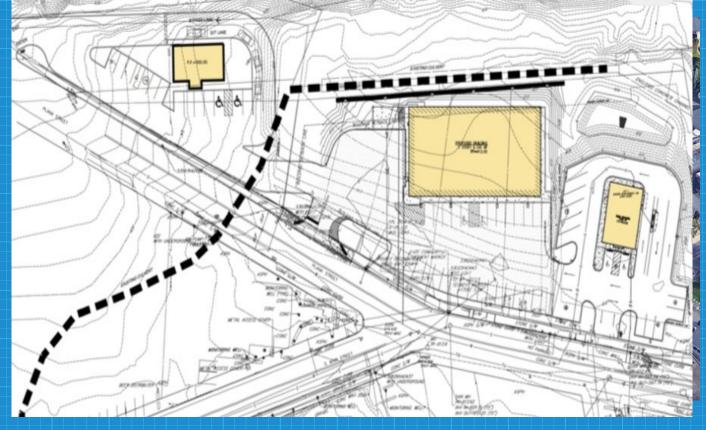
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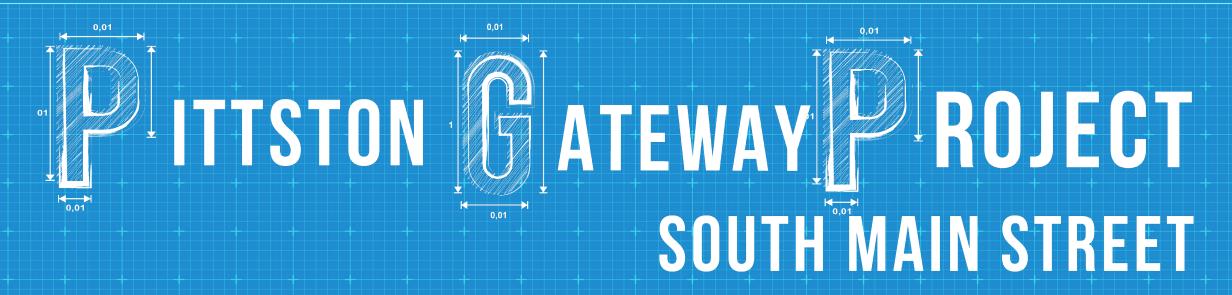






#### SOUTH MAIN STREET PHASE 2 PAD SITE 3

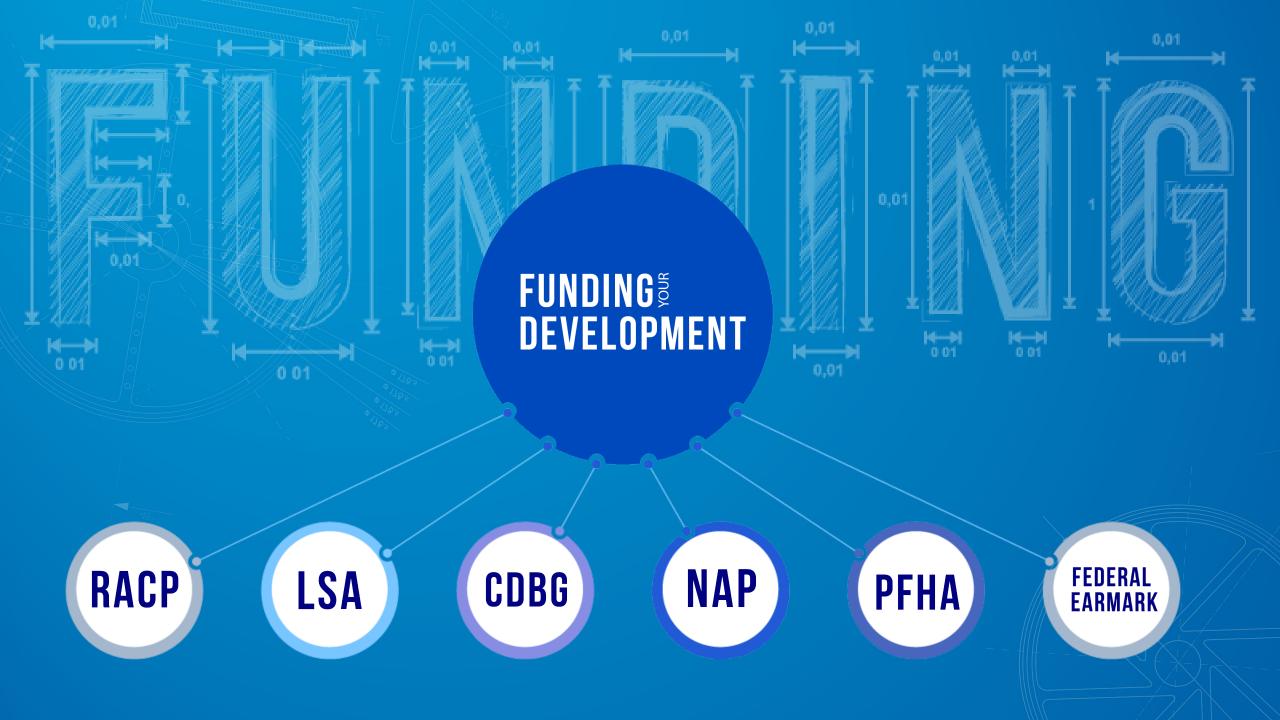
**FUTURE DEVELOPMENT** \$1,200,00 FAST FOOD



- Prior to Gateway Project Phase 1
  - 9 Properties (7 Structures, 2 Lots) Combines City Taxes= \$3,900
- Upon Completion of Phase 1 of Gateway Project: 2 Pad Sites
  - overall improvements = \$3,500,000
  - city tax revenue \$11,345
- Phase 2: 1 Pad Site
  - Estimated project = \$1,200,000
  - City tax revenue = \$3,500

Total Estimated Annual Tax Gain= \$10,945

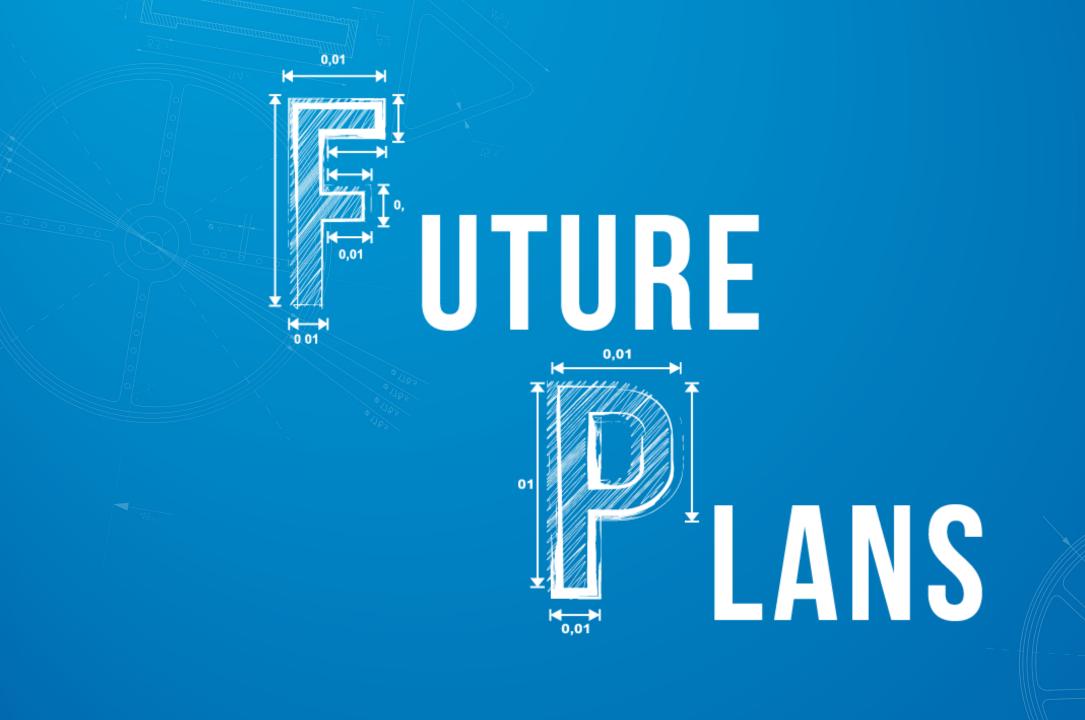
\*County and School District also realized tax gains

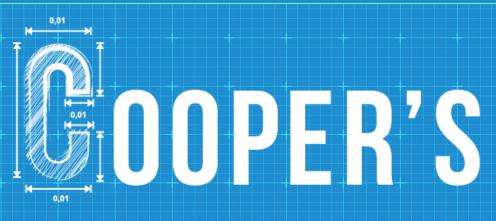


### WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?



**BLIGHT ELIMINATION** INCREASED NEW HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES INCREASED PERMITS + DECREASE IN CODE VIOLATIONS ABATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION (HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION) **INCREASED BUSINESS GROWTH CONSERVATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS INCREASED EARNED INCOME TAX BY VOLUME IMPROVED PUBLIC SAFTEY INVESTMENT GRADE CREDIT RATING** INCREASED PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES **INCREASED COMMUNITY PRIDE AND SPIRIT GROWTH IN BELOW-AVERAGE DEMOGRAPHIC CATEGORIES** 

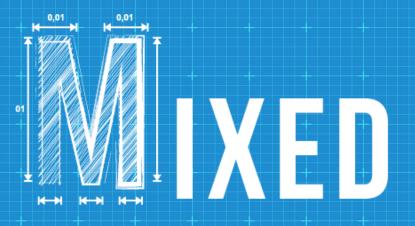


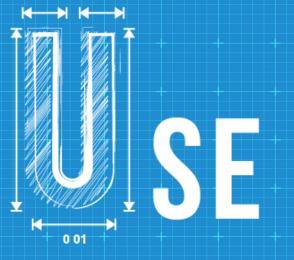






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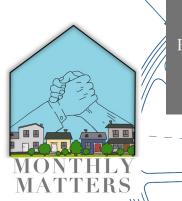














## EXCHANGING IDEAS, COLLABORATING & DEVELOPING A UNIVERSAL STRATEGY.



- -Mayor Jeff Cusat, Hazelton
- -Mayor Paul Roberts, Kingston Borough
- -Mayor Kevin Coughlin, Nanticoke
- -Mayor Jim Kenney, Philadelphia
- -Mayor Michael Lombardo, Pittston
- -Mayor Paige Cognetti, Scranton
- -Mayor George Brown, Wilkes-Barre
- -Mayor Derek Slaughter, Williamsport

