



First Annual PCDA Business Meeting

Thanks to you, PCDA's first annual business meeting was certainly a success. The purpose of the event was to increase the awareness of supporters and others about the activities of the development authority.

At the first event, the authority continued its presentation of awards including the Volunteer of the Year and the Community Development Awards.

Volunteer of the Year

Leff Moore was presented the PCDA Volunteer of the year award. Mr. Moore was recognized for his past and present efforts as a volunteer with many organizations that benefit Putnam County and its citizens.



*Leff Moore
PCDA's Volunteer of the Year*

Volunteer of the Year winners receive the award because they show concern for the community and are an active leader helping to bring about positive change in public policy, and serve in a volunteer position as a leader in an effort to create jobs or development of community services.

Mr. Moore currently serves on the board of directors of the South Putnam Public Service District. South Putnam PSD is working to increase community services by extending sewer service in the Midway and Fraziers Bottom areas of Putnam County.

Community Development Award

G & G Builders, Gary Young, President was presented the Community Development Award during the ceremony. Mr. Young was honored for his encouragement of and active volunteer service, contributions to charitable or civic organizations and his philosophy that sets an example of good corporate citizenship. Mr. Young was also

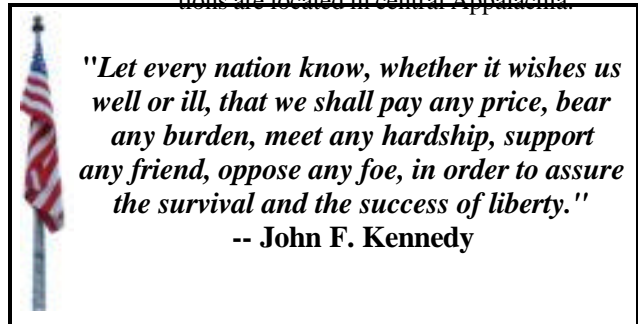


PCDA President Wayne Bennett (left) presents the Community Development Award to Gary Young, President, G & G Builders

recognized as an employer who has actively worked to promote economic and community development through both volunteerism and by affecting corporate policy decision-making.

Guest Speaker for the event was Lynn Gellermann, President and COO of Adena Ventures. Adena Ventures is one of the nation's first New Markets Venture Capital Companies.

Adena Ventures makes equity investments in small businesses whose principal operations are located in central Appalachia.



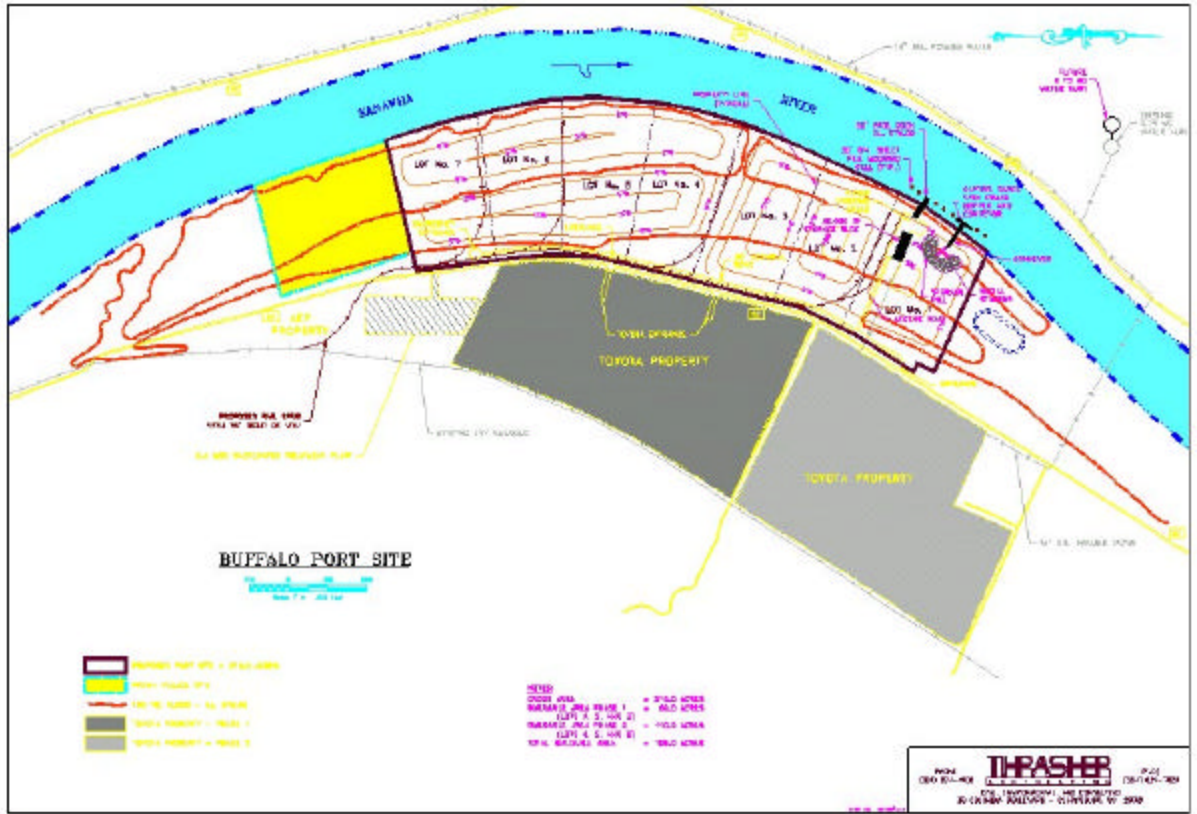
Buffalo-Putnam Port

The recently completed Master Plan and Feasibility Study says that the Buffalo port site is “an excellent site.”

The photo (right) shows a concept sketch of the port site located just south of Buffalo. The area immediately south of the port site is the location of the Buffalo Indian Village, a National Register site.

An application was submitted to the WV Public Port Authority by the local port district requesting funds to employ professional staff to aid in the acquisition and development of the Buffalo port site. Thrasher Engineering was asked to transfer the site information to a color layout plan for the presentation. The drawing above was completed by Thrasher Engineers based on the site layout plan contained in the Master Plan.

The Buffalo-Putnam Port District proposes to employ the staff of the Putnam County Development Authority as its staff on a part-



time basis. The site is located directly across WV Route 62 from the Toyota Motor Manufacturing WV property.

The Master Plan projects an approximate 13-year development schedule for the property. Many time-consuming steps are required prior to actual construction including property acquisition, environmental and archeological reviews and wetlands mitigation.

Thank You Bill Thompson

We’re sending a big Thank You to PCDA board member Bill Thompson, Thompson Real Estate, Inc. Bill has loaned his tractor and brush cutter to the Development Authority this summer.

So far, over 40 acres was cleared prior to Phase II archeological work that began in September. Archeological field work must be complete before construction begins on the replacement wetlands.

In addition to archeological work, brush and weed cutting is necessary in order to allow business prospects to actually see the property.

In the photo (right) Bill begins the trimming process on a portion of the property before turning over the wheel to the Authority’s Executive Director.



“A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.”
Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

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2664 Main Street, Hurricane, WV

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2660 Main Street, Hurricane, WV

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Putnam Business Park Update



Two large pan scrapers wait for construction to begin at the Putnam Business Park site. (10/08/01)

A pre-construction conference is scheduled for October 10. At that time, the contract for construction of the replacement wetlands will be awarded to Red Dawson Construction Company for the project. Construction on the replacement wetlands is expected to begin after the contract signing.

Archeological clearance was requested for the wetlands area located about 2,000 feet south of US Route 35 in order to proceed with the project. Phase II Archeological is nearing completion for the remaining portion of the site.

The Development Authority has also applied for funding through the West Virginia Development Office and WV Department of Transportation for Industrial Access Road grant funds to begin construction of the industrial access road on the Fraziers Bottom property.

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On Leadership...

“A Leader has been defined as one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way. He that thinks he or she is a leader, but has no one following, is only out for a walk.”

Thank You John Smolak

PCDA Board member John J. Smolak, Manager, Economic Development for American Electric Power, certainly deserves a big Thank You for his service as 2001 Chairman of the Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC).



John did a tremendous job as Chairman and should be congratulated for his work. SEDC includes 17 member states and hundreds of individual members from those state’s economic development organizations. The SEDC annual conference was held September 22—24 in Kansas City, MO. The theme of this year’s conference was “Entrepreneurship Within Communities.”

Entrepreneur Forums

Thanks to *The Herald-Dispatch* and the **Gannett Foundation**, PROTEC and the PCDA will be participating with Advantage Valley in continuing a series of Entrepreneurial Forums. Funding provided through the **Gannett Foundation/The Herald-Dispatch** will assist PROTEC and Advantage Valley in continuing to provide networking and learning opportunities for individuals who want to start or grow businesses in West Virginia.

The Herald-Dispatch and the Gannett Foundation awarded a \$4,000 grant to support the monthly forums. The goal of the program is to grow businesses from throughout the Advantage Valley region and create a pool of resources for entrepreneurs. For over six months, entrepreneurs, bankers, lawyers, accountants, venture capitalists, and state support agencies such as the Small Business Development Center network to share ideas and experiences. The grant makes continuation of the entrepreneurial forums possible. **Thanks** Gayle Vest, Managing Director of Advantage Valley, for her work on researching and applying for the grant funding to continue these important forums.

***I have never seen a monument
erected to a pessimist.
Paul Harvey, Radio commentator***

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