

**Building One Southwestern Pennsylvania Forum
on Regional Opportunity, Sustainability and Economic Growth**

May 16, 2014

Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus

Opening (9:30 – 10:00 a.m.)

Statement of Purpose

George Rattay

Retired Business Manager, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Plumbers & Pipe Fitters Local #354

Board Member, Fay Penn Economic Development Council

Board Member, Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board

Review of the Agenda

Marcia Goisse, Fairchance Borough Councilwoman

Welcome from Penn State

Joseph F. Segilia, Director of Outreach and Continuing Education,

Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus

Pledge of Allegiance

Tom Yarnell, South Greensburg Borough Councilman

Acknowledgement of Special Guests

Mayor Lester Ward, Brownsville Borough

Overview: How We Got Here (10:00 a.m. – noon)

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Allen Kukovich, former State Senator

President, Smart Growth Partnership of Westmoreland County

Guest Speaker

David Rusk, Independent Consultant on Regional Opportunity

Discusses the broad national trends that create challenges to local government around sprawl, taxes, infrastructure, schools and housing

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Mayor Richard Lattanzi, City of Clairton

Guest Speaker

Greg F. Scott, American Society of Civil Engineers

Discusses the current state of Pennsylvania infrastructure

Panel Discussion

Panelists will discuss how the analysis presented by guest speakers manifests in their geographic area and sector.

Introduction of Panel

Muriel Nuttall, Executive Director, Fayette Chamber of Commerce & The Redstone Foundation

Panelists

Mayor Lester Ward, Brownsville Borough Councilman

Andrew J. Boni, Perry Township Supervisor

Deborah Brown, Braddock Borough Councilwoman

*Jeff Landy, Mt. Pleasant Borough Manager; Organizer G*11*

Amanda Settelmaier, Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments

Lunch, Relationship-Building (Noon to 12:45 p.m.)

Box lunches available

Moving Toward Action (12:45 – 2:30 p.m.)

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Father Bob Lubic, The Catholic Community of Connellsville

Guest Speaker:

David Rusk, Independent Consultant on Regional Opportunity

Begin to lay out possible policy strategies for reversing decline and promoting broadly shared economic growth, including the immediate opportunity of the federal transportation reauthorization

Panel Discussion

Introduction of Panel

Neal Christopher, Fairchance Borough Council

Panelists

Matt Pavlosky, Transportation Planner, Public Participation, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

Joe Kirk, Executive Director, Mon Valley Progress Council

Richard J. Barcaskey, Executive Director, Constructors Association of Western Pennsylvania

Marilyn Messina, School Board Director, Woodland Hills School District

Greg Primm, Township Manager, Allegheny Township; President, Westmoreland Economic Development Initiative for Growth

Call to Action and Next Steps