

# Working together for future growth

While CED's core activities involve business and project development, a wider range of other development activities are undertaken on behalf of Beaver County. These include economic development planning, local tax incentive planning, marketing and promotional activities, real estate referrals, and financial packaging, among others.



## RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

For the past 15 years, CED has provided oversight and project management for the Beaver County Riverfront Development Program on behalf of nine municipalities and the County of Beaver. The program is a coordinated effort among the riverfront communities of Beaver, Bridgewater, Fallston, Freedom, Greene Township, Monaca, New Brighton, Rochester Borough, and Rochester Township. To date, a total of 25 projects have been completed with the investment of \$5 million in public funds. The public improvements undertaken in the program have proven to spur private investment in the riverfront communities. Continuing the program this past year, CED completed design engineering for the following projects:

- **Bridgewater Trail North** is designed to connect the Bridgewater Riverfront Park along the Beaver River to the planned Veteran's Memorial Bridge walkway at Route 51 and Riverside Drive in Bridgewater, a distance of over 5,000 linear feet. The design includes extending

an existing riverwalk, constructing two overlook areas, and constructing a sidewalk along Riverside Drive with crosswalks and lighting.

- **Monaca Riverfront Park** design calls for renovation of the existing underutilized park on the Ohio River. The renovations include new playground areas, shelters, parking, a pedestrian trail, amphitheater-style seating, fishing accesses and landscaping.

## BEAVER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT NETWORK (BCISN)

CED coordinates the locally based BCISN effort with the Commonwealth's Business Retention and Expansion Program, a statewide program designed to gain input from key business leaders. The on-site dialog gathers opinions on issues such as labor/training needs. It also helps local business owners become aware of potential incentive programs and addresses identified needs through a coordinated network of regional service providers. Since the inception of the program, more than 500 interviews have been completed.