

Energy Communities in Southwestern PA

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THE ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

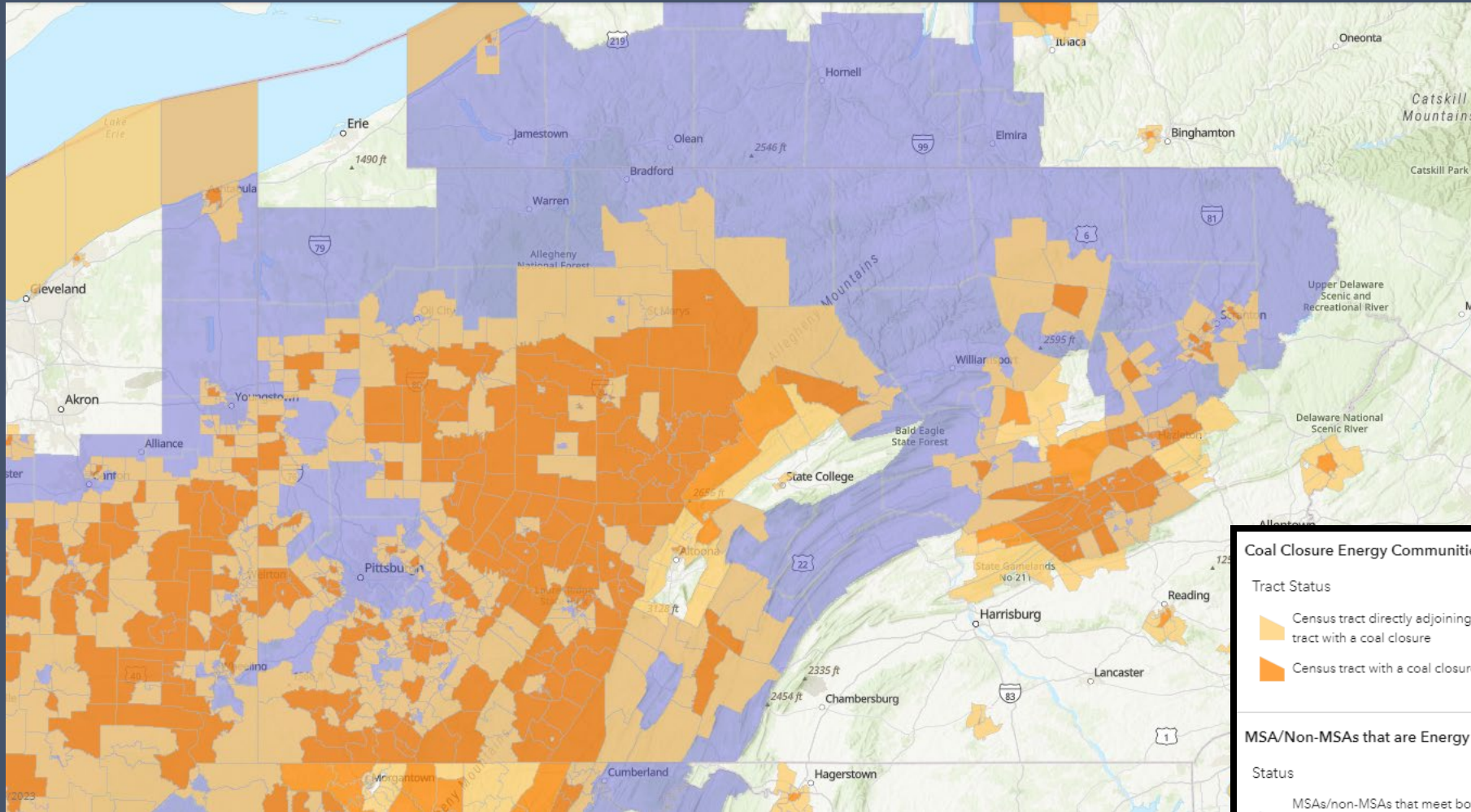
- Founded nearly 80 years ago, the Allegheny Conference is one of the country's foremost civic leadership organizations.
- We bring together public and private sector partners to improve the economy and the quality of life for everyone in the 10-county Pittsburgh region.
- 250+ regional employers form the Regional Investors Council and provide the time, talent and resources to advance our agenda. Together, we...
 - Define near- and long-term opportunities and challenges facing our 10 counties;
 - Identify solutions to capture these opportunities and meet these challenges; and
 - Convene and mobilize the public, private and non-profit sectors to achieve results.

WHO WE SERVE



- 10 counties of SWPA
- 2.6 million people
- \$189 billion GDP (2022 – Lightcast, Datarun 2023.3)

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THANK YOU



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Johnstown's Secret Sauce for Federal Funding



- **Business Leadership Buy-in**
- **Collaboration and Partnerships**
- **Expert Help**
- **Rallying the Troops**
- **Results-Oriented Programs + Projects**

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SWPA Resources for Economic Growth

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Plan. Collaborate. Grow.

Federally Designated as the regions:

- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Economic Development District
- Local Development District

Provide the forum for collaboration, planning, and public decision-making

- Transportation
- Economic Development



How we can help...

- Planning & Stakeholder Engagement
 - Long Range Transportation Plan & Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
 - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
 - Water Resource Center
 - Broadband
- Grant Technical Assistance
 - ARC, EDA and more
 - Community Capacity Coordinator
- Small Business Support
 - Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP)
 - Network of EDOs, WDB, SBDCs and others

Regional Grants: What's happening in swpa?

- Conversations are happening - strategic planning
- Grants are being awarded here regionally & statewide
- Dollars are still available and out there!
- Support is Available
 - Local Development Districts
 - Network of regional partners & providers
- Finding solutions to challenges
 - How to apply, locating funding opportunities, capacity, increased costs, match etc.

Thank you

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