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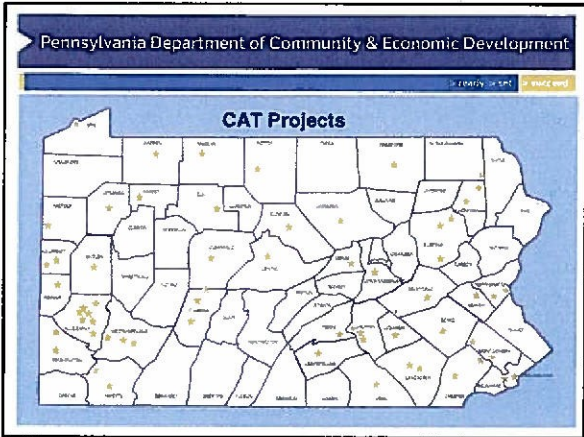
PENNSYLVANIA PROFILE

- Gross Domestic Product: **\$510 Billion**
- Population: **12,440,621**
- Current Employment: **5,993,000**
- Unemployment Rate: **4.3%**

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17th largest economy in the world
Pennsylvania's GDP: USD \$510 billion

Country	GDP (USD billion)
Pennsylvania	510
Switzerland	379.7
Saudi Arabia	300.7
Ireland	222.8
Hong Kong, China	189.7
Israel	123.4



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Business Climate:
Business Tax Reductions in 2007-2008 Budget:

- Accelerating the reduction of the Capital Stock/Franchise Tax rate. The rate for tax year 2007 will now be 3.89 mills. The tax is on schedule to be phased out in 2011 (about \$250 million);
- A new agricultural tax credit program – known as the Resource Enhancement and Protection Tax Credit that provides up to \$10 million in tax credits for farmers who use best practices to preserve the environment;
- A \$16 million increase in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program - from \$59 million to \$75 million for companies and groups that fund scholarships for students;

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Business Climate:
Business Tax Reductions in 2007-2008 Budget (continued):

- Tax credits for film and television production companies to encourage investments by the movie industry of no more than \$75 million annually;
- Banks involved in mergers or acquisitions will now be permitted to deduct goodwill from book value. (This tax savings is valued at \$12.6 million.)
- This brings the total business tax cuts under the Rendell administration to about \$2.3 billion.

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Governor's Action Team Results

- Successfully "closes" approximately 150 deals each year
- Delivers \$200 million annually in state assistance to job creating employers
- Leverages approximately \$2 billion in private investment each year
- Projects create approximately 22,000 new jobs each year
- Since 2003, GAT has successfully completed 853 projects
 - These projects total commitments for 92,735 jobs created and 209,420 jobs retained
 - The commonwealth has offered more than \$1.6 billion in state assistance for these projects, which will leverage more than \$10.2 billion in additional investment

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Philosophy

The Community Action Team (CAT) expedites funding for high-impact redevelopment projects by breaking down bureaucratic roadblocks and **packaging resources** of multiple agencies.

CAT represents a radical shift in the state's approach from a passive application review process to a model based on meaningful state **"engagement"** in all phases of project development.

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Evolution

- Prior to taking office in 2003, Governor Rendell developed his "Plan for a New Pennsylvania" with two changes in mind:
 - 1) No longer could we, as a Commonwealth, scatter our financial resources to disparate and stand-alone projects.
 - 2) The Commonwealth had to change the way in which it did business with the many communities seeking assistance. The delivery system had to change.

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AWARD WINNING INITIATIVE

- Pennsylvania's Community Action Team wins Harvard Award *The Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation, part of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, named the Governor's Community Action Team program one of the top 50 programs in the 2006 Innovations in American Government Awards competition.*
- "Community Action Team shows success in identifying priorities and thinking outside the box to meet the needs of Pennsylvania's citizens and ensure our resources are not wasted on redundant, ineffective efforts". - Governor Edward Rendell


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The Community Action Team was created to:

- Identify "Impact Projects"
- Coordinate funding within DCED and across agency and department lines
- Act as a "general partner" with local government and developers to assure project implementation



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"SIO"- Strategic Investment Officer
A single point of contact in state government

- Help communities to identify local development priorities and generate impact projects
- Develop a package of Commonwealth assistance for a project
- Trouble-shoot grant and contracting problems
- Stay involved through project completion

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SIO Responsibilities

- Know specific budgets of all individual project components.
- Prioritize project components and refine the project into phases as necessary.
- Coordinate multiple sources of funding – including local match
- Promote program "fungibility"– can rules and guidelines of programs reasonable interpreted in a way that will allow the project to proceed?
- Research state programs and regulatory regulations across departmental boundaries – GET TO YES.

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"IMPACT PROJECT"

- A community-changing revitalization project including different uses and supported by multiple federal, state, local and private investment sources.
- Identified by a planning supported assessment process




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Interagency Collaboration

- Priority for CAT projects
- Collaboration on funding
- Expediting the process
- Cutting through "red tape"
- Interagency "over-lay" of investment priorities



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Process Points

- Community contact and outreach
- Regional and central staff assess the scope of the potential project
 - If Impact project: assign SIO
 - If non-impact, or preparation needed: assign program managers
- Interagency Team established
- SIO project management and capacity building

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Overall Results

- **Seventy-seven** Pennsylvania communities are designated as CAT projects with SIOs assigned
- Total project investment to date: **over \$903 million**
- Public investment by the Commonwealth: **over \$364 million**
- Leveraged private investment: **over \$539 million**

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CAT Project

City of Lebanon

Market House

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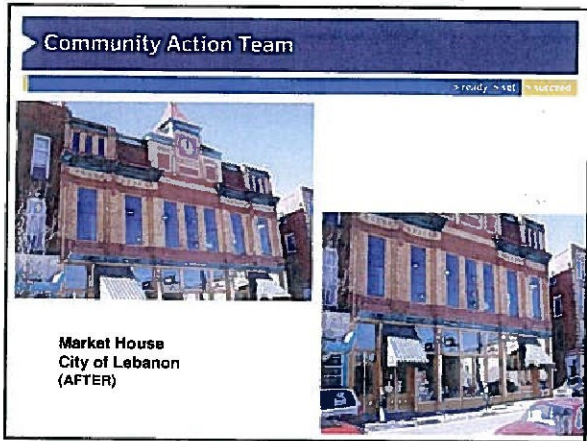
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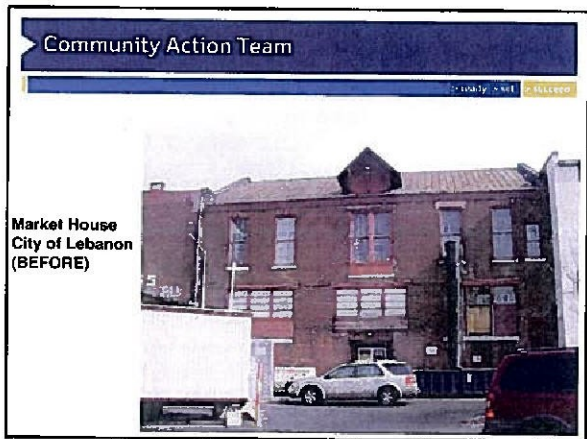
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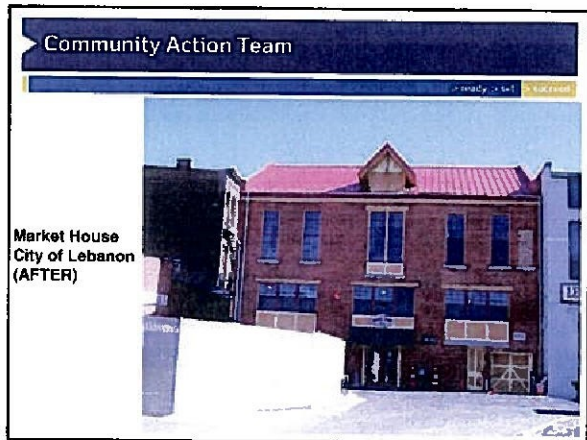
**City of Lebanon
Needs Assessment**

- Ensure long-term viability of downtown, with a special emphasis on the central business district
- Preservation of the original Lebanon Farmers Market (Market House) and other historically significant structures
- Develop a County Farmers Market
- Preservation of architectural features which add to the unique character of the downtown
- Encourage upper story residential living space by adding apartments to the second and third stories of commercial buildings
- Add retail and restaurant opportunities

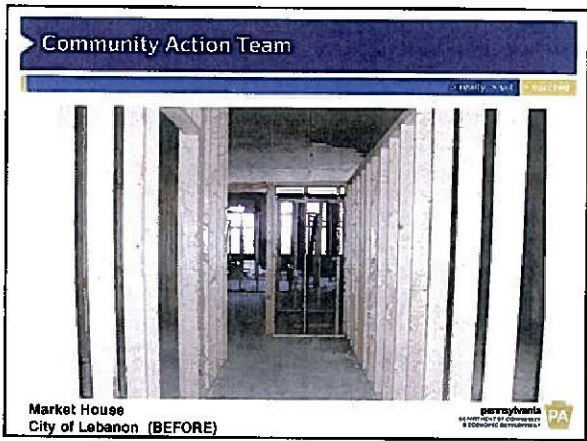
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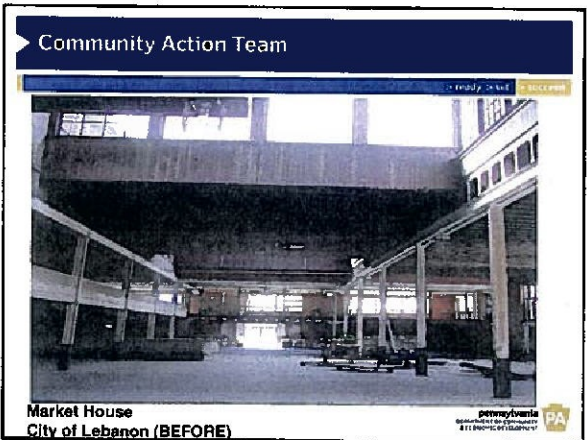


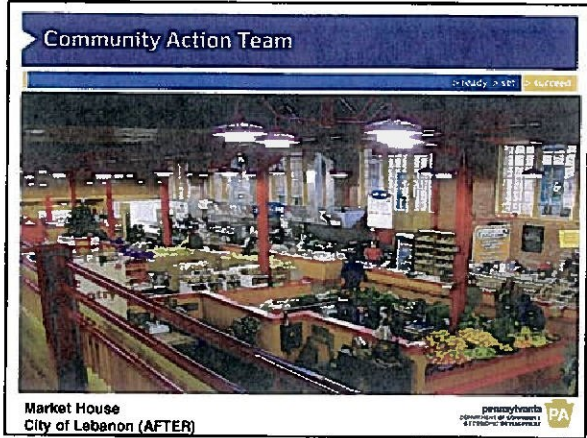


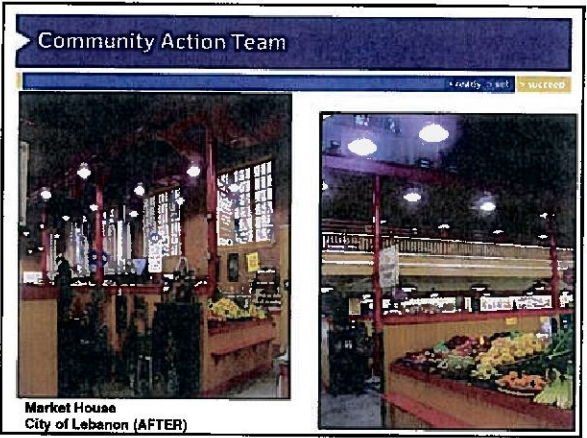


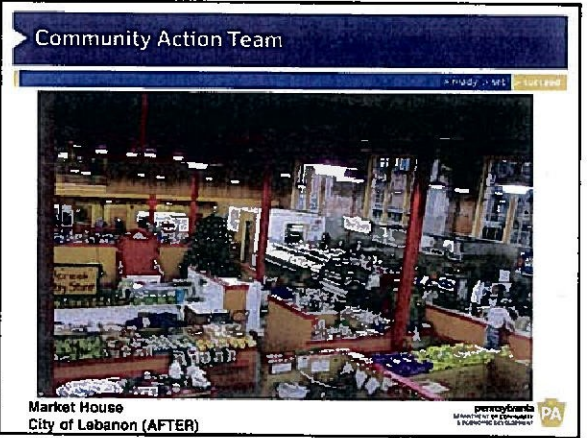






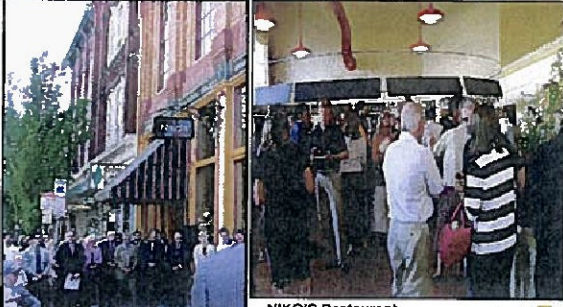






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NIKO'S Restaurant
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CAT Lessons Learned

- SIOs must have the needed skills and be provided intensive training
 - Training should include real estate development, project management, and specific public program orientation
- Communities must prioritize community projects and build local consensus before CAT engages on project development
- Local development capacity and local project management is critical to long-term success

Potential solution: Link the Commonwealth's **Community Planning** services to CAT

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**Linking Planning to CAT:
Community Planning Engagement**

- Community assessment and needs analysis
- Planning project support –Interagency/intragency application support
- Plan development informed by project development needs
- Feasibility studies
- Capacity building and early implementation

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CAT Project

City of New Castle

Cascade Riverplex

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**City of New Castle
Needs Assessment**

- Ensure long-term viability of downtown, with special emphasis on the central business district
- Redevelopment of the downtown supporting the expanding entertainment heritage project
- Maintaining the existing older housing stock to stabilize neighborhoods
- New residential construction and infill residential land use to reclaim neighborhoods
- Preservation of architectural features which add to the unique character of downtown

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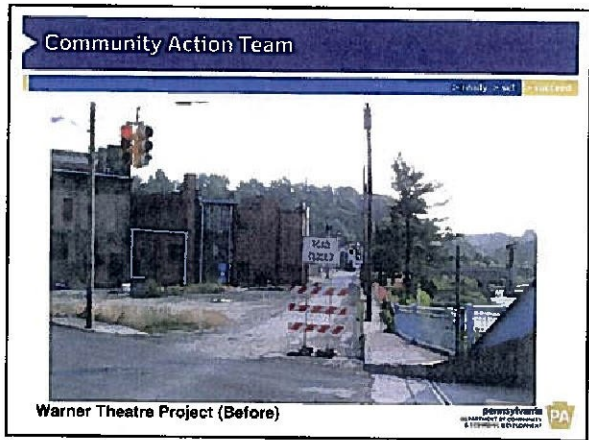
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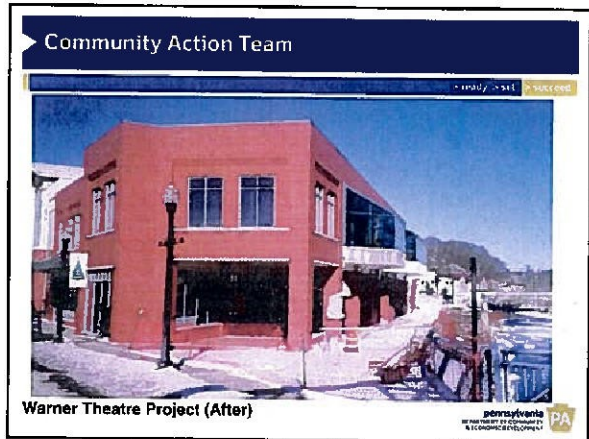
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Comprehensive Assistance**

• Main St	\$500,000	Renovations to Riverplex / Warner Theater
• Penn Dot	\$200,000	Kennedy Square Improvements
• DCNR	\$200,000	Zambelli Plaza park improvements
• DCED	\$850,000	County HOME dollars for façade improvement residential areas
• DCED	\$50,000	Local Municipal Resources & Development Program/ New Castle Playhouse

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**City of Warren
Needs Assessment**

- Ensure long-term viability of downtown, with special emphasis on the riverfront development
- Redevelopment of the riverfront supporting Northwest Savings Bank Headquarters expansion
- Encouraging tourism through revitalized riverfront for conferences and entertainment
- New residential construction and infill residential land use to encourage a livable downtown
- Making riverfront/downtown a destination point for Live, Work and Play

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**City of Warren
Comprehensive Assistance**

• RACP	\$7,950,000	Parking garage downtown
• HRA	\$500,000	Blight Removal
• Main St.	\$590,000	Main St. Activities
• Penn Dot (Hometown Sts)	\$2,000,000	Streetscape Improvement
• DCNR	\$100,000	Riverwalk improvements
• PHFA	\$1,000,000	Senior Housing / Retail
Leverage	\$10,000,000	

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**Senior Housing
City of Warren**

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Warren Parking Garage
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Conclusion

CAT has evolved into a development-oriented unit, engaged with communities of all sizes to plan, identify, assemble, fund and implement impact projects, serving as the single point of contact for the Commonwealth.

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Questions / Answers

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