

**To:** Wilkes-Barre City Residents

**From:** Tony George

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**Re:** East End Business District Improvement Project

In 2016, the City of Wilkes-Barre will apply to PennDOT for Multimodal Transportation Fund grants to improve and enhance the East End Business District.

The City will leverage PennDOT Multimodal Transportation funds with US Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and US Department of Commerce Economic Development for substantial improvement to the East End Business District.

All of these grant funds encourage and recognize the leveraging of diverse grant funds to upgrade transportation, enhance communities, improve safety, revitalize neighborhoods and create jobs.

East End Business District includes the following streets:

- Scott Street (Kidder Street to Conyngham Avenue)
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- Spring Street (Chapel to Scott Streets)

All City Departments will have an active role in this initiative including meeting in the neighborhood with the East End Business District partners and stakeholders to seek their guidance and input on how best to achieve these goals.

This will project will not only improve the neighborhood but promote economic opportunity thereby improving employment possibilities and increasing the City's tax base.