

**To:** Wilkes-Barre City Residents

**From:** Tony George

**Date:** April 29, 2015

**Re:** Rolling Mill Hill 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 Rolling Mill Hill 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 Rolling Mill Hill 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.

Rolling Mill Hill Business District includes the following streets:

- Blackman (South Main to Frederick Streets)
- Hazel Street (High to Solomon Streets)
- Stanton (Empire to Loomis Streets)

All City Departments will have an active role in this initiative including meeting in the neighborhood with the Rolling Mill Hill 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.