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45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Carnegie Economic Development Update

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Economic Development News

In 2004 Pennsylvania suffered devastation in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan. Allegheny County – in particular Carnegie Borough – was one of the hardest-hit areas in the state. Since then, Carnegie has experienced a high vacancy rate within the business district.

It has taken years to reclaim and rebuild the homes and properties that were damaged or completely destroyed. The recovery process has been slow, but the collaboration of state and local efforts are helping to boost the Carnegie community. For example, the Carnegie Community Development Corporation's Facade Program has changed the face of several downtown buildings which now house two restaurants and retail and small businesses, showcasing Carnegie's potential.



Rep. Kotik tours areas of the 45th District to see what can be done to revitalize communities and spur economic development.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

I am working with CCDC and the Char-West Council of Governments to maximize Carnegie's economic development potential by attracting residents, businesses and developers to the area. **I sponsored a \$15,000 state grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development to assist the CCDC in its effort to market the business district and attract new development in the Carnegie area.** We are looking into possible uses of buildings that are for sale or lease in Carnegie.

We will be holding a series of community forums to get your input on how to renew and revitalize the town. Residents, businesses and interested parties are invited to attend and share ideas for Carnegie's future.

It is my hope these meetings will lead to the development of a new comprehensive community plan, designed to ensure a healthy, vibrant future for the borough of Carnegie.



Results of Carnegie's Facade Program.



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“Carnegie offers a small town atmosphere with broad appeal because it is so close to a large city. This makes it a unique area ideal for residential and commercial development.”



Outside of the old Carnegie post office, one of many sites in downtown Carnegie that is for sale or lease, Kotik (center) talks about development ideas with Michele Lutz, community development coordinator for the Char-West Council of Governments; Leigh Ann White, executive director of the Carnegie Community Development Corporation; Bob Veres, president of Line One Communications, Inc. and Carnegie Borough councilman; and Jack Kobistek, mayor of Carnegie.

IZZY MILLER FURNITURE



The Izzy Miller Furniture store building is currently for sale. Rep. Kotik supports a proposal to transform the building into a community asset. The first floor would be a mini-mall that would offer a wide variety of retail shops. The second floor would be residential units.

I am working with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency to determine affordable housing options for the space. The state agency works to enhance the quality and quantity of affordable homes and apartments, and spearheads homeownership programs, rental housing development initiatives and foreclosure prevention efforts.

CHECK YOUR INBOX!

For the latest information on the upcoming community forums. I look forward to discussing the renewal and revitalization of Carnegie with you. To sign up for my e-mail alerts, go to my Web site: www.pahouse.com/kotik click on “Contact Me” and fill out the online registration.