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Blueprint Team Secures \$7,000 for Market Study of Downtown Upper Floor Space

Study to focus on 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors of Downtown Buildings

TAMAQUA – Tamaqua’s Blueprint Community Team announced that it has secured \$7,000 in funding to study the marketability of upper story space in historic downtown Tamaqua.

“Our Team looked at the current efforts in Tamaqua’s downtown and neighborhoods and identified a real need to address vacant and under-used space on the 2nd & 3rd floors in our downtown,” said Team Member and Downtown Manager, Linda Yulanavage. “As we continue to make progress on the first floors, it’s time to focus on redeveloping the upper stories as well.”

The funding will be used to complete a market study that inventories the current use of Tamaqua’s upper floors and list assets and obstacles to redevelopment.

The study will also identify the feasibility of developing residential, commercial, condominium and other uses for the upper floor space.

“For the first time, we will know what the upper floors have to offer and what strategies might work to make the best use of that space,” added Serge Chrush, a Blueprint Team Member representing Sovereign Bank, a sponsor of the Blueprint Communities program.

The \$7,000 in funding for the study was made possible by the Rural Local Initiative Support Corporation (Rural LISC), a non-profit organization that assists rural communities. The Alliance for Building Communities, a non-profit housing organization is a local Rural LISC agency.

“Having the Alliance for Building Communities as a Blueprint partner brought Rural LISC to the table,” concluded Micah Gursky of the Tamaqua Area Community Partnership, “They liked what’s going on in Tamaqua and wanted to support Tamaqua’s revitalization efforts.”

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Photo: Blueprint Team Members Announce Study of Downtown Upper Stories. Team members (left to right) Jason Boris, Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Commission, Patricia Stefanek, Tamaqua Area Community Partnership, Fred Banuelos, Alliance for Building Communities, Micah Gursky, Tamaqua Area Community Partnership, Linda Yulanavage, Main Street Manager, Rick Jones, Former Chairman of the Alliance for Building Communities, Joseph Yarzebinski. Blueprint Team Members not present: Serge Chrush, Sovereign Bank, Dan Schroeder, Historic Preservation Consultant, Kathy Kunkel, South Ward Neighborhood Committee and Dale Freudenberger, Tamaqua Historical Society.