

This essay is about my “blueprint” for making Connellsville, Pennsylvania a better place to live. My “blueprint” includes revitalizing the business district, attracting new industries, and improving recreational activities, transportation, and housing.

The downtown area is in need of revitalization. The old dilapidated buildings need to be demolished. This will leave room for new development. The new development would include specialty shops and restaurants. The fronts of all the shops would be architecturally the same for a unified look. Geraniums will hang outside every storefront to represent that a Connellsville company is known world wide for geranium production. These improvements will beautify downtown Connellsville.

New businesses and industries, including technology and medical industries, could move into the city. This would create jobs for our citizens. A local job-training program would be established based on the needs of the new industries in Connellsville.

There will also be improved recreational activities for the city. A community theater will be built to offer both live performances and movies. A swimming pool will be built for everyone to enjoy. The YMCA would be moved and expanded to accommodate a gymnasium, and recreational rooms for racquetball, table tennis, and other indoor activities.

Connellsville’s local parks will be improved by installing new playground equipment. The parks will also have designated areas for pets to play. Seasonal activities, such as local concerts, a craft show, and artisan lessons for all ages will be offered. A dock would be built at Yough River Park for boats and canoes. All of these improvements will allow the families of Connellsville to enjoy time together in their

beautiful town. A new hotel and pet hotel would allow visitors a place to stay in Connellsville.

The housing situation in Connellsville will be improved by building new apartments for senior citizens. Attractive, affordable housing will also be built for the city residents.

A public transportation system will benefit both visitors and citizens. Transportation options would include taxi service throughout the city, an old time trolley system route around the downtown area, or a monorail system from the new hotel to the downtown.

The revenue for my "blueprint" will come from the government, businesses, and private individuals. Everyone in Connellsville would be asked to volunteer and become an active participant in the revitalization of our city. To encourage citizens to participate, incentives, such as chances to win donated prizes, will be offered for volunteers.

Connellsville has the potential to become a beautiful and bustling city. We have natural resources of water and timber. The city has the bike path and is close to Seven Springs Resort and Fallingwater. With these wonderful features and my "blueprint" for success, Connellsville will be a great place to live.