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County Unemployment Rate Lowers

In September, the PA Department of Labor and Industry reported that the unemployment rate for Franklin County dropped to 3.4 percent. The local rate is below both the state and national averages of 3.9 and 4.1 percent respectively. Total jobs in the County increased more than 1,600 from July 2025 to July 2026, reaching a total of 64,000. 8,600 jobs in the County.

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...Message from Mike

As FCADC celebrates its 40th anniversary, the progress we have made this summer is a fitting reflection of how this organization has always worked: identify opportunities, build strong partnerships, and turn long-term plans into results that benefit Franklin County.



At the Wharf Road Industrial Park in Washington Township, the final phase of Lot 5 has moved from planning into action. Supported by a \$4.6 million Pennsylvania Sites grant and an \$850,000 commitment from FCADC, the project will prepare the park's remaining 20.5 acres for development as three market-ready industrial parcels. David H. Martin has been awarded the contract. This project will expand industrial capacity and create new opportunities for investment and job growth in the greater Waynesboro area.

With respect to Penn State Mont Alto, we are helping lead a community effort of community stakeholders to advance a reuse concept that would preserve the 106-acre campus as an integrated conservation, education, workforce, healthcare, and community-services hub. The planning model envisions the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as a potential lead steward, with participation from Lackawanna College, WellSpan Health, Franklin County CareerTech, the county's public school districts, Leg Up Farm, and other public and nonprofit partners. The concept is promising, but important due diligence remains before any final decision.

On September 10, we hosted our 38th Industry Appreciation Dinner at Penn State Mont Alto. The annual dinner remains our favorite opportunity to recognize the companies and individuals whose leadership strengthens our economy and our communities. This year, Cumberland Valley Analytical Services was honored as Large Business of the Year, and Leidy's Custom Woodworking, Inc. was recognized as Small Business of the Year. We were also proud to present the Zane A. Miller Award to Janet Pollard for her extraordinary leadership, service, and lasting impact on Franklin County. I extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the sponsors and supporters who made the event possible.

Another important development was the approval of three Local Share Account grants submitted with FCADC's assistance. These awards demonstrate the value of our role as a partner to community-serving organizations. Economic development is not limited to industrial buildings and business financing; it also includes investments that improve quality of life and help make Franklin County a stronger place to live, work, and raise a family. (continued page 2)



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This summer also reinforced the importance of workforce development and adaptive reuse. The Lackawanna College Chambersburg Center is now positioned to expand welding and fabrication training in an FCADC-owned facility, strengthening a career pathway that directly responds to employer demand. None of this progress happens in isolation. It depends on committed businesses, public officials, educators, nonprofit leaders, lenders, volunteers, our Board of Directors, and a dedicated FCADC staff. Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Forty years after FCADC was established, our enthusiasm remains strong—and we are continuing to build Franklin County's future with purpose.

Enjoy the Fall,
Mike

FCADC Breaks Ground on Lot 5 Subdivision Project

Representing more than \$5.4 Million Investment

The Franklin County Area Development Corporation (FCADC) has broken ground on a three-lot subdivision within the Wharf Road Industrial Park in Washington Township. The project represents an investment of more than \$5.4 million by FCADC to prepare the 20.5-acre property for new industrial development. DHM, Inc. is performing the site and infrastructure improvements needed to transform the property into three separate building lots, creating new opportunities for business expansion, private investment and job creation in Franklin County. All three parcels are currently under agreements of sale, demonstrating the continued demand for development-ready industrial properties in the county. Settlement on the properties is expected to occur following the completion of site improvements in 2027.



WEDnet PA Program and Shippensburg University Provides Workforce Training Funds

Eligible PA Employers can Upskill Existing Employees

Shippensburg University is a proud partner of the Workforce and Economic Development Network of Pennsylvania (WEDnetPA), a state-funded program that helps eligible Pennsylvania businesses offset the cost of training their existing employees. Through WEDnetPA, qualifying companies can receive reimbursement of up to \$2,000 per employee during each fiscal year for eligible training expenses. This assistance allows businesses to strengthen employee skills, improve productivity and remain competitive without placing additional strain on their operating budgets.

Accessing WEDnetPA funding is simple. Shippensburg University's local WEDnetPA representative serves as a single point of contact, guiding businesses through every step of the process—from answering questions and identifying eligible training activities to submitting expenses for reimbursement. This personalized support allows employers to remain focused on operating and growing their businesses. Businesses interested in strengthening their workforce and reducing training expenses are encouraged to learn more by visiting [Shippensburg University's WEDnetPA webpage](#).





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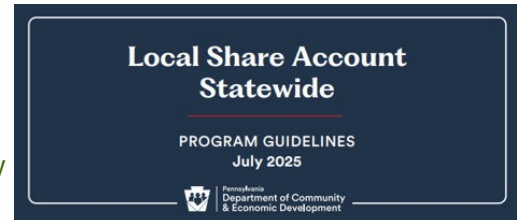
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FCADC Secures More Than \$656,000 for Local Nonprofit Organizations

The Franklin County Area Development Corporation (FCADC) was recently Announced as the successful applicant for three Pennsylvania Local Share Account–Statewide grants totaling \$656,061. The funding will support important capital projects for three Franklin County nonprofit organizations:

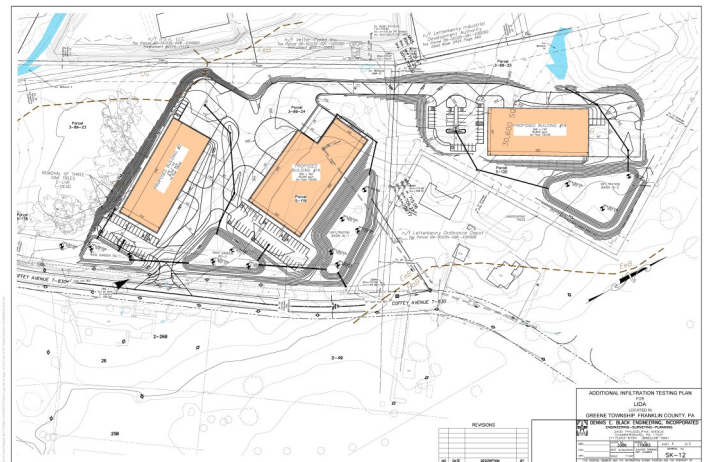
- **Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County** – \$97,931 for the purchase of a new delivery truck
- **Menno Haven, Inc.** – \$358,130 for the purchase and installation of a backup generator
- **Waynesboro Area YMCA** – \$200,000 for gymnasium renovations

Each of these projects will strengthen an organization that plays an important role in enhancing the quality of life throughout Franklin County. Habitat for Humanity’s new delivery truck will support its housing mission by helping transport building materials, donations and other supplies. Menno Haven’s backup generator will provide greater reliability and continuity of essential services during power outages and emergency situations. Renovations to the Waynesboro Area YMCA gymnasium will improve a heavily used community space that supports recreation, wellness, youth programming and community activities. FCADC served as the applicant on behalf of the three nonprofit organizations and will administer the grants throughout the completion of their respective projects. These latest awards demonstrate how partnerships and strategic investments can help address community needs while improving the overall quality of life in Franklin County.



FCADC Secures New Industrial Expansion Opportunities at Oak Grove

The Franklin County Area Development Corporation (FCADC) has executed a multi-year option agreement for more than 20 acres within the Cumberland Valley Business Park. Known as Oak Grove, the property expands FCADC’s inventory of industrial sites available to support business growth and new investment in Franklin County. The parcel includes an existing industrial building that is currently under lease, as well as two pad-ready sites capable of supporting additional industrial buildings of approximately 43,000 square feet and 30,000 square feet. Together, the sites offer the potential for approximately 73,000 square feet of new industrial space. By securing control of the property through a multi-year option agreement, FCADC can proactively market the sites and respond to the needs of existing companies seeking to expand, as well as businesses considering a new Franklin County location. The availability of pad-ready sites can significantly reduce the time required to move an expansion project from planning to construction. The property’s location within the Cumberland Valley Business Park also provides businesses with access to an established industrial environment and Franklin County’s strategic transportation network. Companies considering a new facility or planning a business expansion are encouraged to contact FCADC to discuss their space requirements and development options.





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FCADC Celebrates Franklin County's Business Community *Annual Industry Appreciation Dinner held September 10th*

On September 10th, FCADC hosted its 38th Annual Industry Appreciation Dinner, one of Franklin County's most anticipated annual events. The celebration recognized the large and small employers whose dedication, innovation, and investment help the county's economy thrive. Nearly 450 guests attended the event at the Penn State Mont Alto Campus Multi-purpose Activities Center. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2026 Large Business of the Year, Small Business of the Year, and Zane A. Miller awards. Nationally recognized mentalist Craig Karges capped off the celebration, amazing the audience with his extraordinary abilities and unforgettable performance. To view the award video presentations click here: [FCADC 2026 Industry Appreciation Dinner](#).



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2026 Small Business of the Year



Cumberland Valley Analytical Services
2026 Large Business of the Year



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2026 Zane A. Miller Award Recipient

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