





# Appalachian Culture & Sustainability Course Goals:

- Examine the history of civic, economic, and political institutions in Appalachia.
- Apply this knowledge to ask how civic institutions in McKean County address the needs of local communities.
- Focus on sustainable community development, i.e., an integrated approach to meeting social, economic, and environmental challenges.
- Develop a baseline of information to create partnerships and give students applied learning opportunities.





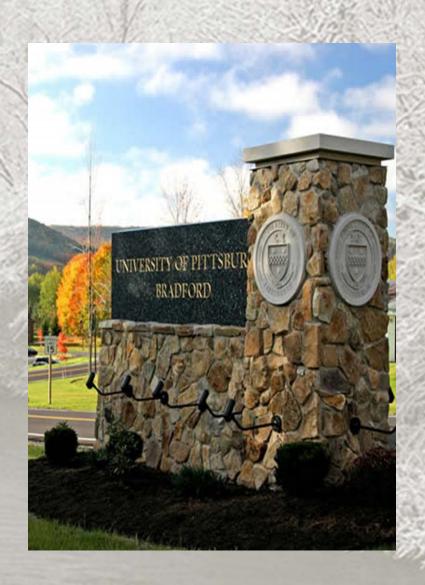
#### Research Process

#### PART I:

- Identify Participants
- Develop Questionnaire
- Interview Organizations

#### PART II:

- Compile Data
- Identify Trends
- Draw Conclusions
- Organize Meetings for Future Partnerships





## **Local Organizations**

BEACON LIGHT
BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH SYSTEMS

**Big Brothers Big Sisters** 



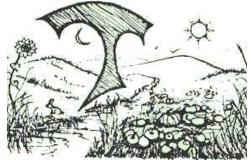












Canticle Farm

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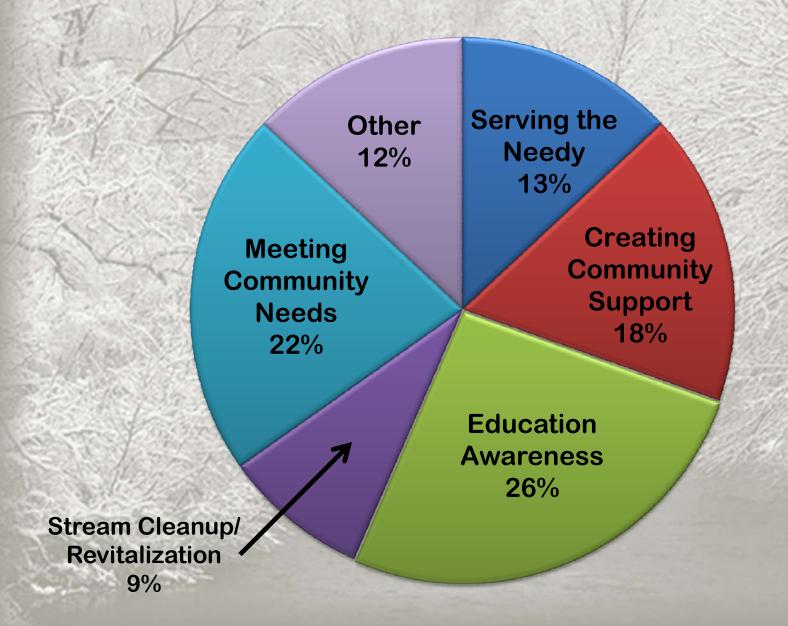




#### Bradford & McKean Co. Profile

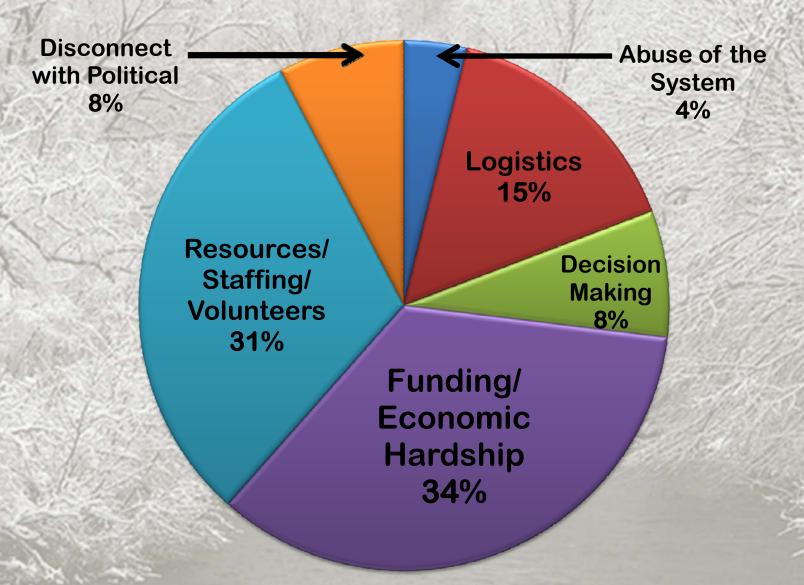
- County Settled in 1823; Oil Boom in 1871.
- Bradford Population: 9,175 (3.15 sq. mile area)
- McKean County Population: 43,196
- McKean Population Urban: 37%; Rural 63%
- McKean Unemployment Rate (2010): 8.8%;
   PA Rate: 8.8%; US Rate: 9.4%

#### Results: Goals Most Effectively Met

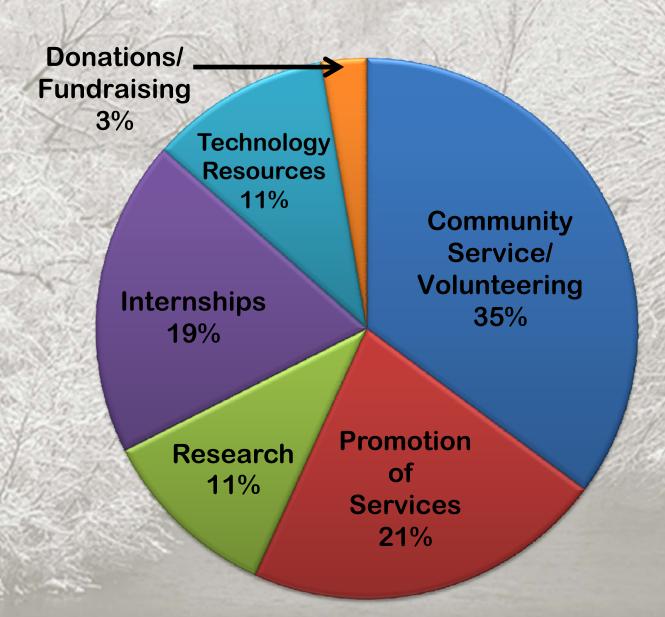




### Results: Challenges



#### Results: What can UPB do?





# Conclusions: Enhancing Community Assets and Building Partnerships

