



## **Structural Challenges**

- 2,561 local governments; 67 counties, 501 school districts, 1,000+ urban places
- Continuing transition of economy: “extraction and manufacturing” to “knowledge and information”
- Slow growth, shifting demography and “hollowing out”

## **Governor's Vision: Community Revitalization**

- Focus on core communities – cities, boroughs
- Reclaiming & reusing brownfields
- Growing urban and rural economies
- Coordinated investments across agencies
- Greater state investment in education
- Workforce development program synchronization

## **Tactics for Revitalization**

- Economic Development Cabinet
- Keystone Principles for Growth, Investment and Resource Conservation
- Plan for Integrating Transportation, Land Use and Economic Development
- Economic Stimulus Initiative - \$2.3 billion
- Community Action Team - communities
- Governor's Action Team - businesses
- Brownfield Action Team – industrial sites

## Community Action Team

- “Impact Projects”
- Coordinated funding across agencies
- Act as a “general partner”
- Consensus, cooperation, and support for economic development priority projects
- Customize a package of assistance and implementation

## Outcomes for the CAT

- **Seventy-three** Pennsylvania communities are designated as CAT projects
- Project investment: **over \$903 million**
- Public investment: **over \$364 million**
- Leveraged private investment: **over \$539 million**

## 2007 Budget Issues

- **Education** – \$525 million in funding for K-12 education, bringing total to \$9.3 billion.
- **Health Care** – Cover All Pennsylvanians
- **Energy Independent PA** – \$850 million for biofuels, wind, solar, waste coal
- **Mass Transit; Highways & Bridges** - \$1.7 billion to retain and repair