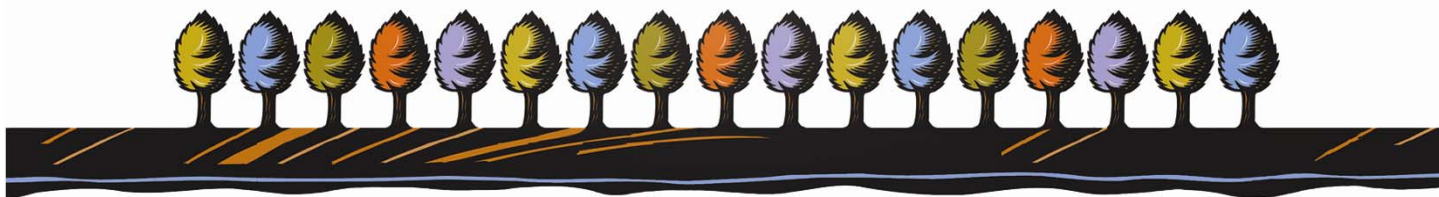


## Central Susquehanna Community Foundation



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### **Central Susquehanna Community Foundation to purchase properties**

**Berwick-** The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation is in the process of purchasing the property on the corner of West Front & Orange Street and the former Con's building. Construction will be completed by Fall 2007.

The Foundation has been searching for a new building that would provide adequate office space for board and staff activity. The chosen location will also allow community organizations to hold meetings, trainings, etc. Easy access, parking and location are all positive attributes of this property.

“Many people, even in Berwick, do not know that the Foundation exists. So, our plan is to relocate to a visible site where everyone notices that we are here. As a public charity grantmaker, the Foundation is very important to the community,” commented Eric DeWald, Foundation’s executive director. “We also wanted to help beautify one of the gateways into Berwick. We feel that our move will be good for the community as well as the specific needs of our board and staff.”

The Foundation is working with Robert A. Lack Architecture & Design for the planning phase.

The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation invests charitable funds to benefit lower Luzerne, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties. The Foundation's original and largest endowment is the Berwick Health and Wellness Fund (BHWF), valued at approximately \$28 million, created through the sale of the Berwick Hospital Center in 1999. Through the BHWF, the Foundation promotes health and wellness in its grantmaking and community engagement throughout 23 boroughs and townships in northern Columbia County and lower Luzerne County. Since its inception five years ago, the community has received more than five million dollars in grant-money. For more information, please call the Foundation at 752-3930.

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