



Flory's Dam, Bangor, Pa.

The Slate Belt Heritage Center and Museum

By Karen Brewer

BANGOR - The Slate Belt Heritage Center and Museum will hold their monthly historic program on Thursday, September 11th @ 7:00PM. Speaker for the evening will be Mr. Larry Cory who will do a presentation on the former Flory's Dam (this was postponed due to inclement weather from February).

Once located on North Main Street, Flory's Dam was a popular place for winter sports like ice skating and hockey. During the first half of the century, it was also the site of the very first Bangor Park where football, baseball and softball were played, in addition to swimming and fishing. Come and hear about the famous "Ice Bowl Football Game" played by Bangor & Pen Argyl and other interesting stories. Flory's Dam is named after Bangor Industrialist, Solomon Flory. The event is free and open to the public.

The Museum Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer at: 484-894-5661

2025 NOMINATIONS

BUSINESSPERSON OF THE YEAR

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



DESCRIPTION

Businessperson of the Year

- Slate Belt businessperson deserving of a nomination due to exceptional service.
- Business owner that gives back to their employees and/or the community.

Volunteer of the Year

- Deserving individual that consistently volunteers in the Slate Belt.
- Organizer of a local non-profit that provides a service to the community.

NOMINATION DIRECTIONS

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 20TH

Provide the following information:

- Nominee Name
- Business/Organization Name
- Reason for Nomination (Please provide a detailed description)
- Nominating Person's Name/Phone/Email Address

Submit Nomination to the Slate Belt Chamber by September 20th

- Email: info@slatebeltchamber.org
- Mail: 187 Blue Valley Drive, Bangor, PA 18013
- Submit Online Form: www.slatebeltchamber.org

SLATE BELT AWARDS DINNER - NOVEMBER 5TH

- Award winners will be selected by the SBCC Committee and announced in early October.
- The awards dinner will be held at Allegheny Creek Brewing Company 11/5 at 6pm.

Contact the Chamber with any questions 610-588-1000



Boscola Announces over \$5 Million in Funding to Provide Greater Access to Broadband in the 18th Senatorial District

By Senator Lisa Boscola

BETHLEHEM (August 22, 2025) - - Senator Lisa Boscola announced today that \$5,257,109 in grant funding has been approved by the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) to provide greater access to broadband throughout the 18th Senatorial District through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program.

"In today's world access to broadband is critical for all our communities. Fast and reliable internet is a necessity not only to create jobs and fuel economic growth here in the Lehigh Valley, but also for families so they can have access to amenities that impact their daily lives such as health care and public safety and their children have access to improve their education," Senator Boscola stated. "The BEAD program will allow broadband providers to lay more fiber in areas throughout the Lehigh Valley that have been underserved."

The PBDA approved the funding that will allow Verizon, Comcast and Commonwealth Telephone Co. to install Fiber and Hybrid Fiber to provide access to necessary technology.

Statewide, 21 unique awardees were funded totaling \$793,494,747 in grants, which will mean 130,000 Pennsylvania homes and businesses will gain access to broadband. While the program required a 25% match, the private sector match for these grants totaled \$650,000,000, which equates to a cumulative match of 80%.

"It should be noted that the grants in my Senate District are for fiber projects, which are the best, most reliable and scalable of the types of technology that were approved today by the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority," Boscola added. "The private sector also realized that to be competitive for these grant awards that they would have to far surpass the match requirements, meaning that an additional \$450,000,000 in private investment will be seen across the Commonwealth."

The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program is a \$42.45 billion federal funding program established by the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The BEAD program aims to help everyone in America get affordable, reliable high-speed internet by funding infrastructure deployment programs. In June 2023, Pennsylvania received \$1.16 billion in BEAD

funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to assist in the expansion of high-speed broadband infrastructure across the state.

Insurance Coverage for Infertility Treatments

By Senator Lisa Boscola

Many couples across Pennsylvania and the nation want nothing more than to conceive a child and start a family. Unfortunately, for some couples, this is not possible without the use of costly infertility treatments that are not always covered by health insurance policies. My legislation, Senate Bill 351, would require all health insurance policies that provide pregnancy-related benefits within the Commonwealth to also provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility.

Infertility drugs are also very costly but are often used to increase the success of infertility treatment. Therefore, my legislation would prohibit insurance companies from imposing any exclusions, limitations, or other restrictions on coverage of infertility drugs that are different from those imposed on any other prescription drugs.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, at least 19 states—including Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and West Virginia—have passed laws that require insurers to either cover or offer coverage for infertility diagnosis and treatment.

I have been advocating for this legislation since 2009 and it is my hope that the passage of this legislation will allow those couples that want to start a family to do so without the worry of oftentimes burdensome cost of infertility treatments.

