



ESSA Bank & Trust Renews Commitment to Slate Belt Rising

By ESSA

STROUDSBURG – ESSA Bank & Trust announced today that they have renewed their financial commitment to Slate Belt Rising for another 24 months.

The mission of Slate Belt Rising (SBR), a program of Community Action Lehigh Valley (CACLV), is to galvanize the boroughs of Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland to capitalize on their shared heritage and traditions, the natural beauty of the Slate Belt, and the commercial potential provided by the proximity to major roadways to increase economic opportunity in the region, reduce poverty, eliminate blight, and improve the overall quality of life.

SBR works toward five major inter-connected objectives to revitalize the Slate Belt's four boroughs. These comprehensive priority areas include:

- Vibrant Economic Climate**
- Regional Cooperation**
- Neighborhoods and Housing**
- Youth Engagement**
- Sustainable Slate Belt Rising**

ESSA's renewed 24-month commitment represents a donation of \$25,000 per year during 2022 and 2023. The bank has been an ongoing contributor during the last six years of the program with yearly donations of \$25,000 between 2016 and 2021.

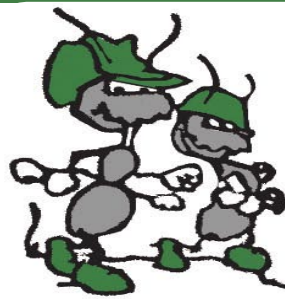
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