



### Whitewater Recreation Parks Engineer and Design Firms Announced

Clearly Ahead Development is making exciting progress on the proposed Whitewater Recreation Parks in Clearfield and Curwensville. We are pleased to announce that an engineering and design team has been selected to lead the initial planning and design phases of these transformative projects.

In December 2024, Calibre Engineering, based in Highlands Ranch, CO, was chosen as the lead design firm. They will collaborate with Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, based in Clearfield, PA, to oversee Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, and Bidding Support for both project sites.

To learn more about the proposed Whitewater Parks, including frequently asked questions and project renderings, scan the QR code below.

**Stay tuned for further updates as the projects move forward!**



Golden, CO  
Whitewater Park

### State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Update

In 2022, Clearly Ahead Development (CAD) was awarded a \$1,122,500 grant to establish a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program, an exclusive funding opportunity for Certified Economic Development Organizations (CEDOs). This initiative is a major step toward fostering local business growth in Clearfield County.

CAD has successfully deployed the first tranche of \$336,193.44 to three local businesses that retained 67 jobs and created 2 new jobs. The next tranche is expected in early 2025. The funding stems from a competitive application submitted by Clearly Ahead to the Commonwealth of PA to create both Revolving Loan Fund and a Microloan Program for small businesses in our communities. The program requires a 50% matching contribution from a participating financing entity for loan eligibility.

These funds are designed to complement commercial financing from local banks, creating a collaborative approach to economic development and supporting small businesses that may not qualify for traditional industrial or commercial loan programs.

In the coming weeks, Clearly Ahead will engage with local banks to raise awareness of this opportunity. Stay tuned for updates as we continue working to support business growth and opportunities in our community!

For more information, eligible businesses may contact Paul McCloskey at [pmccloskey@clearlyahead.com](mailto:pmccloskey@clearlyahead.com).



It has been a privilege to be part of this organization since its inception over 25 years ago. I am honored to work alongside a dedicated staff and a committed Board of Directors who volunteer countless hours to support local business growth, drive talent retention, and lead strategic business recruitment and expansion efforts for the betterment of Clearfield County.

As we step into 2025, we look forward to highlighting various economic development programs that may serve as valuable resources for your organization. We will also showcase our most recent project successes and provide updates on ongoing initiatives aimed at strengthening our community's economic well-being.

Stay tuned for important events, including upcoming Town Hall & Community Meetings and Clearly Ahead Membership Networking opportunities - great occasions to connect, collaborate, and engage.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another year of growth and shared success.

**Rob Swales**  
CEO

### Join Us for a Town Hall Meeting on the Curwensville White Water Park Design!

Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 6:00 PM, a town hall meeting will be held at the Curwensville High School Auditorium to discuss the design plans for the Curwensville portion of the Whitewater Park project.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the project, share your thoughts, suggestions and ask questions to the Engineering Team for design consideration. Residents of the greater Curwensville & Clearfield area are encouraged to participate. We look forward to seeing you there.



Low-head dam, Irvin Park. Curwensville



## Affordable Financing to Help Clearfield County Businesses Grow

The Clearfield County Industrial Development Authority (CCIDA) is making business expansion more accessible with its Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). Offering a fixed-rate loan of 5.5%, this program provides affordable financing for local businesses looking to expand, renovate, or invest in new equipment.

Eligible businesses in the manufacturing, industrial, commercial, or warehousing sectors can apply for loans of up to \$100,000 to support projects such as real estate purchases, new construction, renovations, machinery replacement, and working capital. Loan terms are flexible based on project needs, with businesses required to contribute 10% of the total project cost.

The CCIDA RLF Program has helped drive local economic growth and is currently supporting 14 businesses with expansions, equipment upgrades, and facility improvements. The application process is straightforward—similar to a traditional bank loan—and requires at least three years of financial records, along with relevant agreements, proposals, and business plans when applicable. Best of all, funding decisions are made quickly, with approvals in as little as 30 to 45 days.

Contact our office today for more information.

## State Police Barracks to Relocate to New Facility in Commerce Park

The Clearfield-based state police barracks is relocating from Woodland to a newly constructed, state-of-the-art facility in Commerce Park. The 12,809-square-foot building will be situated on an 8-acre site along Bud George Boulevard, directly across from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation District 2-0 offices.

Designed to enhance operational efficiency and security, the new barracks will nearly double the size of the existing facility to accommodate additional services. The new site will feature a 75-foot-diameter helicopter pad, a 50-yard shooting range with a protective canopy, and 83 parking spaces. Additional amenities include a secure vehicle impoundment area, a 14-by-20-foot storage facility, a large training room, radio tower, and an emergency generator to ensure uninterrupted operations.

Construction is slated to begin in Spring 2025.

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## Clearly Ahead Community Impacts for 2024

Over the past year, significant strides have been made in strengthening Clearfield County's economy with the help of Clearly Ahead staff:

- Six local projects invested over \$1 million in capital, preserving 106 jobs and creating 12 new positions using Clearly Ahead Resources and assistance.
- Provided services and support to 174 local businesses to foster growth and sustainability.
- Promoted Clearfield County to 66 businesses from 12 states and 10 countries, expanding opportunities for economic development.
- Engaged in 229 community outreach meetings and events to support local and regional development initiatives.

These efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to drive economic growth, support businesses, and enhance opportunities for our community.

**Clearly Ahead Development  
Mission Statement:**

"Proudly Serving the Community to Create Growth and Opportunity In  
Clearfield County Pennsylvania."