The logo consists of a large orange circle with a thin blue outline. Inside the orange circle, the text "North Central PA CEDS" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font, stacked vertically.

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

**Public Visioning  
Session Responses**

## What positive activities already happening in your community would you like to see more of?

- Increase events
- Community activities that bring people into our county
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- Like to see more involved
- Revamp of restaurants and community activities. Would like to see more events such as community concert series and live events to get people out and active.
- Biking, hiking, kayaking...manufacturing
- Homes are selling
- cooperation and collaboration on economic development opportunities
- Events downtown (farmers markets, food truck fairs, wine walks, etc)
- Growth of more small innovative companies
- Agree with Mike. Elk County should also consider bringing more young adults into the planning of community events. Examples include a needed refresh of annual events like memorial celebration, fireworks, Light up night.
- I'm in!
- Community events
- Regional events are great versus single county events work better!
- A lot of outdoor activities such as ATV trails going in and local campgrounds opening or reopening. New economic development, for example new restaurants and reopening of local establishments.
- Parks with planned activities, pool, coffee shop, movie theater and boys club....places that develop sense of community
- Access to tech centers and college
- Events
- Business Expansion
- Family and community. Groundhog Day huge

- Events
- Community events
- Community Days. Homecoming events. Main Street facade improvements.
- The continued expanding of events.
- New business
- Contributions from talented community members....music, food, technology, and hospitality
- Resurrection of our majestic older buildings. Love the new businesses investing in our community
- Businesses starting up and thriving, amphitheater events, artistic entrepreneurs.
- Community events
- The county putting in more broadband. Way to go commissioners
- Local activities that involve families. More family involvement
- Increased Housing Options
- I would like to see more business opportunities

**Prior to COVID, the overall quality of life in this community could be characterized as:**

<b>Excellent</b>		<b>25%</b>
<b>Very Good</b>		<b>42%</b>
<b>Good</b>		<b>29%</b>
<b>Fair</b>		<b>4%</b>
<b>Poor</b>		<b>0%</b>




## Since COVID, the overall quality of life of the people living in this community has:

Improved	13%
Worsened	30%
Remained the same	57%



## If you could wave a wand and get anything for your community that you wanted, what would it be?

- Rework somethings to make it more attractive for people to take pride in
- Repaved roads
- Major visual improvement, critical infrastructure, bring a few major events back ,for community involvement
- Would create additional parks and public activity centers. Activities people can get involved in throughout winter. (Mid range concerts)
- Code enforcement officer, new restaurants, gated community, people that want to work
- eliminate addiction, grow local opportunities- economic cultural housing education
- I'll go back to ATV trails, outdoor AND indoor recreation and updated infrastructure.
- the ability to gather a large group who will work together for the greater good and future of our county as a whole
- Employment opportunities for our graduates to help keep our most valuable resources in our community
- Warmer winters :)
- Better higher-paying job opportunities are much needed in this area that would keep our children close by




**If the largest employer in your town left, would your community survive?**

Yes		45%
No		10%
Unsure		45%

**If you don't have a car, how easy is it to get where you need to go?**

Easy		0%
Moderate		0%
Somewhat difficult		29%
Difficult		71%

**Do the streets of this community have sufficient sewers and drains to handle excess water and prevent flooding when it rains?**

Yes		38%
No		33%
Unsure		29%

## What part of the community has access to public Internet services?

The entire community	4%
Most of the community	65%
About half the community	22%
Less than half/very few	9%
No one in the community	0%

## In the last three years, the roads leading to this community have:

Improved	14%
Worsened	55%
Remained the same	31%

## If you were given \$100 million dollars to spend on your community, what would you do?

- Replace all I for structural
- YMCA/recreation
- Sidewalks, roads, property investments, water, sewage, advertising, hotel, outfitters
- Redo old Sylvania building into loft apartments, new sidewalks, streets. Restaurants, indoor pool
- Invest in advanced manufacturing ( more technical, sustainable industries). Rebuild community centers and re-invest in the community
- Buy and demolish every blighted property

- invest in education, entrepreneurship community infrastructure
- Investing in innovative businesses
- Bike trails connecting the communities and neighborhoods, more public spaces.
- Work With our schools to plan for green job opportunities....revamp industrial/shop classes to prepare for emerging technologies.
- I would prioritize housing for middle income, update or refurbish our community assets,
- We need to retain our young people so we need modern housing and entertainment to keep them here.
- Updated infrastructure and community recreation for all ages.
- New Borough Office, Police Station, Library.
- Downtown facade upgrade is good and improved transportation, possible public transportation improvement.
- Convention center
- Secondary education
- Raze/ revitalize dilapidated buildings
- Sports complex, hotel/ event center and raze dilapidated buildings owned by absentee property owners
- Create incubator accelerator, build housing developments, create business competitions
- Create activity centers for kids to keep off streets.
- Investing in businesses.

## Do individuals have access to post-secondary education?

All individuals have access	11%	89%
Some individuals with means have access		
No individuals have access	0%	
Unsure	0%	

## Do you, or someone you know, work remotely?

Yes		82%
No	14%	
Unsure	4%	

## Have you, or someone you know, struggled to find appropriate housing in the region?

Yes		78%
No	18%	
Unsure	4%	

## Historically, what are the major challenges related to housing in the region?

- Housing is currently at an unattainable price for a number of individuals. Limited properties on the market.
- Not enough, few individuals buying up and becoming slum lords.
- Too old



- Not enough, unaffordable
- Too old
- Not enough
- need rentals for young adults and retiring seniors who don't want the upkeep
- The affordable houses needs too much work done to them and the nicer homes are too expensive for many young adults
- Housing prices too high and reasonably priced ones have too much work that would need done to the house.
- Not enough entry level priced housing
- Too Old
- Not enough. Old.

## **If a friend was visiting from out of town, what's the ONE thing you'd take them to see or experience in your area?**

- Kayak at Sinnemahoning, Rich Valley Wines, west creek trail
- See the Top of the World, kayak, hike, bike, eat, see elk
- Drive or ride the Ridge Road
- Elk/Brewery
- Benezette, Straubs tap room
- See the elk
- elk center state parks
- The elk
- Pittsburgh
- elk visitor center, but also kayaking, hiking, biking. outdoor activities!
- The Elk Visitors Center and also Straub Brewery
- Elk Viewing Center
- Kinzua Bridge and Straub brewery
- Clear creek state park, fishing streams, wineries, Cook Forest

- Punxsy Phil and Gobblers Knob
- Treasure Lake. Kinzua. Trail syatem
- Kinzua dam
- Kinzua bridge
- ANF