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Two-Port Station at The Stourbridge Project Offers Level 2 Charging



The Wayne County Commissioners welcomed the public Feb. 14 at the Stourbridge Project to mark the availability of a new two-port charging station for electric vehicles.

Located along the west end of the former 1928 school building at the County's Park Street Complex in Honesdale, the station offers Level 2 Charging, which is capable of fully charging a vehicle in a matter of

several hours.

With the help of Jack Barnett and SEEDS (Sustainable Energy Education & Development Support), the county received a \$10,000 Driving PA Forward grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection for the project.

County Commissioner Chairman Brian Smith said, "The grant comes from the Volkswagen settlement agreement and I believe we are putting the money to good use here in Wayne County."

In order to receive the grant, the station had to be available to the public and listed on the international Charge Point network. The county set the rate for the electricity at 20 cents per kilowatt hour, and the website estimates a two-hour charge would cost about \$2.64.

Commissioner Jocelyn Cramer said the station literally puts Honesdale "on the map." She noted, "Electric car owners use this map to plan day or weekend get-a-ways, so this will draw more tourists and business to our area."

To use the station, drivers can set up an account on the [Charge Point Website](#) or use the [mobile app](#) to pay at the "pump," so to speak.

Commissioner Joseph Adams said, "The electric vehicle market is becoming much more prevalent and we want to have these in place as yet another reason to live in, work in and visit Wayne County."

Waterways Groups Want to Get a Jump Start on River Access Points



While the public takes its turn at commenting on the final draft of the [Wayne County Trail Feasibility Study](#), the Wayne Pike Trails & Waterways Alliance wants to put its best effort forward and start developing some of the recommended river access points.

Consultant Mike Wood of Woodland Design Assoc. and Grant Genzlinger of the Alliance spoke to the County Commissioners recently about moving forward with four projects, which are predominantly located on land owned, either by Hawley or Honesdale Borough or the Wayne County Historical Society.

Genzlinger said these are projects that could be done rather quickly and at relatively small expense, which the individual municipalities would have a better chance of recovering as grant funds.

The group hopes to develop river access points for canoes and kayaks in Hawley's Bingham Park, at the Lock 31 Canal Park, in White Mills and a location in Honesdale.

There are also plans to designate an official Water Trail, under the auspices of

Census 2020:

The Real Cost of Not Being Counted

Federal officials estimate that for every resident from birth to age 100+ who is not counted in 2020, means the loss of nearly \$2,100 in federal funding every year for the next 10 years. Wayne County Planning Director Craig Rickard said an undercount of just 10 percent, or approximately 5,200 people, translates into the loss of nearly \$110 million over the course of the coming decade.

He said young children – under the age of four – are the most under counted group, but there are challenges with senior populations and among immigrants and the poor. For that reason, the Wayne County Community Foundation is pursuing a grant to form a Complete Count Committee to help mobilize efforts to reach these communities with trusted voices.



Rickard explained that responding to the 2020 Census is easier than it has ever been, with opportunities for households to complete the 10-question survey over the phone, online or by traditional mail.

Colleen LaRose, an outreach specialist with the Census Bureau in Philadelphia, said households should begin receiving the survey in the mail from the Census Bureau in mid-March, at which time people can start going online or calling the number. Census Day is officially April 1, but she said the count will continue into the summer. LaRose emphasized that those who do not mail it back, log in or call will get a visit from a Census enumerator.

The Census is a housing survey and is designed to count people where they spend most of their time. LaRose said if you spend half the year in a warmer climate and half the year here, then you respond to the Census wherever you are on April 1.

“We only have one chance for a complete and accurate count,” LaRose explained.

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Upcoming Events

Judy Wicks: Resilient Regional Economies
Saturday, March 21 @ 10 am at The Cooperage Project

HHS Greenhouse Open House Event Tuesday, March 31, 1-3 & 5-7 pm

Two-County Pantry Project Ribbon Cutting
Dreher Twp Building, 899 Main Street, Newfoundland @ 10 am March, 13

Wayne Tomorrow! Outreach Meetings

County Commissioners discuss the grass roots development initiative and its accomplishments

Tuesday, April 14 @ Wallenpaupack South School, 7 pm

Wednesday, April 15 @ Preston Area School, 7pm

Thursday, April 23 @ Western Wayne High School, 7 pm

Honesdale High School FFA members promote the Open House for the new Greenhouse Project, March 31



Wayne County Ag Day 2020

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Commissioner Brian Smith pledges action for farm families. [Watch Video](#)



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