


<p>2008 VISION Partner Alliance Accomplishments</p>	<p>Schuylkill County's </p>	<p>www.schuylkillvision.com</p>
<p>Economic Development/Leadership</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Energy & Conservation</p>
<p>VISION: <i>Schuylkill County will be recognized as a leader among counties as effectively competing on a global basis for growth in developing an economic base that offers meaningful employment, enhances quality of life and creates community pride and wealth.</i></p> <p>Schuylkill County's VISION is an active board member of the following groups:</p> <p>SEDCO Strategic Planning -SEDCO is working with area leaders to develop a strategic plan for Schuylkill County economic development</p> <p>Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce Foundation - The goal of this group is to support the Chamber of Commerce's leadership programs, workforce development programs, and reinforce its business to education connection.</p> <p>Northeast Pennsylvania Employees and Manufacturers Council -The goal of this group is to bridge the gap between business and schools by working with the Y.E. S. -Your Employability Skills Program.</p> <p>200th Anniversary of Schuylkill County- plans have begun for this celebration in 2011. VISION is working closely with the education committee.</p> <p>Generation Next - Schuylkill County's VISION and the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce Foundation formed a forum comprised of sophomore, junior and senior students from area schools. This group will meet regularly to share information between schools, communities, and businesses. These students will also be assisting VISION in the filming for Schuylkill TV.</p> <p>2009 Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Identity Committee • Cyber Committee • Energy Training Partnership 	<p>VISION: <i>Schuylkill County's education systems will be versatile, cost effective, supported by the Community, and result in life-long education in a real world context.</i></p> <p>School Lesson Plan Lesson Plans are being developed to teach our children, teachers, and community about Schuylkill County. The focus will be on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Agriculture/Natural Resources • Made In Schuylkill County products • Economic Development/Energy • Schuylkill People • Ethnic Heritage <p>Schuylkill Television VISION is working with area high school and college students to film events occurring in our communities and schools. These events will be broadcast on area cable television and websites.</p> <p>Website Schuylkill County's VISION is working with local businesses and students to develop an interactive website that will present real time information to the public.</p> <p>2009 Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Consortium • Website Launch • Schuylkill Lesson Plan Databank • Schuylkill TV • Schuylkill Scholarshipfinder 	<p>VISION: <i>Schuylkill County will have a clean, healthy environment where every citizen finds opportunities for economic and personal growth, community involvement, cultural and spiritual expression.</i></p> <p>Go Green Schuylkill Schuylkill County's VISION and PPL teamed up to educate our community about the importance of conserving energy. In the weeks leading up to Earth Day – April 22, 2008, newspaper articles featuring local businesses that are conserving energy were used to teach the community the many ways to save our natural resources. A fundraiser enabling local non-profits to earn money by selling compact fluorescent light bulbs also kicked-off at this time.</p> <p>PPL Energy Fair Schuylkill & Luzerne County's first energy fair was held on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at Genetti's in Hazelton from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The goal of the fair was to teach businesses and organizations ways to save energy, so they can educate their publics. Schuylkill County's VISION, The Northeast Employers and Manufacturers Association and Schuylkill Economic Development Corporation presented information on Schuylkill County's Green Businesses.</p> <p>2009 Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic Farming/Conservation - Interactive Exhibit – Bear Creek Festival – May 17 • Conservation Summit – June 2009 • Green Schools • Community/ School Education Gardens