

## EM ATP: Project Background

The Eastern Monroe Active Transportation Plan explores opportunities to connect and raise awareness of the existing regional active transportation network, while identifying ways to improve pedestrian infrastructure and expand public transit service in Eastern Monroe County Pennsylvania.

Development of this plan will assist in the establishment of straightforward policies for decision making throughout the region with respect to enhancing and increasing access to recreational, economic, and cultural destinations through safe activity-friendly routes.

The Monroe County Planning Commission (MCPC) secured funding for the Eastern Monroe Active Transportation Plan through the 2020 Walk Works Program, with grant provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health in partnership with the University of Pittsburgh Center for Public Health Practice.

Data collection, compilation and mapping for this project was performed in and house and MCPC staff worked closely with McMahan Associates Transportation Engineers & Planners and the project steering committee, to analyze data and develop the recommendations included in this plan.

Several urban and environmentally focused plans of regional significance, with respect to the ESUA, were taken into consideration while determining a study focus area with the greatest potential to increase connectivity to everyday destinations.

The Eastern Monroe Active Transportation Plan focuses on the as core of urban area where BUS 209, SR 209, SR 611, SR 191 and SR 447 converge into the I-80 corridor. The study defines the Eastern Monroe Region as, the Boroughs of Delaware Water Gap, East Stroudsburg, and Stroudsburg, and the Townships of Smithfield and Stroud.

