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Congressman Kelly Tours New Castle to Engage with Community Development Leaders

NEW CASTLE, Pa., July 30, 2018 – Today, Congressman Mike Kelly (R-Pa.3) joined New Castle city officials, the City of New Castle Blueprint Communities® team and community groups for a tour and discussion of community development progress in the city.

The tour was held following a discussion about the challenges and opportunities facing community development in the region. Participants toured new developments on New Castle's main street and Riverwalk. The Riverwalk project was created to serve as a focal point for development by connecting the city's neighborhoods, schools and businesses. The importance of partnerships was highlighted during the tour, as many community organizations and the city worked together on the Riverwalk and other development initiatives.

"It is gratifying to see the progress being achieved here in the city of New Castle," said Congressman Kelly. "The results we see today highlight the importance of partnerships. I applaud the FHLBank Pittsburgh's Blueprint Communities initiative, the city of New Castle officials, and the participating community and economic development organizations for the work that has been done. I look forward to seeing it continue."

In addition to Congressman Kelly, tour participants included Winthrop Watson, President and CEO, FHLBank Pittsburgh; Anthony Mastrangelo, Mayor, City of New Castle; Timothy Fulkerson, Council Member, City of New Castle; and Kimberly Koller-Jones, Executive Director, Arts & Education at the Hoyt.

"We are pleased to see the accomplishments in New Castle and are privileged to join FHLBank Pittsburgh member PNC Bank in supporting this community's progress," said Winthrop Watson.

The Blueprint Communities program was created by FHLBank Pittsburgh in 2005 to provide training and resources to emerging communities in Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The initiative serves as a catalyst for community development by energizing local leaders, facilitating community planning and encouraging public and private investment. New Castle was one of the six Pennsylvania Blueprint Communities inducted into the program in 2015. To date, 58 communities in Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia have graduated the Blueprint Communities training – 28 of those were in Pennsylvania.

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