Man Camps: What You May Not Know

What is a man camp?

- The term "man camp" refers to places where temporary workers from outside the community are housed for the duration of a project, usually involving the oil and gas industry. It is not the same as an RV campground.

What can the community expect?

- In places around the country where man camps have been established to house oil and gas industry workers, studies show communities have experienced increased crime, including drug- and alcohol-related offenses, sexual offenses, human trafficking, and domestic and gang violence. They have also experienced increased prostitution, gun violence, sexually transmitted diseases, and drug trafficking.
- As crime increases, community police-force resources are stretched to the limit, and tax payers foot the bill.
- Man camps often have inadequate means of disposing of waste. Would this pose health hazards for the surrounding community?

What Can We Do?

- If the Renovo gas-fired power plant is built, will man camps infiltrate our community? Plans are currently underway in Chapman Township and other communities to establish man camps during the three years workers will be needed to construct the plant.
- Express your concerns by contacting the Renovo Borough Council at renovoboro11@hotmail.com (570 923-2612) OR Chapman Township at chapmantwp@comcast.net (570 923-2044).