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REP. RESCHENTHALER SECURES \$7 MILLION IN FY2026 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THOMPSON'S CROSSING DEVELOPMENT IN FAYETTE COUNTY

Fayette County, PA – Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14) today announced the successful securing of \$7.0 million in federal funding for the Thompson's Crossing development in North Union Township, Fayette County, through the recently signed FY2026 Federal Appropriations Bill. This investment will support the development of approximately 57 acres in the Northgate Highway area, advancing long-term economic growth, job creation, and infrastructure improvements in the region.

The funding was included in the FY2026 federal appropriations bill, approved by Congress and signed into law by President Trump on February 3, 2026, following months of bipartisan negotiations. Through the annual appropriations process, members of Congress advocate for community-based projects that meet local needs and support economic development. Rep. Reschenthaler worked to ensure that Fayette County received targeted federal investment to advance critical development priorities. Reschenthaler was the third-highest recipient of Community Project Funding in the FY 2026 appropriations process and has served on the House Appropriations Committee since 2021.

"This funding represents a significant investment in Fayette County's future," said Rep. Reschenthaler. "Thompson's Crossing will help create new economic opportunities, strengthen infrastructure, and position the region for long-term growth."

The *Thompson's Crossing* project involves the planned development of 57 acres in the Northgate Highway area of North Union Township. The project is envisioned as a mixed-use development designed to support commercial and economic growth and may also include a residential development component. The public funding being invested is intended to build the necessary infrastructure that will create property to attract new businesses to invest in commercial and potentially residential development. This phase of the project is estimated to create total labor market spending in excess of \$21,854,704, according to an economic model developed by the project consultant, Aspire Grant & Development, LLC.

The Thompson's Crossing development is also expected to serve as a major economic driver for North Union Township and the broader Fayette County region. By preparing the site for development and improving critical infrastructure, the project is anticipated to attract new construction-phase and permanent jobs, attract new private-sector investment, expand the local tax base and generate long-term revenue for public services, and enhance regional competitiveness by offering development-ready sites along a key transportation corridor.

Fayette County Commissioner Scott Dunn, Chairman, highlighted the project's readiness and momentum: *"Federal support for Thompson's Crossing will allow the project to move from planning to reality," said Dunn. "Thanks to Guy, this development will position the Northgate Highway area as a destination for business growth and new investment."*

Fayette County Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites, Vice-Chairman, emphasized the broader impact of the project: *"This investment reflects the kind of partnership we need between local, state, and federal leaders," said Vicites. "Thompson's Crossing has the potential to generate jobs, grow our tax base, and strengthen the economic future of Fayette County."*

Fayette County Commissioner Harry Dutch Kaufman, Secretary, highlighted the project's readiness and momentum: *"Federal support for Thompson's Crossing helps move this project from planning to reality," said Kaufman. "This development will position the Northgate Highway area as a destination for business growth and new investment."*

Andrew French, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, praised the funding announcement: *"This funding is a major step forward for Thompson's Crossing and for economic development in Fayette County," said French. "By investing in infrastructure and site readiness, we are creating the conditions necessary to attract businesses, create jobs, and deliver long-term economic benefits to the region. I commend Rep. Reschenthaler and the Fayette County Commissioners for making all these tremendous investments in Fayette County's future."*

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