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**Chester County Economic Development Council hires
Tom McIntyre as Director of Government, Municipal Services**
McIntyre is former county Director of Community Development

EXTON _ The Chester County Economic Development Council has hired Tom McIntyre as Director of the organization's new Department of Government and Municipal Services.

"Tom brings a wealth of experience to this newly created position," said Gary Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Council. "Tom and the CCEDC team can aid municipal leaders in developing and implementing economic development strategies and projects."

McIntyre worked for the County of Chester for 29 years before joining the Economic Development Council earlier this year. Most recently, McIntyre served as Executive Director for the Chester County's Department of Community Development. He is a graduate of Lincoln University where he concentrated on business and economics.

"I'm going to develop and maintain relationships with local municipalities and government entities," McIntyre said of his new position. "We're looking at extending and enhancing traditional services offered by the Economic Development Council."

McIntyre is already working with Oxford area municipalities in developing a regional economic development strategic plan. The area is already focusing on improving the community by building on strengths, he said, pointing to a charette held for the Borough of Oxford. "

Also, McIntyre is working with the Economic Development Services Center in Kennett Square. "A number of partners have joined to provide services to help revitalize the borough," McIntyre said. "We are off to a decent start but we all feel more can be done in Kennett Square to promote employment opportunities." The center is housed in the Genesis HealthCare building.

McIntyre has served as the Director of the Chester County Workforce Investment Board and as the Director of the Community Action Agency of Chester County. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Chester County Housing Authority; on the Executive Committee of Pennsylvania Partners; on the Board of Chester County OIC; and on the Occupational Education Advisory Board of the Chester County Intermediate Unit.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for more than 40 years. The Council's portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its brand new facility in Eagleview. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com.