



## COMMUNITY PROBLEMS LIST

### 2023–THIRD QUARTER

1. The Corona Covid-19 virus impact on the Bedford County economy remains a major concern.
2. The lack of high speed internet and broadband seen as a major hurdles to economic development in Bedford County.
3. The opioid epidemic and illegal drug use in general have drawn concern from local treatment agencies and law enforcement.
4. Various land use issues are forcing rural communities to look at land restrictions and zoning.
5. School Districts continue to struggle with budgets, taxes and Charter Schools draining their budgets.
6. Recreation projects have been drawing interest in Bedford County as local organizations seek funding for various hiking and biking trail projects.
7. Chronic Wasting Disease has spread into Pennsylvania, particularly in Bedford and Blair Counties. Local deer hunters are concerned about efforts of the Pennsylvania Game Commission to control the outbreak.
8. Local leaders are concerned about the lack of natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale regions of Bedford County.