

Village of Beech Bottom Update 2-21-19:

Building Enforcement:

#3 BlueJay Way

The Village had filed and won in circuit court a suit to have the structure demolished and the village compensated for fines and legal resources utilized. The owner failed to pay for a period of over 1.5 years. In that time, the property was auctioned for taxes and purchased by the Village. With legal ownership, the Village had the structure demolished this Winter. Also, the Village had retained the services of a collections attorney and this winter, the Village received payment of the judgement from the defendant. The process with this owner took over 4 years to complete, and the property itself has been in due process for nearly 10 years (As owners switched and tax sales occurred)

The Village's Building Enforcement Agency is successfully working with owners to reduce blight and repair structures. There are currently a dozen active cases open, and owners continue to repair their properties a bit at a time and report back to the agency.

Business

The Village has as of January 31, 2019 apx. 85 registered businesses either located and/or operating within the village.

Broadband

The Village / and area served by the Beech Bottom Central office of Frontier have been experiencing internet issues. If there is a comprehensive way that such data can be collected and presented, this data could be provided to the BHJ's Broadband Taskforce in working towards a more acceptable solution

Infrastructure

The Village is proceeding forward with the WVDOH and its selected engineering firm for our Phase II sidewalk project under the Transportation Grants. There is a possibility that the project will go out for construction bid this summer.

The Village has an application pending to cover the repair/replacement of the Alley C Storm sewer – which collects run-off from the bottom of 49 Hill Road and channels it underground to the river. Currently high-risk areas have been closed and made inaccessible.

End of Report