



The Fourth Congressional District includes all municipalities located in [Lawrence County](#) . Congressman Altmire frequently visits with local residents, tours area businesses, and attends community events. His office also has [open office hours](#) at the Lawrence County Government Center and the Ellwood City Municipal Building where constituents can ask questions and express concerns. Here are additional details about some of Congressman Altmire's activities in Lawrence County.

### **Working to Improve Local Transportation Infrastructure**

As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Congressman Altmire is committed to making sure that Lawrence County has the infrastructure that it needs to support future economic growth. Congressman Altmire played an important role in securing the official designation of the I-376 corridor and obtained federal funding to make improvements to the Route 60 / 422 Interchange in Union Township. In April of 2009, Congressman Altmire also held a town hall meeting with Lawrence County residents to talk about other local transportation needs.

### **Revitalizing Downtown Ellwood City**



In August of 2010, Congressman Altmire presented Ellwood City Revitalization with \$200,000 that he secured as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 federal budget to boost economic development

downtown. With this funding, Ellwood City Revitalization will be able to move forward with constructing a new community plaza and an improved farmers market. Both projects will ultimately help to increase foot traffic in downtown Ellwood City, providing a boost to local businesses and facilitating future economic growth. For more information, see: [ [Altmire Delivers Help for Ellwood City Revitalization](#) ].

### **Recovery Act Helps to Improve Health Care for Lawrence County Residents**

In April of 2010, Congressman Altmire joined with dozens of Lawrence County health care providers, patients, and community leaders to celebrate the grand opening of the newly expanded New Castle Dental Center. With the help of \$238,700 in funding it received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the New Castle Dental Center was able to move into a newly renovated, larger facility where it will be able to serve twice as many patients. For more information, see: [ [Stimulus Funds Help Lawrence County Dental Center Expand](#) ].

### **Working with Local Small Business Owners**

In November 2011, Congressman Altmire met with local small business owners at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. Congressman Altmire discussed reducing small business regulations and creating jobs with the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce and Shenango Chamber of Commerce in an open, public forum.

### **New Castle Mail Processing Facility**

In 2009, the United States Postal Service (USPS) announced that it was considering consolidating the New Castle Mail Processing Facility with its Pittsburgh facility. This consolidation could have led to significant job losses and diminished mail service. To prevent this from happening, Congressman Altmire joined with leaders at the federal, state, and local level to show USPS that the New Castle Mail Processing Facility is vitally important to our community. Following a concentrated community effort, USPS announced that it would keep the New Castle Mail Processing Facility open.

### **Helping Local Non-Profits Serve the Community**

In March of 2010, Congressman Altmire hosted a government grants workshop for non-profits in New Castle, PA. At this workshop, non-profit leaders learned how to apply for various grants that are available through the State of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and

the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This was one of three non-profit workshops that Congressman Altmire held across western Pennsylvania this year.

### **Meeting with Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce and New Castle Rotary**

Congressman Altmire has met with both the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce and the New Castle Rotary to discuss how he is working to jumpstart America's economy. As Chairman of a House Small Business Subcommittee, Congressman Altmire has consistently voted to lower taxes and increase resources for small business owners and local entrepreneurs.



### **New Castle's Scottish Rite Cathedral**

In March of 2009, Congressman Altmire joined local leaders and community members to celebrate the addition of the Scottish Rite Cathedral in New Castle to the National Register of Historic Places. This prestigious honor will help to preserve this beloved local landmark for years to come.

### **Meeting with Local Teachers about No Child Left Behind**

In July of 2010, Congressman Altmire met with more than a dozen Lawrence County educators to discuss how to improve the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the law which covers federal aid and programs for our schools. As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, Congressman Altmire will play a key role in rewriting NCLB over the next year.

### **Strengthening Resources for Local Law Enforcement**

To help them deter crime and keep local families safe, Congressman Altmire provided the New Castle and Ellwood City police departments with an additional \$142,000 in federal funding by voting for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This funding will help to ensure that law enforcement officials facing budget shortfalls during this economic recession will still have the resources that they need to be effective. For more information, see: [ [Western Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Set to Receive Funding from Economic Recovery Package](#) ].

For information about Congressman Altmire's initiatives in Lawrence County during his first term, click [here](#) .