

to collect and disseminate information. "It does not forecast, predict, extrapolate, or otherwise attempt to indicate the shape of the future The sole measure of success of the Impact Information Center will be how well it serves the whole community..." The Borough Mayor further refined the idea in outlining three basic purposes for such a Center:

- (1) to provide the general public with information relevant to pipeline activity which "could or will affect their personal, occupational, business, financial and recreational affairs";
- (2) to provide the Borough Assembly and administration with "factual data to aid them in conceiving and formulating public policy designed to cope with pipeline impact";
- (3) to present information as rationale to support requests for State, and possibly Federal, impact funds or services.

The Mayor also recommended that a broadly based committee be appointed to guide the proposed Information Center.

There was some opposition to the idea of an Impact Information Center. The business community were mainly concerned with economic effects and some businessmen labelled supporters of the Center "eggheads". The prevailing business attitude was that the additional money that would flow into the community as a result of pipeline construction would solve many of the community's problems. There was also opposition from "fiscally conservative" individuals who were suspicious of spending Borough funds on such a fuzzy idea as an Impact Information Center. There was a strong move to have the local Chamber of Commerce organise the Center, but this was countered with the argument that the Chamber was a special interest group and therefore could not be impartial. The Social Concerns Committee has argued on similar grounds that as a church group with special interests they could not support it alone, that there had to be broader community involvement. In order to ensure necessary impartiality, it seemed most appropriate that the Borough should run it. This arrangement did not ensure complete impartiality for