Pocono Mountains Keystone Innovation Zone (PMKIZ)

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) established the Keystone Innovation Zone Program to create innovative technologies and new entrepreneurs – utilizing the Commonwealth's world class colleges and universities. The KIZs are geographically designated zones designed to foster innovation and create entrepreneurial opportunities by aligning the combined resources of educational institutions with public and private partnerships.

Pocono Mountains Keystone Innovation Zone (PMKIZ) includes strategic areas for business development in both Monroe and Wayne County, Pennsylvania. Maps of the specific locations are below. The ESU Business Accelerator is located in the PMKIZ.

What companies qualify for participation in the Pocono Mountains KIZ Program?

- Companies that are 0-8 years old in designated industry sectors
- Companies focused on the following target industry sectors:
  - Advanced Materials/Diversified Manufacturing (AM/DM)
  - Energy
  - Life Science
  - Robotics and Technology

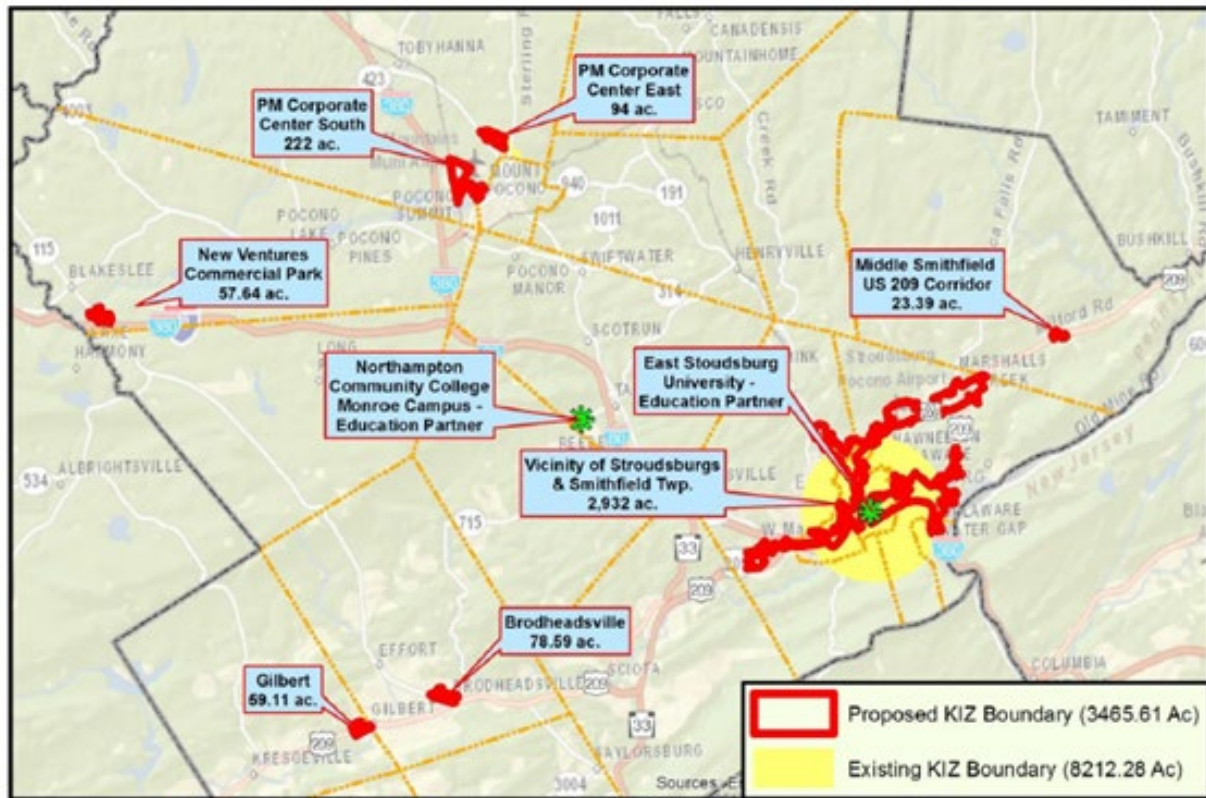**What are the benefits of being located in the Pocono Mountains KIZ?**

- Transferable (Sellable) tax credits up to $100,000 per year.
- KIZ internships/externships opportunities.
- Access to a Business Mentoring Networks e.g. Ben Franklin Technology Partners (BFTP), Small Business Development Centers (SBDC), to assist startup companies and develop business plans, establish business goals and to provide opportunities for Venture Capital and Angel Funding.

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Pocono Mountains Keystone Innovation Zone Maps

Monroe County: 3,465.61 acres in strategically zoned commercial and industrial sites.

Wayne County: 220.01 acres including the Stourbridge Incubator and the Sterling Business and Technology Park.