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South 6th Street Revitalization Project To Break Ground

Jeannette, PA— On Tuesday May 8th, the much anticipated City of Jeannette South 6th Street Revitalization Project will break ground at 10 am on the 300 block of Sixth Street. Three existing homes will be brought down to mark the beginning of the biggest revitalization project *ever* to take place in Westmoreland County.

Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc., a Greensburg non-profit that administers social service programs to alleviate and eliminate poverty conditions of the county's disadvantaged populations, currently owns 34 of the 44 homes on the block and plans to replace those with 25 for sale single-family homes over a three to five year period.

The new homes will meet local and state codes and West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund, Inc., who is providing some funding to the project, will provide testing to certify the overall energy efficiency of the mechanical units and insulating envelope.

The homes will receive an "Energy Star" rating, meaning the appliances and HVAC systems will use less energy and help the environment while ultimately saving money. They will be three-bedroom homes, approximately 1,440 square feet and will be designed to match the historical character of the surrounding neighborhood.

"This project is but a piece of a large scale plan for the City of Jeannette. WHO is doing our part by providing new homeownership opportunities in a community that has few new home choices for potential buyers. Our goals are to provide safe, decent, affordable homes to a mixed income population while revitalizing a neighborhood that has become disinvested over the past several years. Once complete this project will stand as a model for future revitalization projects in the City and throughout Westmoreland County," said Jack Brown, Housing Development Coordinator for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program at WHO, Inc.

Speakers at the groundbreaking will include Mayor Michael Cafasso, County Commissioner Tom Balya, Director of Westmoreland County Dept. of Economic Dev. Larry Larese, CEO of WHO, Inc. Tay Waltenbaugh, Senator Robert Regola and Congressman Tim Murphy.

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Fact Sheet

City of Jeannette

South 6th Street Revitalization Project

Project Impact:

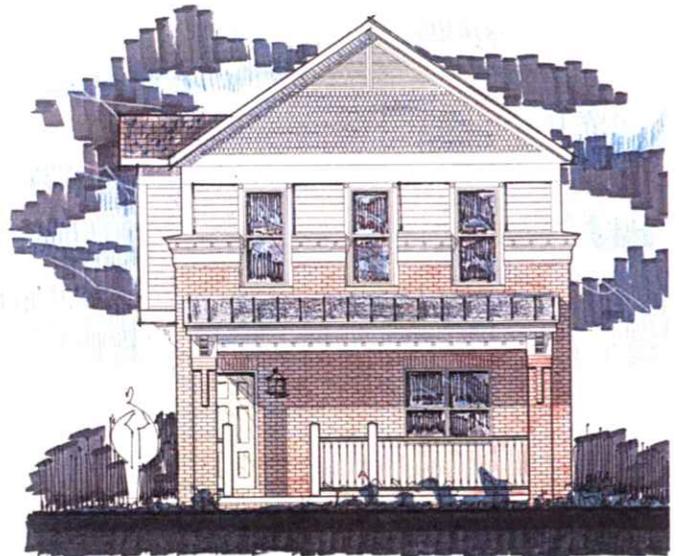
- Rebuilding an urban neighborhood that has recently gone through some disinvestments
- Reducing crime within the area
- Reducing blighted structures and improving existing environmental conditions such as arsenic, asbestos and lead based paint
- Achieving a mix of attractive and affordable housing for a diverse age and income group
- Increasing homeownership rates within the City
- Creating housing that is safe, decent and affordable
- Preserving some of the overall historic character of the neighborhood
- Providing energy efficient Energy Star Homes

Housing Specifications:

- Three bedrooms
- Dishwasher, refrigerator, washer & dryer, front porch and back patio
- All appliances Energy Star Rated
- Sale price between \$80,000-\$90,000

Community Involvement:

City of Jeannette
Westmoreland County Planning Dept.
Westmoreland County Commissioners
Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc.
Homes Build Hope
Steve Catranel Construction Co, Inc.
Moore Consulting, Inc. AIA
U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
PA Dept. of Community & Economic Development
Eden Hall Foundation
PA Core Communities
West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund, Inc.



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