

# Press Release



*For business editors*

## **Westmoreland County Receives \$2.5 M RACP Grant for RIDC Westmoreland** *Funds will be used for Phase III Rehabilitation at the East Huntingdon site*

GREENSBURG, Pa., Jan. 12, 2017 - The Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (WCIDC) announced today on behalf of Westmoreland County and its Board of Commissioners, Gina Cerilli, Ted Kopas, and Charles W. Anderson, the acceptance of \$2.5 million of Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant funds to be used at RIDC Westmoreland.

As part of a Cooperation Agreement with Westmoreland County, the WCIDC will execute any and all documents required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Budget Office under the RACP program to release the funds.

The East Huntingdon site has been a priority economic development project for the county since Sony Electronics vacated the 2.8-million-square-foot building in 2010. The WCIDC and the Regional Industrial Development Corporation (RIDC) formed a partnership in May 2012 to manage and operate what is now known as RIDC Westmoreland. Since 2012 extensive work has been done to turn the site into a multi-tenant facility. Because of its prime location, large utility capacity and direct railroad access, RIDC Westmoreland has drawn regional attention. Currently, approximately 40% of the space is leased to multiple tenants including Aquion Energy, DNP IMS America, Cenveo and the Westmoreland County Community College's Advanced Technology Center. The RACP grant funds will be used towards Phase III Rehabilitation, which includes the installation of a new roof.

The WCIDC is welcoming the public to comment on the project. This can be done through written notification sent to the WCIDC via mail or email [wcidc@wap.net](mailto:wcidc@wap.net). The WCIDC should receive all correspondences by January 19.

### **About Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation:**

Founded in 1983 by the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners, WCIDC implements a comprehensive economic development strategy to promote growth in terms of job creation, economic output and a stable tax base for Westmoreland County. Through the development of a county-wide industrial park system, a responsive Business Calling Program and involvement in public/private partnerships, WCIDC strives to foster business growth, resulting in job opportunities for the citizens of Westmoreland County.

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