

Press Release



For business editors

WCIDC Leases Five Acres at I-70 Industrial Park for Industrial Hemp Research

GREENSBURG, Pa., April 19, 2017 - The Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (WCIDC) Board of Directors, Gina Cerilli, Ted Kopas, and Charles W. Anderson, approved today a Short-Term Land Lease Agreement between the WCIDC and Commonwealth Alternative Medicinal Options LLC (CAMO).

CAMO will be leasing approximately five acres of residual farmland in the Phase II/III portion of the I-70 Industrial Park in South Huntington Township. The company received approval in March for one of 15 industrial hemp research certificates from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

“The WCIDC saw this as an opportunity to put unused land at the I-70 Industrial Park to use by supporting research and development for a potential new industry in Westmoreland County. Our primary goal is to spur economic development throughout the county, and this industry could potentially create new jobs for the county’s residents as well as support the agricultural sector,” said WCIDC’s executive director Jason Rigone.

The first crop is planned for the 2017 growing season.

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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