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Land Bank Property Gets Makeover Thanks to Local Business Support

(May 10) The Westmoreland County Land Bank recently hosted a “Clean-Up Day” to provide improvements at a residential home located within the City of Greensburg. 416 Wayne Avenue is part of WCLB’s Home Ownership Program – an initiative to rehabilitate properties in order to sell to low to moderate income residents within Westmoreland County.

Outreach of the clean-up led to local business’s demonstrating their support of the program. The mulch was generously donated from Silvis Group, a local landscaping company. Their contribution provided a fresh exterior on a home. Jacob H. Silvis, President and Founder of Silvis Group, Inc. states, “Silvis Group has been a factor in beautifying Westmoreland County for over 30 years. We are happy to partner with the Land Bank to improve a property for a well deserved family.”

Country Farms Landscaping, a Greensburg positioned company also contributed towards the cleanup effort in providing labor and debris clean up. “Country Farms operates a complete landscape business and two garden centers and always tries to be active in community projects and improvements” describes Rich Davis, President, “We are proud to be a part of a project such as this”.

In addition to exterior improvements, a grant from Home Depot made it possible to install brand new appliances in the home. According to April Kopas, Executive Director of the WCLB, “This is essential since the families who move into the property are typically first-time home buyers of moderate income that may not have the financial ability to purchase modern appliances.”

Thanks to all these efforts, 416 Wayne Avenue now adds value to a neighborhood where it used to be a nuisance. Greensburg Planning Director, Barbara Ciampini adds, “We are pleased to work with the Land Bank and feel confident in their ability to stabilize neighborhoods within the City of Greensburg.”

The property is currently listed for sale with Berkshire Hathaway for \$72,000. For further information or to schedule a viewing please contact Joanne Waszo or Jacquie Williams at 724-838-3660.

The mission of the Land Bank is to deter the spread of blight; to promote redevelopment and reuse of vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties; to support targeted efforts to stabilize neighborhoods; and to stimulate residential, commercial and industrial development while working with local government partners and other community stakeholders. To view available properties or to learn more about the Land Bank, visit www.westmorelandlandbank.com

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