



WCIDC Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony at Commerce Crossing at Westmoreland

MADISON, PA, October 26, 2018 - The Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (WCIDC) Board of Directors, Gina Cerilli, Ted Kopas, and Charles W. Anderson, held a groundbreaking ceremony at a 206-acre site in Sewickley Township. The property will be developed into the county's newest industrial park, Commerce Crossing at Westmoreland.

The industrial park will consist of five parcels, each ranging in size from 18 to 29 acres. Commerce Crossing at Westmoreland will accommodate the need companies have for pad-ready sites with direct access to active rail and the interstate highway system.

"Commerce Crossing will be a great asset to Westmoreland County and the region," said WCIDC Chairman Gina Cerilli. "This industrial park will be unique because we are offering companies large pad-ready sites with direct access to an active rail spur and interstate highway system."

Currently, Westmoreland County's park system consists of 18 strategically located industrial/business parks, including a state-of-the-art rail freight terminal.

"We are always looking for new ways to bring new business in to Westmoreland County," said WCIDC Vice Chairman Ted Kopas. "Currently, our parks house 147 companies who employ well over 9,000 workers and bring in over \$5.8 million in tax revenue annually. Commerce Crossing at Westmoreland will allow us to build on our already successful industrial parks system."

Originally envisioned in 2012, the project faced the significant challenge of extending the required infrastructure, and specifically public sewage, to the site to serve both the Westinghouse-Waltz Mill site and the Commerce Crossing site. Nearly \$3 million in improvements was supported by a \$2.2 million PennWorks grant through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) and the Department of Community and Economic Development. The WCIDC made the remaining investment.

"Projects of this magnitude need strong partnerships, and we need to particularly thank the Department of Community and Economic Development, state Sen. Kim Ward, and state Rep. Justin Walsh for supporting this project and helping to secure funding," said WCIDC Secretary Charles W. Anderson.

The next phase of the project is finalizing permitting, followed by infrastructure work and land site development. The WCIDC received a \$1 million grant from Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, in addition to a \$3.8 million grant and \$5.8 million loan through the Business in Our Sites program to support the work. This phase will include road widening and reconstruction, pad development and related costs to improve the site.

Click the image below to view more information about Commerce Crossing at Westmoreland.



About:

Founded in 1983 by the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners, the **Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation** 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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