

**NEWS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

CONTACT: Shelby Michalek  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY LAND BANK  
[smichale@co.westmoreland.pa.us](mailto:smichale@co.westmoreland.pa.us)  
724.830.3085

**Sutersville Park Receives New Playground Equipment In Place of Blight**

(April 29) The Westmoreland County Land Bank (WCLB) today announced the installation of new playground equipment at the Sutersville community park. The “Play Express” set is a four piece train play set, representative of Sutersville’s history that sits on the expansion section of the already established playground. The Land Bank, in coordination with Sutersville Borough and the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Westmoreland, made the expansion possible by demolishing a long-time abandoned structure, clearing the blight for community recreation.

“This community revitalization project is significant to our town”, said Alaina Breakiron, Mayor of Sutersville. “We are grateful for the partnership with the Westmoreland County Land Bank to revitalize a lot that was in need of attention and to bring more recreational opportunities to our residents”.

Grant funding for the project was provided from the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, to purchase the tanker car and engine car, the first two pieces of a continuing set. Businesses and or Individuals are still able to donate toward the purchase of other sections of the train will be commemorated by an engraved plaque. President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, Shannon Reiter adds, “Parks are a vital component of communities. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Westmoreland County Land Bank to create something beautiful for the children of Sutersville.”

The train set is aimed towards a 2-5 age group, making the park now inclusive to all ages since the current playground equipment is geared for older children. According to April Kopas, Executive Director of the WCLB, “It is always rewarding when we get to work with communities to combat blight and create recreation space in its place for residents to gather and enjoy”.

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.

For more information on sponsoring please contact 724-830-3085 or [smichale@co.westmoreland.pa.us](mailto:smichale@co.westmoreland.pa.us)

###