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**Land Bank Sells Greensburg Property For New Co-Working Space Development**

**GREENSBURG (May 6)** – The Westmoreland County Land Bank Board of Directors today announced the sale of 319 S. Pennsylvania Avenue to JS Penn, LLC., for the development of Fourth and Penn - new coworking space in downtown Greensburg.

JS Penn, LLC. will conduct all renovations through Prosperity Builders Remodeling, a contracting company focused on rehabilitating local structures for active reuse. Owner, Jon Santavey states, “We are grateful to work with the Land Bank to find such a unique antique property in the downtown area, and are eager to get renovations started, preserving the building’s charm along the way.”

Interior renovation plans consist of transforming the building into a co-working space available to renters at a low cost, monthly subscription. This will entice startups and smaller businesses to locate downtown by providing a flexible workplace option instead of renting an entire office. The planned renovation has space for five tenants upon completion, slated for Fall 2019. JS Penn has a completed other revitalization projects in downtown Greensburg, such as the renovation of 434 Main Street.

With foundation funding, the Land Bank acquired the 2,800 square foot structure in 2017, stabilized the building and added a new roof to actively market the corner building for private reuse. Constructed in the 1800’s, this property has much of its original design elements still in place. Maintaining its structural integrity was important for the Land Bank to ensure the building would keep these historical attributes and transform into a productive reuse for the City.

According to April Kopas, Executive Director of the Westmoreland County Land Bank, “We are grateful for our strong partnership with City of Greensburg officials on revitalization projects like these. This property strategically advances downtown redevelopment and entices new business opportunities”.

Greensburg City Administrator, Kelsye Milliron, emphasizes that partnership, “The City is ecstatic to see that our coordination with the Land Bank continues to be fruitful, and efforts of those involved continue to bring additional value to our community. We look forward to working with the Land Bank on additional projects in the future.”

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.

Available Land Bank properties can be found at [www.westmorelandlandbank.com](http://www.westmorelandlandbank.com)

Interested tenants can learn more about the available space at <http://www.fourthandpenn.com>.