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Ligonier Township Joins Westmoreland County Land Bank

GREENSBURG (June 10) - The Board of Directors of the Westmoreland County Land Bank today announced that Ligonier Township is the latest municipality to join the countywide Land Bank along with the Ligonier Valley School District. This brings the Land Bank's total member count to 24 municipalities and 14 school districts within Westmoreland County.

Located in the Laurel Highlands, Ligonier Township is the second largest township in Westmoreland County, covering 92 square miles.

"The partnership with the Westmoreland County Land Bank is an exciting step for Ligonier Township", says Terry Carcella, Township Manager. He continues, "We are always eager to push economic development of our area, and are encouraged about future progress with the Land Bank."

Municipalities often find themselves in difficult predicaments when trying to acquire blighted properties in areas targeted for redevelopment and a Land Bank can offer the tools and powers necessary to make that kind of redevelopment possible. The Westmoreland County Land Bank acquires, holds, and transfers interest in real property throughout the county as approved by the Board of Directors. The overall goals are to deter the spread of blight, promote redevelopment and reuse of vacant, tax delinquent properties, stabilize neighborhoods, and stimulate industrial development.

Westmoreland County Land Bank Executive Director April Kopas adds, "The Land Bank is enthusiastic about its new partnership with Ligonier Township and the Ligonier Valley School District. By eliminating blight and stabilizing these communities, we are able to expand our mission throughout Westmoreland County"

To learn more about the projects of the Westmoreland County Land Bank and to view development opportunities, please visit www.westmorelandlandbank.com.

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