



WCIDC Finalizes Sale of 19.92 Acres at I-70 Industrial Park

Wyatt Inc. to build 120,000 SF new home for its millwork and exterior curtainwall manufacturing operation

GREENSBURG, PA, February 25, 2021 — The Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (WCIDC) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the sale of 19.92 acres at I-70 Industrial Park that will become the future home of the Wyatt Incorporated's state-of-the-art millwork and exterior curtainwall manufacturing facility.

Wyatt WC Properties LLC purchased Lot 18-R in the South Huntingdon Township park for \$380,000. Plans call for a 120,000 SF facility to be built on the property. Work crews will begin construction in early summer, and Wyatt Inc. expects to move into the new facility in late 2022.

A Robinson Township-based construction contractor, Wyatt Inc. will be moving its woodworking millshop operation from leased space at Monessen Riverfront Industrial Park. As the company searched for space to build a larger manufacturing facility, it was important to find a location that was convenient for its employees, said Wyatt Inc. President Fred Episcopo.

"We're very happy that we were able to keep our operation in the same general area that it's been located in for the past 20 years and to maintain our current employees — the majority of which are local hires," Episcopo said. "Our new home is less than a 20-minute drive from our current location, and we're delighted to keep this operation in Westmoreland County."

WCIDC Chairman Sean Kertes said the WCIDC was equally invested in keeping those jobs in the county.

"When it comes to economic development, people tend to emphasize — and justifiably so — efforts to bring new jobs to the county. However, it's equally important that we help our existing businesses maintain and grow the jobs that are already here," Kertes said. "By having a robust industrial park system, the WCIDC and Westmoreland County is able to provide several options for local businesses that are expanding, as well as those from outside of the region looking to relocate."

The new building will be 20 percent larger than Wyatt's current facility. Episcopo said the extra space will enable the operation to become more efficient and will result in increases in both capacity and worker comfort.

Wyatt currently employs about 70 at its manufacturing facility. Episcopo said the company anticipates the number of employees at the facility to grow by about 10 percent annually for the next five years.

WCIDC Vice-Chair Doug Chew is excited to hear of the company's planned growth.

"Wyatt has a very strong reputation for quality, and its track record of steady growth over five decades speaks for itself," Chew said. "Because the WCIDC has been proactive in developing industrial parks with

parcels that meet a wide variety of needs, we're able to keep these skilled manufacturing jobs in Westmoreland County."

WCIDC Board Secretary Gina Cerilli Thrasher noted that despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the county's economic development news has been a positive.

"In our roles as county commissioners, we've seen the significant challenges that our small-business community has faced during this pandemic, and we continue to work to identify resources for them," Cerilli Thrasher said. "But at the same time, in our roles as WCIDC board members, we've seen some very significant investment and business activity in the county over the past year. As we're confronted with the day-by-day enormity of the pandemic, it's easy to lose sight of that good news, but trust me, it's definitely out there. And this expansion by Wyatt Inc. is just the latest in a string of positive development news. There are several projects in the pipeline that are going to pay dividends for the people of Westmoreland County."

About Wyatt Inc.

A family-owned company, Wyatt Incorporated was founded in Pittsburgh in 1967, and the current management team has been in place since 1970. Due to its detail-focused, problem-solving approach, the company consistently delivers large-scale, high-tech projects on time and on budget. With our strong emphasis on employing expert people in all phases of the business, Wyatt has earned a reputation for top quality and dependability among building owners, construction managers, and architects. Learn more by visiting www.wyattincorporated.com.

About Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation

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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