



Westmoreland Community Action signs seven-year lease for 8,310 SF of office space at GreenForge Building

Lease brings GreenForge Building to full occupancy and provides much-needed space for WCA's administrative headquarters

GREENSBURG, PA, January 27, 2022 — The Board of Directors of the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation today approved a seven-year lease agreement with [Westmoreland Community Action](#) for 8,310 SF of space at [GreenForge Building](#) in Hempfield Township. The agreement takes effect May 1, 2022.

A nonprofit agency dedicated to strengthening communities and families to eliminate poverty, Westmoreland Community Action has experienced significant program growth during the past two years. While telework and some creative working strategies have enabled its new employees to begin working, the WCA had outgrown its offices along South Maple Avenue in Greensburg. GreenForge Suites 111 and 201 will serve as the administrative headquarters for [all of the programs](#) WCA operates, and many of the program staff will continue to work out of the South Maple Avenue location.

“In the last two years, we’ve created 35 positions across new and existing programs, and we envision further expansions through our various collaborations,” said Chief Executive Officer Mandy Welty Zalich. “Expanding our footprint in this new location will help program staff function more efficiently and also offer a larger meeting space to work with clients.

“WCA will continue to offer an array of services across the county, as well with the creation of welcome centers. Westmoreland County encompasses more than 1,000 square miles, so these smaller welcome center locations will allow WCA to serve all corners of the county and meet individuals where they are located.”

Despite the timing of the new hires, most of the new positions were not in response to COVID. Instead, Zalich said, they helped WCA address other community needs while the organization worked hard to maintain support for individuals and families during the pandemic.

WCA's Headstart, workforce development, housing and transitional age/young-adult services have been bolstered by the new hires, and the organization is adding additional staff for a streamlined resource-navigation process for emergency support.

GreenForge Building originally was developed in collaboration with the Westmoreland Conservation District with a mission to provide modern space and amenities for the nonprofit community. The WCA lease brings the facility to full occupancy. Located along Donohoe Road, the 17,023 SF office building will be home to 89 jobs once WCA completes its move. More than 8,600 jobs are supported by the Westmoreland County industrial park system.

About Westmoreland Community Action

Established as Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc. in 1980, Westmoreland Community Action has made Westmoreland County a better place to live by helping struggling families improve their standard of living and become more self-sufficient. It has helped thousands of Westmoreland County's disadvantaged residents through housing programs, emergency services, mental health programs, workforce development programs, children and family services, community services, financial services, and a social enterprise.

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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