



With Approval of Low-Interest \$2.25 Million PIDA Loan, WCIDC Secures Full Funding for Industrial Park Project

Phase II of development will transform 78.8 acres into three pad-ready lots at Westmoreland Distribution Park North

GREENSBURG, PA, August 18, 2022 - The Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (WCIDC) Board of Directors today accepted a low-interest \$2.25 million loan from the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority that represents the last funding component for a project that will create more shovel-ready sites for businesses in Westmoreland County.

The funding — which has a 3.5-percent interest rate — comes via PIDA's Industrial Park Development Loan Program and has a 15-year term. [Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland](#) served as loan underwriter.

WCIDC will use the funding for the second phase of development at [Westmoreland Distribution Park North](#), a 183-acre site located within a [clustered development of five industrial parks](#) — including RIDC Westmoreland — and a rail freight transload facility. Work will include earthmoving, the creation of stormwater ponds, erosion- and sediment-control measures, landscaping and the relocation of an existing non-domestic gas line as crews develop three parcels.

“We’re excited to secure this last bit of financing for a project that will transform 78.8 acres of raw land into pad-ready sites that will attract new business to Westmoreland County or provide space for local employers to expand and add jobs,” said WCIDC Chairman Sean Kertes.

Each of the three lots will range in size from 15 to 30 acres. WCIDC projects that this phase of development could accommodate a combined building space of up to 625,000 SF.

“There has been tremendous demand for industrial properties over the past couple of years, and we’ve seen a lot of new construction and expansions in our business parks,” said Vice Chair Doug Chew. “To maintain our momentum and compete with other regions, we need to develop new properties so Westmoreland County has an attractive portfolio of available sites.”

The project has a \$6,315,500 price tag. A \$2,032,750 state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant that was announced in May will cover a portion of the cost; the WCIDC is responsible for the rest.

The cluster of parks has attracted significant new economic activity in 2022 — so far, the WCIDC has signed sales agreements for three lots ([here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)), Reinhart Foodservice has begun a 150,000-SF expansion in Westmoreland Distribution Park East-West, and RIDC Westmoreland leased more than 250,000 SF to City Brewing. And just last week PennDOT, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and the Regional Industrial Development Corporation [announced plans to build a state-of-the-art test track and research facility](#) on property adjacent to Westmoreland Distribution Park North.

“In many ways, this cluster of business parks is the heart of Westmoreland County industry,” said Commissioner Gina Cerilli Thrasher. “It’s home to 40 businesses that support approximately 1,900 jobs, and it has plenty of space to grow. Projects begun in the past two years will add more than 325 jobs to that figure.”

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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