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Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority & Land Bank readying for their Second Annual Blight Remediation Summit

The Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority & Land Bank are hosting their Second Annual Blight Remediation Summit. This year's summit will focus on how to remediate blight and revitalize communities through code and zoning enforcement, as well as how to maximize a community's appeal to attract developers and create socioeconomic opportunities. This one-day conference is intended to be an informative, hands-on event to educate the municipalities, cities, communities, and service providers of Westmoreland County on how to best position themselves to create development opportunities.

An audience of about 200 attendees is projected, made up of municipal and county-wide elected and appointed officials and staff, code enforcement officers and professionals, school district administrators, solicitors, and business managers, magistrates, developers, real estate agents, and other relevant county participants. Attendees will learn about best practices, highlight successes, and network among peers and partners, while participating in panels on blight remediation, code and zoning enforcement, how to utilize community, state, and federal resources to attract developers, and more.

Speakers scheduled to lead informational panels and interactive Q&A sessions to give participants actionable steps to start implementing in their communities right away include Keynote Speaker Winnie Branton, President and Founder of Branton Strategies, LLC and author of The Pennsylvania Land Bank Resource Guide, as well as successful local and regional developers, nonprofits, municipal officials, and others.

The event will take place on April 21, 2023, at Westmoreland County Community College in Youngwood. In addition to the informational sessions, partner organizations such as First Commonwealth Bank, Environmental Planning & Design, Somerset Trust Company, and others will be on hand to discuss their services and resources available that can assist communities in reaching their blight remediation and revitalization goals.

The Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority & Land Bank strive to work hand in hand with local officials and like-minded organizations to carry out blight demolition, residential and commercial rehabilitation, acquisition and repurposing of vacant and tax-delinquent properties, accessible and affordable housing, training and education partnerships, historic preservation, and brownfield redevelopment, all to make the communities of Westmoreland County more desirable places in which to live, work, raise a family and prosper.

To learn more, visit: tinyurl.com/RACW-Summit