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## **Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation Receives \$305K in Grant and Loan Funding From West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund**

**October 26, 2017** – The Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (WCIDC) Board of Directors, Gina Cerilli, Ted Kopas, and Charles W. Anderson, announced today the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) has committed a \$285,000 loan and a \$20,000 grant to the WCIDC to support building renovations at The Corner, an entrepreneurial center located in downtown New Kensington.

“The project funding from the WPPSEF allows us to make energy-efficient improvements that will create a better environment for the students, community members and visitors using the facility,” said Jason Rigone, WCIDC executive director. “We also want to recognize the WPPSEF’s continual investment in helping to facilitate economic development in downtown areas.”

“WPPSEF is pleased to support this project and demonstrate to the community the value of incorporating sustainable energy technologies in building renovations,” said Joel Morrison, WPPSEF director. “We hope others will employ these technologies as the Corridor of Innovation continues to grow in New Kensington.”

Situated on New Kensington’s Fifth Avenue, The Corner is a collaborative effort between the WCIDC and Penn State New Kensington. This flagship project will bring entrepreneurial programming for all and act as the small business and innovation hub for the city. Along with stimulating growth through the programming, The Corner will play a key part in the effort to revitalize the area and development along the [Corridor of Innovation](#).

### **About:**

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.

The [West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund \(WPPSEF\)](#) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that invests in the deployment of sustainable energy technologies that benefit West Penn Power ratepayers in Pennsylvania. WPPSEF investments are focused in three broad categories:

- ✓ Deployment of sustainable and clean energy technologies;
- ✓ Deployment of energy efficiency and conservation technologies; and
- ✓ Facilitating economic development, environmental betterment, and public education as they relate to sustainable energy deployment in the WPP service region.

Visit <http://www.wppsef.org> for further information.

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