

Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Brownfields Newsletter

Spring 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

WV Brownfields Conference will take place at the Erickson Alumni Center in Morgantown, WV on September 12-14.

National Brownfields Training Conference will take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA on December 5-7.

City of Weirton's Central Machine Shop

A Frontier Group of Companies, a Buffalo-based Corporation which focuses on the cleanup and redevelopment of large industrial and commercial sites, purchased 1,300 acres of property in Weirton from Arcelor Mittal.

On this property sits a 100,000 square foot machine shop that the WVEDA gave a preliminary approval for a \$2.25 million loan to the Business Development Corporation of the Northern Panhandle (BDC) for a 15 year term for the purchase of the building and surrounding 10 acres. A Phase 1 environmental site assessment (ESA) was performed on the site, by the BDC, prior to purchase. The BDC is moving forward with a Phase 2 ESA and it will be completed by the end of May or early June. The BDC has recently announced that they leased the machine shop to a Canada-based company called Bidell Gas Compression.

Bidell will make, sell, lease and service natural gas compression equipment. This announcement, on the tail end of the recent announcement of Italian-based Pietro Fiorentini constructing their first US manufacturing operation in Weirton, is a great economic boost for the region. Bidell has already hired 10 people and expects approximately 130 to be employed at the facility by the end of 2018. This project was made possible by the West Virginia Development office, and the West Virginia Economic Development Authority who worked with the BDC to purchase the property from Mingo Junction Steel Works a division of Frontier Group of Companies, and the USEPA, who is funding the ESAs. The Hancock County Commission, City of Weirton, and Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Regional Planning Commission also provided financial and technical support.



FORMER WEIRTON CENTRAL MACHINE SHOP

Task Force Meeting Update

The Brownfields Task Force met March 22, 2017 at the Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission (BHJMPC) office and went over the strategy that the Coalition Team put together to help identify sites and selecting sites for performance assessments under the brownfields grant. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2017 at 12:00 PM at the BHJMPC office.