

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda Meeting

May 28, 2024 6:30 PM

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Citizens Public Comment.

Student Showcase Award.

1. STMP Financial Condition Analysis Report
2. Resolution for PA. Title 26 Legal Action on Blight.
3. Foothills C O G presentation & Draft Intergovernmental Ordinance.
4. M O U for AFSME Local 629 amending contract for Transfer Station staff.
5. Disability parking spot application for 603 Miller St. & 317 James St.
6. Resolution to move Canine, Police General fundraising and Evidence accounts from the Lesco Credit Union to First Commonwealth Bank.
7. Resolution and Hold Harmless Agreement for July 4th Fireworks event.
8. Vehicle purchase for Code Administration / Storm Water Dept.

Citizens public comment.

Adjournment

Sweeney Properties

				Amount Due (2021-2023)		
Address	Property Owner	Parcel No.	Stormwater	Property Taxes	Water/Sewage	
418 Loyd Avenue	George/Clara Sweeney	15-03-09-0-223	270.00	1,835.16	water turned off 2007 - no balance	
420 Loyd Avenue	George/Clara Sweeney	15-03-09-0-222	270.00	1,816.22	water turned off 2010 - no balance	
403 Loyd Avenue	George/Clara Sweeney	15-03-09-0-244	270.00	2,031.92	water turned off 2013 - no balance	
1632 Ridge Avenue	Larry Sweeney	15-03-10-0-443	270.00	2,985.43	water turned off 1995 - no balance	
1802 Jefferson Street	Larry Sweeney	15-03-14-0-042	270.00	2,735.70	water turned off 2003 - no balance	
301 Ligonier Street	Larry Sweeney	15-03-05-0-293	270.00	4,029.76	water turned off 2009 - no balance	
1935 Sylvan Avenue	Larry Sweeney	15-03-15-0-354	270.00	4,010.80	water turned off 2001 - no balance	
404 Mary Street	Larry Sweeney	15-03-09-0-255	270.00	1,282.73	water turned off 2018 balance \$2,060.21 (Michelle Chockia)	
Subtotal			2,160.00	20,727.72		
Total Due				22,887.72		

George Sweeney - deceased 10/12/2007

Sweeny Properties

Address	Property Owner	Parcel No.	Lien file date	Lien file number	Lien amount as of May 20, 2024
420 Lloyd Avenue	George/Clara Sweeny	15-03-09-0-222	12/3/2009	10886 of 2009	\$807.69
420 Lloyd Avenue	George/Clara Sweeny	15-03-09-0-222	12/16/2015	6417 of 2015	\$348.05
			Total		\$1,155.74
418 Lloyd Avenue	George/Clara Sweeny	15-03-09-0-223	12/3/2009	10888 of 2009	\$240.78
			Total		\$240.78
404 Mary Street	Larry Sweeny	15-03-09-0-255	11/25/2009	9110 of 2005	\$633.50
404 Mary Street	Larry Sweeny	15-03-09-0-255	12/13/2007	10813 of 2007	\$601.43
404 Mary Street	Larry Sweeny	15-03-09-0-255	12/3/2009	10890 of 2009	\$675.86
404 Mary Street	Larry Sweeny	15-03-09-0-255	12/21/2012	7599 of 2012	\$934.31
404 Mary Street	Larry Sweeny	15-03-09-0-255	12/17/2015	6421 of 2015	\$925.96
404 Mary Street	Larry Sweeny	15-03-09-0-255	6/21/2018	2614 of 2018	\$963.88
			Total		\$4,734.94
				Total all liens	\$6,131.46

CODE VIOLATIONS

Address	Property Owner	Parcel No.	Amount
1935 Sylvan Avenue	Larry Sweeny	15-03-15-0-354	\$2,495.52
418 Lloyd Avenue	George/Clara Sweeny	15-03-09-0-223	\$120.76
420 Lloyd Avenue	George/Clara Sweeny	15-03-09-0-222	\$60.38
		Total	\$2,676.66

U.S. Federal and State Cases, Codes, and Articles

Select a tab to search United States Cases, Codes, or Articles

Cases

Codes

Articles

Search by keyword or citation

* Indicates required field

Keyword or Citation *

Enter Keyword or Citation



View results >

[FINDLAW \(HTTPS://LP.FINDLAW.COM/\)](https://lp.findlaw.com/) / [CODES \(HTTPS://CODES.FINDLAW.COM/\)](https://codes.findlaw.com/) / [PENNSYLVANIA \(HTTPS://CODES.FINDLAW.COM/PA/\)](https://codes.findlaw.com/pa/) / [TITLE 26 PA.C.S.A. EMINENT DOMAIN \(HTTPS://CODES.FINDLAW.COM/PA/TITLE-26-PACSA-EMINENT-DOMAIN/\)](https://codes.findlaw.com/pa/title-26-pacsa-eminent-domain/) / § 205

Pennsylvania Statutes Title 26 Pa.C.S.A. Eminent Domain § 205. Blight

Current as of January 01, 2022 | Updated by [FindLaw Staff \(https://www.findlaw.com/company/our-team.html\)](https://www.findlaw.com/company/our-team.html)

(a) **Scope.**--This section applies notwithstanding the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L. 991, No. 385) ¹, known as the Urban Redevelopment Law.

(b) **Single property.**--For purposes of acquiring a single unit of property by eminent domain, a condemnor is authorized or permitted to declare a property, either within or outside of a redevelopment area, to be blighted only if the property is any of the following:

(1) A premises which, because of physical condition or use, is regarded as a public nuisance at common law or has been declared a public nuisance in accordance with the municipality housing, building, plumbing, fire or related codes.

(2) A premises which, because of physical condition, use or occupancy, is considered an attractive nuisance to children. This paragraph includes an abandoned:

- (i) well;
- (ii) shaft;
- (iii) basement;
- (iv) excavation; or
- (v) unsafe fence or structure.

(3) A dwelling which, because it is dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe, vermin-infested or lacking in the facilities and equipment required by statute or an applicable municipal code, has been designated by the agency responsible for enforcement of the statute or code as unfit for human habitation.

(4) A structure which is a fire hazard or is otherwise dangerous to the safety of persons or property.

(5) A structure from which the utilities, plumbing, heating, sewerage or other facilities have been disconnected, destroyed, removed or rendered ineffective so that the property is unfit for its intended use.

(6) Any vacant or unimproved lot or parcel of ground in a predominantly built-up neighborhood which, by reason of neglect or lack of maintenance, has become a place for accumulation of trash and debris or a haven for rodents or other vermin.

(7) An unoccupied property which has been tax delinquent for a period of two years.

(8) A property which is vacant but not tax delinquent and which has not been rehabilitated within one year of the receipt of notice to rehabilitate from the appropriate enforcement agency.

(9) An abandoned property. A property shall be considered abandoned under this paragraph if it:

(i) is a vacant or unimproved lot or parcel of ground on which a municipal lien for the cost of demolition of a structure located on the property remains unpaid for a period of six months;

(ii) is a vacant property or vacant or unimproved lot or parcel of ground on which the total of municipal liens on the property for tax or other type of claim of the municipality is in excess of 150% of the fair market value of the property as established by the Board of Revisions of Taxes or other body with legal authority to determine the taxable value of the property; or

(iii) has been declared abandoned by the owner, including an estate that is in possession of the property.

(10) A property which has defective or unusual conditions of title or no known owners, rendering title unmarketable.

(11) A property which has environmentally hazardous conditions, solid waste pollution or contamination in a building or on the land which poses a direct and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the community.

(12) A property having three or more of the following characteristics:

(i) has unsafe or hazardous conditions that do not meet current use, occupancy or fire codes;

(ii) has unsafe external and internal accessways;

(iii) is being served by an unsafe public street or right-of-way;

(iv) violates the applicable property maintenance code adopted by a municipality and is an immediate threat to public health and safety;

(v) is vacant;

(vi) is located in a redevelopment area with a density of at least 1,000 people per square mile or a redevelopment area with more than 90% of the units of property being nonresidential or a municipality with a density of at least 2,500 people per square mile.

(c) Multiple properties.--

(1) For purposes of acquiring multiple units of property by eminent domain, a condemnor is authorized or permitted to declare an area, either within or outside of a redevelopment area, to be blighted only if:

(i) a majority of the units of property meet any of the requirements under subsection (b) and represent a majority of the geographical area; or

(ii) properties representing a majority of the geographical area meet one or more of the conditions set forth in subsection (b)(1) through (11) or satisfy the conditions of subsection (b)(12) that are necessary for a condemnor to declare them blighted under subsection (b) and at least one-third of the units of property meet two or more of the requirements under subsection (b)(1) through (11) or satisfy the conditions of subsection (b) (12) and one or more of the requirements under subsection (b)(1) through (11).

(2) A condemnor may use eminent domain to acquire any unit of property within a blighted area so declared pursuant to this section.

(3) Properties owned by the condemnor within such geographical area may be included in any calculation of whether such units constitute a majority of the geographical area under this subsection.


(4) For purposes of this subsection, a building containing multiple condominium units shall be treated as one unit of property.

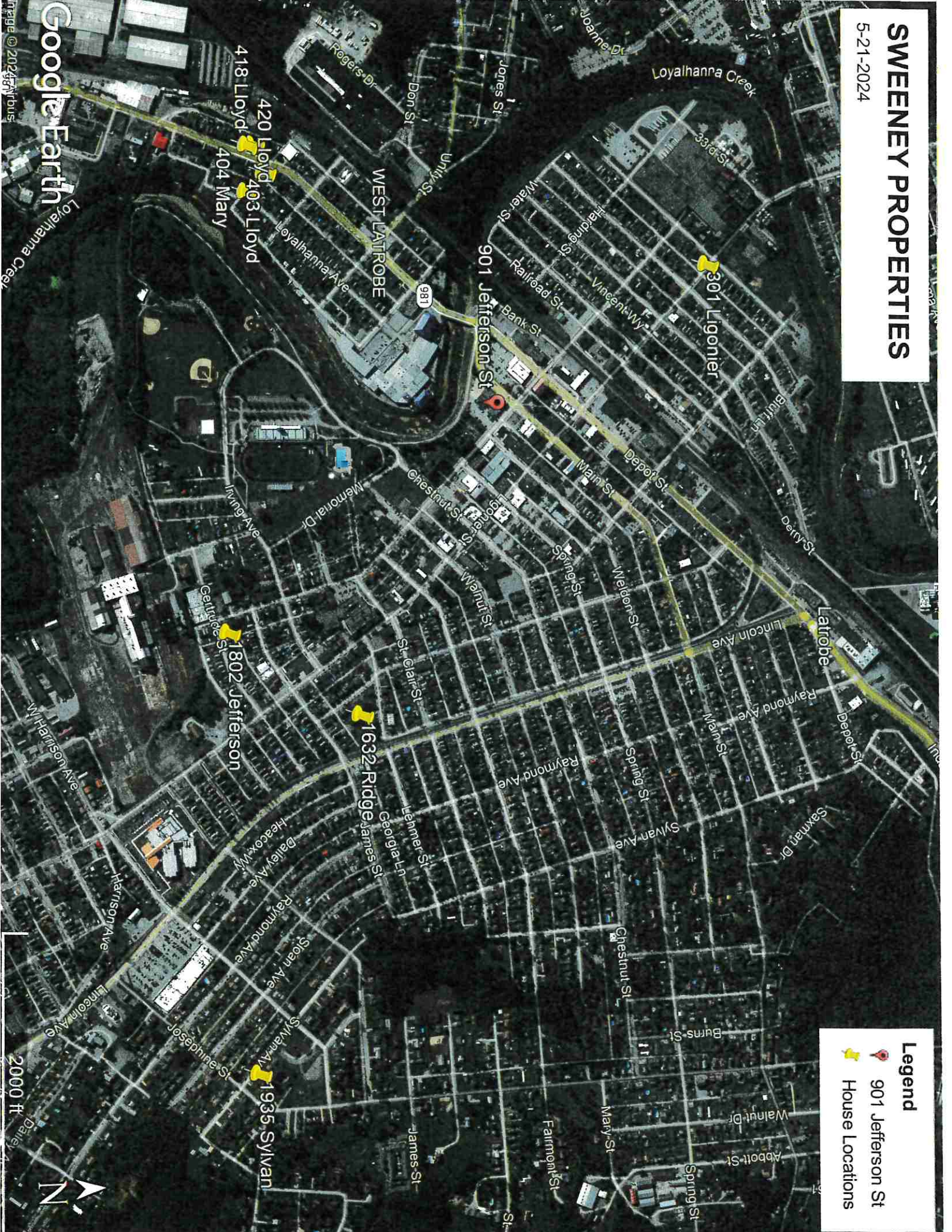
(d) Redesignation.--If a condemnor seeks to add or enlarge a blighted area, it must find that the area meets the requirements of subsection (b) or (c) at the time of the addition or enlargement.

(e) Expiration.--The declaration of a blighted area shall expire after 20 years.

SWEENEY PROPERTIES

5-21-2024

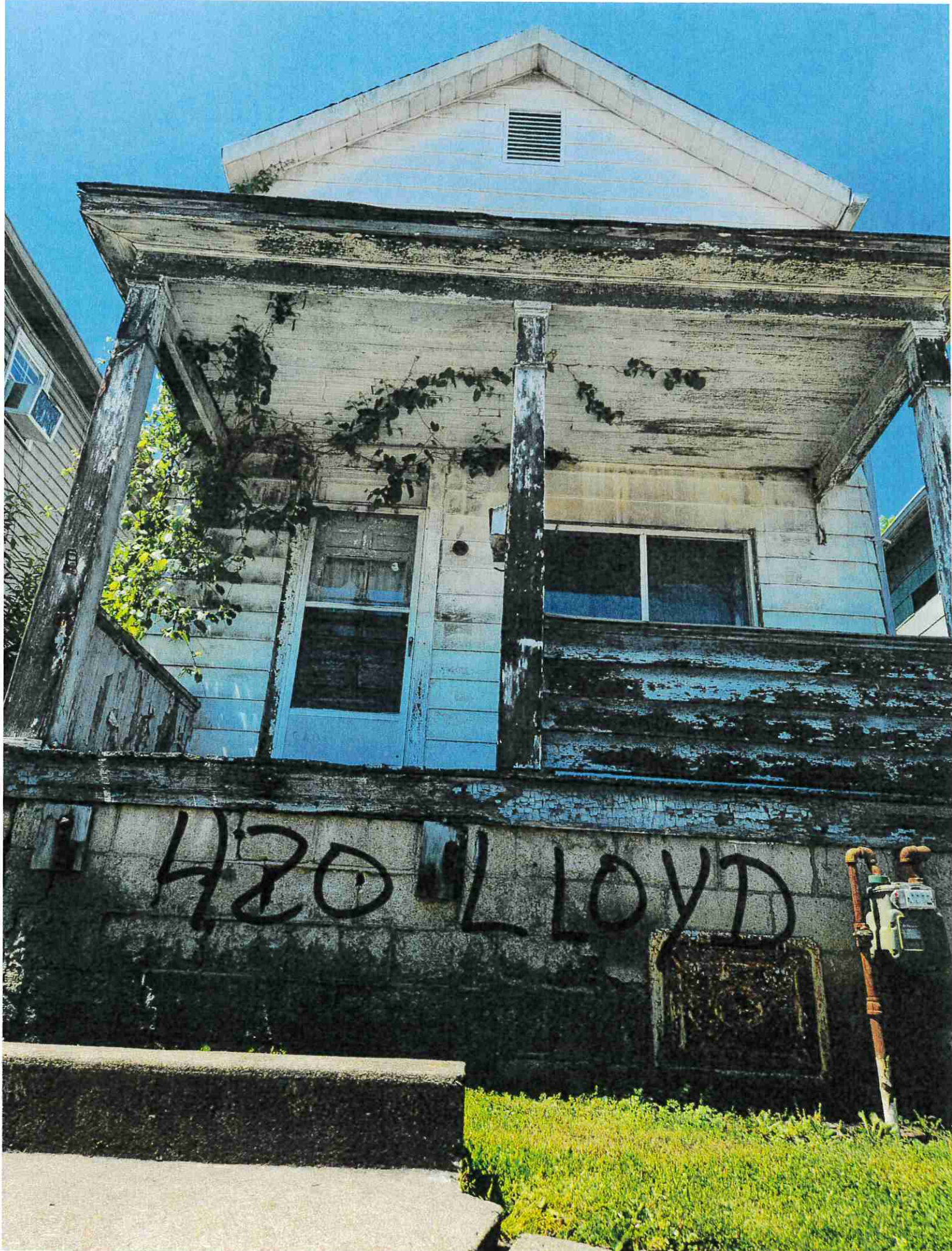
- Legend**
-  901 Jefferson St
 -  House Locations



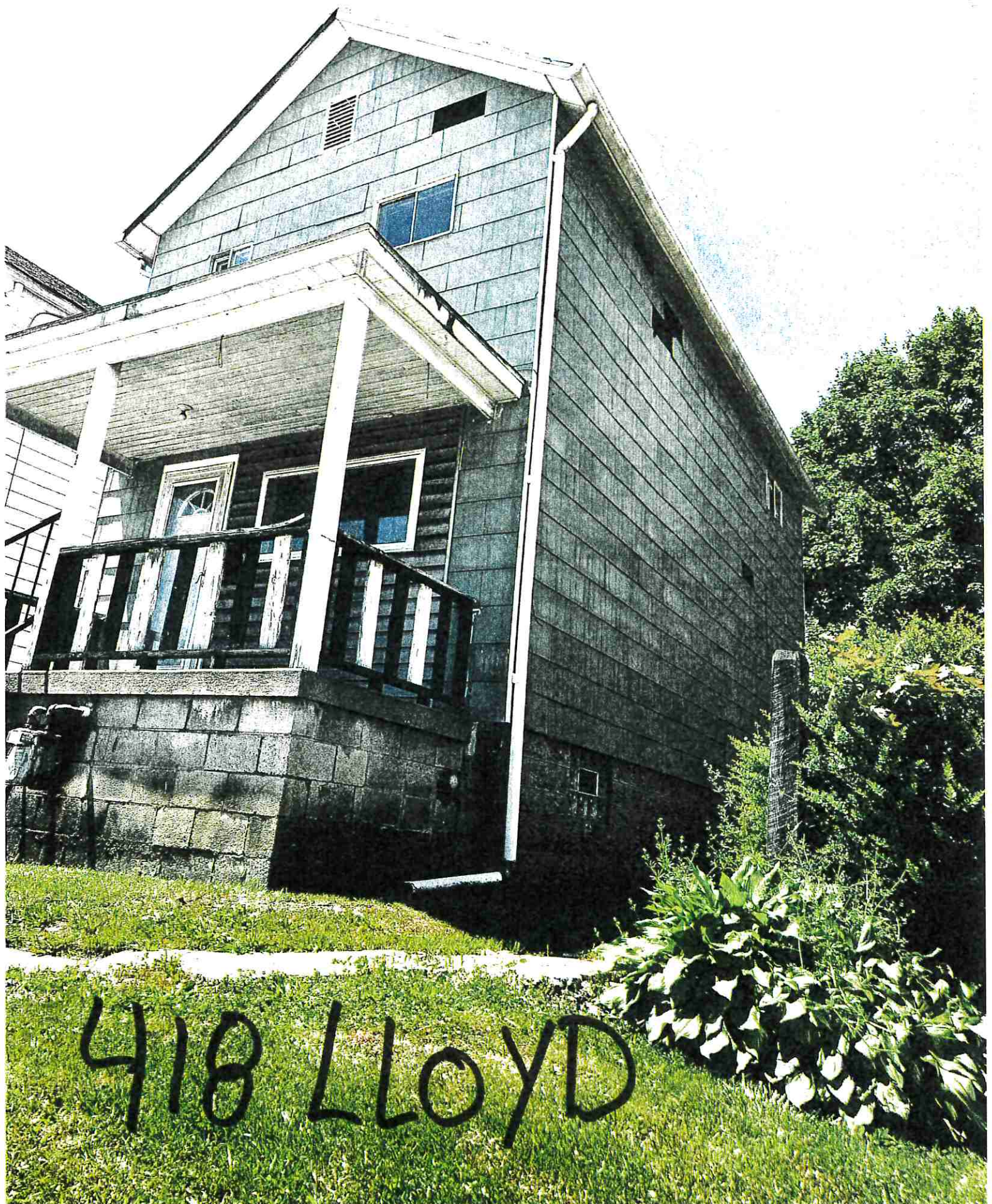
Google Earth
Loyalhanna Creek
Image © 2024 Airbus



403 LLOYD



H20 LLOYD



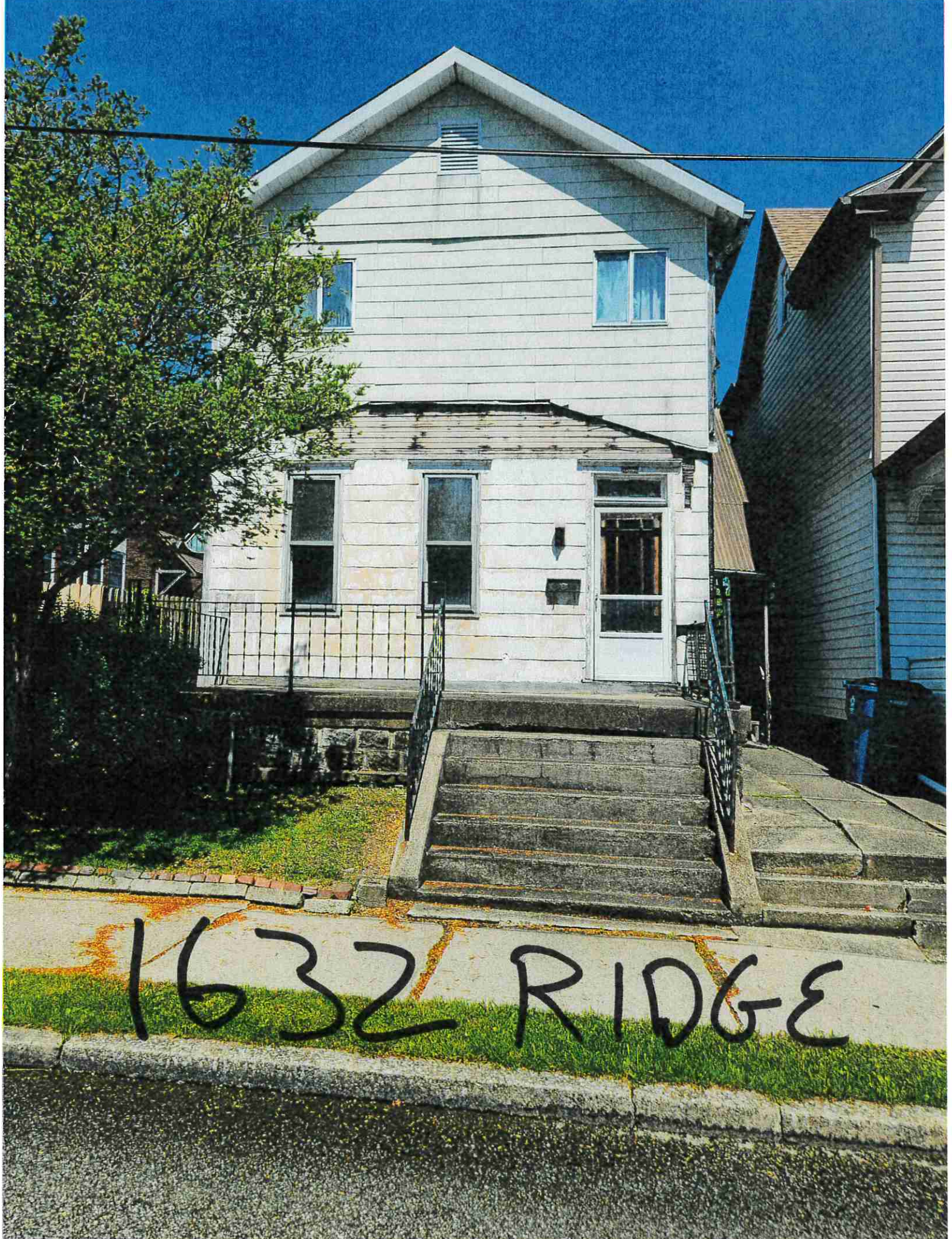
418 LLOYD



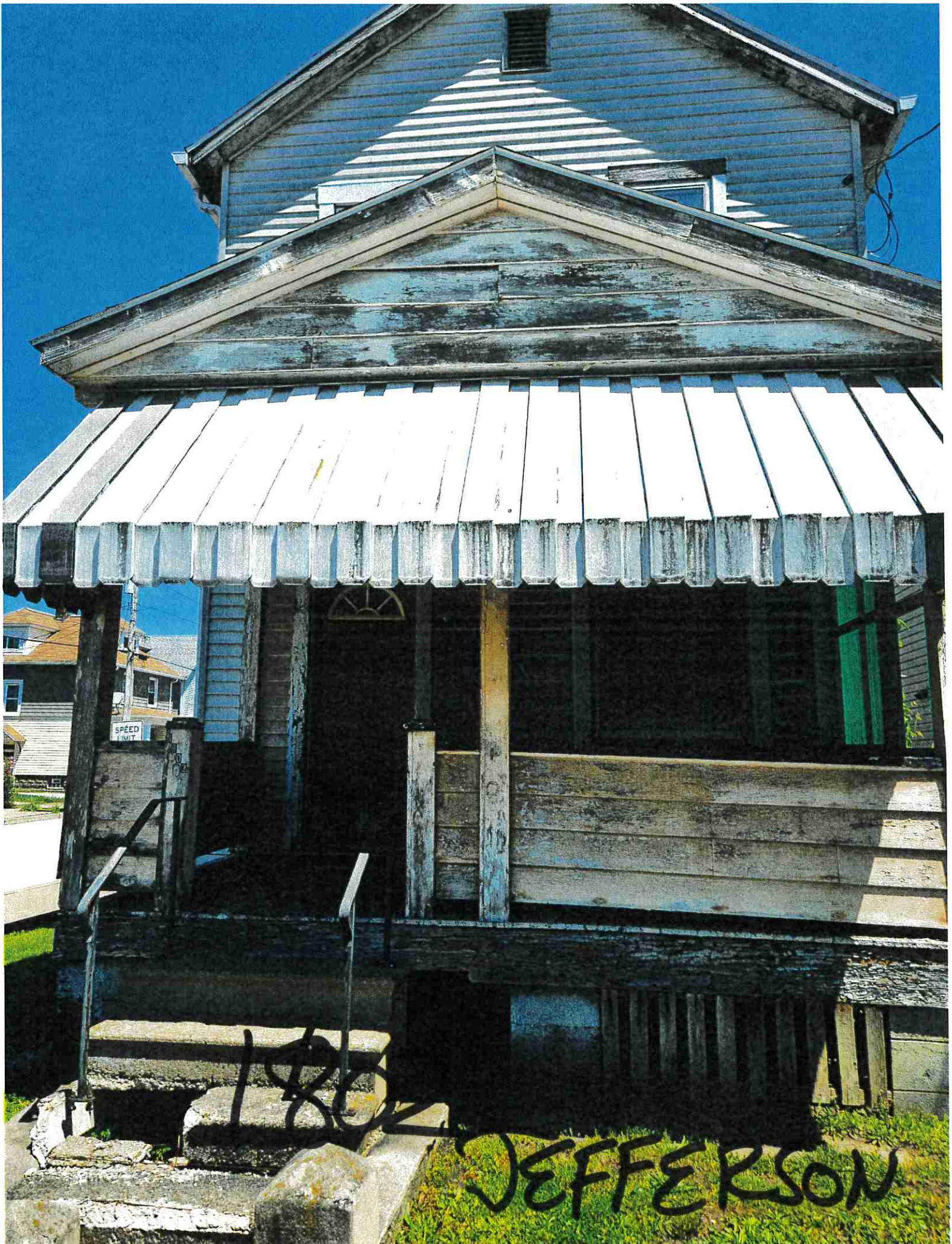
404 MARY



301 LIGONIER



1632 RIDGE

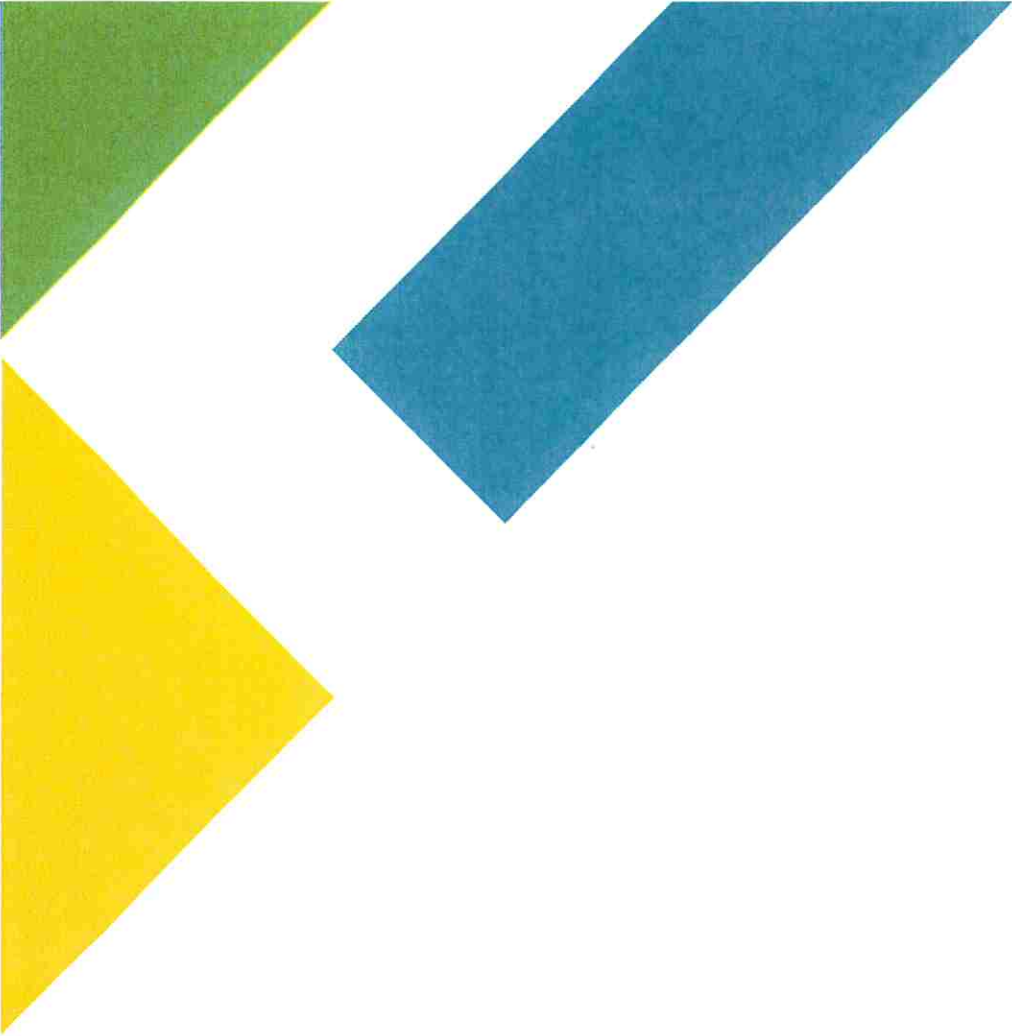


JEFFERSON

SPEED
LIMIT



1935 SYLVAN



Foothills COOG

**A Council of
Governments**

Why?

In 2021, Westmoreland Planning invited 13 Central Westmoreland municipalities to jointly provide information into the County's plans for land use, recreation, transportation, roads and bridges.

The municipalities came to realize that we each had local issues that are shared problems, but individually found it difficult to properly address.

At the conclusion of the County's program, some wanted to continue working together to address mutual issues and share experiences.



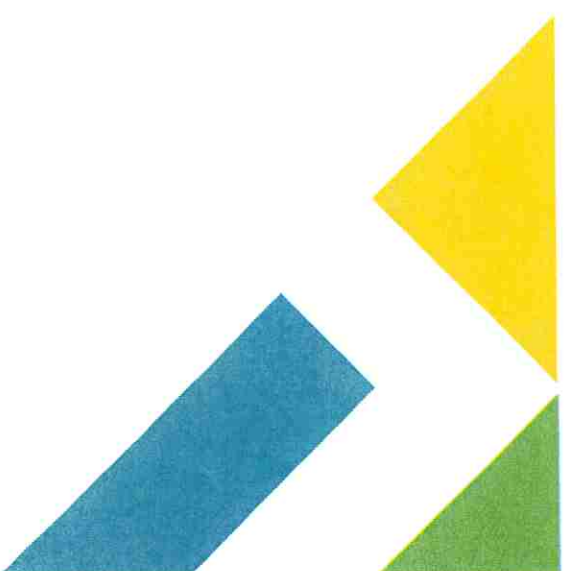
The Municipalities

- We started with 13 municipalities in the Central Westmoreland Region
- 7 remain, continuing the work with creating the COG
 - City of Greensburg
 - City of Latrobe
 - Southwest Greensburg Borough
 - New Stanton Borough
 - South Greensburg Borough
 - Youngwood Borough
 - Hempfield Township



Initial Areas of Interest

- Blight Mitigation
- UPC Appeals Board
- Parks and Recreation
Circuit Rider
- Grant Writer
- HR Services



- Immediate activity – Create an UPC Appeals Board
- COG Anticipated Go-Live January, 2025
- “Listening Tour”
 - Draft Foundation Document
 - Draft Dues Structure
 - Model Resolution



Current Status





Draft Annual Dues Structure

- Based on the Municipality's population
 - Up to 1,000 residents - \$250
 - 1,001 to 3,000 residents - \$1,500
 - Greater than 3,000 residents - \$2,000

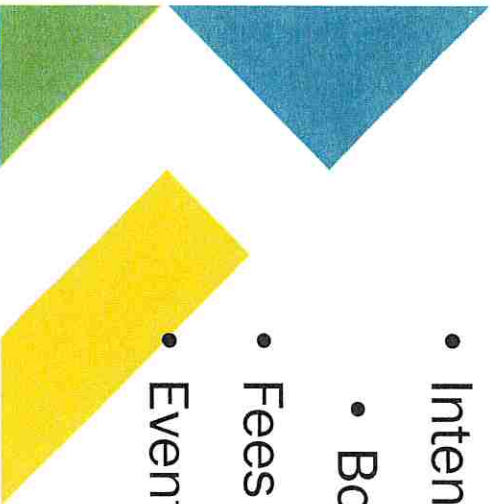
Operational Strategy

- Dues do NOT fund individual programs.
- As member municipalities identify common opportunities, they meet separately to determine the actions, fees, associated with those individual activities.
- All members of the COG do NOT need to participate or fund programs of no interest to their community.



Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals

- An Example of how the COG will operate
- It's an initiative developed from a mutual need identified by Municipalities
- Intended to overcome the challenge of empaneling a BOA
 - Board members must have architecture/construction expertise
 - Fees for Appeals Board hearings to be set by each municipality
 - Eventually COULD be administered by the COG, but not presently





UCC BOA Member Qualifications

§ 403.121. Board of appeals.

(c)(1) A member of the board of appeals shall be qualified by training and experience to pass on matters pertaining to building construction. Training and experience may consist of licensure as an architect or engineer, experience in the construction industry, and training or experience as an inspector or plan reviewer.

Thank You

Please consider joining us at an
upcoming meeting

All meetings at S. Greensburg
Borough Hall, 1515 Poplar St,
South Greensburg, PA 15601.

June 6, 2024, 6 PM

June 19, 2024, 11 AM Mgrs &
Secs on Zoom

August 1, 2024, 6 PM

August 14, 2024, 11 AM Mgrs
& Secs on Zoom

September 5, 2024, 6 PM



ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE _____ OF _____,
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE
ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE MEMBER LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS OF FOOTHILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS,
PENNSYLVANIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION LAW, 53 Pa.C.S.A. § 2301 et
seq.

WHEREAS, Section 2304 of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law promulgates that a municipality by act of its governing body may cooperate or agree in the exercise of any function, power or responsibility with or delegate or transfer any function, power or responsibility to one or more other local governments, the Federal Government or any other state or its government, and,

WHEREAS, Section 2305 of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law allows that a local government may enter into intergovernmental cooperation with or delegate any functions, powers or responsibilities to another governmental unit or local government upon the passage of an ordinance by its governing body; and

WHEREAS, various local governments, located in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania seek to establish a council of governments to provide a means of communication, cooperation and joint action in the interest of the local governments individually and collectively; and,

WHEREAS, each local government wishes to authorize the other to take actions necessary for operation of this council of governments; and,

WHEREAS, the respective local governments have acted and intend to act pursuant to Article 9, Section 5, of the Pennsylvania Constitution and 53 Pa. C. S. § 2303, et seq., providing for intergovernmental cooperation; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2307 of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law states that the ordinance adopted by the governing body of a local government entering into intergovernmental cooperation or delegating or transferring any functions, powers or responsibilities to another local government or to a council of governments, consortium or any other similar entity shall specify:

- (1) The conditions of agreement in the case of cooperation with or delegation to other local governments, the Commonwealth, other states or the Federal Government.

- (2) The duration of the term of the agreement.
- (3) The purpose and objectives of the agreement, including the powers and scope of authority delegated in the agreement.
- (4) The manner and extent of financing the agreement.
- (5) The organizational structure necessary to implement the agreement.
- (6) The manner in which real or personal property shall be acquired, managed, licensed or disposed of.
- (7) That the entity created under this section shall be empowered to enter into contracts for policies of group insurance and employee benefits, including Social Security, for its employees.

WHEREAS, the _____ of _____ wishes to enter into the Foothills Council of Governments by adopting the Articles of Agreement Among the Member Local Governments of the Foothills COG in accordance with the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby enacted and ordained by the _____ as follows:

SECTION ONE: INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE

The provisions set forth above in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

SECTION TWO: CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

The _____ of _____ does by this Ordinance join the Foothills Council of Governments subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Local Government is hereby authorized to enter into intergovernmental cooperation agreements relating to the Foothills Council of Governments pursuant 53 Pa.C.S.A § 2301 et seq.
2. That the President/Chairman and Secretary of said Local Government are authorized to sign intergovernmental cooperation agreements.
3. That the Articles of Agreement of the Foothills COG are incorporated fully in this Ordinance and contain the complete provisions of the agreement.
4. That each of the Local Governments of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania that may join and become a member of the Foothills Council of Governments do so in accordance with the Articles of Agreement and any other laws, agreements or contracts which apply.

SECTION THREE: SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any section, sentence, clause, part or

provision hereof shall be held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction such decision of the court shall not affect the remaining sections, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Local Government that such Ordinance would have been enacted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

SECTION FOUR: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect on the thirtieth (30th) day following its enactment.

SECTION FIVE: REPEALER

Any Resolution or Ordinance or parts thereof that conflict with, or are inconsistent with, this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency with this Ordinance.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the _____ of the _____ this
____ day of 20__.

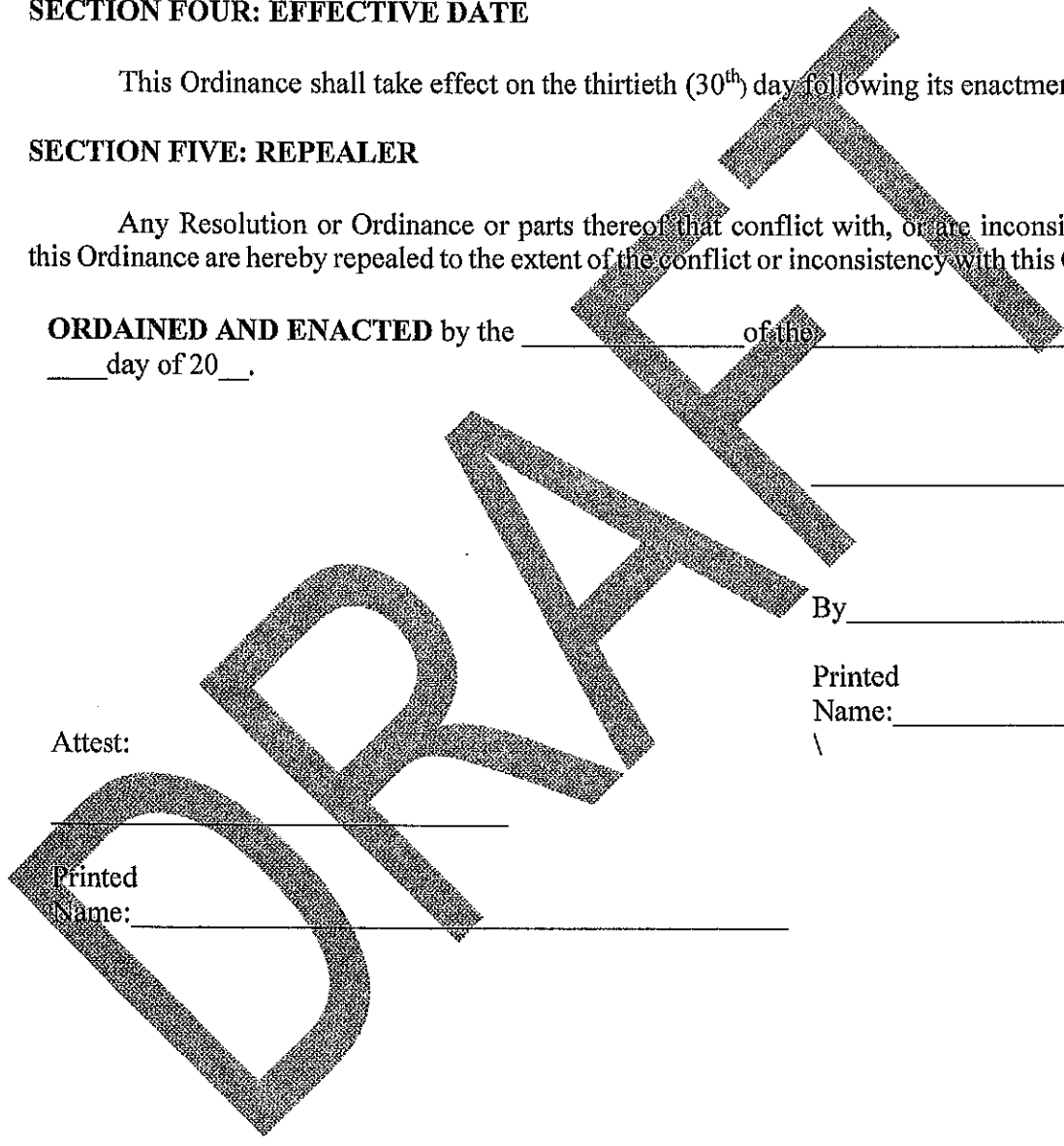
_____ of _____

By _____

Printed Name: _____

Attest:

Printed Name: _____



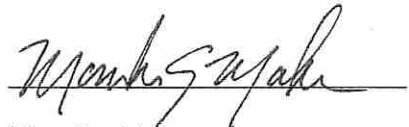
On May 22, 2024, the union, AFSCME AFL-CIO, Council 83 Local 629 voted for the MOU. Which contains to the City of Latrobe and AFSCME AFL-CIO, Council 83 Local 629 agreeing to split clerical into three (3) separate units. CSO clerical, with the direct supervisor being the Chief of Police. The administration clerical with the direct supervisor being the City Secretary, and Transfer Station clerical with the direct supervisor being the Public Works Director. The Public Works director will handle vacations for all Public Works clerical positions.

Custodian/Weighmaster position and Full-time Transfer Station Weighmaster position will work alternate Saturday's. The admin clerical acknowledges that unforeseen circumstances may arise where both the Custodian/Weighmaster position and Full-time Transfer Station Weighmaster position are unavailable on a given Saturday. In those rare instances, the admin has agreed that the Saturday shift will be offered to the team members based off seniority, with *rotation overtime equalization*.

Dated this 23rd day of May 2024.



Freida Glass



Marsha Maher

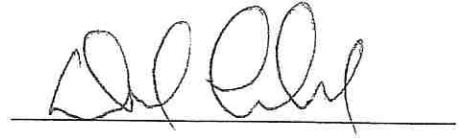


Melanie McGregor



Janina Hall

Terry Carcella- City Manager



Dan Chedrick – Union President

CITY OF LATROBE

SIGNAGE REQUEST FORM

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS.

CHECK APPLICABLE BLOCK BELOW:

- TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGN. COMPLETE A AND C.
- DISABILITY PARKING ONLY. COMPLETE A, B AND C. ALSO, PLEASE PROVIDE LETTER FROM DOCTOR REGARDING DISABILITY.
- SPECIALTY SIGN. COMPLETE A AND C.

A. SIGN INFORMATION

TYPE OF SIGN BEING REQUESTED: RESERVED PARKING HANDICAPPED
 EXACT LOCATION OF SIGN: FRONT OF RESIDENCE
 REASON FOR NEED: RESIDENT NEEDS ASSISTANCE TO ENTER AND EXIT RESIDENCE FOR HOSPITAL AND/OR ~~DO~~ DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS

B. DISABILITY INFORMATION

NAME OF DISABLED PERSON: JAMES E. GORDAN
 PHYSICIAN'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: OSCAR REYNA (724) 537-3381
 PA DISABLED LICENSE NO.: 12 949 516
 DO YOU HAVE A PA DISABLED PARKING PLACARD? YES NO

C. APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: JAMES E. GORDAN
 ADDRESS: 603 MILLER STREET
 PHONE NUMBER: (DAY) (724) 539-8827 (EVENING) SAME
 DATE OF APPLICATION: 4/26/24 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: James E Gordon

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

COUNCIL DISPOSITION: _____

DATE OF COUNCIL ACTION: _____

“THIS REQUEST WILL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY”

RETURN APPLICATION WITH \$50.00 FILING FEE

CITY OF LATROBE

Needs added to agenda

SIGNAGE REQUEST FORM

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS.

CHECK APPLICABLE BLOCK BELOW:

- TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGN. COMPLETE A AND C.
- DISABILITY PARKING ONLY. COMPLETE A, B AND C. ALSO, PLEASE PROVIDE LETTER FROM DOCTOR REGARDING DISABILITY.
- SPECIALTY SIGN. COMPLETE A AND C.

A. SIGN INFORMATION

TYPE OF SIGN BEING REQUESTED: Disability Parking

EXACT LOCATION OF SIGN: Front of house on street at telephone pole.

REASON FOR NEED: Street gets parked full of cars + I need close access for carrying groceries, etc. + walking to house due to permanent disability for severe fibromyalgia, MS, 7 herniated discs, degenerative disc disease, spinal stenosis and greater trochanteric pain syndrome to name a few.

B. DISABILITY INFORMATION

NAME OF DISABLED PERSON: Polly Quintiliani

PHYSICIAN'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Dr. Mary Eicher 724-261-5610
OR Andrew Portero (R.N.)

PA DISABLED LICENSE NO.: 22 074 347

DO YOU HAVE A PA DISABLED PARKING PLACARD? YES NO # H50379P

C. APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Polly Quintiliani

ADDRESS: 317 James St. Latrobe PA 15650

PHONE NUMBER: (DAY) 724-787-5221 (EVENING) same

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____ SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Polly Quintiliani

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

COUNCIL DISPOSITION: _____

DATE OF COUNCIL ACTION: _____

"THIS REQUEST WILL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY"

RETURN APPLICATION WITH \$50.00 FILING FEE

Latrobe 4th of July Celebration, Inc.
PO Box 105, Latrobe, PA 15650

Hold Harmless Agreement For The Latrobe 4th of July Fireworks Display

Lehigh Specialty Melting Inc. ("LSM") has agreed to provide a site on LSM's property for the firing of a fireworks display to be held on July 4, 2024 ("Event Date") for the Latrobe 4th of July Fireworks Display. This agreement is being executed to provide Latrobe 4th of July Celebration, Inc. with a site for the Fireworks display for the Latrobe 4th of July Celebration.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Latrobe 4th of July Celebration, Inc. and Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. (collectively, the "Indemnifying Parties") do hereby jointly and severally agree and covenant with LSM to defend, indemnify and hold LSM, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, the "LSM Parties") harmless from any and all claims, demands, suits or damages, losses and/or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) for personal injury (including but not limited to bodily injury and death) and/or property damage which may be asserted by or against any one or more of the LSM Parties arising from or in any way related to the Indemnifying Parties' fireworks display at the LSM property on the Event Date. As a condition to accessing the LSM property, LSM must receive from each of the Indemnifying Parties a certificate of insurance, together with a copy of the additional insured endorsement, evidencing general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance coverages with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 in aggregate, as well as statutory workers' compensation, and such certificates shall name each of the LSM Parties as an additional insured. The limits of insurance specified in this agreement shall in no way constitute the upper limits of liability for which the Indemnifying Parties are responsible under this agreement. Rain date for the fireworks display will be July 5, 2024 depending on weather.

Lehigh Specialty Melting Inc.
Mark Wolford, Vice President
107 Gertrude Street
Latrobe, PA 15650

By: Mark Wolford
Title: V.P. Sales
Attest: [Signature]
Date: 5-22-24

Latrobe 4th of July Celebration, Inc.
Richard M. Bosco, President
P.O. Box 105
Latrobe, PA 15650

By: [Signature]
Title: President
Attest: [Signature]
Date: 5-13-2024

Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc.
Lynn Ann Harned, Corporate Secretary
P.O. Box 149
New Castle, PA 16105

By: Lynn Ann Harned
Title: Secretary
Attest: George Augustine
Date: APRIL 23, 2024

The City of Latrobe
Eric Bartels, Mayor
P.O. Box 829
Latrobe, PA 15650

By: [Signature]
Title: Mayor
Attest: [Signature]
Date: 5.13.2024

Greater Latrobe School District
John Mains, Assistant to the Superintendent
131 High School Road