



# Wilkinsburg

## ACED & PPND providing Capacity Assessment

In September 2010, WCDC began an organizational capacity assessment process to help define opportunities to enhance the organization's infrastructure, systems, and processes so that it can more effectively and efficiently achieve its community development mission.

Working with management consulting firm The Hill Group, Inc. and supported by the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development and Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development, WCDC's organizational capacity was evaluated across ten categories including strategic planning infrastructure, human resources, board governance, senior team leadership, financial management, fund development, marketing and communications, program design and evaluation, legal affairs, and information technology.

Overall, the assessment process confirmed that WCDC has a basic level of organizational capacity and infrastructure in place, which is typical for a young nonprofit community development organization. As with all organizations, there are opportunities to enhance the capacity of WCDC. Among many recommendations, consultants suggest more clearly defining the roles of WCDC, Wilkinsburg Borough, and the Chamber of Commerce in order to avoid duplication, improving processes related to development of the Board of Directors, and implementing low-cost IT solutions to help manage the enterprise.

## Youth and Education Initiative

The Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation is pleased to have funding available to groups and organizations within Wilkinsburg that support the academic and civic endeavors of our youth. The WCDC youth initiative has \$3,000 available which may be awarded in its entirety or in smaller amounts depending on the number of applicants and the quality of the applications. Interested parties should submit an application by the last Friday in March. All projects must be completed by August 31 of the year in which the funding was provided.

## WCDC receives \$2,500 Mini-grant to assist the Sun

As partners in the Blueprints Community of Wilkinsburg, the WCDC is pleased to announce the award of a \$2,500 mini-grant to assist the Wilkinsburg Sun newsletter. The WCDC has received \$2,500 from the FHL Bank of Pittsburgh's Blueprint's mini-grant program to provide technical assistance to the Wilkinsburg Sun Board of Directors. This funding will be used to evaluate capacity building and to create a long-term financial plan in order to ensure that the newsletter is sustainable. The Wilkinsburg Sun has been a crucial component to the successes of the community development activities taking place in Wilkinsburg, as it is the primary source of information on the many community events and stakeholder meetings that are taking place throughout the Borough.

### Event Calendar

#### February

##### Thursday 2/3

Business District Safety Meeting  
8:30am - 10:00am  
WCDC Office  
1001 Wood St.

\* Please check our website for calendar additions.

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1001 Wood St.  
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