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Dear Matthew Homsher,

On behalf of the West Penn Energy Fund (WPEF), please accept the Fund's enclosed annual reports for 2015 to 2024. A total of ten (10) annual reports are being submitted to ensure our respective files are complete. I would like to thank the PUC Commissioners and staff for the guidance and assistance that they have provided to the Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joel L. Morrison*

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Fund Administrator, WPEF

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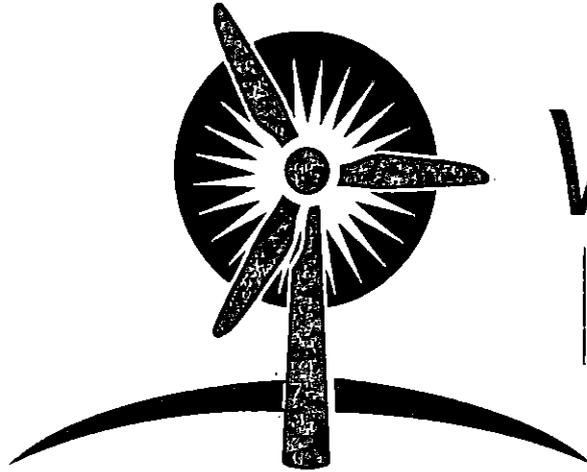
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# WPPSEF

WEST PENN POWER  
SUSTAINABLE  
ENERGY FUND

**The 2022 Annual Report of the  
West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund**  
(January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022)

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## **FORWARD**

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WPPSEF operates on a calendar year basis. This report summarizes the WPPSEF's activities between January 1 to December 31, 2022.

### **APPROVALS**

The WPPSEF Board approved \$410,290 to support nine (9) funding requests in 2022.

### **DISBURSEMENTS**

The WPPSEF disbursed \$122,720 to support seven (7) projects in 2022.

### **YEAR END BALANCE**

The WPPSEF had a net asset value of \$29,716,888 as of December 31, 2022.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

WPPSEF's administrative expenses were \$462,558 in 2022. The core administrative expense/ net asset value was 1.56%.

### **RESIDUAL IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN 2022**

Although the statewide shutdown due to COVID-19 was lifted in 2020, the resiliency of supply chain and contractors for sustainable energy projects in Pennsylvania and the construction activities at 63 Fraley Street in Kane has not improved since 2020 and 2021.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) was established through the West Penn Power (WPP) Company restructuring plan approved by the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission (PA-PUC) on November 3, 1998. WPPSEF was incorporated on May 3, 2000 and received its 501(c)(3) non-profit status on July 19, 2000.

The Fund entered its twenty second year of operations in 2022. WPPSEF continually strives to increase its visibility in the WPP service region and to provide support to clean energy projects that benefit the WPP ratepayer. WPPSEF funding is focused on:

- ❖ Promoting the use of renewable and clean energy;
- ❖ Promoting energy conservation and energy efficiency; and
- ❖ Promoting the start-up, attraction, expansion, and retention of sustainable energy businesses.

The impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic continued to impact many of WPPSEF's incoming and existing projects. Common challenges include but are not limited to: contractor and manpower availability, material shortages caused by supply chain disruptions and price volatility, and disruptions in the workplace due in part to remote working.

## **HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

WPPSEF worked to identify new mission-aligned projects throughout 2022 while providing guidance and oversight to its portfolio of existing projects. Selected highlights and accomplishments are provided below.

### **2022 Request for Proposals**

WPPSEF is constantly seeking to identify and support projects that are aligned with its mission and provide benefit to the WPP ratepayer. As part of this process, WPPSEF

solicits project proposals through a request-for-proposals (RFP) process. The RFP was released on December 20, 2021 and closed on May 4, 2022. A total of nine (9) proposals were submitted for funding consideration.

### **Selected 2022 Project Highlights**

**Uniontown Volunteer Fire Booster Association.** The Uniontown Social Hall is owned and operated by the Volunteer Firefighters of the Uniontown Fire Department. The social hall opened its doors in 1970, completed a full renovation in 2000, and worked with WPPSEF to upgrade its lighting to energy efficient LED lighting beginning in 2022. The hall is handicap accessible and available for weddings, showers, and family & community events. The social hall can accommodate seating for 500 with banquet tables. The lighting upgrade involved the installation of over 160 interior lights, 5 exterior parking lot lights, and 3 exterior security lights. The lighting upgrade was projected to save 265 kWh/week while improving the interior lighting quality and improving the lighting quality and safety of the parking lot and security lighting. The electric utility savings are being reinvested in better equipment for the firefighters and services to the Uniontown community.

**63 Fraley Street, LLC.** The renovation of WPPSEF's 63 Fraley Street building was completed in 2022. The building was named Six&Kane in honor of the intersection of PA Route 6 and the town of Kane. The Certificate of Occupancy was received on September 30, 2022. A ribbon tying event to celebrate the completion of Six&Kane was held on October 7-8, 2022.

### **Annual PA Public Utilities Commission Presentation**

Pennsylvania sustainable energy funds delivered their annual presentation to the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission via a live event on March 24, 2022. The presentation reviewed WPPSEF's activities in 2021 and upcoming activities in 2022.

## **FINANCIAL APPROVALS**

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The WPPSEF Board approved \$410,290 to support nine (9) funding requests in 2022. A summary of these funding approvals is provided in Table 1.

## **DISBURSEMENTS**

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The WPPSEF disbursed \$122,720 to support seven (7) projects in 2022. A summary of these funding disbursements is provided in Table 2.

WPPSEF disbursements are made using performance milestones for each project. These milestones are unique to each project. Performance milestones may include but are not limited to the following: executing agreements with contractors, receiving and installing building materials for the project, and the submission of project reports and photographs. The impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic continued to impact many of WPPSEF incoming and existing projects. Common challenges include but are not limited to: contractor and manpower availability, material shortages caused by supply chain disruptions and price volatility, and disruptions in the workplace due in part to remote working.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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The WPPSEF utilized the professional services of Horner, Wible & Terek PC to independently conduct its 2022 annual audit. The WPPSEF fiscal year is based on the calendar year. As of December 31, 2022, the WPPSEF had a total net asset value of \$29,716,888. WPPSEF's administrative expenses were \$462,558 in 2022. The core administrative expense/ net asset value was 1.56%. The administrative expenses included the costs associated with its Fund Administrator (Penn State) and the financial services provided by the Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland.

## **BOARD ORGANIZATION**

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The WPPSEF administration consists of a seven-member board of directors that provides oversight to the Fund and an administrative staff that oversees the day-to-day operations. All of the board members serve on a volunteer basis.

### **WPPSEF Board of Directors**

- Alan Neuner, *Chairperson*
  - Geisinger Health System, retired
  
- John Walliser, *Vice Chairperson*
  - Pennsylvania Environmental Council
  
- John Kline, *Treasurer*
  - Standard Bank
  
- Jim Stark, *Secretary*
  - Fayette County Community Action Agency
  
- Rob Hosken,
  - Building Performance Architecture
  
- Ed Miller
  - FirstEnergy Corporation
  
- Michele Ponchione
  - Instant Brands

### **WPPSEF Administrative Staff**

Joel Morrison, The Pennsylvania State University, (University Park, PA). Mr. Morrison serves as WPPSEF's Fund Administrator, which oversees the day-to-day operations of the Fund. He is assisted by Barbara Robuck (Marketing & Communications) and Elizabeth Wood (Database Design/ Maintenance).

James Smith, Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland (Greensburg, PA). Mr. Smith is the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Growth Connection (EGC) of Westmoreland. He is assisted by George App (Accounting).

### **WPPSEF Board Meetings**

The WPPSEF board meetings are scheduled at the beginning of each calendar year. The Board calendar may be adjusted on an as-needed basis. A summary of the 2022 WPPSEF Board meetings are presented below.

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|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| ✓ February 10, 2022 | Board Meeting (Conference Call)    |
| ✓ April 7, 2022     | Board Meeting (Electronic Vote)    |
| ✓ June 16, 2022     | Board Meeting (Kane, PA)           |
| ✓ June 17, 2022     | Board Meeting (Electronic vote)    |
| ✓ August 25, 2022   | Board Meeting (New Kensington, PA) |
| ✓ October 6, 2022   | Board Meeting (Kane, PA)           |
| ✓ December 15, 2022 | Board Meeting (Conference Call)    |

**TABLE 1. Project Related Financial Approvals - 2022**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Loan</b>	<b>Comments</b>
State College Community Land Trust	\$125,000	\$0	Grant. Renovation of residential duplex to Passive House standards
Uniontown Volunteer Fire Booster Association	\$17,500	\$0	Grant. Interior LED lighting upgrade
Lilian Beshore Memorial Library	\$14,990	\$0	Grant. LED lighting upgrade
Pine Valley Camp	\$25,000	\$0	Grant. Co-funding for a roof mounted solar PV system with battery storage
Kane Area Community Center	\$1,600	\$0	Grant. Funding for water bottle filling station
Energy Efficiency Alliance	\$25,000	\$0	Grant. Energy efficiency outreach with Passive House showcase
Keystone Elk Country Alliance	\$120,000	\$0	Grant. Co-funding KECA outdoor education building with 26.6 DC kW solar PV
University Mennonite Church	\$25,000	\$0	Grant. 26.0 DC kW roof mounted solar PV system
Tennis Roofing	\$0	\$56,200	Loan. Funding for a 39.6 kW DC roof mounted solar PV system.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$354,090</b>	<b>\$56,200</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$410,290</b>		

**TABLE 2. Project Related Disbursements - 2022**

Organization	Year Funding Commitment	Amount Expended	Comment
State College Borough Water Authority	2018	\$17,500	Grant. Co-funding for variable speed pumps and 60.0 DC kW roof solar system
ReFarm Café at Windswept Farm	2021	\$61,230	Loan. Funding for a 36.0 DC kW ground mount solar PV system
Lutheran Home at Kane	2020	\$12,400	Grant. Comprehensive energy audit at elderly care facility
County of Elk Community Recycling Center	2021	\$5,000	Grant. Upgrade of biomass furnace controls to improve furnace operations
Lilian Beshore Memorial Library	2022	\$14,990	Grant. LED lighting Upgrade
Kane Area Community Center	2022	\$1,600	Grant. Funding for water bottle filling station
Energy Efficiency Alliance	2022	\$10,000	Grant. Energy efficiency outreach with Passive House showcase
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$122,720</b>	

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