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MEDIA RELEASE

TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Tioga County Development Corporation donates land to Westfield Borough

As part of the redevelopment of the former E. H. Hall, Inc./WESTAN Tannery, the *Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC)* has completed several land transactions of portion of the Tannery properties.

“Ever since we gained control of the Tannery properties, it has been the goal of TCDC to put back into private and public ownership portions of the lands,” stated Robert J. Blair, President/CEO. “As a result of a Foreclosure effort in July 2012, three parcels are being returned to private ownership, thus bringing the properties back on the tax roles. Three other parcels have been deeded to the Borough.” Westfield Borough is now the owner of the property which housed the Westfield Little League fields and two water supply parcels.

“Today we celebrate the secure future of the Little League complex in Westfield. It was through the generosity and community mindedness of the E.H. Hall Co. that created this facility back in the 1980’s. Since the closing of the tannery in 2005, Westfield Borough has been active in securing public ownership of these parcels to allow their intended use to continue and not fall to the mercy of private developers. Again, it is that same sense of community and generous spirit that allows for this land’s continued use to benefit the youth of the Westfield area. We applaud the Tioga County Development Corporation for their contribution to the Borough of Westfield and our youth. The Borough appreciates our relationship with TCDC and actively supports their efforts for the creation of the Westfield Business Park,” stated . James Davis, President, Westfield Borough Council

“It has always been our intent as part of the redevelopment of WESTAN to give some of the properties to the Borough and Township,” Blair added. The second phase will be to deed some of the land to Westfield Township and the Westfield Cemetery Association. Over several decades the Eberle family amassed considerable land.

The primary objective is to develop the Westfield Business Park along Church Street into a brownfield redevelopment project. We have completed a Master Plan which calls for a 17.6 acre business complex on seven parcels of land on the site of the former Plant 1. All four taxing bodies have agreed to apply for a Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ) for the site. The partners in this extensive process are the Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission, County of Tioga, Northern Tioga School District, Westfield Borough and Westfield Township. “Only through the cooperation and partnering of these groups have we been able to get this far in a long process of rebuilding the Westfield area and bring jobs back.” Blair concluded.

PHOTO CAPTION:

(Left to Right) T. James Davis, Westfield Borough Council President; RogerMcCluuen, Westfield Borough Council Member; Gail Bollinger, Westfield Borough Council Vice President; Dick Varguson, Westfield Mayor; Robert J. Blair, TCDC President/CEO.

(Front Row): Westfield Little League Players Dalton McCullen, Tyler Varguson and Connor Burdick.