

**2023-2024 East Vandergrift Planning and Community Engagement
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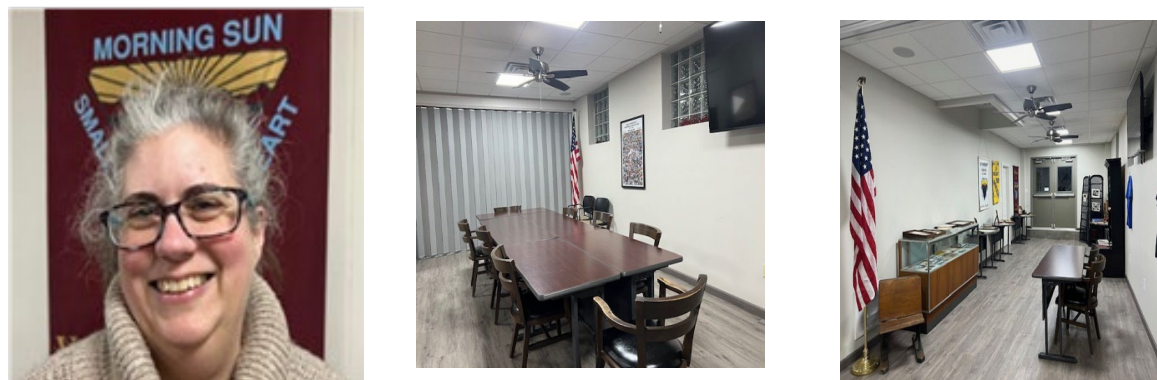
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Left: Kiski Area graduate and Grove City College student Connor Flemm is pictured, recipient of the first \$1,000 EVCF Student Scholarship Award, presented by Karen Virostek, Foundation President. Center: Connor Flemm is offering acceptance remarks to the EVCF Board and the public. Right: Karen Virostek, Foundation President, presented a EVCF Appreciation Award to Scott Electric Foundation representatives for its \$48,000 Solar Energy Grant.



**East Vandergrift Community Foundation Board of Directors
Celebrating it's First Anniversary, June 2023,
as a 501 (c) non-profit charitable organization.**

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EAST VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
OVERVIEW – MAY 2, 2023

The Planning and Community Engagement process consists of these main elements:

- ***Background***
- ***Mission Vision***
- ***Vision Statement***
- ***Primary Goals / Mayor and Borough Council***
- ***SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats)***
- ***Actions, Resources, Responsible Committee, and Target Date (s)***
- ***Implementation***

BACKGROUND

The Planning and Community Engagement Process throughout 2023 will focus on the municipality with an Action Plan for a three-year period. Community planning will determine where the Borough of East Vandergrift is going, how it is going to get there and will measure success over time. It ensures the most effective use of the Borough's limited resources by focusing the resources on key priorities.

The Planning and Community Engagement process will feature an overall vision and mission, as well as discussions for Location and Demographics; Services; Facilities; Natural Resources and Parks, Community; and Council Operations. There will be four broad themes: Governance, Community Development, Environmental Stability, and Strengthening Community.

The goals of the Planning and Community Engagement Process will address objectives that support the community's values by developing an Action Plan for 2024-2026. Although a separate Borough entity and planning process, it will run concurrently with the success and accomplishments of the East Vandergrift Community Foundation which was established in 2022.

Potential Borough Mayor and Council Primary Goals may include:

- Stabilize Long-term Finances
- Ensure Equity in All Operations
- Expand Affordable Housing Options
- Sustain Infrastructure and Facilities
- Enhance Community Development

Mission Statement

The Borough of East Vandergrift, a shining example of Small Town America, is committed to promoting the highest quality of life for all residents by providing fiscally sound, responsive municipal services and delivering those services in a fair, adequate and equitable manner.

Vision Statement

The Citizens of East Vandergrift will work together to ensure that the community is a welcoming and friendly place to live, play, and visit by promoting its motto, “**Small Town, Big Heart.**”

S.W.O.T. Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
Location and Demographics	Location and Demographics	Location and Demographics	Location and Demographics
Services	Services	Services	Services
Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities
Natural Resources/Parks	Natural Resources/Parks	Natural Resources/Parks	Natural Resources/Parks
Community	Community	Community	Community
Council Operations	Council Operations	Council Operations	Council Operations

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EAST VANDERGRIFT – “SMALL TOWN, BIG HEART!”

Mission Statement: The Borough of East Vandergrift, a shining example of Small Town America, is committed to promoting the highest quality of life for all residents by providing fiscally sound, responsive municipal services and delivering those services in a fair, adequate, and equitable manner.

Vision Statement: The residents of East Vandergrift will work together to ensure that the community is a welcoming and friendly place to live, play, and visit by promoting its motto, ***“Small Town, Big Heart.”***

During the past three years, Community Planning and Engagement sessions have been at the forefront of East Vandergrift Borough officials and residents, working together with heart and soul to make a positive difference for the future of its small town.

In the rolling hills and valleys of Southwestern Pennsylvania, East Vandergrift was built by industrious immigrants who came to America looking for a better life – proud of their heritage, culture and traditions, religious beliefs, and respective work ethics. The quest for freedom and new opportunities was at the heart of their determination and commitment to help build a new community, finding hope and promise in America.

Morning Sun: “The First 100 Years, 1901-2001” is a well-documented history of early settlers, the founding of East Vandergrift and its early days. Historical accounts written by author Robert Szymczak, Penn State professor, reflect the proud traditions of immigrants and ethnic heritages that its residents so proudly embrace yet today. The 100th Anniversary book highlights are included in another section of this document.

Throughout its history there have been many changes in the community; however, there is a significant triangular relationship that remains consistent in discussions among East Vandergrift residents: Residents – current and former – have enormous pride in its history, strong core values in the present, and a deep faith in the community’s future.

The Community Planning and Engagement sessions provided interactive dialogue among key stakeholders – residents who had an interest and took time to attend planning sessions to offer suggestions and ideas to reinvigorate the community.

Initial comments by residents included:

“I want to learn more about what is going on with community projects.”

“I would like to see ‘Ethnic Days’ come back like the old days.”

“I want to get involved in the community and build on the town’s successes.”

“I moved back to East Vandergrift after living out of state and I want to help where I can.”

“We have lived here 29 years and we’re excited about the progress East Vandergrift is experiencing.”

The Community Planning and Engagement process focused on increased resident participation, networking and collaboration, insightful perspectives, and a sense of belonging for a cause greater than oneself. An analysis of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (S.W.O.T.) was conducted for the categories of Location and Demographics; Services; Facilities; Natural Resources/Parks; Community; and Council Operations. Interactive dialogue involving East Vandergrift residents resulted in category feedback and a comprehensive list of responses, eventually narrowed to the top three responses by category.

The top three responses in respective categories were reviewed, resulting in further discussions to complete Community Planning and Engagement Action Plans for 2024 through 2026. The Action Plans had four components for discussion and final endorsement by residents: Actions; Resources; Responsible Committee; and Timelines.

The Community Planning and Engagement process revealed characteristics – strengths and opportunities – of small town benefits including, but not limited to: family oriented events (especially “Ethnic Days” of the past and a call for the return of this annual event); proximity to nature, the river, and park assets; size and walkability; quality church and community life; social and economic life of the clubs, effective Borough elected officials who address resident problems and needs and provide responsible municipal services; extraordinary grant writing efforts and successful outcomes by Council; and a quaint, peaceful and friendly town that is close-knit.

Overall, there were many positive responses about cohesive relationships among family and friends; a love for the history of the community; the social aspects of the community; cultural and traditional aspects; the church parish hall; the senior citizens center; and the proactive steps by Borough elected officials for the rehabilitation of the community park using a \$350,421 DCNR grant and a \$16.5M affordable senior housing project that will repurpose the former public-school building. Another positive acknowledgment was the establishment of the East Vandergrift Community Foundation for encouraging innovation, recognizing excellence, creating vital partnerships, developing community philanthropy, and fostering educational initiatives, including annual student scholarship awards.

The Community Planning and Engagement process revealed some concerns – weaknesses and threats – by residents, but ones which can be addressed by a determined citizenry through continuous efforts to bring the change needed. For example: East Vandergrift residents expressed concerns about crime, drugs, and safety. However, residents still have a sense of overall safety and security in the community, noting that national statistics indicate there is less crime in a small community than in large urban areas. It is noted that a discussion ensued about establishing a formal crime watch program.

Other weaknesses and threats were identified, including limited community access with only two entrances, railroad tracks and a potential train derailment, limited parking, lack of code enforcement, flooding from heavy rains and sewage back-up, and hillside/landslide concerns. Other expressed concerns were vandalism and unsupervised children, the need for more community involvement, property blight, and a need for a local grocery store.

It is noted that improving communications about community events and activities can be best achieved through social media, including Borough and Foundation website upgrades and by investing in an electronic board at a strategic location for community announcements.

In conclusion, the residents of East Vandergrift will work together to ensure that the community is a welcoming and friendly place to live, play, and visit by promoting its motto, ***“Small Town, Big Heart.”***

To that end, as the community prepares to celebrate its 125th Anniversary, there are civic-minded and resolute residents who will move the community forward by working together for continued progress and by meeting the changing needs of the community.

Notations

The respective S.W.O.T. results of the six Community Planning and Engagement categories, including significant responses, are on file in the Borough Office.

Exhibits are attached including additional data, demographics, supporting documents, community impact grants and projects, and accomplishments of the Borough of East Vandergrift, the East Vandergrift Community Foundation, and the Planning and Community Engagement Committee.

EAST VANDERGRIFT – THE MAKING OF SMALL TOWN AMERICA

East Vandergrift Borough, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, represents the best of small-town America. The Borough, with a motto of “***Small Town, Big Heart***,” was incorporated on December 18, 1901. In 1910, the Borough had population of 1,852 according to the United States Census.

Morning Sun: “The First 100 Years, 1901-2001” is a well-documented history of early settlers, the founding of East Vandergrift and its early days. Historical accounts written by author Robert Szymczak, Penn State professor, reflect the proud traditions of ethnic heritages that its citizens so proudly embrace. Equally important, history demonstrates people working together to make a good community an even better community through its annual celebrations, public and parochial schools, places of worship, small businesses, municipal services, senior center, volunteer fire department, and Lithuanian, Slovak, and Polish Clubs.

History indicates that a foundation of traditional family values, hard work, and a true sense of community was demonstrated through community celebrations, including “Ethnic Days” – a phenomenally successful event for 30 years (1979-2009) that attracted thousands during the annual celebration.

For 125 years, East Vandergrift citizens have lived traditional lives with strong values and a love for God, country, and community. Improving the quality of life for its citizens is a continuous effort by community leaders to foster community unity.

As East Vandergrift prepares for its 125th Anniversary in 2026 – a community that continues to evolve as a shining example of small-town America – it is fitting and appropriate to “take a walk-through history” with these chronological highlights: (Morning Sun: “The First 100 Years, 1901-2001)

EARLY HISTORY

March 3, 1773 – A land patent, including legally-prescribed surveys and documentation, assigned 1,000 acres of land by petition by Thomas and John Penn to John Montgomery of Carlisle and Alexander Stewart of Philadelphia. Made by sovereign entity and public records, the property was situated along the Kiskiminetas River in the newly created Westmoreland County called the “***Three Bottoms***.”

1799-1873 – Several tracts of land exchanged between and among property owners, noting that sixteen different proprietors owned the tracts of bottomland until W.S. Beamer of Apollo became the largest single proprietor of what would become East Vandergrift.

The small village in the flood-prone land along the Kiskiminetas River was administered by Allegheny Township and by the 1890’s the inhabitants dubbed the community “Morning Sun.”

According to folklore, a local dentist by the name of Cochran was impressed by the beauty of the morning's sunrises and he christened the area as "Morning Sun." Until the incorporation as a borough, the small community was unofficially known as the Village of Morning Sun – a romantic moniker still preferred by the citizens of East Vandergrift's past and present citizens.

1880's – George G. McMurty, a Scots Irish man born in Belfast, became a prominent steelmaker who was the head of the Apollo Iron and Steel Company. Due to the unrest and strife of an 1893 labor strike by Apollo steel workers, McMurty decided to move his steel operations to a new location on the Westmoreland County side of the river about two miles downriver.

1895 – A new steel town, Vandergrift, was planned and founded by tycoon George G. McMurty on a hill overlooking the Kiskiminetas River. McMurty was determined to build a model industrial town and hired the renowned landscape design firm of Fredrick Law Olmsted, who created among other projects, New York Central Park. A state-of-the-art steel plant would simultaneously be developed in a new town named in honor of J.J. Vandergrift, a major stockholder in the Apollo Iron and Steel Company. The founders were determined to create an "American" town, which from an Anglo Saxon point of view would be land and homes granted to those of Scots Irish, English, and German descent – solid Americans and Protestants. The new mill was populated by strikebreakers and followers of McMurty, representative of strong conservative anti-union workers from southern Armstrong County.

A famous journalist called the town "a site of natural health and beauty," devoid of the fifth and disease found in most steel towns." The journalist acknowledged that Vandergrift was an American town, no place for the thousands of unskilled workers confined to East Vandergrift, North Vandergrift, and Vandergrift Heights. She suggested that the absence of these "foreigners" allowed Vandergrift's founders to establish a saloon-free and orderly environment in their community.

1897 – George G. McMurty ordered the construction of a wooden fence along the boundary between Vandergrift and Morning Sun, an act which was not calculated to win entrepreneurship with any friends below in the village below his town. The legendary episode was attributed to two possibilities: (1) McMurty wished to discourage steel mill workers from purchasing much cheaper homes along the bottomland or (2) McMurty had intended to purchase the lowlands along the river, but a deal had fallen through with W.S. Beamer of Apollo who was angry that McMurty had pulled the mill out of his hometown.

1900 – Early residents of Morning Sun were native born Americans; however, by the turn of the 20th century, the composition of the population was beginning to change as Eastern Europeans hired as unskilled workers in the Vandergrift mill began to gravitate to Morning Sun.

1901 – Forty-two property owners signed a petition for the incorporation of Morning Sun as a borough. The petition was presented to the Quarter Sessions of Westmoreland County on November 11, 1901.

1901 – The Judges issued a decree on December 18, 1901, which declared "that the Village of Morning Sun in Allegheny Township, Pennsylvania, be the same and is hereby incorporated into a borough under the name, style, and title of 'The Borough of East Vandergrift' with all the rights and privileges and powers conferred by law upon the boroughs within the Commonwealth."

1902 – The first municipal election was held on February 18, 1902, in a two-room schoolhouse constructed four years earlier. The Court appointed an original Board of Elections, and a subsequent election produced a Borough Council. Since there was no provision for the election of a burgess (mayor) or tax collector, the Court appointed individuals to those positions.

1907-1913 – The Kiskiminetas River was swollen and caused extensive damage to homes in 1907 and 1908. Fires between 1908 and 1911 caused six homes to be destroyed and a spectacular fire occurred in 1913 when Cohn’s Lumberyard, located on the eastern side of McKinley Avenue.

1900-1914 – Significant changes occurred in East Vandergrift in the transformation of population from native born Americans to Eastern European immigrants. The industrial areas of the United States were attracting Slaves from Eastern Europe and the Russian Empire. Northern and Western European immigrants were waning due to the industrialization increases in Germany, Scandinavia, and British Isles; thus, a great multitude of new immigrants including Roman Catholics, Byzantine Catholics, and Orthodox were arriving in America. Eastern European immigrants performed the dirtiest, lowest forms of labor in the mills and mines and factories for rock-bottom wages which irritated Anglo Saxon American workers and upper-class immigrants. The 1910 census showed the astounding impact of immigration on industrial areas, including European countries in particular: Poland, Lithuania, and Slovakia. All these newcomers were of peasant origin and from lands which at the time were under the rule of German, Russian, or Austro-Hungarian Empires.

The original American residents began to leave East Vandergrift, yielding to the influx of Eastern European immigrants – Poles, Slovaks, and Lithuanian. An important venue for strengthening of ethnic group solidarity was provided by the complex network of immigrant associations. Respective social clubs were organized to preserve and strengthen one’s own ethnic compatriots and offered opportunities for participation in cultural activities while maintaining the language of the old country.

POLISH, LITHUANIAN, AND SLOVAK SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS

1906 – The East Vandergrift Poles formed the Polish National Alliance Lodge 791 and christened it “The Stefan Czarniecki Society” in honor of a 17th Century Polish hero who fought against the Swedish invaders of Poland. The PNA building was constructed and opened in 1911 and has been renovated in recent years.

1908 – The East Vandergrift Lithuanians organized “The Beneficial and Brotherly Love Society of Vytautas, the Grand Duke of Lithuania.” Vytautas was a powerful ruler of Lithuania who played a crucial role in the defeat of the Teutonic Knights in 1410. The Lithuanian Club building was constructed in 1915 and has been renovated in recent years.

1939 – The East Vandergrift Slovaks, who separated from the North Vandergrift Slovak Society, formed the “The Milan Stefanik Slovak Society.” The name commemorates one of the key founders of Czechoslovakia territory out of the defeated Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1918. The Slovak Club building was constructed and completed in 1949 and has been renovated in recent years.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

In the early years, the only Church to worship was St. Gertrude's Roman Catholic Church, Vandergrift, to administer to the spiritual needs of a population from three distinct nationalities. The Pittsburgh Dioceses tried to manage the situation by assigning certain assistant priests who spoke Polish, Slovak, and Lithuanian to serve the people of East Vandergrift.

1907 – Holy Trinity Slovak Roman Catholic Church was organized, and the church was constructed and dedicated in 1916. Holy Trinity Parish School opened in 1920 but was closed in 1931 due to the Great Depression. However, the school re-opened in 1950 and served students and the community until 1970 when demographics forced the school to close permanently.

1921 – St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church was organized, and the church was constructed and dedicated during 1923-1924. The original church was destroyed by fire on January 7, 1936, and a new church was constructed and dedicated one year later.

1922 – All Saints Polish Roman Catholic Church formed, and a church was constructed and dedicated by 1924. All Saints was destroyed by fire in the early hours of January 3, 1985.

1985 – Consistent with closing of Catholic parishes to consolidate resources in the Pittsburgh region, the Greensburg Diocese ordered the consolidation of all three East Vandergrift parishes into one parish – Our Lady, Queen of Peace in the former Lithuanian church. As a result, Holy Trinity Church and its accompanying old convent were razed.

EARLY BUSINESSES

1911-1922 – The Vandergrift Ice Plant was founded in 1911 and delivered ice in the era before refrigerators, producing at times forty tons per day. In 1922, the Vandergrift concrete Block Company opened for business. Both businesses operated into the mid-1950's. Three grocery stores – the Slovak, Lithuanian, and Polish – were created and sold food and merchandise on McKinley Avenue for decades.

1912-1922 – The United States Post Office opened in 1912 on McKinley Avenue and the community's first sewer and streetlights were installed. During 1916-1920, McKinley Avenue was paved with bricks, the fire department was organized, and more street improvements were made.

POPULATION SHIFTS AND IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS

1914-1930 – World War I, a nationwide steel strike, strife and unrest between union and non-union workers, United States Immigration Commission restrictions, and the drastic change in immigration policy all contributed to fluctuations in population among Anglo Saxon and Eastern and Southern Europeans. The Immigration Commission fell to the pressures of restricting immigration, succumbing to the belief that Eastern and Southern Europeans were clearly inferior to old Northern and Western arrivals of the last century and half. The result was the National Origins Act, which limited the number of immigrants allowed into the United States to two percent of the total number of any given nationality group living in the country in 1890. The law was designed to reverse the pattern of immigration in favor of those Anglo-Saxon stock, who in 1890, still outnumbered the Eastern and Southern European arrivals. The Eastern and Southern populations began to stabilize, which reduced the ability of these groups to cushion the effects of Americanization. By 1930, about sixty percent of immigrants had become American citizens. In 1930, the population of East Vandergrift had reached its apex at 2,441. By 1950, the population dropped to 1,668.

HISTORICAL POPULATION (U.S. CENSUS BUREAU)

CENSUS	POPULATION	PERCENT +/-
1910	1,852	-----
1920	1,989	7.4%
1930	2,441	22.7%
1940	2,005	-17.9%
1950	1,665	-17.0%
1960	1,388	-16.6%
1970	1,151	-17.1%
1980	995	-17.0%
1990	787	-17.6%
2000	742	-5.7%
2010	674	-9.2%
2020	602	-10.8%

1998-2024 – East Vandergrift Public School – East Vandergrift children were educated in its own school system in grades 1 through 8. A two-room school was constructed in 1898 subsequently with a building addition, served a growing student body with eight classrooms and a one-room portable standalone structure. Following a serious fire, the building was rendered unusable, and classes were temporarily moved to the basement of Holy Trinity Parish which once housed

parochial school classes. In 1933, the Board of Education initiated construction of a new modern brick building with fourteen classrooms and a gymnasium/auditorium. The school building was completed in 1939 at a cost of \$175,000. Students from East Vandergrift attended Vandergrift High School until 1962 when Kiski Area Senior High School was opened in Allegheny Township.

The East Vandergrift Public School served K-6 students until 1989 when it closed, noting the building was bought and sold numerous times by non-profit and private entities throughout the years. The Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority/Landbank purchased the landmark school building in 2022 and plans call for a 42-unit affordable senior housing complex known as “Morning Sun Lofts.” The partial demolition, construction, and rehabilitation of the structure by a national housing developer, PIVITOL, began in 2023 and a December 2024 completion date is anticipated.

1812-1936 – Kiskiminetas Valley floods “inundated lands” of residential, commercial, and industrial properties which caused tremendous damage through river towns, including East Vandergrift. The Pumpkin Flood of 1812; Flood of 1832, Flood of 1861, Johnstown Flood of 1889, Flood of March 14, 1907 (2 feet higher than the Johnstown Flood), Flood of March 19, 1907, and the St. Patrick’s Day Flood of March 17, 1936 (the most disastrous during the Great Depression).

1940-1960 – East Vandergrift’s second-generation men enlisted in all branches of the military upon America entering WW II in 1941, noting that fourteen military personnel made the supreme sacrifice and were killed in action. This was a high number for a small community. Those killed in WW II combat are honored with respective names listed on a bronze plaque at the Veterans Memorial Park, which also includes the name of a Vietnam veteran killed in combat.

1951 – East Vandergrift Borough celebrated its 50th Anniversary as an incorporated borough. A carnival, parade, and dancing in the streets adorned with red, white, blue banners and decorated homes made the celebration of town accomplishments a most memorable one. The closing festivities included masses at the Polish, Slovak, and Lithuanian churches for the “future welfare of residents and the community.”

1970-2010 – Morning Sun celebrated “Ethnic Days”, an annual June festive event from 1979 – 2009, which brought thousands of people to town. Former residents traveled from across the nation to see old friends, join in ethnic food, culture, dancing, and to fondly recall cherished memories in celebration of small-town America. “Home is where the heart is” and Ethnic Days was one of the most phenomenally successful community celebrations in the Alle-Kiski Valley.

The East Vandergrift Police Department was disbanded, and the East Vandergrift Fire Department became a substation in 1987 for the George G. McMurtry Volunteer Fire Department (Vandergrift VFD #1). Years later, the substation was closed, and fire apparatus is centrally located in Vandergrift for fire responses to East Vandergrift.

2001 – East Vandergrift celebrated its 100th Anniversary as an incorporated borough. As stated previously, Author Robert Szymczak wrote Morning Sun: “The First 100 Years, 1901-2001” which is a well-documented history of early settlers, the founding of East Vandergrift and its early days, and an historical account through 2001. Mr. Szymczak stated in the forward, “The following does not purport to be a definitive history of East Vandergrift by any means. It is intended to be an

overview of the town's past, an attempt to place the Morning Sun experience in a broader context. In any case, the article, written by a son of East Vandergrift, is hereby dedicated to all residents of this Borough, past and present, through all eras.”

The Centennial Celebration engaged the East Vandergrift Borough Mayor and Council, the Centennial Committee, Solicitor, Tax Collector, and key church and community organizations and leaders including, but not limited to, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift Women's Club, East Vandergrift Holiday Mothers, East Vandergrift Cub Scouts, East Vandergrift Senior Center, East Vandergrift Borough and Fire Department, and key stakeholders of the community, including photographs of former Burgesses and Mayors.

A complete history of St. Casmier, (Lithuanian), Holy Trinity (Slovak) and All Saint's (Polish) Churches are included in the 100th Anniversary Celebration book. The historical accounts are fascinating and demonstrate a deep faith in God and His people, their religious beliefs and values, and respective narratives of the priests, church facilities, schools, and the people and life of parishes. The Centennial Celebration book included photographs of Morning Sun Clergy, the most prominent native son being Cardinal Adam J. Maida, originally ordained May 1956.

The Centennial Celebration book includes photographs and brief historical accounts of the 1936 St. Patrick's Day Flood, a Train derailment, 1985 All Saints Church fire, Holy Trinity Church demolition, Ethnic Days, 1991 River Park Dedication, Local Industrial Plants, 2001 Centennial Calendar of Events, East Vandergrift Public School Days, 75th Jubilee, 50th and 75th Queens, Morning Sun Clergy, East Vandergrift Memories, and Sports.

The Centennial book includes hundreds of East Vandegrift citizens “In Memorium,” Patrons, business advertisements, and congratulatory best wishes by schools, healthcare facilities, local clubs, fire departments, individuals, families, and former residents.

2001-2017 – This was the most aggressive period for community development to comply with state and federal regulations related to storm water and sewage infrastructure improvements. A \$250,000 state grant was secured for infrastructure design planning performed by KHL Engineering. The storm water and sewage infrastructure project consisted of a grant and loan through a state PENNVEST program. The PENNVEST loan was \$3,681,737 and issued on May 13, 2014, with a maturity date of September 1, 2045. As part of the PENNVEST loan, East Vandergrift taxpayers are responsible for regular payments to reduce the Borough's portion of debt service.

Under Pennsylvania Act 179, East Vandergrift was an entitlement community eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds administered through the Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development. The purpose of the CDBG grant was to provide financial support for communities of less than 10,000 residents. In addition to PennVest grant and loan, the Borough received a \$650,000 CDBG to repave Borough streets, create handicap accessible sidewalks at street intersections, and replace catch basins, sidewalks, curbs negatively affected by the storm water and sewage infrastructure project.

The Borough made substantial progress through the efforts of Borough officials to enhance public safety throughout the Borough, including receipt of a \$10,000 grant to purchase “Yield Here to

Pedestrian” signs at strategic locations throughout the community. Initiatives to improve the public works department services were made to ensure proper snow removal, crosswalk and no parking line painting, grass-cutting, and new street signage throughout the Borough.

2017-2024 The East Vandergrift Mayor and Council have been highly active in securing county state and federal funds. There have been numerous successful community improvement projects in recent years.

EAST VANDERGRIFT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The East Vandergrift Community Foundation was established in 2022 as a 501 (3) C with a mission that supports and strengthens the East Vandergrift Community by encouraging innovation, recognizing excellence, creating vital partnerships, developing community philanthropy, and fostering educational initiatives.

The Foundation’s goal is to support the community and educational initiatives of the Borough of East Vandergrift. The programs, projects and activities sponsored by the Foundation will be in alignment with the Borough’s mission statement and strategic plan. All funds would be directly used for community-related initiatives that will directly benefit the citizens of the East Vandergrift and its community.

East Vandergrift Community Foundation activities and projects include, but are not limited to, Student Scholarship Program; Food Truck Fridays; Christmas Home Decorating; Christmas Light-Up Night; Grant applications for Borough activities; Community events; Social Media pages; EVCF Website; and Online Donations.

EAST VANDERGRIFT MUSEUM

The East Vandergrift Museum was established in 2022 to preserve the history of East Vandergrift Borough and its people, places, and artifacts of a rich and traditional community of immigrants, ethnicity, and culture. The Borough Council continues to welcome historical artifacts for temporary loan or permanent display and financial gifts to the East Vandergrift Museum.

MORNING SUN SENIOR LOFTS

Based on preliminary discussions in November 2019 with the Chair of the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority/Landbank and the East Vandergrift Borough Council President, the concept of a quality senior housing development at the former East Vandergrift Public School was presented. In February 2022, a tour of the former school included Borough officials, the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority/Land Bank, Westmoreland County Industrial

Development Corporation, and Homes Build Hope, Inc. As a result, the project began to move from concept to reality.

Subsequently, the Mayor and Borough Council members endorsed the proposed project and letters of support from federal, state, and Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners were gained. The first of two applications was made by PIVITOL, a national housing development company, to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency to repurpose the former school as senior housing. The second round of application processes received approval in November 2022 to begin the partial demolition, construction, and rehabilitation of the affordable housing project, known as “Morning Sun Senior Lofts.”

PIVITOL, an extraordinarily successful housing development company, is enthusiastic about improving the quality of life for residents and enhancing neighborhoods through superior affordable housing. PIVITOL plans to rehabilitate and transform the former school by providing approximately forty-two single and/or double occupancy apartments for those individuals 62 years or older who meet eligible income criteria and guidelines. The anticipated project completion for senior occupancy is slated for December 2024. The approximate project cost is \$16.5M.

The proposed project will preserve the landmark building, re-purpose acceptable use based on community values, and provide preferred programs and services for senior citizens. The project will build upon the many successful community improvement projects in recent years.

As East Vandergrift begins planning for its 2026 125th Anniversary Celebration, its citizens will be able to have great satisfaction in the restoration and preservation of a landmark building – an integral part of its rich ethnicity, cultural, educational, religious, business, society organizations, and local government history.

EAST VANDERGRIFT COMMUNITY PARK

PARK REHABILITATION AND SMALL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT /DCNR GRANT

The East Vandergrift Borough Park was established in 1988, followed by construction completion in 1990 with financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Recreation. The Community Park consists of 1.05 acres along the riverbank of the Kiskiminetas River and is within a 12-minute walking distance for all East Vandergrift residents.

Initially, the park was furnished with playground equipment, a pavilion with comfort stations, and a basketball court. After many years of economic turndowns and lack of funding, the Community Park needed full rehabilitation to ensure East Vandergrift residents improved access to an environmentally safe place for recreation activities.

The Community Park project, funded by a \$350,421 grant from the Department of Community and Natural Resources (DCNR), included several phases of rehabilitation throughout 2023-2024. Considering inflationary considerations, some project design modifications are under review and

may be required; however, additional requests for grant-funded county or state resources are constantly being pursued.

The original DCNR design includes construction of a new access road, parking area and turnaround; concession and pavilion refurbishing; pickleball and horseshoe courts, overlook and boat launch; stabilization of the riverbank; education area, comfort stations, and basketball court; installation of playground equipment with required safety surfacing and a nature play/exercise area.

The boat launch and other associated amenities will provide East Vandergrift residents and others from surrounding communities access to recreational water activities, including small craft boating and fishing. Based on county or state funding, other planned improvements include ADA access, landscaping, project acknowledgement signs and related safety and security lighting and physical site improvements.

East Vandergrift residents have a love for God, country, and community. Residents take great satisfaction in its past, value its present, and have a deep faith in the future of its community. An interesting aspect of the names of streets in the Borough has its own historical significance. McKinley and Kennedy Avenues were named after Presidents of the United States, who were assassinated: William McKinley, 1901, and John F. Kennedy, 1963. Here are two respective quotes in honor of these elected officials and what they each said about America, its communities, and importance of community-minded residents who make an already good community, a better community.

Strong hearts and helpful hands are needed, and, fortunately, we have them in every part of our beloved country. William McKinley

"For I can assure you that we love our country, not for what it was, though it has always been great — not for what it is, though of this we are deeply proud — but for what it someday can, and, through the efforts of us all, someday will be."

John F. Kennedy

**EAST VANDERGRIFT
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT
ACTION PLANS
2024-2026**

ACTION	RESOURCES	RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	TARGET DATE
Complete Senior Lofts	PA Housing Finance Agency	PIVITOL	December 2024
Riverfront Development Phase 1	DCNR Grant	Parks/Recreation Committee	Winter 2023
Riverfront Development Phase 2	DCNR and LSA Grants	Parks/Recreation Committee	Spring/Summer 2024
Communication Plan (websites, electronic board, etc.)	Combination of Borough, EVC Foundation, and other Grants	Borough Council and EV Community Foundation Board	2024-2026 On-going
Ethnic Days	EV Community Foundation Funds	Borough Council and EV Community Foundation Board	2024-2026 On-going
Bus Transportation	Borough General Funds	Borough Council and Westmoreland County Transit	Summer 2024
Code Enforcement (blight, etc.)	Borough General Funds	Borough Council and Code Enforcement Officer	2024-2026 On-going
Drugs, Crime, Vandalism, Speeding Cars	Borough General Funds	Contracted Police Services	2024-2026 On-going
Community-wide Events, including Student Scholarships and Youth Activities	EV Community Foundation Funds	Borough Council and EV Community Foundation	2024-2026 On-going
Promote New Business Growth (Grocery Store)	Alle-Kiski Strong Chamber of Commerce	Borough Council	2024-2026 On-going
Emergency Operations and Safety Plan (Train Derailment)	EMA Coordinators and Westmoreland County Public Safety	Borough Council in Cooperation with East Vandergrift and Vandergrift EMA Coordinators and First Responders	2024-2026 On-going

EXHIBIT A
EAST VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH
RECENT COMMUNITY IMPACT PROJECTS VIA GRANTS
(2018 – SEPTEMBER 2023)

DATE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	GRANT FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
April 2018	Veterans Memorial Park Monuments	DCNR	\$ 5,000
May 2018	Paving, Crosswalks, Stop Bars and Municipal Building Bathrooms & Flooring	DCED	\$ 25,000
November 2018	Basic Boat Launch at Kiskiminetas	Western PA Conservancy	\$ 4,000
January 2019	Municipal Office Building Upgrades (HVAC, Roofing, Painting, Security Cameras)	DCED	\$25,000
January 2020	Renovations of Municipal Office Building	DCED	\$25,000
October 2020	Municipal Building COVID Updates (Laptop, Screen & wiring and wireless connections)	Westmoreland County CARES	\$ 2,600
December 2021	Repairs/Updates of Veterans Memorial Park Garage	US Treasury ARPA	\$ 4,200
February 2022	Expansion of Municipal Office Building	US Treasury ARPA	\$ 22,000
February 2022	Stormwater Repairs/Excavation of Municipal Parking Lot	US Treasury ARPA	\$ 8,000
May 2022	Expansion of Boat Launch	Port of Pittsburg Commission	\$ 10,000
August 2022	Expansion of Boat Launch	Western PA Conservancy	\$ 15,000
December 2022	Expansion of Municipal Building for Museum	US Treasury ARPA	\$ 15,000
December 2022	Upgrade Municipal Building Electric, Plumbing and Facade	US Treasury ARPA	\$ 15,000
January 2023	Park Rejuvenation Project	DCNR	\$303,000
May 2023	Solar Panel Project (East Vandergrift Community Foundation	Scott Foundation	\$ 48,000
September	Community Park – applied – not received	CAT 4 LSA Grant	\$153,000
	Borough Garage - applied – not received	CAT 4 LSA Grant	\$199,000
	Community Park (Security) – applied – not received	CAT 4 LSA Grant & Statewide	\$ 67,000

TOTAL GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED \$679,800

EXHIBIT B

Borough of East Vandergrift

Impact on Inequalities and Disparities Statement – 2021

Morning Sun Senior Lofts

The proposed project/program will address persistent, historical, and significant disparities and inequities that exist by race, class, income, culture, and education, as follows:

1. An integral part of the Morning Sun Senior Lofts quality housing development in East Vandergrift Borough, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, will overcome racial and ethnic disparities and inequities through a Non-Discrimination Policy approved by Borough Council to cut overt discrimination and disparities in the housing market. Currently and specifically, the Borough prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing; the financing of housing; and the provision of brokerage services based on a person's inclusion in a protected class, including race, color, gender, socio-economic background, national origin, and any other legally protected classification.

The Borough of East Vandergrift has been a long-time proponent of finding opportunities for increased safe and affordable housing for seniors, including veterans and those experiencing near homelessness due to economics, and the rehabilitation and re-use of the former public school as a quality senior housing development. The Borough supports strengthening existing housing stocks and addressing long-term affordability for vulnerable populations especially through strategies that address housing needs, enhancing neighborhoods through superior housing, and affecting an overall community plan. Further, Borough citizens will have great satisfaction in the restoration and preservation of a landmark school building – an integral part of its rich ethnicity, cultural, religious, historical, educational, business, society organizations, and local government services.

2. The Borough of East Vandergrift will develop a strategy to educate the public about perpetual disparities in healthcare, housing, education, and income among different ethnic groups and disadvantaged social groups. These groups include: the poor, racial/ethnic minorities, women, and other groups who have persistently experienced social disadvantage or discrimination.

The Borough of East Vandergrift, using its official municipal government website and other means of public postings, will supply information to inform and educate the public of how race, ethnicity, geography, education, and income impact one's access to equal opportunities. This information will supply valuable insight to learn more about inequalities and disparities as a strategy to address and lessen any racial or ethnic discrimination. A continuous effort will educate the public about understanding equity and applying equity-based approaches to address inequities and disparities among vulnerable populations.

3. The proposed plan is to rehabilitate and transform the former school building by supplying approximately forty-two single and/or double occupancy apartments for those individuals aged 62 years or older who meet eligible income criteria and guidelines. A primary goal of Borough officials is to survey residents who are at least 62 years old and meet income eligibility guidelines. The opportunity to move into Morning Sun Senior Lofts include, but limited to, the following possibilities:

- Senior citizens who live in East Vandergrift or in nearby communities have a desire to downsize residential living and sell their home.
- Senior citizens who have limited mobility in their two- or three-story homes.
- Senior citizens who no longer can afford to live in their homes due to increased costs of maintenance and real estate taxes.
- Senior citizens who are lonely and have desire to have more social interaction between and among apartment dwellers; and,
- Senior citizens who are renters have a desire to downsize for more affordable housing, leaving the opportunity for younger families to move to the community which is part of the Kiski Area School District.

Borough officials estimate that interest in the forty-two single and/or double occupancy apartments will have confirmed and signed rental/lease agreements for 100% occupancy within a 60–90-day period prior to the official opening of the completed project.

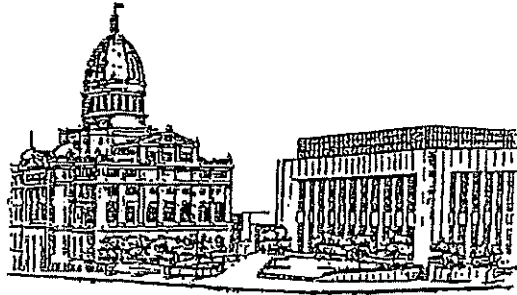
The 2020 United States Census Bureau shall be used for the vital statistics for the Borough of East Vandergrift.

Westmoreland County

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Douglas W. Chew
County Commissioner

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October 24, 2022

Secretary Cindy A. Dunn
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market St.
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Via First Class Mail and Electronic Mail

RE: Grant web ID 2005507 submitted by East Vandergrift Borough

Dear Madame Secretary:

I am writing to offer my strongest support for the grant request submitted by East Vandergrift Borough for rehabilitation and further development of the East Vandergrift Community Park and Boat Launch located in East Vandergrift Borough, Westmoreland County (Grant web ID 2005507). With the funding of this grant, this park will become an asset in the northwestern region of Westmoreland County.

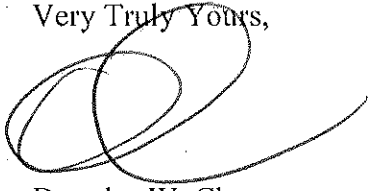
East Vandergrift Community Park and Boat Launch is an important asset for the general public in this area. It provides year-round opportunities for 6,554 residents who live in the surrounding communities in Westmoreland County (Vandergrift Borough, Oklahoma Borough, and East Vandergrift Borough). The median age in East Vandergrift Borough is 31.9-years, with an estimated per capita income of \$19,554 per year (data is retrieved from the US Census facts and City-Data.com). The next closest boat launch in Westmoreland County is ~30-minutes away due to roads and geography, which is likely cost-prohibitive for many of the residents in this area. *Clearly the East Vandergrift Community Park and Boat Launch has the population surrounding it, at the right age, with a financial need for this public resource.*

In summary, I write with my strongest support for their grant request. It will truly benefit many people in this Westmoreland County area. East Vandergrift Borough maintains the facility, but

there are not funds to enable the rehabilitation and expansion. *Funds from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will allow this facility to continue generating summer smiles for years to come, from residents of all ages, even residents with various physical challenges.*

Thank you, and I'm available for any follow-up needed.

Very Truly Yours,



10/24/2022

Douglas W. Chew
Vice-Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Westmoreland County

CC: Hon. Tom Wolf, Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Hon. Joe Pittman, Senator, PA Senate, 41st District
Hon. Abby Majors, PA Representative, 60th District
Hon. Barbara Sharp, Mayor, East Vandergrift Borough
Hon. Christopher Zelonka, Council President, East Vandergrift Borough

45TH DISTRICT
JIM BREWSTER

EXHIBIT D

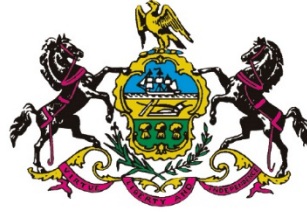
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- EDUCATION**
- TRANSPORTATION**
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- LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
& FINANCE COMMITTEE, VICE CHAIR**
- PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY
COUNTY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- SENATE MANUFACTURING CAUCUS,
CO-CHAIR**
- AFTERSCHOOL CAUCUS**
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January 20, 2021

Ms. Robin Wiessmann, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency
211 N. Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Ms. Wiessmann,

I am writing to express my full support for the Morning Sun Senior Lofts development for the receipt of a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit allocation from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) in the 2021 funding cycle including the Strategic Investment, Areas of Opportunity, Senior Occupancy 62+ with Services, and Non-Profit Set-Asides. Morning Sun Senior Lofts will be a model development for East Vandergrift Borough, providing necessary affordable senior units, while also preserving and adaptively reusing a former community school that had served residents since the 1920's.

Developed by MVAH Partners, Morning Sun Senior Lofts will provide high quality and much needed affordable housing to some of the lowest-income seniors in the 45th Senatorial District while adding to the momentum of the community efforts already underway. This worthy development project will ensure that affordable housing remains available for decades to come.

I am respectfully requesting that the Morning Sun Senior Lofts development tax credit application be given every consideration it deserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Brewster".

Jim Brewster
State Senator



EXHIBIT E

EAST VANDERGRIFT DCNR PROJECT SURVEY

Project items that will be definitely completed during the Summer/Fall 2024

1. **New Access Road** – Currently gravel and will be paved (ADA accessible)
2. **Parking Area Turnaround** – Turnaround near river graveled – drive through for Park parking to be improved
3. **Boat Ramp** – To be completed
4. **Pickle Ball Courts (2)**
5. **Playground Equipment**

Grant funds may become limited.

Please prioritize (1-8) the following in terms of importance for you.

#1 being the most important and #8 being the least important to you.

- Rehab the Basketball Court _____
- Horseshoe Pits (2) _____
- Rehab the Pavilion (Paint; add lighting etc.) _____
- River Overlook _____
- Nature Play/Exercise Area – throughout the Park Area _____
- Concession Area _____
- Rehab Comfort Stations (Paint; Lighting; ADA Accessible) _____
- Concrete Cornhole Boards _____

Thank you!!!!

The East Vandergrift Borough Council

EXHIBIT F

EAST VANDERGIRFT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1: INTRODUCTION AND NAME OF NONPROFIT CORPORATION

1.01 Name

The name of the non-profit corporation is the East Vandergrift Community Foundation.

1.02 Definition of Bylaws

These Bylaws constitute the code or rules adopted by the East Vandergrift Community Foundation (the “Foundation”) for the regulation and management of its affairs.

1.03 Powers

The Foundation shall have the powers or purposes as may be stated in its Articles of Incorporation and such powers as granted under the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, as it may be amended from time-to-time.

No part of the net earnings of the Foundation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any member, trustee, director, or officer of the corporation, or any private individual, except that the Foundation is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the corporation in furtherance of Section 501[c] [3] purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Foundation shall include the carrying of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Foundation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Foundation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation, exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501[c] [3] of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170[c] [2] of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

2.01 Mission

The Foundation supports and strengthens the East Vandergrift Community by encouraging innovation, recognizing excellence, creating vital partnerships, developing community philanthropy, and fostering educational initiatives.

2.02 Foundation-Borough Relationship

The Foundation's goal is to support the community and educational initiatives of the Borough of East Vandergrift. The programs, projects and activities sponsored by the Foundation will be in alignment with the Borough's mission statement and strategic plan. All funds would be directly used for community-related initiatives that directly benefit the citizens of East Vandergrift and its community.

ARTICLE 3: OFFICES AND AGENCY

3.01 Principal Office

The principal place of business of the Foundation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:

Borough of East Vandergrift
% East Vandergrift Community Foundation
254 Kennedy Avenue
P.O. Box 460
East Vandergrift, PA 15629

3.02 Location of Registered Office

The location of the Foundation's registered office is stated in the Foundation's Articles of Incorporation. Such an office will be continually maintained in the Borough of East Vandergrift in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the duration of this corporation. The Board of Directors may, from time-to-time, change the address of the registered office, within the Borough of East Vandergrift, by a duly adopted resolution and amend its Articles by filing the appropriate statement with the Department of State.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

4.01 Definition of Membership

There shall be no members of the Foundation as such, but in lieu of, shall have a Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 5: DIRECTORS

5.01 Management

The business of the Foundation shall be managed under the direction of its Board of Directors ("the Board"). The powers of the Foundation shall be exercised by, or under the authority of the Board, except as otherwise provided by statute, the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, or a resolution of the Board.

5.02 Compensation of Directors

All Directors shall serve without compensation.

5.03 Qualifications of Directors

Each Director of the Foundation shall be a natural person of full age. Directors must be eighteen years or older.

5.04 Number of Directors

The number of Directors, which shall constitute the whole Board of Directors, shall not be less than or more than nine. The following individuals by designation shall serve on a permanent basis and shall have authority to act on behalf of the Foundation.

1. Member, Elected Borough Official
2. Member, Elected Borough Official
3. Member, East Vandergrift Church Community
4. Member, East Vandergrift Civic Organization
5. Representative, Local Business
6. Representative, Senior Citizens Center
7. Citizen, East Vandergrift
8. Citizen, East Vandergrift
9. Alumnus or Resident, Kiski Area School District

5.05 Terms of Directors

In order to provide for staggered terms among the initial Directors and those Directors appointed within the first year of the Foundation (collectively, the “Initial Directors”), approximately half of the Initial Directors shall be appointed to a term of two years, and one-half of the Initial Directors shall be appointed to a term of three years.

Other than the Initial Directors, each Director shall hold office for a term of three years and until a successor has been selected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation, or removal.

5.06 Initial Directors

The initial Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Solicitor of the Borough of East Vandergrift. All other and subsequent directors shall be elected by the Foundation Board of Directors.

5.07 Nomination and Election of Directors

Nominees can be brought forth to the Board President for consideration once a calendar year or as necessary when vacancies occur. Nominees recommended to serve on the Foundation Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board.

5.08 Responsibilities of Directors

Directors are expected to attend all regular and special meetings of the Foundation's Board of Directors. As provided in Section 5.09, below, the Board of Directors may declare vacant the seat of any Director who is absent from three (3) consecutive regular or special meetings without good cause within one (1) year.

Directors are expected to participate in at least one (1) committee of the Foundation. Each Director is expected to perform his/her duties in good faith and in the best interest of the Foundation.

5.09 Resignation of Directors

A Director may resign from the Board of Directors by submitting a written resignation to the Board of Directors. The resignation shall become effective upon its receipt or at any later time specified in the written resignation.

5.10 Removal of Directors

The Foundation Board of Directors may, by majority vote of a duly authorized quorum of the Board of Directors, at any of its publicly advertised meetings, declare any position vacant on the failure of the incumbent to attend meetings of the Board of Directors as herein specified, or to perform the duties of the position, provided that reasonable notice of the intention to act upon such matter shall have been given to the Director involved, and the Director is provided with the opportunity to defend himself/herself/themselves prior to any vote being taken.

5.11 Vacancies

A vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors as a result of death, resignation, or removal of a Director shall be filled by a majority vote of the Foundation Board present at the next meeting. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of the predecessor.

5.12 Meetings of the Board of Directors

Regular meetings shall be held at least four times per fiscal year and shall be called by the Executive Director and/or President according to an established calendar. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, additional meetings may be called. At least one meeting shall be at the close of the fiscal year to receive and consider the annual financial report.

5.13 Place of Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors will be held at a location determined by the Executive Director and/or President.

5.14 Notice of Meetings

Directors shall receive notice of meetings a minimum of ten days prior to the meeting. Such notice shall be personally by first class mail, or by email to the email address provided to the Foundation by the Director. If such notice is mailed, the notice will be deemed to be delivered three (3) days after deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Director's address as it

appears on the records of the Foundation, with postage prepaid.

5.15 Quorum

A quorum shall be fifty-one percent (51%) of the Directors. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the presence of a quorum shall be necessary and sufficient to transact business. If a meeting cannot be organized because a quorum has not attended, a majority of the Board of Directors present may postpone the meeting until a quorum as fixed in this section shall be present. Notice of the time and place to which such a meeting is recessed shall be given to any Director not present at least 48 hours prior to the hour of reconvening. A recessed meeting must be reconvened within 15 calendar days of the action.

Resolutions of the Board of Directors upon any matter shall be taken and be valid, only with the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the Directors present at a meeting duly convened, except as otherwise expressly provided in these Bylaws.

5.16 Votes

Each Director shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the Board of Directors. At each meeting of the Board of Directors, every Director having the right to vote shall be entitled to vote in person.

The Executive Director of the Foundation shall have a vote only if the Board is equally divided.

5.17 Conference Telephonic or Virtual Meetings

One or more Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board or of a Committee of the Board by means of conference telephone or virtual communications equipment by means of which all persons participating can hear one another. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this section shall constitute presence in person at such a meeting.

5.18 Conduct of Meetings

Meetings shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, insofar as such rules are not inconsistent with, or in conflict with these Bylaws, or with provisions of law.

5.19 Action in Lieu of Meeting

Any Board action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, if two-thirds of all members of the Board of Directors shall consent to such action in writing, including email. Such consent shall be made a part of the minutes of the proceedings. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as the same vote of the Directors at a duly convened meeting.

5.20 Call of Special Meetings

The Foundation's Executive Director, President, and/or fifty-one percent (51%) of the members of the Board of Directors may call a special meeting of the Board of Directors. Notice of such special meeting shall adhere to section 5.14 of these Bylaws.

The attendance of a Director at any meeting of the Board of Directors will constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where such Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

5.22 Conflict of Interest

Directors must abstain from voting on matters affecting family or other close relatives as defined by the Pennsylvania Ethics Act, 65 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 1102 or where members of the Board of Directors are employees of said companies having a business relationship with the Foundation.

ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS OF THE FOUNDATION

6.01 Officers of the Foundation

The officers of the Foundation shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Director of the Foundation, a non-voting member of the Foundation, shall also be an Officer of the Foundation.

6.02 The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Officers of the Foundation. The Executive Committee shall act in place of the Board of Directors in an emergency. All such actions shall be communicated to the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

6.03 Election and Term

The officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors. The term for the Executive Committee, with the exception of the Executive Director, shall be for one (1) year after the annual meeting.

Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Any officer proposed to be removed shall be entitled to at least five days' notice in writing by mail of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which such removal is to be voted upon and shall be entitled to appear before and be heard by the Board of Directors at such meeting. However, the decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

6.04 Executive Director

The Foundation's Board of Directors, shall name an Executive Director of the Foundation, noting that any subsequent appointment to the position of Executive Director shall be made by the Foundation Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Board for a term of office for three consecutive years under terms and conditions determined by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall receive no compensation.

The Executive Director shall conduct the routine, day-to-day business of the Foundation and shall have general and active management of the business of the Foundation. The Executive Director shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. The Executive Director shall also perform other such duties as may be prescribed from time-to-time by the Board of Directors.

6.05 President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation. The President shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall preside at all meetings of the Directors. The President shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect, subject, however, to the right of the Directors to delegate any specific power, except such as may be by statute exclusively conferred on the President, to any other officer or officers of the Foundation. The President shall execute bonds, mortgages, contracts, checks and other instruments requiring a seal, authorized by the Board of Directors, under the seal of the Foundation. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall also perform other such duties as may be prescribed from time-to-time by the Board of Directors.

6.06 Vice President

The Vice President shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during any absence or disability of the President. The Vice President shall also perform other such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

6.07 Secretary

The Secretary shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall record, reproduce, and distribute the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the corporate records of the Foundation; shall give all notices as are required by law or by these Bylaws; shall be the custodian of the seal of the Foundation and see that it is affixed to all documents to be executed on behalf of the Foundation under its seal and, generally, shall perform all duties incident to the Office of Secretary and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned from time-to-time by the Board of Directors.

6.08 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be a member of the Board of Directors and be elected by the Board of Directors; shall have or provide for the custody of the Foundation funds; shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements; and keep the monies of the Foundation in a separate account or other place of deposit as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements. The Treasurer shall, at least once each year, and whenever requested by one or more Directors, render a full and detailed account of all receipts and expenditures and submit a schedule showing the financial status of the Foundation and the

changes, if any, since the last report to the Executive Director, President, and Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office in such sum, if any, and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall require and approve. The Treasurer and the President shall authorize checks with dual signatures.

6.09 Vacancies

If the office of any officer or agent, one or more, becomes vacant for any reason, the Board of Directors may choose a successor, who shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurred.

6.10 Compensation

No compensation shall be paid to any individual for services as an Officer. The Board of Directors may provide reimbursement or reasonable expenses incurred by Officers in connection with authorized Foundation business.

ARTICLE 7: CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

7.01 Purpose of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt Foundation's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of a Director or Officer of the Foundation or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable foundations.

7.02 Definitions

1. Interested Person – any Director or Officer who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.
2. Financial Interest – a person has a financial interest if:
 - a. the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family;
 - b. an ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Foundation has a transaction or arrangement; or a compensation arrangement with the Foundation or with any entity or individual with which the Foundation has a transaction or arrangement; or
 - c. the potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Foundation is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.
3. Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. A person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the governing Board decides that a conflict of interest exists.

7.03 Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Directors.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the Board meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining Board shall decide whether a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

- a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing Board meeting, but after the presentation, said person shall leave the meeting during the discussion and the vote on the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The Executive Director of the Board shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the Board shall determine whether the Foundation can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under the circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing Board shall determine by a majority vote of the Directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Foundation's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination, it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflict of Interest Policy

- a. If the Board has reasonable cause to believe an individual has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the individual of the basis for such belief and afford the individual an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the individual's response and after making further investigation as

warranted by the circumstances, the Board determines the individual has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

7.04 Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Foundation operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

1. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information and the result of arm's length bargaining.
2. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Foundation's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

7.05 Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article 7.04, the Foundation may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside advisors are used, their use shall not relieve the Board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

ARTICLE 8: COMMITTEES

8.01 Appointment of Chairpersons and Committee Members

The appointment of all committee chairs shall be the responsibility of the Foundation's President. The President may, at his/her discretion, appoint co-chairs for any of the Foundation's committees.

The President shall appoint committee chairs and in conjunction with the chairs, appoint committee members. Committee members need not be Directors of the Foundation. Committee members serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and operate under the rules and regulations approved by the Board of Directors. Committee members do not have the authority to vote on the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Each committee shall have no less than three members and no more than five members.

8.02 Executive Committee

See §6.02.

8.03 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall maintain a list of candidates for the Foundation's Board of Directors or any of the Foundation's committees. The candidates for the Board of Directors must meet the qualifications outlined in 5.03. The Nominating Committee shall make recommendations to the East Vandergrift Community Foundation Board of Directors for the election of a Director or to the President for the appointment to any of the Foundation's Committees.

The Borough Solicitor of the Borough of East Vandergrift, shall be responsible for the initial election of Directors. The Foundation's President shall be responsible for the appointment of committee members.

8.04 Audit and Oversight Committee

The Audit and Oversight Committee shall be responsible for selecting outside audit services and conducting all internal reviews. The Audit and Oversight Committee documents and reviews internal controls related to financial transactions. All executive officers shall serve in the capacity of the oversight committee.

8.05 Creation of Additional Committees

The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote, establish additional committees it deems necessary for the operation of the Foundation.

8.06 Elimination and Consolidation of Committees

The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote, eliminate one or more committees it deems to be in the best interest of the Foundation. As well, the Foundation President may appoint an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of research, special project or short-term assignment.

ARTICLE 9: OPERATION

9.01 Day-to-Day Operations

Day-to-day operations of the Foundation shall be handled by the Executive Director.

9.02 Fiscal Calendar Year

The Foundation's fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year.

9.03 Execution of Documents

Except as otherwise provided by law, checks, drafts, and promissory notes, orders for the payment of money, and other evidences of indebtedness of the Foundation shall be signed by the Treasurer and the President.

Contracts, leases, or other instruments executed in the name and on behalf of the Foundation shall be signed by the President and any other officer of the Board of Directors and will have attached a copy of the relevant resolution of the Board of Directors.

9.04 Books Records

The Foundation shall exercise Standard Accounting Procedures and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors. The Foundation shall keep at its registered office a list of the names and addresses of the Board of Directors and a copy of the Bylaws including amendments to date.

9.05 Inspection of Books and Records

All books and records of the Foundation may be inspected by any Director for any proper purpose at any reasonable time on written demand stating such purpose. An annual audit shall be conducted by a qualified individual approved by the Board of Directors.

9.06 Acceptance of Non-Cash Gifts

Acceptance of non-cash gifts to the Foundation must be approved by the Board of Directors.

9.07 Receipts and Tax Documents

Receipts and tax documents shall be signed by the Treasurer. The Foundation will be subject to regular audits to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

10.01 Amendments to the Bylaws

The Foundation's Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Directors of the Foundation. The bylaws shall be reviewed for any updates and revisions once every four years.

ARTICLE 11: TERMINATION

11.01 Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Foundation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 [c] [3] of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal corporation is then located exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE 12: LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

12.01 Personal Liability

A Director of the Foundation shall not be personally liable for monetary damages for any action taken or any failure to take any action, unless the Director has breached or failed to perform his duties as a Director or the breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct, or recklessness.

The above shall not apply to a Director's responsibility or liability under any criminal statute or a member's liability for payment of taxes under any local, State, or Federal law.

The authority for above is set forth in 15 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 5713.

12.02 General

The Foundation shall indemnify each Director, officer and ("indemnitee") who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigation (other than an action by or in the right of the Foundation), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a representative of the Foundation, or is or was serving at the request of the Foundation, if such Indemnitee has acted in good faith or in a manner which he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Foundation.

The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not of itself create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Foundation, and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

12.03 Securing of Indemnification Obligations

The Foundation may purchase and carry insurance on behalf of any such person against such person or incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of his/her status as such, regardless of whether this Foundation would have the power to indemnify him/her against such liability. Recourse shall be made to any such insurance prior to the satisfaction of any claim for indemnification directly from the assets of this Foundation.

12.04 Scope of this Article

The indemnification provided in this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, any insurance purchased by this Corporation, vote of members or otherwise, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person; provided however, there shall be no duplicate payments by or on behalf of this Foundation.

ADOPTED THIS ___ day of _____, 2022

EXHIBIT G

EAST VANDERGRIFT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Standing Committees

1. Executive Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Legislative Committee
4. Audit Committee
5. Governance Committee
6. Program Development and Events Committee
7. Scholarship and Education Committee
8. Nominating Committee
9. Promotion, Marketing or Public Relations Committee

The President will appoint all Committee Chairs and will serve as an Ex-Officio of Standing Committees.

The Executive Director will work in cooperation with all Committee Chairs and provide the necessary resources and guidance to ensure Committee Chairs are working in tandem.

Role of the Committee Chair

An important skill for those who serve in the role of committee chair is effective planning. Good facilitation skills are important for committee chairs so that all committee members participate and meetings run smoothly. While the board provides the committee with specific duties, the committee chair must keep the organization's purpose, mission and strategic direction in mind as the committee pursues its course. A committee chair must carefully plan an agenda and send it out to the committee members in sufficient time for committee members to attend the meeting and to participate thoughtfully. Committee chairs are responsible for facilitating committee meetings and reporting the committee's findings to the board.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Committee shall investigate at the request of the President any emergency situation which may arise and, if necessary, make recommendations for action to the Board at any special or regular meeting.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has the general oversight of all financial affairs of the Foundation and will represent the Board in all dealings pertaining to financial matters, including the submission of the annual budget, to be approved by the Board, for operations and expenditures.

Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee will be concerned with legislative developments on the county, state and federal level which may affect the East Vandergrift Community Foundation. The Committee will keep the Board informed of such legislative developments.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee will function as a liaison between the Board and the external Auditor. The Committee will recommend a party to perform the external audit, monitoring the auditing process and provide periodic updates to the Board regarding the progress of the auditing process.

Governance Committee

The Governance Committee will ensure that the Board fulfills its legal, ethical, and functional responsibilities through adequate governance policy development, recruitment strategies, training programs, monitoring of Board activities, and evaluation of the Board's performance.

Program Development and Events Committee

The Program Development and Events Committee will make recommendations for Foundation programs and fundraising and will sponsor and coordinate holiday events that support the vision and mission for community.

Scholarship and Education Committee

The Scholarship and Education Committee will be responsible for the student scholarship program and will sponsor and coordinate educational activities for the community.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the Annual Meeting in January. The Nominating Committee will report the slate at the December meeting.

Promotion, Marketing and Public Relations Committee

The Promotion, Marketing and Public Relations Committee will promote and market all aspects of the Foundation's vision and mission to build community-wide and regional support of events, fundraising, and activities. The Committee will create opportunities for public relations to promote and market the East Vandergrift Community Foundation.

1/25/2023

EXHIBIT H

EAST VANDERGRIFT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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EAST VANDERGRIFT, PA 15629

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

ARTICLE I

Purpose

The purpose of the Conflict of Interest Policy is to protect the tax-exempt designation of the East Vandergrift Community Foundation's (Organization) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

ARTICLE II

Definitions

1. ***Interested Person*** – Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.
2. ***Financial Interest*** - A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:
 - a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
 - b. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
 - c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that aren't insubstantial. A financial interest isn't necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

ARTICLE III

Procedures

1. ***Duty to Disclose*** - In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.
2. ***Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists*** - After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.
3. ***Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest***
 - a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
 - b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
 - c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
 - d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement isn't reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination, it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.
4. **Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy**
 - a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

- b.* If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

ARTICLE IV

Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a.* The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b.* The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

ARTICLE V

Compensation

- a.* A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b.* A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c.* No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

ARTICLE VI

Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a.* Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b.* Has read and understands the policy,
- c.* Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d.* Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

ARTICLE VII

Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and doesn't engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a.* Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b.* Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and don't result in inurement, impermissible private benefit, or in an excess benefit transaction.

ARTICLE VIII

Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

Approved by Board of Directors, East Vandergrift Community Foundation

September 13, 2022

East Vandergrift Community Foundation
Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form

A potential or actual conflict of interest exists when commitments and obligations are likely to be compromised by the nominator(s)' other material interests, or relationships (especially economic), particularly if those interests or commitments are not disclosed.

This Conflict of Interest Form should indicate whether the nominator(s) has an economic interest in, or acts as an Officer or a Director of, any outside entity whose financial interests would reasonably appear to be affected by the addition of the nominated condition to the newborn screening panel. The nominator(s) should also disclose any personal, business, or volunteer affiliations that may give rise to a real or apparent conflict of interest. Relevant Federally and organizationally established regulations and guidelines in financial conflicts must be abided by. Individuals with a conflict of interest should refrain from nominating a condition for screening.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Please describe below any relationships, transactions, positions you hold (volunteer or otherwise), or circumstances that you believe could contribute to a conflict of interest:

_____ I have no conflict of interest to report.

_____ I have the following conflict of interest to report (please specify other nonprofit and for-profit boards you (and your spouse) sit on, any for-profit businesses for which you or an immediate family member are an Officer or Director, or a majority shareholder, and the name of your employer and any businesses you or a family member own:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

I hereby certify that the information set forth above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Approved by the Board of Directors, East Vandergrift Community Foundation

September 13, 2022

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East Vandergrift, Pennsylvania

East Vandergrift is a borough in Westmoreland County in the U.S. state of Pennsylvania. The population was 601 at the 2020 census.^[3]

Geography

East Vandergrift is located at 40°35′54″N 79°33′43″W﻿ / ﻿40.598412; -79.561964﻿ / 40.598412; -79.561964.^[4]

According to the United States Census Bureau, the borough has a total area of 0.1 square miles (0.26 km²), of which, 0.1 square miles (0.26 km²) of it is land and 0.04 square miles (0.10 km²) of it (14.29%) is water.

Demographics

Historical population		
Census	Pop.	%±
1910	1,852	—
1920	1,989	7.4%
1930	2,441	22.7%
1940	2,005	−17.9%
1950	1,665	−17.0%
1960	1,388	−16.6%
1970	1,151	−17.1%
1980	955	−17.0%
1990	787	−17.6%
2000	742	−5.7%
2010	674	−9.2%

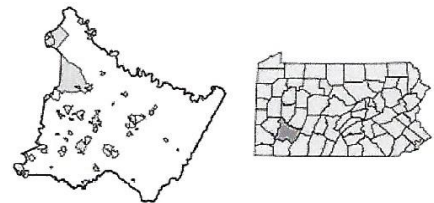
As of the census^[6] of 2000, there were 742 people, 333 households, and 204 families living in the borough. The population density was 6,091.4 people per square mile (2,387.4/km²). There were 375 housing units at an average density of 3,078.6 per square mile (1,206.6/km²). The racial makeup of the borough was 99.60% White, 0.13% African

East Vandergrift, Pennsylvania

Borough



Houses on McKinley Avenue



Location of East Vandergrift in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

2020	601	−10.8%	<u>American</u> , 0.13% <u>Native American</u> , and 0.13% from two or more races.
2021 (est.)	596 ^[3]	−0.8%	

Sources:^[5]^[6]^[7]^[2]

There were 333 households, out of which 30.3% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 42.3% were married couples living together, 13.5% had a female householder with no husband present, and 38.7% were non-families. 35.7% of all households were made up of individuals, and 21.3% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.23 and the average family size was 2.88.

In the borough the population was spread out, with 23.6% under the age of 18, 6.2% from 18 to 24, 29.0% from 25 to 44, 19.1% from 45 to 64, and 22.1% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 39 years. For every 100 females there were 86.0 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 84.7 males.

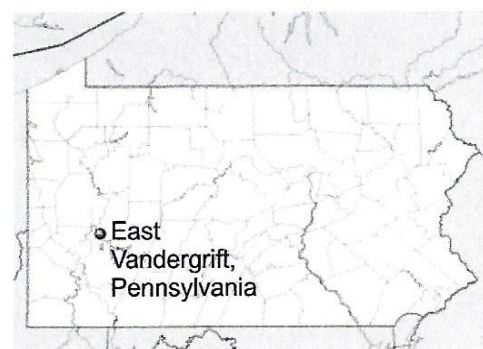
The median income for a household in the borough was \$25,817, and the median income for a family was \$30,000. Males had a median income of \$27,361 versus \$22,500 for females. The per capita income for the borough was \$14,611. About 14.4% of families and 16.0% of the population were below the poverty line, including 24.4% of those under age 18 and 14.6% of those age 65 or over.

Notable people

- Adam Cardinal Maida, former archbishop of Detroit

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Country	United States
State	Pennsylvania
County	Westmoreland
Incorporated	December 18, 1901
Government	
 • Type	Borough council
 • Mayor	Barbara Sharp
Area ^[1]	
 • Total	0.14 sq mi (0.38 km ²)
 • Land	0.13 sq mi (0.33 km ²)
 • Water	0.02 sq mi (0.05 km ²)
Elevation	814 ft (248 m)
Population (2020) ^[2]	
 • Total	602
 • Density	4,777.78/sq mi (1,842.46/km ²)
Time zone	UTC-5 (Eastern (EST))
 • Summer (DST)	UTC-4 (EDT)
Zip code	15629
FIPS code	42-21976
Website	Official borough website (http://www.evboro.com/)

EXHIBIT J

**PHOTOGRAPHS OF PLANNING AND
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The \$16 M Morning Sun Senior Lofts Project, consisting of 42 affordable housing units, will be ready for residential occupancy no later than January, 2025.



In 2023, the Borough of East Vandergrift was awarded a \$350,421 Department of Community and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant to rehabilitate the the Kiskiminetas River Park, originally constructed in 1990.

