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Washington Federal Plans New Facility in McMurray

Washington Federal Savings Bank is building the first certified “Green Building” in Peters Township and the second in all of Washington County. The Bank is relocating its current McMurray Towne Center office to 430 Valley Brook Road, just less than a quarter mile from its current location.

In order to be designated a “Green Building,” the property is certified through the LEED process by the US Green Building Council. This process awards points for environmentally responsible initiatives that are incorporated into the facility. Examples of these initiatives include flooring, collection and re-use of rainwater, low lumen lighting, insulation and ceiling tiles made from recycled materials, and heating, air conditioning and lighting regulated by motion detectors to mitigate energy waste.

Washington Federal opened its current McMurray Towne Center office in 1999 in the first phase of the McMurray Towne Center development. “The branch has experienced tremendous growth over the past 10 years,” said Bank President Brian J. Smith, “and the new facility will provide an increase in office space as well as an additional drive-thru for a total of three lanes and a dedicated ATM lane. Additional enhancements will include a children’s play area, coffee station and plasma television screens.

“The new office will allow us to serve our customers more comfortably and efficiently,” said Smith. “It’s environmentally friendly and will help to conserve energy and other natural resources. The fact that our new location will be located immediately adjacent to The Arrowhead Trail only strengthened our decision to do our part for the environment.”

Founded in 1899, Washington Federal is the largest locally owned and managed financial institution headquartered in the Washington County. The Bank’s new McMurray office is scheduled to open by the end of the calendar year.

“We view the construction of a ‘green’ building as a logical extension of our long-standing commitment to the community,” said Smith.

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