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Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>  
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## Green Knights

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Protection Agency, Northampton County, and the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation. GKEDC also gave special thanks to the region's state and federal legislative delegations including Congresswoman Susan Wild, Congressman Matt Cartwright, State Senator Lisa Boscola, former State Senator Mario Scavello, Rep. Ann Flood, and former Rep. Marcia Hahn.

The event also included remarks from Pennsylvania DCED Deputy Secretary of Business Finance Mandy Book, and commendations were provided by District Director Megan Beste from the office of Congresswoman Susan Wild, Kurt Derr from the office of State Senator Lisa Boscola, and Hannah Douris from the office of State Representative Ann Flood. For many years, the property's claim to fame was that it had the 3rd largest pile of the tires in the state, with more than 2 million tires at its peak. From 2001 through 2005, Pennsylvania DEP spent nearly \$2 million to remove 1.9 million tires from the property. After the tire cleanup, the property continued to sit largely idle, its reuse potential unclear because of the site's unique and challenging shape, the presence of several large slate spoil piles and quarry holes that were the remnants of the old quarry operation, the need to address the remaining tires, and some other environmental liabilities. After having successfully helped to facilitate the development of the Slate Belt Industrial Center site along Route 512 which became the home of Techo Bloc, GKEDC recognized that it was in a unique position to help turn the site around. After significant planning and due diligence, GKEDC purchased

the property in 2015 and spent several years cleaning it up, planning for its future use, raising funds to support the project, and designing the public infrastructure improvements. The Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority's award of nearly \$4 million in grant and loan funds through its Business in Our Sites program was key to this process. The resulting project, dubbed the Green Knight Industrial Park, created multiple development lots targeted toward meeting the demand.



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