

Military Equipment Manufacturer Relocating to New, Larger Space in the Lehigh Valley

By Colin McEvoy

LEHIGH VALLEY - A manufacturer of assembly parts and equipment for the military is relocating to a new location in the Lehigh Valley, a move that will expand its operations and create jobs in the region.

D. Gillette Industrial Services, Inc. (DGI), is acquiring a 26,227-square-foot industrial multi-building distribution and office facility at 1510 Richmond Road in Forks Township, and will be moving from its old space in Bangor into the new location.

The move is supported by a 10-year, \$380,000 Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) loan at a 2.5% fixed rate through Lehigh Valley Economic Investment Corporation (LVEIC).

"We're very pleased that LVEIC was able to help this growing business secure financial assistance and help ensure it stayed here in the Lehigh Valley," said LVEIC Chair Christopher Brown, Senior Vice President, Commercial Market Executive with Fulton Bank. "This is a great example of how LVEIC strives to minimize the burden for Lehigh Valley companies and get them the help they need so they can keep focused on their business operations and growth plans."

The Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) provides administrative services for LVEIC, which is a Pennsylvania certified economic development organization. Northampton County first brought the DGI project to the attention of LVEIC.

"I live in New Jersey, and I considered moving my business there, but between LVEIC, LVEDC, SBA, the county, the governor's team, and Ben Franklin Technology Partners, they all made my decision very easy to stay in Pennsylvania and grow my business here," said Dee Spencer, President of DGI. "They walked me right through it. PIDA is a great program and I'd recommend it to anyone considering whether to move or stay in Pennsylvania."

Due to significant growth over the past few years, DGI has outgrown its current 9,000-square-foot facility in Bangor. Relocating to the new project facility will allow the company to increase its production capacity and keep up with demand, according to the state.

The women-owned business currently employs 11 full-time and 5 part-time employees, and plans to add six new full-time jobs over the next three years. The total project cost is slightly more than \$1 million.

Founded in 2002, DGI is a family-operated manufacturing company specializing in the design, fabrication, repair, and supply of assembly parts and equipment for the lifecycle sustainment of military customer assets.

Public Meeting 3



When: September 22nd, 2021 at 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Doors open to the public at 6:00pm

At this meeting the consultant team will review conceptual improvements and draft plan elements for the Minsi Lake Corridor Greenway & Stewardship Plan.

Where:

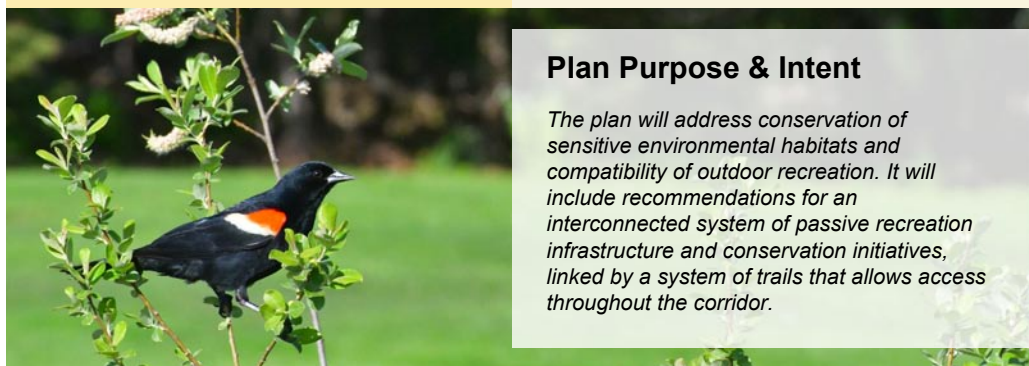
Attend In Person:

Pocono-Slate Belt Shooting Association's Clubhouse
744 Lake Minsi Dr.
Bangor, PA 18013

Attend Virtually:

Meeting Link:
<https://tinyurl.com/MinsiGreenway3>

Participate +1 412-447-5128
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Plan Purpose & Intent

The plan will address conservation of sensitive environmental habitats and compatibility of outdoor recreation. It will include recommendations for an interconnected system of passive recreation infrastructure and conservation initiatives, linked by a system of trails that allows access throughout the corridor.

Take the public opinion survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MinsiLake>

Map your comments on the project WikiMapping page: <https://wikimapping.com/Minsi-Lake-Greenway.html>

Questions or comments? Contact the consultant team at:



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