

# Driftwood Pellet and Molding Plant

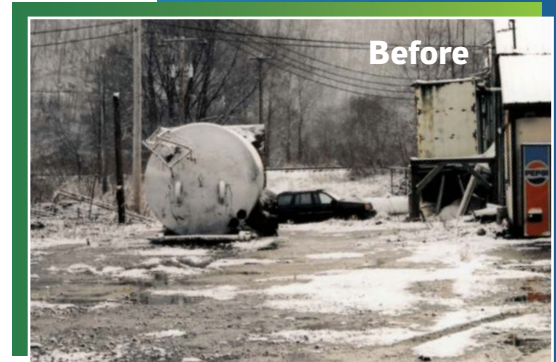


**B**rownfield redevelopment projects are often thought of as primarily happening in urban areas. However, many small towns in rural areas of Pennsylvania also have the need for this kind of environmental and economic renaissance.

One such example is the small borough of Driftwood, in northcentral Pennsylvania's Cameron County. Cameron County is renowned for beautiful scenery and outdoor recreation. Driftwood was home to the Metal Wire Recovery Corporation, which had gone out of business and declared bankruptcy. Following the company's demise, the town was left without those jobs and a property with environmental impacts. Lucent Technologies recently completed a remediation of the property under Pennsylvania's Land Recycling Program. The practicality of the program allowed the site to be cleaned up in a cost-effective manner and facilitated transfer of the property for economic redevelopment.

Pennsylvania Pellets and Millwork Inc., a wood pellet and wood molding manufacturing facility is operational, using the region's soft woods. A \$4.5 million investment for this site will result in 30 to 40 manufacturing jobs in the next three years.

This wood manufacturing plant is providing a significant economic boost to tiny Driftwood, and to all of Cameron County. It also shows the Pennsylvania Land Recycling Program fits all sizes of communities, in urban, suburban, and rural locations throughout the commowealth.



**“T**he property that Pennsylvania Pellets and Millwork Inc purchased used to be an eyesore years ago. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection did a great job cleaning up this site and turning it into a beautiful, useable piece of property. I believe the recycling of these contaminated sites is very necessary, not only for humans, but for the environment and all creatures that reside there. The more land that we recycle now, leaves more land for farmers, wildlife and forests for the future.”

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