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Monessen, PA - Congressman John Murtha today visited Monessen Riverfront Industrial Park for an update and to see first-hand the progress made in site development since infrastructure improvements were completed using funding he secured for the project.

Working out of two facilities at the park, Maronda Homes employs about 100 workers who manufacture roofs, walls and some flooring for the homebuilder. Farnham and Pfile, which rents and sells equipment and supplies, is planning a four-story office building; and negotiations are in progress with a third company to locate in the park, which could have a total of 500 jobs over time.

"The activity here at the park is an indication that our efforts to rebuild the Mon Valley economy are working," Murtha said. "The Westmoreland County economic development team is one of the best I've ever been involved with, and we worked hand-in-hand with them to make sure we took advantage of the economic opportunity available here. There's a lot of promise in this park, and I have every reason to believe that it's becoming one of the valley's key economic development sites."