

Allegheny County assists Hussey Copper with AIM Grant

Project Summary

Hussey Copper, LTD, located in Leetsdale, PA was established in 1848 and is a leading manufacturer of rolled and drawn copper. In late 2006, Hussey officials met with Chief Executive Dan Onorato to discuss how their plant truck traffic was being negatively impacted as a result of the Leetsdale Overpass project. The re-routing of traffic forced their commercial delivery trucks to make a left hand turn into their plant entrance, rather than the straight pass that they were previously able to make. On multiple occasions these delivery trucks sideswiped the utility pole located near the entrance of the plant, ultimately knocking out power to the entire site for hours at a time. This not only meant lost manufacturing time, but also put the company's copper product at risk of hardening without the power supply to keep it in liquid form.

This is where Allegheny County Economic Development stepped in to assist. Through the Authority for the Improvement of Municipalities, Allegheny County provided a \$100,000 Economic Development grant to relocate the utility poles and reconfigure the entrance to support the commercial truck traffic entering the site. Hussey Copper and Leetsdale Borough are greatly appreciative to the Chief Executive and ACED for the coordinated efforts it took to accomplish the project.



Entranceway to Hussey Copper constrained by utility poles to the left of the entrance and a sign that was too narrow to support the new turning radius required by delivery trucks.



The new entrance configuration allows unimpeded access into the Hussey Copper site. The sign, utility pole, and drainage ditch were all removed to support the left hand turn into the plant.

