

CIC buys Dover tract

The Tuscarawas County Community Improvement Corp. acquired 55 acres of land for industrial development Monday and CIC officials announced they have at least one solid prospect for the site.

The CIC purchased what was termed "a prime industrial tract" from Ohio Power Co. for \$137,813, or \$2506 per acre.

The tract is annexed to Dover and is bounded by County Rd. 80 on the north, I-77 on the west and private property on the south and east. A Baltimore & Ohio Railroad main line and Penn Central spur line divide the site into two parcels.

Construction of a water-line to the site is 80 per cent complete and Dover recently let a contract to construct a sewer line to serve the area to Boger Construction Co. of Canton. Work is to start when the weather breaks.

Dover officials also are working on plans for an access road from Davis st. to County Rd. 80. Mayor Guy Smith reports that the project will cost an estimated \$300,000 and that a \$250,000 commitment in Appalachian funds, administered by the Tuscarawas Valley Regional Advisory Committee, has been made if satisfactory easements and rights-of-way are obtained.

WILBUR WOLFE, manager of Ohio Power's New Philadelphia office, hosted Monday's dinner meeting and recapped events leading to the exchange of the property deed for a check as the CIC's partial payment on the sale.

He said that Ohio Power first obtained an option on 35 acres of the tract from the Schneider estate in October 1965 for possible industrial development.

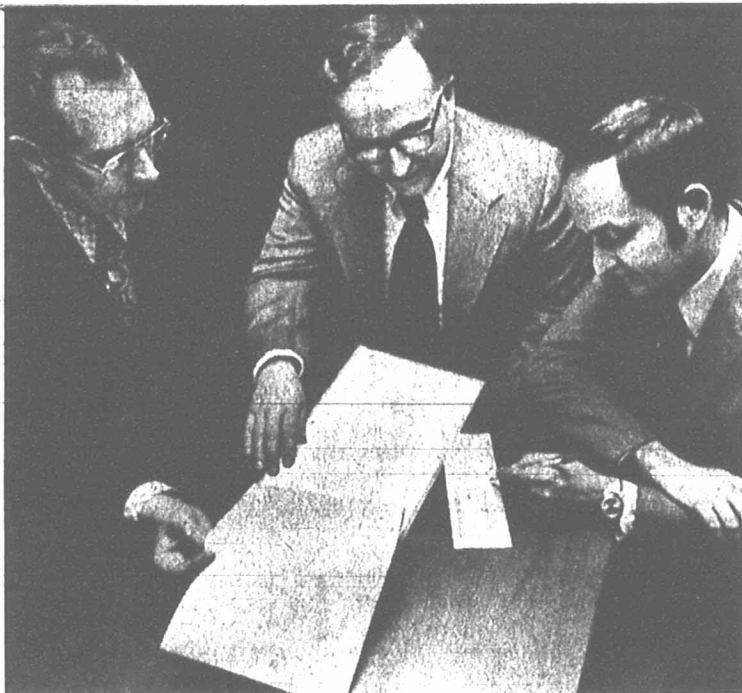
At the urging of Richard Rea, CIC president nine years ago, Ohio Power later purchased the 35 acres plus an additional 25 acres.

Wolfe noted Ohio Power rejected several offers to buy parcels of the tract for commercial development over the years and that Monday's sale of the land to the CIC was an assurance that the tract would be developed as intended, for new industry.

Others taking part in the transaction were: Jim Powell, Ohio Power's Canton division manager; Bob Wolf, who heads up Ohio Power's development department; Carl Pissocra, Tom Miller and Charles Deeds, who comprise the CIC's Dover industrial development committee, and Chet Stocker, CIC president.

Wolf and Powell commented that the Tuscarawas County CIC was the most aggressive group the company has worked with in the state.

Pissocra thanked Ohio Power for selling "a piece of land vital to the industrial development of the area at such a fair price" and Stocker added his praise to Ohio Power for "land banking" the tract for industrial development the last nine years.



MAYOR GUY SMITH (L), JIM POWELL, TOM MILLER
Look over deed and check in land deal