

# Martinsville Dupont

Martinsville, Virginia



## The Road to Reuse...

In Martinsville, Virginia, the DuPont facility has been part of the community since the early 1940s. The facility covers approximately 550 acres and sites also the Smith River. Between 1941 and 1998, the facility operated as one of the world's largest nylon manufacturers. Employment reached 4,600 in the 1960s. The facility generated and managed various types of waste including nylon wastes, coal ash, spent finish oil, spent nitric and formic acids, and laboratory chemicals. Today, the site has been razed of all former nylon manufacturing buildings. INVISTA purchased the Spinerette manufacturing facilities and currently employs about 60 people on-site.

When operations were closing at the DuPont facility, DuPont not only worked with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop a streamlined approach to investigate known and suspected releases, but also to evaluate and implement corrective measures. Working together, DuPont and EPA were able to develop quick solutions and obtain all necessary data. Not only did DuPont work to help address and



### Approximate total acres and current use

*Approximate Acres in Reuse: 550*

*Current Use: Wildlife habitat, manufacturing, golf and country club, training facility, warehouse, offices*

preserve environmental concerns at the facility, it also helped to preserve several aspects of the former manufacturing facility. DuPont donated several non-manufacturing buildings to Henry County. Reuse at the site now includes:

- ❑ The former DuPont administration building has been refurbished and is home to Commonwealth MicroTechnologies, which manufactures computer chips and employs about 10 people.
- ❑ The Corporate Emergency Response Training Facility is now used by Henry County to house its Public Safety operations and to conduct regional fire and emergency response training. An addition has doubled the size of this building and it is now also used as a Regional Criminal Justice Training facility.
- ❑ One of the former warehouses has been refurbished and is used to house Henry County Public Safety emergency equipment.
- ❑ One of the former Construction buildings has been refurbished and is used by the Henry County as a business incubator facility.

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DuPont also donated a 46.3-acre parcel to Henry County for a wildlife habitat area. The wildlife habitat area consists of two separate tracts of land along the east border of the property. One tract encompasses approximately 30.1 acres of forested hillside, while the other tract consists of approximately 16.2 acres of relatively flat, wooded river terrace along the northern bank of the Smith River. This property includes walking trails and streams, and teams with diverse flora and fauna. This property also has picnic areas and a canoe landing. Other recreation uses on the property includes the Lynwood Golf and Country Club. DuPont sold the Lynwood Golf and Country Club buildings and capital improvements to the existing members and long-term leased the grounds.

In addition to donating several buildings and land parcels, DuPont worked with the county to develop the remaining portion of the site as an industrial park. DuPont has ground leased several parcels of land to the county at nominal rent and will continue to do so as the need arises. DuPont is presently working with Henry County and local and state economic development offices to recruit new industry to the site.

This effort to redevelop the former DuPont site as an industrial park will assist in the economic revitalization of the region.



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