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D&H and City Group Agree On Land Plan

Wilkes-Barre City Redevelopment Authority has reached a tentative agreement with Delaware and Hudson Railway Company for the acquisition of company's property in Industrial Park Urban Renewal Project area.

Terms of the settlement, made after week of negotiations with railroad officials, were not disclosed.

Richard Gelhard, deputy director of the authority, said the action taken by the authority a Tuesday afternoon's board meeting was the "first step" in purchasing the railroad's property. He said the agreement still must be approved by Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The authority has not yet reached an accord with Lehigh Valley Railroad Company in regard to acquisition of that carrier's land in the project area.

The project, the greatest undertaking by the redevelopment authority prior to the June flood, involves the purchase of railroad company holding along the railroad corridor which cuts through the center of the city, reestablishment of railroad at a different location and construction of a downtown distributor or highway from north to south through the city.

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