

## Land purchase gives Eurofins Lancaster Labs room for new



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Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories has more uses in mind for the adjoining 44 acres it bought last August than extra

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The \$2.3 million purchase would provide greenspace and the site for a new, unusual 'HORST MAKES SURE WE'RE NOT building. UNDER OR OVER-INSURED." The company wants to construct a stability storage building, a place with chambers that hold drugs under different temperatures and humidity levels for months or years.

> Why? As part of its testing of pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical products, Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories does something called stability studies.

These studies find out how well a drug holds up under various conditions — all part of setting its

expiration date.

"You can't estimate that. You can't run a computer model," said Tim Oostdyk, president of Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories.

According to federal regulation, the date must be determined experimentally. So at prescribed intervals, Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories scientists remove the drug from its storage chamber and test it to assess its stability.

The New Holland Pike site began doing this work in 1990, said Oostdyk. It now has more than 8,000 stability studies underway.

Said Oostdyk, "If you're taking a prescription, there's a good chance we tested it."

But Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories could use more stability storage.

So the company is proposing a \$2\$ million stability storage building of 17,000 square feet. The structure will be designed to be expanded three times, bringing its total size to 45,000 square feet.

The new building is included in a sketch plan that Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories has presented to the township. Township planners are set to review it Wednesday.

The company would retain the 25,000 square feet now devoted to stability storage in its existing

Depending on township approval, Eurofins would like to start construction of the stability storage building in the third quarter, with completion in the first quarter.

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