

**Experienced Property  
Management Company Chooses  
VYCOM's Designboard™ HDPE  
for 50 Durable, Attractive Balconies**

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Acri Community Realty, in Pittsburgh, PA, chose Vycom's Designboard™ HDPE to replace balcony railings on 50 units in Allegheny Towne Corporation, one of more than 200 properties it manages in the city.

Vycom's Designboard offers the rich designer shades and textures of wood and metals with the durability and weather resistance of solid HDPE. Available with UV resistance, Designboard has superior scratch resistance and stiffness and will not rust, corrode, rot, delaminate, or splinter.

Allegheny Towne Corporation, more commonly known as Foster Square, is a high-end cooperative on Pittsburgh's north side. Built by Alcoa Aluminum, the building's original balcony rails were painted aluminum boards. The co-op wanted to replace the old material with something strong and durable that would also have nice, clean looks. New aluminum was too costly so Acri looked at many other materials.

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*"Designboard was the only material strong enough and with all the qualities we needed. Marine plywood, for example, held up well in the environment but didn't have a nice surface," explains Cindy Clifton, property manager with Acri Community Realty.*

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One of the co-op's board members discovered Vycom's Designboard, which is lighter than aluminum and less costly, with attractive color and finish options. "Designboard has good looks, was easy to install with standard tools and techniques, and is the same color all the way through for a nice finished look when cut," says Clifton, who notes they chose 6-inch Designboard in Shale color and orange-peel texture.

Acri Community Realty manages more than 200 properties throughout Pittsburgh. Properties range from new to historic, entry-level to luxury units. The company has more than 25 years of community management services experience (condo and homeowner association management). Among the services they provide are the preparation of budgets, billing and collection of annual assessments, obtaining contractor bids and overseeing contractors, maintaining vendor and contractor relationships, property inspections and 24-hour emergency response service.

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*"It's the first time we ever used the material, but I'm sure it's not our last. I gave it to my boss and he says he's sure there are a lot of uses for it in our business," says Clifton.*

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