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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

(Mark One):

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File No. 0-28364

NORWOOD FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

23-2828306  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No.)

717 Main Street, Honesdale,  
Pennsylvania  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

18431  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (570) 253-1455

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  
 YES  NO

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.  
 YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.  YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§229.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).  YES  NO

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)   
reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).  Yes  No

The registrant's voting stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "NWFL." The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on the closing price of the registrant's Common Stock as of June 30, 2015, \$29.32 per share, was \$102.1 million based on 3,480,879 shares of Common Stock held by non-affiliates on that date. For purposes of this calculation, the term "affiliate" refers to all directors and executive officers of the registrant, and all persons beneficially owning more than 5% of the registrant's common stock.

As of March 1, 2016, there were 3,702,357 shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

1. Portions of the Annual Report to Stockholders for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015. (Parts I, II, and IV)
2. Portions of the definitive Proxy Statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. (Part III)

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ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

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## PART I

### Forward Looking Statements

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 contains safe harbor provisions regarding forward-looking statements. When used in this discussion, the words “believes,” “anticipates,” “contemplates,” “expects,” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Those risks and uncertainties as detailed in Item 1A include:

- our ability to realize the anticipated benefits from our acquisition of Delaware Bancshares, Inc.
- possible future impairment of intangible assets
- our ability to effectively manage future growth
- loan losses in excess of our allowance
- risks inherent in commercial lending
- real estate collateral which may be subject to declines in value
- potential other-than-temporary impairments
- soundness of other financial institutions
- interest rate risks
- potential liquidity risk
- availability of capital
- regional economic factors
- loss of senior officers
- comparatively low legal lending limits
- risks of new capital requirements
- limited market for the Company’s stock
- restrictions on ability to pay dividends
- common stock may lose value
- competitive environment
- issuing additional shares may dilute ownership
- extensive and complex governmental regulation and associated cost
- cybersecurity

Norwood Financial Corp. undertakes no obligation to publicly release the results of any revisions to those forward-looking statements which may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

### Item 1. Business

#### General

Norwood Financial Corp. (the “Company”), a Pennsylvania corporation, is the holding company for Wayne Bank. On March 29, 1996, the Bank completed a holding company reorganization and became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. As of December 31, 2015, the Company had total consolidated assets of \$750.5 million, consolidated deposits of \$550.9 million, and consolidated stockholders’ equity of \$101.0 million. The Company’s ratio of average equity to average assets was 13.76%, 13.62% and 13.42% for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.



Wayne Bank is a Pennsylvania chartered bank and trust company headquartered in Honesdale, Pennsylvania. The Bank was originally chartered on February 17, 1870 as Wayne County Savings Bank. Wayne County Savings Bank changed its name to Wayne County Bank and Trust in December 1943. In September 1993, the Bank adopted the name Wayne Bank. The Bank's deposits are currently insured to applicable limits by the Deposit Insurance Fund ("DIF") as administered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). The Bank is regulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities ("Department") and the FDIC.

The Bank is an independent community bank with five offices in Wayne County, three offices in Pike County, four offices in Monroe County and three offices in Lackawanna County. The Bank offers a wide variety of personal and business credit services and trust and investment products and real estate settlement services to the consumers, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and municipalities in each of the communities that the Bank serves. The Bank primarily serves the Pennsylvania counties of Wayne, Pike, Monroe and Lackawanna and, to a much lesser extent, Susquehanna County. In addition, the Bank operates 15 automated teller machines, each one located at a branch facility.

The Company's main office is located at 717 Main Street, Honesdale, Pennsylvania and its main telephone number is (570) 253-1455. The Company maintains a website at [www.waynebank.com](http://www.waynebank.com). Information on our website should not be treated as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Company makes copies of its SEC filings available free of charge as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed, through a link on its website to the SEC's website.

#### Proposed Acquisition of Delaware Bancshares, Inc.

On March 10, 2016, Norwood Financial Corp. ("Norwood Financial") and its wholly owned subsidiary, Wayne Bank, and Delaware Bancshares, Inc. ("Delaware Bancshares"), and its wholly owned subsidiary, The National Bank of Delaware County ("NBDC Bank") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") pursuant to which Delaware Bancshares will merge with and into Norwood Financial, with Norwood Financial as the surviving corporation. Concurrent with the merger, it is expected that NBDC Bank will merge with and into Wayne Bank.

NBDC Bank, headquartered in Walton, New York, operates 12 branches in Delaware and Sullivan Counties, New York. At December 31, 2015, Delaware Bancshares had \$371.7 million in consolidated assets, \$115.7 million in total loans receivable, \$317.0 million in deposits and \$21.1 million in consolidated stockholders' equity.

Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, each outstanding share of Delaware Bancshares common stock will be converted into either the right to receive \$16.68 in cash or 0.6221 shares of Norwood Financial common stock or a combination of both. Not more than 25% of the merger consideration shall be paid in cash and the remainder will be paid in Norwood Financial common stock. In the event of a greater than 20% decline in market value of Norwood Financial common stock, Delaware Bancshares may, in certain circumstances, be able to terminate the Merger Agreement unless Norwood Financial increases the number of shares into which Delaware Bancshares common stock may be converted.

The senior management of Norwood Financial and Wayne Bank will remain the same following the merger. The directors of NBDC Bank will be invited to join newly formed regional advisory board. Within 18 months of the merger, Norwood Financial and Wayne Bank will invite one member of the advisory board to join their boards.

The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including the receipt of regulatory approvals and approval by the shareholders of Delaware Bancshares. The merger is currently expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2016.

Each of the directors and executive officers of Delaware Bancshares have agreed to vote their shares in favor of the approval of the Merger Agreement at the shareholders' meeting to be held to vote on the proposed transaction. If the merger is not consummated under certain circumstances, Delaware Bancshares has agreed to pay Norwood Financial a termination fee of \$615,000.

The Merger Agreement also contains usual and customary representations and warranties that Norwood Financial and Delaware Bancshares made to each other as of specific dates. The assertions embodied in those representations and warranties were made solely for purposes of the contract between Norwood Financial and Delaware Bancshares, and may be subject to important qualifications and limitations agreed to by the parties in connection with negotiating its terms. Moreover, the representations and warranties are subject to a contractual standard of materiality that may be different from what may be viewed as material to shareholders, and the representations and warranties may have been used to allocate risk between Norwood Financial and Delaware Bancshares rather than establishing matters as facts.

The foregoing summary of the Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of such document, which is filed as Exhibit 2.1 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

#### Acquisition of North Penn Bancorp, Inc.

On May 31, 2011, the Company completed its acquisition of North Penn Bancorp, Inc. ("North Penn") and its wholly owned subsidiary, North Penn Bank, as contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 14, 2010, by and among the Company, Wayne Bank, North Penn and North Penn Bank (the "Agreement"). The Company acquired all of the outstanding shares of North Penn for an aggregate cash consideration of approximately \$12.2 million and 532,000 shares of the Company's common stock. The cash and stock transaction was valued at approximately \$26.9 million based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on May 31, 2011. In accordance with the Agreement, each outstanding share of North Penn common stock was converted, at the election of the holder, into either the right to receive \$19.12 in cash or 0.6829 shares of the Company's common stock, subject to the election and allocation procedures in the Agreement, including the requirement that \$12,194,000 of the merger consideration (which included amounts paid in cancellation of existing stock options, for the unallocated shares held by the Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") and any shares as to which the holders exercised dissenters' rights) be paid in cash and that the remainder be paid in the Company's common stock.

#### Competition

The competition for deposit products comes from other insured financial institutions such as commercial banks, thrift institutions, credit unions, and multi-state regional banks in the Company's market area of Wayne, Pike, Monroe and Lackawanna Counties, Pennsylvania. Based on data compiled by the FDIC as of June 30, 2015 (the latest date for which data is available), the Bank had the third largest share of FDIC-insured deposits in Wayne County with approximately 19.67%, the second largest share in Pike County with 19.72%, seventh largest share in Monroe County with 3.41% and tenth largest share in Lackawanna County with 1.73%. This data does not reflect deposits held by credit unions with which the Bank also competes. Deposit competition also includes a number of insurance products sold by local agents and investment products such as mutual funds and other securities sold by local and regional brokers. Loan competition varies depending upon market conditions and comes from other insured





financial institutions such as commercial banks, thrift institutions, credit unions, multi-state regional banks, and mortgage bankers.

#### Personnel

As of December 31, 2015, the Bank had 136 full-time and 9 part-time employees. None of the Bank's employees are represented by a collective bargaining group.

#### Lending Activities

The Bank's loan products include loans for personal and business use. Personal lending includes mortgage lending to finance principal residences and to a lesser extent second home dwellings. The Bank's loan products include fixed-rate mortgage products with terms up to 30 years which may be sold, in the secondary market through the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) or held in the Bank's portfolio to the extent consistent with our asset/liability management strategies. Fixed-rate home equity loans are originated on terms up to 180 months. Home equity lines of credit tied to the prime rate are also offered. The Bank to a lesser extent also offers indirect dealer financing of automobiles (new and used), boats, and recreational vehicles through a limited network of dealers in Northeast Pennsylvania. At December 31, 2015, there were \$23.5 million of indirect loans in the portfolio. In connection with the acquisition of North Penn Bancorp, Inc., the Company acquired approximately \$119.7 million in loans, including \$36.2 million in residential real estate loans, \$70.8 million in commercial real estate loans, \$10.5 million in commercial, financial and agricultural loans, \$1.8 million in consumer loans and \$358,000 in construction loans. As of December 31, 2015, the approximate outstanding balance of these acquired loans was \$52.5 million.

Commercial loans and commercial mortgages are provided to local small and mid-sized businesses at a variety of terms and rate structures. During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Bank increased its municipal finance lending, which is included in commercial loans. Municipal lending includes both general obligations of local taxing authorities and revenue obligations of specific revenue producing projects such as sewer authorities and educational units. During 2015, the Bank was invited to submit proposals for a number of such projects and was the successful bidder on a number of projects resulting in growth of over \$21.0 million in this area of lending. At December 31, 2015, the Bank had approximately \$52.6 million in loans to the hospitality lodging industry, as well as \$27.5 million of loans outstanding to automobile dealers. Commercial lending activities include lines of credit, revolving credit, term loans, mortgages, various forms of secured lending and a limited amount of letter of credit facilities. The rate structure may be fixed, immediately repricing tied to the prime rate or adjustable at set intervals.

The Bank's construction lending has primarily involved lending for commercial construction projects and for single-family residences. All loans for the construction of speculative sale homes have a loan-to-value ratio of not more than 80%. For both commercial and single-family projects loan proceeds are disbursed during the construction phase according to a draw schedule based on the stage of completion. Construction projects are inspected by contracted inspectors or bank personnel. Construction loans are underwritten on the basis of the estimated value of the property as completed. For commercial projects, the Bank typically also provides the permanent financing after the construction period, as a commercial mortgage.

The Bank also, from time to time, originates loans secured by undeveloped land. Land loans granted to individuals have a term of up to 5 years. Land loans granted to developers may have an interest only period during development. The substantial majority of land loans have a loan-to-value ratio not exceeding 75%. The Bank has limited its exposure to land loans but may expand its lending on raw land, as market conditions allow, to qualified borrowers experienced in the development and sale of raw land.



Loans involving construction financing and loans on raw land have a higher level of risk than loans for the purchase of existing homes since collateral values, land values, development costs and construction costs can only be estimated at the time the loan is approved. The Bank has sought to minimize its risk in construction lending and in lending for the purchase of raw land by offering such financing primarily to builders and developers to whom the Bank has loaned funds in the past and to persons who have previous experience in such projects. The Bank also limits construction lending and loans on raw land to its market area, with which management is familiar.

Adjustable-rate loans decrease the risks associated with changes in interest rates by periodically repricing, but involve other risks because as interest rates increase, the underlying payments by the borrower increase, thus increasing the potential for payment default. At the same time, the marketability of the underlying collateral may be adversely affected by higher interest rates. Upward adjustment of the contractual interest rate may also be limited by the maximum periodic interest rate adjustment permitted in certain adjustable-rate mortgage loan documents, and, therefore is potentially limited in effectiveness during periods of rapidly rising interest rates. These risks have not had an adverse effect on the Bank.

Consumer lending, including indirect financing, provides benefits to the Bank's asset/liability management program by reducing the Bank's exposure to interest rate changes, due to their generally shorter terms. Such loans may entail additional credit risks compared to owner-occupied residential mortgage lending especially when unsecured or secured by collateral such as automobiles that depreciate rapidly.

Commercial lending including real-estate related loans entail significant additional risks when compared with residential real estate and consumer lending. For example, commercial loans typically involve larger loan balances to single borrowers or groups of related borrowers. The payment experience on such loans typically is dependent on the successful operation of the project and these risks can be significantly impacted by the cash flow of the borrowers and market conditions for commercial office, retail, and warehouse space. In periods of decreasing cash flows, the commercial borrower may permit a lapse in general maintenance of the property causing the value of the underlying collateral to deteriorate. The liquidation of commercial property is often more costly and may involve more time to sell than residential real estate. The Bank offsets such factors with requiring more owner equity, a lower loan to value ratio and by obtaining the personal guaranties of the principals. In addition, a majority of the Bank's commercial real estate portfolio is owner occupied property.

Commercial loans and leases are considered to have a higher degree of credit risk than secured real estate lending. The repayment of unsecured commercial business loans is wholly dependent on the success of the borrower's business, while secured commercial business loans may be secured by collateral that may not be readily marketable in the event of default. Municipal financing includes lending to local taxing authorities and revenue producing projects. Such loans may constitute the general obligation of the taxing authority or may rely on a specific revenue source which is responsible for the repayment of the debt. General obligations are considered to carry a lower level of risk than other loan types since they are backed by the full faith and credit of the taxing authority. Revenue obligations are backed solely by revenues generated by the project financed and repayment may be affected by the success of the project.

Due to the type and nature of the collateral, consumer lending generally involves more credit risk when compared with residential real estate lending. Consumer lending collections are typically dependent on the borrower's continuing financial stability, and thus, are more likely to be adversely affected by job loss, divorce, illness and personal bankruptcy. In most cases, any repossessed collateral for a defaulted

consumer loan will not provide an adequate source of repayment of the outstanding loan balance. The remaining deficiency is usually turned over to a collection agency.

There are additional risks associated with indirect lending since we must rely on the dealer to provide accurate information to us and accurate disclosures to the borrowers. These loans are principally done on a non-recourse basis. We seek to mitigate these risks by only dealing with dealers with whom we have a long-standing relationship.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) prohibits lenders from making residential mortgages unless the lender makes a reasonable and good faith determination that the borrower has a reasonable ability to repay the mortgage loan according to its terms. A borrower may recover statutory damages equal to all finance charges and fees paid within three years of a violation of the ability-to-repay rule and may raise a violation as a defense to foreclosure at any time. As authorized by the Dodd-Frank Act, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (“CFPB”) has adopted regulations defining “qualified mortgages” that would be presumed to comply with the Dodd-Frank Act’s ability-to-repay rules. Under the CFPB regulations, qualified mortgages must satisfy the following criteria: (i) no negative amortization, interest-only payments, balloon payments, or a term greater than 30 years; (ii) no points or fees in excess of 3% of the loan amount for loans over \$100,000; (iii) borrower’s income and assets are verified and documented; and (iv) the borrower’s debt-to-income ratio generally may not exceed 43%. Qualified mortgages are conclusively presumed to comply with the ability-to-pay rule unless the mortgage is a “higher cost” mortgage, in which case the presumption is rebuttable.

#### Loan Solicitation and Processing

The Bank has established various lending limits for its officers and also maintains an Officer Loan Committee to approve higher loan amounts. The loan committee is comprised of the President and Chief Executive Officer, Chief Lending Officer and other Bank officers. The Loan Committee has the authority to approve all loans up to set limits based on the type of loan and the collateral. Requests in excess of these limits must be submitted to the Directors’ Loan Committee or Board of Directors for approval. Additionally, the President and Chief Executive Officer, and the Chief Lending Officer and other officers have the authority to approve secured and unsecured loans up to amounts approved by the Board of Directors and maintained in the Bank’s Loan Policy. Notwithstanding individual lending authority, certain loan policy exceptions must be submitted to the loan committee for approval.

Hazard insurance coverage is required on all properties securing loans made by the Bank. Flood insurance is also required, when applicable.

Loan applicants are notified of the credit decision by letter. If the loan is approved, the loan commitment specifies the terms and conditions of the proposed loan including the amount, interest rate, amortization term, a brief description of the required collateral, and the required insurance coverage. The borrower must provide proof of fire, flood (if applicable) and casualty insurance on the property serving as collateral and title insurance, and these applicable insurances must be maintained during the full term of the loan.

Loan Portfolio Composition. Set forth below is selected data relating to the composition of the Bank's loan portfolio at the dates indicated.

	2015		2014		As of December 31, 2013		2012		2011	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
	(dollars in thousands)									
Commercial loans	\$ 71,090	12.7	\$ 42,514	8.5	\$ 35,745	7.1	\$ 25,113	5.3	\$ 22,684	5.0
Real Estate-Construction	18,987	3.4	19,221	3.9	20,551	4.1	13,435	2.8	11,087	2.4
Real Estate-Residential	161,820	28.9	158,139	31.5	158,842	31.6	150,043	31.4	148,148	32.3
Real Estate-Commercial	279,123	49.8	261,956	52.2	273,144	54.2	274,484	57.5	262,476	57.3
Consumer loans	29,231	5.2	19,704	3.9	15,295	3.0	14,154	3.0	13,934	3.0
	560,251	100.0	501,534	100.0	503,577	100.0	477,229	100.0	458,329	100.0
Deferred fees, net	(326)		(399)		(480)		(519)		(422)	
Allowance for loan losses	(7,298)		(5,875)		(5,708)		(5,502)		(5,458)	
Loans receivable, net	\$ 552,627		\$ 495,260		\$ 497,389		\$ 471,208		\$ 452,449	

Maturities and Sensitivities of Loans to Changes in Interest Rates. The following table sets forth maturities and interest rate sensitivity for selected categories of loans as of December 31, 2015. Scheduled repayments are reported in the maturity category in which payment is due. Demand loans, loans having no stated schedule of repayments and no stated maturity and overdrafts are reported as due in one year or less.

	One Year or Less	After One to Five Years	Over Five Years	Total
	(dollars in thousands)			
Commercial loans	\$ 14,335	\$ 12,643	\$ 44,112	\$ 71,090
Real Estate – Construction	4,103	2,968	11,916	18,987
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,438</b>	<b>\$ 15,611</b>	<b>\$ 56,028</b>	<b>\$ 90,077</b>
Loans with fixed rates	\$ 7,367	\$ 9,691	\$ 33,090	\$ 50,148
Loans with floating rates	14,331	6,908	18,690	39,929
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,698</b>	<b>\$ 16,599</b>	<b>\$ 51,780</b>	<b>\$ 90,077</b>

Non-Performing Assets. The following table sets forth information regarding non-accrual loans, foreclosed real estate owned and loans 90 days or more delinquent on which the Bank was accruing interest at the dates indicated. At December 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011, the Company also had \$6.8 million, \$8.8 million, \$9.2 million, \$5.6 million and \$7.2 million, respectively, in troubled debt restructurings. For the year ended December 31, 2015, interest income that would have been recorded on loans accounted for on a non-accrual basis under the original terms of such loans was \$515,000 of which \$144,000 was collected. For those loans classified as troubled debt restructurings, interest income that would have been recorded under the original terms of the loans for fiscal year 2015 was \$552,000 of which \$344,000 was collected. Of those loans classified as troubled debt restructurings at December 31, 2015, seven loans with a balance of \$5.7 million are included in non-accrual loans, while one loan relationship with a balance of \$1.1 million is carried in full accrual status.

	2015	2014	As of December 31,		2012	2011
	(dollars in thousands)					
Non-accrual loans:						
Commercial	\$43	\$—	\$—	\$328	\$404	
Real estate	7,089	5,596	9,547	12,872	7,411	
Consumer	—	4	—	—	—	
<b>Total non-accrual loans*</b>	<b>7,132</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>9,547</b>	<b>13,200</b>	<b>7,815</b>	
Accruing loans which are contractually past-due 90 days or more	—	—	—	—	—	
<b>Total non-performing loans</b>	<b>7,132</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>9,547</b>	<b>13,200</b>	<b>7,815</b>	
Foreclosed real estate	2,847	3,726	1,009	852	2,910	
<b>Total non-performing assets</b>	<b>\$9,979</b>	<b>\$9,326</b>	<b>\$10,556</b>	<b>\$14,052</b>	<b>\$10,725</b>	
Total non-performing loans to total loans	1.27	% 1.12	% 1.90	% 2.77	% 1.71	%
Total non-performing loans to total assets	0.95	% 0.79	% 1.34	% 1.96	% 1.17	%
Total non-performing assets to total assets	1.33	% 1.31	% 1.48	% 2.09	% 1.60	%





\*Includes non-accrual TDRs of \$5.7 million, \$2.2 million, \$6.2 million, \$5.6 million and \$0.7 million as of December 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Company also had \$1.1 million, \$6.6 million, \$3.0 million, \$0 and \$6.5 million in accruing TDRs on those dates.

The recorded investment in impaired loans, not requiring an allowance for loan losses was \$2,855,000 (net of a charge-off against the allowance for loan losses of \$1,971,000) and \$8,632,000 (net of a charge-off against the allowance for loan losses of \$158,000) at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The recorded investment in impaired loans requiring an allowance for loan losses was \$6,373,000 (net of charge-off against the allowance for loan losses of \$73,000) and \$2,973,000 (net of charge-off against the allowance for loan losses of \$864,000) at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the average recorded investment in these impaired loans was \$9,015,000 and \$7,725,000, and the interest income recognized on these impaired loans was \$532,000 and \$508,000, respectively. In connection with the North Penn acquisition, the Company acquired loans with deteriorated credit quality with an unpaid balance of \$1.9 million, which are being carried at their fair value of \$498,000.

As of December 31, 2015, there were no loans not previously disclosed in the above table, where known information about possible credit problems of borrowers causes management to have serious doubts as to the ability of such borrowers to comply with the present loan repayment terms.

**Troubled Debt Restructured Loans.** Troubled debt restructured loans are those loans whose terms have been renegotiated to provide a reduction or deferral of principal or interest as a result of financial difficulties experienced by the borrower, who could not obtain comparable terms from alternate financing sources. During 2015, there were two new loan relationships identified as troubled debt restructures totaling \$176,000 based on executed modification agreements.

**Classified Assets.** Management has instituted an internal loan review program, whereby weaker credits are classified as special mention, substandard, doubtful or loss. When a loan is classified as substandard or doubtful, management is required to establish a valuation reserve for loan losses in an amount that is deemed prudent. When management classifies a loan as a loss asset, a reserve equal to 100% of the loan balance is required to be established or the loan is to be charged-off. The allowance for loan losses is composed of an allowance for both inherent risk associated with lending activities and particular problem assets.

An asset is considered substandard if it is inadequately protected by the paying capacity and net worth of the obligor or the collateral pledged, if any. Substandard assets include those characterized by the distinct possibility that the Bank will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Assets classified as doubtful have all of the weaknesses inherent in those classified substandard, with the added characteristic that the weaknesses present make collection or liquidation in full, highly questionable and improbable, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions, and values. Assets classified as loss are those considered uncollectible and of such little value that their continuance as assets without the establishment of a loss reserve is not warranted. Assets which do not currently expose the insured institution to a sufficient degree of risk to warrant classification in one of the aforementioned categories but possess credit deficiencies or potential weaknesses are required to be designated special mention by management.

Management's evaluation of the classification of assets and the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is reviewed by the Board on a regular basis and by the regulatory agencies as part of their examination process.

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The following table sets forth at the dates indicated the Bank's classified assets in accordance with its asset classification system:

	As of December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	(In thousands)				
Special mention	\$1,837	\$1,983	\$3,651	\$11,563	\$11,436
Substandard	9,437	13,344	18,927	12,123	14,719
Doubtful	—	—	—	—	—
Loss	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$11,274	\$15,327	\$22,578	\$23,686	\$26,155

Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses. The following table sets forth information with respect to the Bank's allowance for loan losses for the years indicated:

	As of December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	(dollars in thousands)				
Total loans receivable net of deferred fees	\$ 559,925	\$ 501,135	\$ 503,097	\$ 476,710	\$ 457,907
Average loans receivable	529,989	500,960	483,041	478,317	414,473
Allowance balance at beginning of period	\$ 5,875	\$ 5,708	\$ 5,502	\$ 5,458	\$ 5,616
Charge-offs:					
Commercial	—	—	(4 )	(24 )	(2 )
Real Estate – residential, commercial and construction	(3,107 )	(1,466 )	(2,131 )	(2,354 )	(1,735 )
Consumer	(91 )	(80 )	(90 )	(59 )	(109 )
Total	(3,198 )	(1,546 )	(2,225 )	(2,437 )	(1,846 )
Recoveries:					
Commercial	—	—	—	—	5
Real Estate – residential, commercial and construction	20	2	9	7	51
Consumer	21	31	22	24	57
Total	41	33	31	31	113
Net Charge-offs	(3,157 )	(1,513 )	(2,194 )	(2,406 )	(1,733 )
Provision Expense	4,580	1,680	2,400	2,450	1,575
Allowance balance at end of period	\$ 7,298	\$ 5,875	\$ 5,708	\$ 5,502	\$ 5,458
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of total loans	1.30 %	1.17 %	1.13 %	1.15 %	1.19 %

outstanding

Net loans charged off as a  
percent of average loans  
outstanding

0.60	%	0.30	%	0.45	%	0.50	%	0.42	%
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Allocation of the Allowance For Loan Losses. The following table sets forth the allocation of the Bank's allowance for loan losses by loan category and the percent of loans in each category to total loans at the date indicated. The allocation is made for analytical purposes and is not necessarily indicative of the categories in which credit losses may occur. The total allowance is available to absorb losses from any type of loan.

	As of December 31,									
	2015		2014		2013		2012		2011	
	Amount	% of Loans to Total Loans	Amount	% of Loans to Total Loans	Amount	% of Loans to Total Loans	Amount	% of Loans to Total Loans	Amount	% of Loans to Total Loans
	(dollars in thousands)									
Commercial	\$ 397	12.7%	\$ 256	8.5%	\$ 184	7.1%	\$ 223	5.3%	\$ 147	5.0%
Real estate – construction	90	3.4	222	3.9	897	4.1	119	2.8	72	2.4
Real estate – residential	1,069	28.9	1,323	31.5	1,441	31.6	1,797	31.4	1,256	32.3
Real estate – commercial	5,506	49.8	3,890	52.2	3,026	54.2	3,183	57.5	3,839	57.3
Consumer	236	5.2	184	3.9	160	3.0	180	3.0	144	3.0
Unallocated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$ 7,298	100.0%	\$ 5,875	100.00%	\$ 5,708	100.0%	\$ 5,502	100.0%	\$ 5,458	100.0%

## Investment Activities

General. The Company maintains a portfolio of investment securities consisting of obligations of the U.S. Government and its agencies, including mortgage-backed securities, and obligations of states, counties and municipalities including school districts. To a lesser extent, the Company also has corporate debt obligations in the portfolio as well as a portfolio of equity instruments of other financial services companies. The Company considers its investment portfolio a source of earnings and liquidity. Investment securities may also be pledged to secure public deposits and customer repurchase agreements.

Securities Portfolio. Carrying values of securities at the dates indicated are as follows:

	As of December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
	(in thousands)		
U.S. Government agencies	\$ 9,169	\$ 28,975	\$ 33,413
State and political subdivisions	60,755	54,332	59,204
Corporate obligations	4,974	6,486	3,711
Mortgage-backed securities – government sponsored entities	63,569	66,204	61,650
Equity securities-financial services	384	398	328
Total Securities	\$ 138,851	\$ 156,395	\$ 158,306
Fair Value of Securities	\$ 138,851	\$ 156,395	\$ 158,309

Maturity Distribution of Securities. The following table sets forth certain information regarding carrying values, weighted average yields, and maturities of the Company's securities portfolio as of December 31, 2015. Yields on tax-exempt securities are stated on a fully taxable equivalent basis using a Federal tax rate of 34%. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities as certain instruments have call features which allow prepayment of obligations. Maturity on the mortgage-backed securities is based upon contractual terms, the average life may differ as a result of changes in cash flow. Equity securities with no stated maturity are classified as "after ten years." The average yield on equity securities reflects actual income received during the period.

	One Year or Less		After One Through Five Years		After Five Through Ten Years		After Ten Years		Total Investment Securities	
	Carrying Value	Average Yield	Carrying Value	Average Yield	Carrying Value	Average Yield	Carrying Value	Average Yield	Carrying Value	Average Yield
U.S. Government agencies	\$ —	—	\$ 8,167	1.49%	\$ 1,002	2.00%	\$ —	—	\$ 9,169	1.55%
State and political subdivision	647	5.58	952	3.46	6,437	3.74	52,719	4.54	60,755	4.45
C o r p o r a t e obligations	—	—	3,884	2.86	1,090	2.82	—	—	4,974	2.85
Mortgage-backed securities-government sponsored entities	—	—	—	—	—	—	63,569	2.02	63,569	2.02
E q u i t y securities-financial services	—	—	—	—	—	—	384	3.66	384	3.66
<b>Total Investment Securities</b>	<b>\$ 647</b>	<b>5.58%</b>	<b>\$ 13,003</b>	<b>2.04%</b>	<b>\$ 8,529</b>	<b>3.42%</b>	<b>\$ 116,672</b>	<b>3.16%</b>	<b>\$ 138,851</b>	<b>3.08%</b>

## Deposit Activities

General. The Bank provides a full range of deposit products to its retail and business customers. These include interest-bearing and noninterest bearing transaction accounts, statement savings and money market accounts. Certificate of deposit terms range up to 5 years for retail instruments. The Bank has no brokered deposits nor does it participate in the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (“CDARS”). The Bank participates in the Jumbo CD (\$100,000 and over) markets with local municipalities and school districts which are typically priced on a competitive bid basis. Other services the Bank offers its customers on a limited basis include cash management, direct deposit, Remote Deposit Capture and Automated Clearing House (ACH) activity. The Bank operates fifteen automated teller machines and is affiliated with the MoneyPass ATM network. Internet banking including bill-pay is offered through the website at [www.waynebank.com](http://www.waynebank.com). Other services, such as eStatements and mobile banking are available online.

The following table sets forth information regarding deposit categories of the Company.

	Years Ended December 31,		2014		2013			
	Average Balance	Rate Paid	Average Balance	Rate Paid	Average Balance	Rate Paid		
	(dollars in thousands)							
Non-interest bearing demand	\$ 106,601	—	% \$ 96,870	—	% \$ 90,331	—		%
Interest-bearing demand	52,825	0.05	50,284	0.05	47,466	0.05		
Money Market	124,279	0.22	124,274	0.22	124,982	0.30		
Savings	74,753	0.05	71,612	0.05	69,282	0.06		
Time	209,930	0.99	206,231	1.03	208,847	1.15		
Total	\$ 568,388		\$ 549,271		\$ 540,908			

Maturities of Time Deposits. The following table indicates the amount of the Bank’s time deposits of \$100,000 or more by time remaining until maturity as of December 31, 2015.

Maturity Period	Amount (in thousands)
Within three months	\$ 12,503
Over three through six months	8,498
Over six through twelve months	13,374
Over twelve months	41,161
	\$ 75,536





### Short-Term Borrowings

The following table sets forth information concerning the Bank's short-term borrowings (those maturing within one year) which consist principally of securities sold under agreements to repurchase, short-term fixed-rate Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") advances and federal funds purchased during the periods indicated. Securities sold under repurchase agreements consist of commercial and municipal customers' funds invested in overnight securities for cash management purposes.

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
	(dollars in thousands)		
Short term borrowings:			
Average balance during the year	\$ 34,057	\$ 36,514	\$ 30,832
Maximum month-end balance during the year	\$ 55,183	\$ 49,634	\$ 49,914
Average interest rate during the year	0.25%	0.21%	0.21%
Total short-term borrowings at end of the year	\$ 53,235	\$ 25,695	\$ 49,914
Weighted average interest rate at the end of the year	0.36%	0.20%	0.21%

### Trust Activities

The Bank operates a Wealth Management/Trust Department which provides estate planning, investment management and financial planning to customers for which it is generally compensated based on a percentage of assets under management. As of December 31, 2015, the Bank had \$131.7 million of assets under management compared to \$134.9 million as of December 31, 2014. The decrease is partially due to stock market performance which can affect the value of a customer's investment portfolio.

### Subsidiary Activities

The Bank, a Pennsylvania chartered bank, is the only wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Norwood Investment Corp. ("NIC"), a Pennsylvania corporation incorporated in 1996 and a Pennsylvania licensed insurance agency, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank. NIC's business is annuity and mutual fund sales and discount brokerage activities primarily to customers of the Bank. The annuities, mutual funds and other investment products are not insured by the FDIC or any other government agency. They are not deposits, obligations of or guaranteed by any bank. The securities are offered through Invest Financial a registered broker/dealer. NIC generated gross revenues for the Company of \$143,000 in 2015, compared to \$94,000 in 2014 which is included in Other Income.

WCB Realty Corp., a Pennsylvania corporation, is a wholly-owned real estate subsidiary of the Bank whose principal asset is the administrative offices of the Company, which also includes the Main Office of the Bank.

WTRO Properties Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation, is a wholly-owned real estate subsidiary of the Bank established to hold title to certain real estate upon which the Bank has foreclosed. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the outstanding balance of foreclosed properties on which WTRO held title totaled \$2,250,000 and \$2,996,000, respectively.

Norwood Settlement Services, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company, was established in 2004 to provide title and settlement service to Bank customers and non-customers. Gross revenues, included in other income, for 2015 totaled \$16,000 and \$12,000 in 2014.



## Regulation

Set forth below is a brief description of certain laws which relate to the regulation of the Registrant and the Bank. The description does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to applicable laws and regulations.

### Regulation of the Company

**General.** The Company, as a bank holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (“BHCA”), is subject to regulation and supervision by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (“Federal Reserve”) and by the Department. The Company is required to file annually a report of its operations with, and is subject to examination by, the Federal Reserve and the Department. This regulation and oversight is generally intended to ensure that the Company limits its activities to those allowed by law and that it operates in a safe and sound manner without endangering the financial health of its subsidiary banks.

Under the BHCA, the Company must obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve before it may acquire control of another bank or bank holding company, merge or consolidate with another bank holding company, acquire all or substantially all of the assets of another bank or bank holding company, or acquire direct or indirect ownership or control of any voting shares of any bank or bank holding company if, after such acquisition, the bank holding company would directly or indirectly own or control more than 5% of such shares.

Federal statutes impose restrictions on the ability of a bank holding company and its nonbank subsidiaries to obtain extensions of credit from its subsidiary bank, on the subsidiary bank’s investments in the stock or securities of the holding company, and on the subsidiary bank’s taking of the holding company’s stock or securities as collateral for loans to any borrower. A bank holding company and its subsidiaries are also prevented from engaging in certain tie-in arrangements in connection with any extension of credit, lease or sale of property, or furnishing of services by the subsidiary bank.

**Source of Strength Doctrine.** A bank holding company is required to serve as a source of financial and managerial strength to its subsidiary banks and may not conduct its operations in an unsafe or unsound manner. In addition, it is the policy of the Federal Reserve that a bank holding company should stand ready to use available resources to provide adequate capital to its subsidiary banks during periods of financial stress or adversity and should maintain the financial flexibility and capital-raising capacity to obtain additional resources for assisting its subsidiary banks. A bank holding company’s failure to meet its obligations to serve as a source of strength to its subsidiary banks will generally be considered by the Federal Reserve to be an unsafe and unsound banking practice or a violation of the Federal Reserve regulations, or both.

**Non-Banking Activities.** The business activities of the Company, as a bank holding company, are restricted by the BHCA. Under the BHCA and the Federal Reserve’s bank holding company regulations, the Company may only engage in, or acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company engaged in, (1) banking or managing or controlling banks and other subsidiaries authorized under the BHCA and (2) any BHCA activity the Federal Reserve has determined to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks to be a proper incident thereto. These include any incidental activities necessary to carry on those activities, as well as a lengthy list of activities that the Federal Reserve has determined to be so closely related to the business of banking as to be a proper incident thereto.



Financial Modernization. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, permits greater affiliation among banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other companies under a new type of financial services company known as a “financial holding company.” A financial holding company essentially is a bank holding company with significantly expanded powers. Financial holding companies are authorized by statute to engage in a number of financial activities previously impermissible for bank holding companies, including securities underwriting, dealing and market making; sponsoring mutual funds and investment companies; insurance underwriting and agency; and merchant banking activities. The Act also permits the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department to authorize additional activities for financial holding companies if they are “financial in nature” or “incidental” to financial activities. A bank holding company may become a financial holding company if it and each of its subsidiary banks is well capitalized and well managed, and each of its subsidiary banks has at least a “satisfactory” CRA rating. A financial holding company must provide notice to the Federal Reserve within 30 days after commencing activities previously determined by statute or by the Federal Reserve and Department of the Treasury to be permissible. The Company has not submitted notice to the Federal Reserve of its intent to be deemed a financial holding company.

Regulatory Capital Requirements. The Federal Reserve has adopted capital adequacy guidelines pursuant to which it assesses the adequacy of capital in examining and supervising a bank holding company and in analyzing applications to it under the BHCA. The Federal Reserve’s capital adequacy guidelines are similar to those imposed on the Bank by the FDIC. See “Regulation of the Bank-Regulatory Capital Requirements.” The Federal Reserve, however, has adopted a policy statement that exempts bank holding companies with less than \$1.0 billion in consolidated assets that are not engaged in significant non-banking or off-balance sheet activities and that do not have a material amount of debt or equity securities registered with the SEC from its regulatory capital requirements. As long as their bank subsidiaries are well capitalized, such bank holding companies need only maintain a pro forma debt to equity ratio of less than 1.0 in order to pay dividends and repurchase stock and to be eligible for expedited treatment on applications.

#### Regulation of the Bank

General. As a Pennsylvania chartered, FDIC-insured commercial bank, the Bank is subject to extensive regulation and examination by the Department and by the FDIC, which insures its deposits to the maximum extent permitted by law. The federal and state laws and regulations applicable to banks regulate, among other things, the scope of their business, their investments, the reserves required to be kept against deposits, the timing of the availability of deposited funds and the nature and amount of collateral for certain loans. The laws and regulations governing the Bank generally have been promulgated to protect depositors and not for the purpose of protecting stockholders. This regulatory structure also gives the federal and state banking agencies extensive discretion in connection with their supervisory and enforcement activities and examination policies, including policies with respect to the classification of assets and the establishment of adequate loan loss reserves for regulatory purposes. Any change in such regulation, whether by the Department, the FDIC or the United States Congress, could have a material impact on the Company, the Bank and their operations.

Pennsylvania Banking Law. The Pennsylvania Banking Code (“Banking Code”) contains detailed provisions governing the organization, location of offices, rights and responsibilities of directors, officers, and employees, as well as corporate powers, savings and investment operations and other aspects of the Bank and its affairs. The Banking Code delegates extensive rule-making power and administrative discretion to the Department so that the supervision and regulation of state chartered banks may be flexible and readily responsive to changes in economic conditions and in savings and lending practices.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Act (“FDIA”), however, prohibits state chartered banks from making new investments, loans, or becoming involved in activities as principal and equity investments



which are not permitted for national banks unless (1) the FDIC determines the activity or investment does not pose a significant risk of loss to the Deposit Insurance Fund and (2) the bank meets all applicable capital requirements. Accordingly, the additional operating authority provided to the Bank by the Banking Code is significantly restricted by the FDIA.

Federal Deposit Insurance. The Bank's deposits are insured to applicable limits by the FDIC. Under the Dodd-Frank Act, the maximum deposit insurance amount has been permanently increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

The FDIC has adopted a risk-based premium system that provides for quarterly assessments based on an insured institution's ranking in one of four risk categories based on their examination ratings and capital ratios. The assessment base is the institution's average consolidated assets less average tangible equity. Insured banks with more than \$1.0 billion in assets must calculate quarterly average assets based on daily balances while smaller banks and newly chartered banks may use weekly averages. In the case of a merger, the average assets of the surviving bank for the quarter must include the average assets of the merged institution for the period in the quarter prior to the merger. Average assets are reduced by goodwill and other intangibles. Average tangible equity equals Tier 1 capital. For institutions with more than \$1.0 billion in assets, average tangible equity is calculated on a weekly basis while smaller institutions may use the quarter-end balance. The base assessment rate for insured institutions in Risk Category I ranges between 5 to 9 basis points and for institutions in Risk Categories II, III, and IV, the assessment rate is 14, 23 and 35 basis points, respectively. An institution's assessment rate may be reduced based on the amount of its outstanding unsecured long-term debt and for institutions in Risk Categories II, III and IV may be increased based on their brokered deposits. Risk Categories are eliminated for institutions with more than \$10 billion in assets which will be assessed at a rate between 5 and 35 basis points.

The FDIC has proposed to amend its assessment regulations for banks with less than \$10 billion in assets to replace the current risk categories with updated financial ratios that are designed to better predict the risk of failure of insured institutions. The proposed rules would not become effective until the designated reserve ratio of the Deposit Insurance Fund reaches 1.15% and would remain in effect until the designated reserve ratio reaches 2.0%. The proposed regulations would set a maximum rate that banks rated CAMELS 1 or 2 could be charged and a minimum rate that CAMELS 3, 4 and 5 banks would be charged. Under the proposal, the FDIC would use a bank's weighted average CAMELS component ratings and the following financial measures to determine assessments: Tier 1 leverage ratio; ratio of net income before taxes to total assets; ratio of non-performing loans to gross assets; and ratio of other real estate owned to gross assets. In addition, assessments would take into consideration core deposits to total assets, one-year asset growth and a loan mix index. The loan mix index would measure the extent to which a bank's total assets include higher risk loans. To calculate the loan mix index, each category of loan in the bank's portfolio (other than credit card loans) would be divided by the bank's total assets to determine the percentage of assets represented by that loan category. Each percentage would then be multiplied by that loan category's historical weighted average industry-wide charge-off rate. The sum of these numbers would determine the loan mix index value for that bank. The FDIC proposal is intended to be revenue neutral to the FDIC but to shift premium payments to higher risk institutions. Most institutions are expected to see lower premiums. A companion proposal would assess banks over \$10 billion in assets at higher rates for two years in accordance with the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act.

In addition, all FDIC-insured institutions are required to pay assessments to the FDIC to fund interest payments on bonds issued by the Financing Corporation ("FICO"), an agency of the Federal government established to recapitalize the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. The FICO assessment rates, which are determined quarterly, averaged .01% of insured deposits on an annualized basis in fiscal year 2015. These assessments will continue until the FICO bonds mature in 2017.





Regulatory Capital Requirements. The FDIC has promulgated capital adequacy requirements for state-chartered banks that, like the Bank, are not members of the Federal Reserve System. Effective January 1, 2015, the capital adequacy requirements were substantially revised to conform them to the international regulatory standards agreed to by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in the accord often referred to as “Basel III”. The final rule applies to all depository institutions as well as to all top-tier bank and savings and loan holding companies that are not subject to the Federal Reserve Board’s Small Bank Holding Company Policy Statement.

Under the FDIC’s revised capital adequacy regulations, the Bank is required to meet four minimum capital standards: (1) “Tier 1” or “core” capital leverage ratio equal to at least 4% of total adjusted assets, (2) a common equity Tier 1 capital ratio equal to 4.5% of risk-weighted assets, (3) a Tier 1 risk-based ratio equal to 6% of risk-weighted assets, and (4) a total capital ratio equal to 8% of total risk-weighted assets. Common equity Tier 1 capital is defined as common stock instruments, retained earnings, any common equity Tier 1 minority interest and, unless the bank has made an “opt-out” election, accumulated other comprehensive income, net of goodwill and certain other intangible assets. Tier 1 or core capital is defined as common equity Tier 1 capital plus certain qualifying subordinated interests and grandfathered capital instruments. Total capital consists of Tier 1 capital plus Tier 2 or supplementary capital items, which include allowances for loan losses in an amount of up to 1.25% of risk-weighted assets, qualifying subordinated instruments and certain grandfathered capital instruments. An institution’s risk-based capital requirements are measured against risk-weighted assets, which equal the sum of each on-balance-sheet asset and the credit-equivalent amount of each off-balance-sheet item after being multiplied by an assigned risk weight. Risk weightings range from 0% for cash to 100% for property acquired through foreclosure, commercial loans, and certain other assets to 150% for exposures that are more than 90 days past due or are on nonaccrual status and certain commercial real estate facilities that finance the acquisition, development or construction of real property.

In addition to higher capital requirements, the new capital rules will require banks and covered financial institution holding companies to maintain a capital conservation buffer of at least 2.5% of risk-weighted assets over and above the minimum risk-based capital requirements. Institutions that do not maintain the required capital buffer will become subject to progressively more stringent limitations on the percentage of earnings that can be paid out in dividends or used for stock repurchases and on the payment of discretionary bonuses to senior executive management. The capital buffer requirement will be phased in over four years beginning January 1, 2016. The fully phased-in capital buffer requirement will effectively raise the minimum required risk-based capital ratios to 7% for Common Equity Tier 1 Capital, 8.5% for Tier 1 Capital and 10.5% for Total Capital on a fully phased-in basis.

In assessing an institution’s capital adequacy, the FDIC takes into consideration not only these numeric factors but also qualitative factors, and has the authority to establish higher capital requirements for individual institutions where necessary.

The Bank is also subject to minimum capital requirements imposed by the Department on Pennsylvania-chartered depository institutions. Under the Department’s capital requirements, a Pennsylvania bank or savings bank must maintain a minimum leverage ratio of Tier 1 capital (as defined under the FDIC’s capital regulations) to total assets of 4%. In addition, the Department has the supervisory discretion to require higher leverage ratio for any institutions based on the institution’s substandard performance in any of a number of areas. The Bank was in compliance with both the FDIC and Pennsylvania capital requirements in effect as of December 31, 2015.

Prompt Corrective Regulatory Action. Under applicable federal statutes, the federal bank regulatory agencies are required to take “prompt corrective action” with respect to institutions that do not meet specified minimum capital requirements. For these purposes, the law establishes five capital categories: well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and



critically undercapitalized. Under the FDIC's prompt corrective action regulations, an institution is deemed to be "well capitalized" if it has a Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio of 10.0% or greater, a Tier 1 Risk-Based Capital Ratio of 8.0% or greater, a Common Equity Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6.5% or better and a leverage ratio of 5.0% or greater. An institution is "adequately capitalized" if it has a Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio of 8.0% or greater, a Tier 1 Risk-Based Capital Ratio of 6.0% or greater, a Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio of 4.5% or better and a Leverage Ratio of 4.0% or greater. An institution is "undercapitalized" if it has a Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio of less than 8.0%, a Tier 1 Risk-Based Capital ratio of less than 6.0%, a Common Equity Tier 1 ratio of less than 4.5% or a Leverage Ratio of less than 4.0%. An institution is deemed to be "significantly undercapitalized" if it has a Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio of less than 6.0%, a Tier 1 Risk-Based Capital Ratio of less than 4.0%, a Common Equity Tier 1 ratio of less than 3.0% or a Leverage Ratio of less than 3.0%. An institution is considered to be "critically undercapitalized" if it has a ratio of tangible equity to total assets that is equal to or less than 2.0%

The prompt corrective action regulations provide for the imposition of a variety of requirements and limitations on institutions that fail to meet the above capital requirements. In particular, the FDIC may require any non-member bank that is not "adequately capitalized" to take certain action to increase its capital ratios. If the non-member bank's capital is significantly below the minimum required levels of capital or if it is unsuccessful in increasing its capital ratios, the bank's activities may be restricted.

At December 31, 2015, the Bank qualified as "well capitalized" under the prompt corrective action rules.

**Affiliate Transaction Restrictions.** Federal laws strictly limit the ability of banks to engage in transactions with their affiliates, including their bank holding companies. In particular loans by a subsidiary bank and its parent company or the nonbank subsidiaries of the bank holding company are limited to 10% of a bank subsidiary's capital and surplus and, with respect to such parent company and all such nonbank subsidiaries, to an aggregate of 20% of the bank subsidiary's capital and surplus. Further, loans and other extensions of credit generally are required to be secured by eligible collateral in specified amounts. Transactions with non-affiliates may be treated as transactions with an affiliate to the extent that proceeds from the transaction are used to benefit the affiliate. Federal law also requires that all transactions between a bank and its affiliates be on terms as favorable to the bank as transactions with non-affiliates.

**Loans to One Borrower.** Under Pennsylvania law, commercial banks have, subject to certain exemptions, lending limits to one borrower in an amount equal to 15% of the institution's capital accounts. An institution's capital account includes the aggregate of all capital, surplus, undivided profits, capital securities and general reserves for loan losses. Pursuant to the national bank parity provisions of the Pennsylvania Banking Code, the Bank may also lend up to the maximum amounts permissible for national banks, which are allowed to make loans to one borrower of up to 25% of capital and surplus in certain circumstances. As of December 31, 2015, loans-to-one-borrower limitation was \$13.9 million and the Bank was in compliance with such limitation.

**Federal Home Loan Bank System.** The Bank is a member of the FHLB of Pittsburgh, which is one of 11 regional FHLBs. Each FHLB serves as a reserve or central bank for its members within its assigned region. It is funded primarily from funds deposited by member institutions and proceeds from the sale of consolidated obligations of the FHLB System. It makes loans to members (i.e., advances) in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board of Trustees of the FHLB.

As a member, the Bank is required to purchase and maintain restricted stock in the FHLB of Pittsburgh in an amount equal to the greater of 1% of its aggregate unpaid residential mortgage loans, home purchase contracts or similar obligations at the beginning of each year or 5% of the Bank's



outstanding advances from the FHLB. At December 31, 2015, the Bank was in compliance with this requirement. The FHLB incurred losses in both 2009 and 2010 and had suspended the payment of dividends. However, the FHLB has shown positive results since 2011 which includes stock redemptions and resumed dividend payments. The losses were primarily attributable to impairment of investment securities associated with the extreme economic conditions in place during the previous several years. Management evaluated the stock and concluded that the stock was not impaired for the periods presented herein. More consideration was given to the long-term prospects for the FHLB as opposed to the recent stress caused by the extreme economic conditions that the world is facing. Management also considered that the FHLB's regulatory capital ratios have increased from the prior year, liquidity appears adequate, and new shares of FHLB stock continue to change hands at the \$100 par value.

Federal Reserve System. The Federal Reserve requires all depository institutions to maintain non-interest bearing reserves at specified levels against their transaction accounts (primarily checking and NOW accounts) and non-personal time deposits. The balances maintained to meet the reserve requirements imposed by the Federal Reserve may be used to satisfy the liquidity requirements that are imposed by the Department. At December 31, 2015, the Bank met its reserve requirements.

Restrictions on Dividends. The Pennsylvania Banking Code states, in part, that dividends may be declared and paid only out of accumulated net earnings and may not be declared or paid unless surplus (retained earnings) is at least equal to contributed capital. The Bank has not declared or paid any dividends which cause the Bank's retained earnings to be reduced below the amount required. Finally, dividends may not be declared or paid if the Bank is in default in payment of any assessment due the FDIC.

The Federal Reserve has issued a policy statement on the payment of cash dividends by bank holding companies, which expresses the Federal Reserve's view that a bank holding company should pay cash dividends only to the extent that the holding company's net income for the past year is sufficient to cover both the cash dividends and a rate of earnings retention that is consistent with the holding company's capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. The Federal Reserve also indicated that it would be inappropriate for a company experiencing serious financial problems to borrow funds to pay dividends. In a recent Supervisory Letter, the Federal Reserve staff has stated that, as a general matter, bank holding companies should eliminate cash dividends if net income available to shareholders for the past four quarters, net of dividends previously paid, is not sufficient to fully fund the dividend. Furthermore, under the federal prompt corrective action regulations, the Federal Reserve may prohibit a bank holding company from paying any dividends if the holding company's bank subsidiary is classified as "undercapitalized."

Volcker Rule. On July 21, 2015, banking entities, which include insured depository institutions, their holding companies and affiliates of either, became subject to regulations implementing the so-called Volcker Rule of the Dodd-Frank Act, which prohibits proprietary trading for the entity's own account in certain financial instruments, including securities, derivatives, futures and options but excluding loans, physical commodities and foreign exchange and currency. Under the rules adopted by the federal financial regulatory agencies, the purchase or sale of a financial instrument that has been held for less than 60 days is presumed to be proprietary trading for the purpose of short-term resale or benefiting from short-term price movements or for another prohibited purpose unless the banking organization can demonstrate a contrary purpose. Purchases and sales of financial instruments pursuant to repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements or securities lending agreements, however, are excluded from the definition of proprietary trading. Also excluded from the definition of proprietary trading are purchases and sales of financial instruments where the bank is acting solely as agent for a customer, as trustee for a pension or deferred compensation plan or in connection with the collection of debts previously contracted. Purchases and sales of highly liquid securities that are not reasonably expected to result in short-term trading gains and in an amount consistent with near-term funding needs are excluded from



proprietary trading if conducted pursuant to a documented liquidity management plan. Certain proprietary trading activities are permitted if conducted in connection with underwriting or market-making activities or risk-mitigating hedging activities. Proprietary trading is also permitted in U.S. government, agency and government sponsored-enterprise securities and obligations of states and political subdivisions and the FDIC but not in derivatives of the foregoing.

The Volcker Rule also prohibits banking entities from sponsoring or directly or indirectly acquiring as principal any ownership interest in a “covered fund” unless permitted by the rule. For purposes of this prohibition, a covered fund is any investment fund such as a hedge or private equity fund that would be required to register as an investment company under SEC rules but for the statutory exemptions for funds held by not more than 100 persons or owned solely by high net worth investors, any exempt or substantively similar non-exempt commodity pool and certain foreign investment funds. Excluded from the definition of covered fund are wholly owned subsidiaries of a banking entity or its affiliates, certain permissible joint ventures, insurance company separate accounts for which the banking entity is a beneficiary provided the banking entity does not control investment decisions on the underlying assets or participate in the profits for the separate account except in accordance with supervisory guidance regarding bank owned life insurance, certain vehicles for loan and other permissible securitizations, small business investment companies, public welfare companies permitted under the National Bank Act, business development companies, registered investment companies and investment funds exempt from SEC registration under other statutory provisions. Investments in pooled trust preferred securities are permitted if acquired before December 10, 2013 and the banking entity reasonably believes that the trust preferred securities in the pool were issued prior to May 19, 2010 by depository institution holding companies with less than \$15 billion in assets or by mutual holding companies.

The Volcker Rule prohibits a banking entity from engaging in certain covered transactions, including loans and securities and asset purchases, with any covered fund for which it serves as investment manager, advisor or sponsor or that it organizes and offers. Any transactions with a covered fund must be on terms as favorable to the banking entity as transactions with non-affiliates. Finally, the Volcker Rule prohibits any otherwise permitted proprietary trading or covered fund activity that would involve a material conflict of interest between the banking entity and its customers, result in a material exposure of the banking entity to high risk assets or trading strategies or would pose a threat to the safety and soundness of the banking entity or the financial stability of the United States.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

In determining whether to invest in our securities, investors should consider, among other factors, the following:

##### Risks Related to Our Business

We may not realize the anticipated benefits from our proposed acquisition of Delaware Bancshares, Inc.

On March 10, 2016, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) with Delaware Bancshares, Inc. (“Delaware Bancshares”) and its wholly owned subsidiary, The National Bank of Delaware County (“NBDC Bank”), pursuant to which Delaware Bancshares will merge with and into the Company and immediately thereafter, NBDC Bank will merge with and into the Bank. The acquisition of Delaware Bancshares will extend our market reach into the contiguous New York counties of Delaware and Sullivan. The success of this transaction, however, will depend on, among other things, our ability to realize anticipated cost savings and to combine the businesses of the Bank and NBDC Bank in a manner that permits growth opportunities and does not materially disrupt the





existing customer relationships of NBDC Bank nor result in decreased revenues resulting from any loss of customers. If we are not able to successfully achieve these objectives, the anticipated benefits of the merger may not be realized fully or at all or may take longer to realize than expected.

Norwood Financial Corp. and Delaware Bancshares have operated and, until the completion of the transactions, will continue to operate, independently. Certain Delaware Bancshares employees may not be employed by us after the transaction. In addition, Delaware Bancshares employees that we wish to retain may elect to terminate their employment as a result of the acquisition, which could delay or disrupt the integration process. It is possible that the integration process could result in the disruption of Delaware Bancshare's ongoing businesses or inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures and policies that adversely affect our ability to maintain relationships with customers and employees or to achieve the anticipated benefits of the acquisition.

We hold certain intangible assets that could be classified as impaired in the future. If these assets are considered to be either partially or fully impaired in the future, our earnings would decrease.

At December 31, 2015, we had approximately \$10.0 million in goodwill and identifiable intangible assets on our balance sheet. We are required to test our goodwill and identifiable intangible assets for impairment on a periodic basis. The impairment testing process considers a variety of factors, including the current market price of our common stock, the estimated net present value of our assets and liabilities, and information concerning the terminal valuation of similarly situated insured depository institutions. If an impairment determination is made in a future reporting period, our earnings and the book value of these intangible assets will be reduced by the amount of the impairment. If an impairment loss is recorded, it will have little or no impact on the tangible book value of our common stock or our regulatory capital levels, but such an impairment loss could significantly restrict the Bank's ability to make dividend payments to us.

Our success will depend upon our ability to effectively manage our future growth.

We believe that we have in place the management and systems, including data processing systems, internal controls and a strong credit culture, to support continued growth. However, our continued growth and profitability depend on the ability of our officers and key employees to manage such growth effectively, to attract and retain skilled employees and to maintain adequate internal controls and a strong credit culture. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that we will be successful in managing our expansion, and the failure to do so would adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

If we experience loan losses in excess of our allowance, our earnings will be adversely affected.

The risk of credit losses on loans varies with, among other things, general economic conditions, the type of loan being made, the creditworthiness of the borrower over the term of the loan and, in the case of a collateralized loan, the value and marketability of the collateral for the loan. Management maintains an allowance for loan losses based upon, among other things, historical experience, an evaluation of economic conditions and regular reviews of delinquencies and loan portfolio quality. Based upon such factors, management makes various assumptions and judgments about the ultimate collectability of the loan portfolio and provides an allowance for loan losses based upon a percentage of the outstanding balances and for specific loans when their ultimate collectability is considered questionable. If management's assumptions and judgments prove to be incorrect and the allowance for loan losses is inadequate to absorb future losses, or if the bank regulatory authorities require us to increase the allowance for loan losses as a part of their examination process, our earnings and capital could be significantly and adversely affected.

As of December 31, 2015, our allowance for loan losses was \$7,298,000 which represented 1.30% of outstanding loans. At such date, we had 20 nonperforming loans totaling \$7.1 million and 20 impaired loans totaling \$9.2 million, most of which are included in the nonperforming loans total. We actively manage our nonperforming loans in an effort to minimize credit losses. Although management believes that its allowance for loan losses is adequate, there can be no assurance that the allowance will prove sufficient to cover future loan losses. Further, although management uses the best information available to make determinations with respect to the allowance for loan losses, future adjustments may be necessary if economic conditions differ substantially from the assumptions used or adverse developments arise with respect to our non-performing or performing loans. Material additions to our allowance for loan losses would result in a decrease in our net income and capital, and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Most of our loans are to commercial borrowers, which have a higher degree of risk than other types of loans.

Commercial loans are often larger and may involve greater risks than other types of lending. Because payments on such loans are often dependent on the successful operation of the property or business involved, repayment of such loans may be more sensitive than other types of loans due to adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy. Unlike residential mortgage loans, which generally are made on the basis of the borrower's ability to make repayment from his or her employment and other income and which are secured by real property whose value tends to be more easily ascertainable, commercial loans typically are made on the basis of the borrower's ability to make repayment from the cash flow of the borrower's business. As a result, the availability of funds for the repayment of commercial loans may be substantially dependent on the success of the business itself and the general economic environment. If the cash flow from business operations is reduced, the borrower's ability to repay the loan may be impaired.

Most of our loans are secured, in whole or in part, with real estate collateral which may be subject to declines in value.

In addition to the financial strength and cash flow characteristics of the borrower in each case, we often secure our loans with real estate collateral. As of December 31, 2015, approximately 82% of our loans had real estate as a primary, secondary or tertiary component of collateral. In addition, approximately 46% of our securities portfolio consisted of mortgage-backed securities issued by either Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA). Real estate values and real estate markets are generally affected by, among other things, changes in national, regional or local economic conditions, fluctuations in interest rates and the availability of loans to potential purchasers, changes in tax laws and other governmental statutes, regulations and policies, and acts of nature. The real estate collateral in each case provides an alternate source of repayment in the event of default by the borrower. If real estate prices in our markets decline, the value of the real estate collateral securing our loans could be reduced. If we are required to liquidate the collateral securing a loan during a period of reduced real estate values to satisfy the debt, our earnings and capital could be adversely affected.

We may be required to record other-than-temporary impairment charges in respect of our investment securities portfolio and restricted stock.

As of December 31, 2015, we had approximately \$77.8 million in investments, including mortgage-backed securities, on which we had unrealized losses of \$1.2 million. In addition, we had \$3.4 million of regulatory stock in the FHLB of Pittsburgh. We may be required to record impairment charges on our investments and FHLB stock if they suffer a decline in value that is considered other-than-

temporary. Numerous factors, including lack of liquidity for resales of certain investment securities, absence of reliable pricing information for investment securities, adverse changes in the business climate, or adverse actions by regulators could have a negative effect on the value of our investments and mortgage backed securities. If an impairment charge is significant enough to result in a loss for the period, it could affect the ability of our bank subsidiary to upstream dividends to us, which could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and our ability to pay dividends to stockholders and could also negatively impact our regulatory capital ratios and result in us not being classified as "well capitalized" for regulatory purposes.

The soundness of other financial institutions could adversely affect us.

Our ability to engage in routine funding transactions could be adversely affected by the actions and commercial soundness of other financial institutions. Defaults by, or even rumors or questions about, one or more financial services institutions, or the financial services industry generally, have led to market-wide liquidity problems and could lead to losses or defaults by us or by other institutions. There is no assurance that any such losses would not materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

Our business is subject to interest rate risk, and variations in interest rates may materially and adversely affect our financial performance.

Changes in the interest rate environment may reduce our profits. We realize income primarily from the differential or "spread" between the interest earned on loans, securities and other interest-earning assets, and the interest paid on deposits, borrowings and other interest-bearing liabilities. Net interest spreads are affected by the difference between the maturities and repricing characteristics of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Changes in market interest rates generally affect loan volume, loan yields, funding sources and funding costs. Our net interest spread depends on many factors that are partly or completely out of our control, including competition, federal economic monetary and fiscal policies, and general economic conditions.

In order to mitigate the risks from increases in interest rates, we emphasize the origination of loans with variable rates of interest so that loan yields increase with the general level of interest rates. Since many of the variable-rate loans in our portfolio specify minimum or floor rates of interest that borrowers must pay, however, the effective rates on these loans will not increase until the index rate exceeds the floor rate, which may initially reduce the sensitivity of these loans to increases in general interest rates. An increase in the general level of interest rates may adversely affect the ability of certain borrowers with variable-rate loans to pay the interest on and principal of their obligations. In addition, an increase in market interest rates on loans is generally associated with a lower volume of loan originations, which may reduce earnings. Following an increase in the general level of interest rates, our ability to maintain a positive net interest spread is dependent on our ability to increase our loan offering rates, replace loan maturities with new originations, minimize increases on our deposit rates, and maintain an acceptable level and mix of funding. We cannot provide assurances that we will be able to increase our loan offering rates and continue to originate loans due to the competitive landscape in which we operate. Additionally, we cannot provide assurances that we can minimize the increases in our deposit rates while maintaining an acceptable level of deposits. Finally, we cannot provide any assurances that we can maintain our current levels of non-interest-bearing deposits as customers may seek higher yielding products when rates increase.

Following a decline in the general level of interest rates, our ability to maintain a positive net interest spread is dependent on our ability to reduce the interest paid on deposits, borrowings, and other interest-bearing liabilities. We cannot provide assurance that we would be able to lower the rates paid on deposit accounts to support our liquidity requirements as lower rates may result in deposit outflows.



Accordingly, changes in levels of market interest rates could materially and adversely affect our net interest spread, asset quality, loan origination volume, liquidity, and overall profitability. We cannot assure you that we can minimize our interest rate risk.

Liquidity risk could impair our ability to fund operations and jeopardize our financial condition.

Liquidity is essential to our business. An inability to raise funds through deposits, borrowings, the sale of loans and investments and other sources could have a substantial negative effect on our liquidity. Our access to funding sources in amounts adequate to finance our activities or on terms which are acceptable to us could be impaired by factors that affect us specifically or the financial services industry or economy in general. Factors that could detrimentally impact our access to liquidity sources include a decrease in the level of our business activity as a result of a downturn in the markets in which our loans are concentrated or adverse regulatory action against us. Our ability to borrow could also be impaired by factors that are not specific to us, such as a disruption in the financial markets or negative views and expectations about the prospects for the financial services industry in light of the recent turmoil faced by banking organizations and the continued deterioration in credit markets.

We may elect or be compelled to seek additional capital in the future, but that capital may not be available when it is needed.

We are required by federal and state regulatory authorities to maintain adequate levels of capital to support our operations. In addition, we may elect to raise additional capital to support our business or to finance acquisitions, if any, or we may otherwise elect or be required to raise additional capital. In that regard, a number of financial institutions have recently raised considerable amounts of capital in response to a deterioration in their results of operations and financial condition arising from the turmoil in the mortgage loan market, deteriorating economic conditions, declines in real estate values and other factors. Should we be required by regulatory authorities to raise additional capital, we may seek to do so through the issuance of, among other things, our common stock or preferred stock.

Our ability to raise additional capital, if needed, will depend on conditions in the capital markets, economic conditions and a number of other factors, many of which are outside our control, and on our financial performance. Accordingly, we cannot assure you of our ability to raise additional capital if needed or on terms acceptable to us. If we cannot raise additional capital when needed, it may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

Our business is geographically concentrated and is subject to regional economic factors that could have an adverse impact on our business.

Substantially all of our business is with customers in our market area of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Most of our customers are consumers and small and medium-sized businesses which are dependent upon the regional economy. Adverse changes in economic and business conditions in our markets could adversely affect our borrowers, their ability to repay their loans and to borrow additional funds, and consequently our financial condition and performance.

Additionally, we often secure our loans with real estate collateral, most of which is located in Northeastern Pennsylvania. A decline in local economic conditions could adversely affect the values of such real estate. Consequently, a decline in local economic conditions may have a greater effect on our earnings and capital than on the earnings and capital of larger financial institutions whose real estate loan portfolios are geographically diverse.

The loss of senior executive officers and certain other key personnel could hurt our business.

Our success depends, to a great extent, upon the services of Lewis J. Critelli, our President and Chief Executive Officer. Although we have an employment agreement with non-compete provisions with Mr. Critelli, the existence of such agreement does not assure that we will retain his services. The unexpected loss of Mr. Critelli could have a material adverse effect on our operations. From time to time, we also need to recruit personnel to fill vacant positions for experienced lending officers and branch managers. Competition for qualified personnel in the banking industry is intense, and there can be no assurance that we will continue to be successful in attracting, recruiting and retaining the necessary skilled managerial, marketing and technical personnel for the successful operation of our existing lending, operations, accounting and administrative functions or to support the expansion of the functions necessary for our future growth. Our inability to hire or retain key personnel could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Our legal lending limits are relatively low and restrict our ability to compete for larger customers.

At December 31, 2015, our lending limit per borrower was approximately \$13.9 million, or 15% of our capital plus allowance for loan losses. Accordingly, the size of loans that we can offer to potential borrowers is less than the size of loans that many of our competitors with larger capitalization are able to offer. We may engage in loan participations with other banks for loans in excess of our legal lending limits. However, there can be no assurance that such participations will be available at all or on terms which are favorable to us and our customers.

The short-term and long-term impact of the changing regulatory capital requirements and anticipated new capital rules is uncertain.

The federal banking agencies have recently adopted proposals that would substantially amend the regulatory risk-based capital rules applicable to the Company and the Bank. The amendments implement the “Basel III” regulatory capital reforms and changes required by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. The amended rules include new minimum risk-based capital and leverage ratios, which become effective in January 2015 with certain requirements to be phased in beginning in 2016, and will refine the definition of what constitutes “capital” for purposes of calculating those ratios.

The new minimum capital level requirements applicable to the Company and the Bank include: (i) a new common equity Tier 1 capital ratio of 4.5%; (ii) a Tier 1 capital ratio of 6% (increased from 4%); (iii) a total capital ratio of 8% (unchanged from current rules); and (iv) a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 4% for all institutions. The new rules also establish a “capital conservation buffer” of 2.5% above the new regulatory minimum capital ratios, and would result in the following minimum ratios: (i) a common equity Tier 1 capital ratio of 7.0%, (ii) a Tier 1 capital ratio of 8.5%, and (iii) a total capital ratio of 10.5%. The new capital conservation buffer requirement will be phased in beginning in January 2016 at 0.625% of risk-weighted assets and would increase each year until fully implemented in January 2019. An institution would be subject to limitations on paying dividends, engaging in share repurchases, and paying discretionary bonuses if its capital level falls below the buffer amount. These limitations would establish a maximum percentage of eligible retained income that could be utilized for such actions. While the Basel III changes and other regulatory capital requirements will likely result in generally higher regulatory capital standards, it is difficult at this time to predict when or how any new standards will ultimately be applied to the Company and the Bank.

The application of more stringent capital requirements to the Company and the Bank could, among other things, result in lower returns on invested capital, require the raising of additional capital, and result in regulatory actions if we were to be unable to comply with such requirements. Furthermore,



the imposition of liquidity requirements in connection with the implementation of Basel III could result in our having to lengthen the term of our funding, restructure our business models, and/or increase our holdings of liquid assets. Implementation of changes to asset risk weightings for risk based capital calculations, items included or deducted in calculating regulatory capital and/or additional capital conservation buffers could result in management modifying its business strategy and could limit our ability to make distributions, including paying out dividends or buying back shares.

#### Risks Related to Our Common Stock

There is a limited trading market for our common stock, which may adversely impact your ability to sell your shares and the price you receive for your shares.

Although our common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq Global Market, there has been limited trading activity in our stock and an active trading market is not expected to develop. This means that there may be limited liquidity for our common stock, which may make it difficult to buy or sell our common stock, may negatively affect the price of our common stock and may cause volatility in the price of our common stock.

There are restrictions on our ability to pay cash dividends.

Although we have paid cash dividends on a quarterly basis since 1996, and the Bank has paid dividends for many previous years, there is no assurance that we will continue to pay cash dividends. Future payment of cash dividends, if any, will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will be dependent upon our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements and such other factors as the Board may deem relevant and will be subject to applicable federal and state laws that impose restrictions on our ability to pay dividends.

Our common stock is not insured and you could lose the value of your entire investment.

An investment in shares of our common stock is not a deposit and is not insured against loss by the government.

Our management and significant shareholders control a substantial percentage of our stock and therefore have the ability to exercise substantial control over our affairs.

As of December 31, 2015, our directors and executive officers beneficially owned approximately 317,479 shares, or approximately 8.2% of our common stock, including options to purchase 100,857 shares, in the aggregate, of our common stock at exercise prices ranging from \$24.44 to \$29.08 per share. Because of the large percentage of stock held by our directors and executive officers and other significant shareholders, these persons could influence the outcome of any matter submitted to a vote of our shareholders.

We may issue additional shares of common or preferred stock, which may dilute the ownership and voting power of our shareholders and the book value of our common stock.

We are currently authorized to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of common stock of which 3,701,357 shares are currently outstanding and up to 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock of which no shares are outstanding. Our Board of Directors has authority, without action or vote of the shareholders, to issue all or part of the authorized but unissued shares and to establish the terms of any series of preferred stock. These authorized but unissued shares could be issued on terms or in circumstances that could dilute the interests of other stockholders. In addition, a total of 525,000 shares of common stock





have been reserved for issuance under the Norwood Financial Corp 2006 Stock Option Plan and the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, of which 293,970 were issued as of December 31, 2015. As of December 31, 2015, options to purchase a total of 180,021 shares were exercisable and had exercise prices ranging from \$24.44 to \$29.08. Any such issuance will dilute the percentage ownership interest of shareholders and may further dilute the book value of our common stock.

Provisions of our Articles of Incorporation and the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law could deter takeovers which are opposed by the Board of Directors.

Our articles of incorporation require the approval of 80% of our outstanding shares for any merger or consolidation unless the transaction meets certain fair price criteria or the business combination has been approved or authorized by the Board of Directors. In addition, our articles of incorporation may require the disgorgement of profits realized by any person who attempts to acquire control of the Company. As a Pennsylvania corporation with a class of securities registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company is governed by certain provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law that, inter alia, permit the disparate treatment of certain shareholders; prohibit calls of special meetings by shareholders; require unanimous written consent for shareholder action in lieu of a meeting; require shareholder approval for certain transactions in which a shareholder has an interest; and impose additional requirements on business combinations with persons who are the beneficial owners of more than 20% of the Company's stock.

#### Risks Related to Our Industry

We operate in a competitive market which could constrain our future growth and profitability.

We operate in a competitive environment, competing for deposits and loans with commercial banks, savings associations and other financial entities. Competition for deposits comes primarily from other commercial banks, savings associations, credit unions, money market and mutual funds and other investment alternatives. Competition for loans comes primarily from other commercial banks, savings associations, mortgage banking firms, credit unions and other financial intermediaries. Many of the financial intermediaries operating in our market area offer certain services, such as international banking services, which we do not offer. Moreover, banks with a larger capitalization and financial intermediaries not subject to bank regulatory restrictions have larger lending limits and are thereby able to serve the needs of larger customers.

We are required to comply with extensive and complex governmental regulation which can adversely affect our business.

Our operations are and will be affected by current and future legislation and by the policies established from time to time by various federal and state regulatory authorities. We are subject to supervision and periodic examination by the Federal Reserve Board (the "FRB"), FDIC and the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities. Banking regulations, designed primarily for the safety of depositors, may limit a financial institution's growth and the return to its investors by restricting such activities as the payment of dividends, mergers with or acquisitions by other institutions, investments, loans and interest rates, interest rates paid on deposits, expansion of branch offices, and the offering of securities or trust services. We are also subject to capitalization guidelines established by federal law and could be subject to enforcement actions to the extent that we are found by regulatory examiners to be undercapitalized. It is not possible to predict what changes, if any, will be made to existing federal and state legislation and regulations or the effect that any such changes may have on our future business and earnings prospects. Further, the cost of compliance with regulatory requirements may adversely affect our ability to operate profitably.



In addition, the monetary policies of the FRB have had a significant effect on the operating results of banks in the past and are expected to continue to do so in the future. Among the instruments of monetary policy used by the FRB to implement its objectives are changes in the discount rate charged on bank borrowings and changes in the reserve requirements on bank deposits. It is not possible to predict what changes, if any, will be made to the monetary policies of the FRB or to existing federal and state legislation or the effect that such change may have on our future business and earnings prospects.

During the past several years, significant legislative attention has been focused on the regulation and deregulation of the financial services industry. Non-bank financial institutions, such as securities brokerage firms, insurance companies and money market funds, have been permitted to engage in activities which compete directly with traditional bank business.

We may bear costs associated with the proliferation of computer theft and cybercrime.

As part of our banking business, we collect, use and hold sensitive data concerning individuals and businesses with whom we have a banking relationship. Threats to data security, including unauthorized access and cyber-attacks, rapidly emerge and change, exposing us to additional costs for protection or remediation and competing time constraints to secure our data in accordance with customer expectations and statutory and regulatory requirements. The increasing sophistication of cyber-criminals and terrorists makes it extremely difficult to keep up with new threats and could result in a breach of our data security. Patching and other measures to protect existing systems and servers could be inadequate, especially on systems that are being retired. Controls employed by our information technology department and third-party vendors could prove inadequate. We could also experience a breach by intentional or negligent conduct on the part of our employees or other internal sources or by merchants using our customers' debit and credit cards, software bugs or other technical malfunctions, or other causes. As a result of any of these threats, our customer accounts may become vulnerable to account takeover schemes or cyber-fraud. Our systems and those of our third-party vendors may become vulnerable to damage or disruption due to circumstances beyond our or their control, such as from catastrophic events, power anomalies or outages, natural disasters, network failures, and viruses and malware.

A breach of our security that results in unauthorized access to our data could expose us to a disruption or challenges relating to our daily operations as well as to data loss, litigation, damages, fines and penalties, customer notification requirements, significant increases in compliance costs, and reputational damage, any of which could individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

#### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

#### Item 2. Properties

The Bank operates from its main office located at 717 Main Street, Honesdale, Pennsylvania and 14 additional branch offices. The Bank's total investment in office property and equipment is \$16.6 million with a net book value of \$6.5 million as of December 31, 2015. The Bank currently operates automated teller machines at 15 of its facilities. The Bank leases five of its locations with minimum lease commitments of \$3.7 million through 2029. Four of the locations have various renewal options.



Item 3. Legal Proceedings

Neither the Company nor its subsidiaries are involved in any pending legal proceedings, other than routine legal matters occurring in the ordinary course of business, which in the aggregate involve amounts which are believed by management to be immaterial to the consolidated financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

(a) Market Information. Information relating to the market for Registrant's common equity and related stockholder matters appears under "Capital and Dividends" in the Registrant's Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 (the "Annual Report") and is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Use of Proceeds. Not applicable.

(c) Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities. Not applicable.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The above-captioned information appears under "Summary of Selected Financial Data" in the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations

The above-captioned information appears under "Management's Discussion and Analysis" in the Annual Report and is incorporated herein by reference from the Annual Report.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

The above-captioned information appears under "Management's Discussion and Analysis -- Market Risk" in the Annual Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The Company's consolidated financial statements listed in Item 15 and the Summary of Quarterly Results (unaudited) are incorporated herein by reference from the Annual Report.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

Not applicable.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

(a) Disclosure Controls and Procedures. The Company's management evaluated, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

(b) Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and the Report of the Company's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm are incorporated herein by reference from the Annual Report. There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information contained under the sections captioned "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" and "Proposal I -- Election of Directors" and "Corporate Governance" in the Proxy Statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Proxy Statement") are incorporated herein by reference.

The Company has adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer or controller. The Code of Ethics is posted on the stockholder services page of Wayne Bank's website at [www.waynebank.com/stockholder-services](http://www.waynebank.com/stockholder-services).

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information contained under the section captioned "Director and Executive Compensation" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

(a) Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the Section captioned "Principal Holders of Our Common Stock" of the Proxy Statement.

(b) Security Ownership of Management

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned "Proposal I -- Election of Directors" of the Proxy Statement.





(c)

## Changes in Control

Management of the Company knows of no arrangements, including any pledge by any person of securities of the Company, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the registrant.

## (d) Equity Compensation Plan Information

## EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

	(a)	(b)	(c)
	Number of Securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans, (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders			
2006 Stock Option Plan	194,521	\$ 26.91	4,057
2014 Equity Incentive Plan	23,027	28.76	226,973
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>217,548</b>	<b>\$ 27.10</b>	<b>231,030</b>

## Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the section in the Proxy Statement captioned “Related Party Transactions” and “Corporate Governance”.

## Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the section in the Proxy Statement captioned “Proposal II -- Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.”

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules

(a) Listed below are all financial statements, schedules and exhibits filed as part of this report, and are incorporated by reference.

1. The consolidated balance sheets of Norwood Financial Corp. and subsidiary as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the years in the three year period ended December 31, 2015, together with the related notes and the independent registered public accounting firm report of S.R. Snodgrass, P.C., independent registered public accounting firm.

2. Schedules omitted as they are not applicable.

3. Exhibits

P No.	Description
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated March 10, 2016, by and among Norwood Financial Corp., Wayne Bank, Delaware Bancshares, Inc. and The National Bank of Delaware County.(1)
3(i)	Articles of Incorporation of Norwood Financial Corp.(2)
3(ii)	Bylaws of Norwood Financial Corp. (3)
4.0	Specimen Stock Certificate of Norwood Financial Corp. (2)
10.1†	Employment Agreement with Lewis J. Critelli (4)
10.2†	Change in Control Severance Agreement with William S. Lance (4)
10.3†	Norwood Financial Corp. Stock Option Plan (5)
10.4†	Change in Control Severance Agreement with Robert J. Mancuso (6)
10.5†	Salary Continuation Agreement between the Bank and William W. Davis, Jr. (7)
10.6†	Salary Continuation Agreement between the Bank and Lewis J. Critelli (7)
10.7†	1999 Directors Stock Compensation Plan (5)
10.8†	Salary Continuation Agreement between the Bank and John H. Sanders (8)
10.9†	2006 Stock Option Plan (9)
10.10†	First and Second Amendments to Salary Continuation Agreement with William W. Davis, Jr. (10)
10.11†	First and Second Amendments to Salary Continuation Agreement with Lewis J. Critelli (10)
10.12†	First and Second Amendments to Salary Continuation Agreement with John H. Sanders (10)
10.13†	Change in Control Severance Agreement with James F. Burke (11)
10.14†	2014 Equity Incentive Plan (12)
10.15†	Addendum to Change in Control Severance Agreement with William S. Lance (13)
13	Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015
21	Subsidiaries of Norwood Financial Corp. (see Item 1. Business, General and Subsidiary Activity)
23	Consent of S.R. Snodgrass, P.C.
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of CEO

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31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of CFO  
32 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of  
Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002  
101.INS XBRL Instance Document  
101.SCH XBRL Schema Document

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101.CAL XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document  
101.LAB XBRL Labels Linkbase Document  
101.PRE XBRL Presentation Linkbase Document  
101.DEF XBRL Definition Linkbase Document

† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

- (1) Incorporated by reference from the identically numbered exhibit to the Registrant's current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 10, 2016.
- (2) Incorporated herein by reference into this document from the Exhibits to Form 10, Registration Statement initially filed with the Commission on April 29, 1996, Registration No. 0-28364.
- (3) Incorporated by reference into this document from the identically numbered exhibit to the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on August 8, 2014.
- (4) Incorporated herein by reference from the identically numbered exhibits to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 15, 2010.
- (5) Incorporated herein by reference into this document from the Exhibits to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 23, 2000, File No. 0-28364.
- (6) Incorporated by reference into this document from the identically numbered exhibits to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 14, 2013. File No 0-28364.
- (7) Incorporated herein by reference from the Exhibits to Form S-8 filed with the Commission on August 14, 1998, File No. 333-61487.
- (8) Incorporated by reference into this document from the identically numbered exhibits to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 22, 2004, File No. 0-28364.
- (9) Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-134831) filed with the Commission on June 8, 2006.
- (10) Incorporated herein by reference from the Exhibits to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 4, 2006.
- (11) Incorporated herein by reference from the identically numbered exhibit to the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on November 7, 2013.
- (12) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-195643) filed with the Commission on May 2, 2014.
- (13) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 18, 2015.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NORWOOD FINANCIAL CORP.

Dated: March 15, 2016

By: /s/ Lewis J. Critelli  
Lewis J. Critelli  
President and Chief Executive  
Officer  
(Duly Authorized  
Representative)

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on March 15, 2016 on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities indicated.

/s/ Lewis J. Critelli  
Lewis J. Critelli  
President, Chief Executive Officer and Director  
(Principal Executive Officer )

/s/ William W. Davis, Jr.  
William W. Davis, Jr.  
Director

/s/ Dr. Andrew A. Forte  
Dr. Andrew A. Forte  
Director

/s/ Susan Gumble  
Susan Gumble  
Director

/s/ Joseph W. Adams  
Joseph W. Adams  
Director

/s/ John E. Marshall  
John E. Marshall  
Director

/s/ Ralph A. Matergia  
Ralph A. Matergia  
Director

/s/ Dr. Kenneth A. Phillips  
Dr. Kenneth A. Phillips  
Director

/s/ Kevin M. Lamont  
Kevin M. Lamont  
Director

/s/ William S. Lance  
William S. Lance  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

