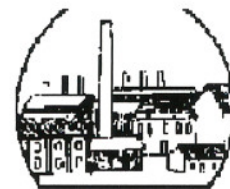


BROWNFIELD UPDATE

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Major Advancements for High Tech Park Underway

Progress is being made at the Greater Johnstown Regional Tech Park as site preparation continues at the former Sani-Dairy brownfield site.

The site work is a joint project of the Conemaugh Health System's subsidiary, Conemaugh Enterprises Inc. and the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority.

Crews have finished raising the lot to elevate the surrounding area out of the flood plain. Also underway are Phase I-A site improvements including utility and sewer installation, new curbing, and

storm-water controls required to support the first structure.

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority recently awarded the Phase I-A contract to L&M Excavating Company Inc., of Johnstown.

Construction is underway on the infrastructure work which will support the three-story, 95,000-square-foot building.

Meanwhile, work continues in recruiting potential tenants for the tech park's initial building.

Northrop Grumman Corp., a nationally known defense and aerospace contractor, announced



(Artistic rendering of the Regional Tech Park)

in November 2006 that they would become the first tenant to occupy the complex when construction is completed. *(See HIGH TECH, page 3)*

Another Promising Development Taking Shape in Kernville

As the Greater Johnstown Regional Technology Center continues to be a forefront for the future of Johnstown's economy, other technology based businesses within the Kernville community are taking shape.

In December 2006, a groundbreaking was held for Integrated Technology Services International (ITSI) Bioscience and Technology Innovation Center. ITSI will be located at a 12,000 sq. ft. redevelopment site on 633 Napoleon St..

President and CEO of ITSI, Richard Somiari is enthusiastic of the potential for success in Johnstown.



(Dr. Richard Somiari speaks during the December 5th groundbreaking)

"It's very exciting," Somiari said, "It's been about two years in the making. Each time I traveled and

explored the opportunities for business, I kept coming back here."

In a release from Harrisburg, Gov. Ed Rendell said the expansion will receive a \$500,000 state investment.

"Johnstown is taking another major step toward rebuilding its economy and strengthening its presence in the life-science sector," Rendell said.

The nearly \$1.8 million ITSI building will house a proteomics lab that will allow the company to conduct large-scale protein studies. It will also accelerate research-and-development activities and increase bio-analytical *(See SOMIARI, page 4)*

Progress Continues on the Cambria Iron Works

Over the past few months the Son & Co. of Canada and JWFI of Cambria Iron Works has been full of activity, as construction continues to reshape the historic Lower Works.

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority has been focusing on revitalizing the former brownfield area into a modern industrial complex.

Although the days are over when 2,000,000 tons of steel were produced per year at the bustling mills, the hard work ethic continues to thrive as more businesses are expanding at the former Bethlehem complex.

The Machine Shop

The Machine Shop is now leased to Samuel Plate Processing Johnstown LLC, a joint venture between Samuel,

Son & Co. of Canada and JWFI of Johnstown.

Currently renovations are underway to further upgrade the crane runway, roof trusses, rail road line and additional general construction. Recently, additional business office space was also built at the Machine Shop.

Within the first year of partnership, 45 jobs will be created, with over 100 more jobs projected within the next 3 years.

The Blacksmith Shop

The Lower Works is also home to the Historic 1854 Blacksmith Shop. Spearheaded by the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, work is currently underway to remediate and reuse the federally recognized historic landmark.

A contract was awarded to J.C. Orr & Son, Inc. for \$1,357,498.00 that started October 2006 and will continue through Summer, 2007.

J.C. Orr & Son will undertake remediation of the building, as well as restoration including new roof, windows, doors, and building support system in order to reutilize the facility.



(Restoration of the Blacksmith Shop in the Cambria Iron Works is currently underway.)

Plans prewise that the Blacksmith Shop will be the keystone of a visitor infrastructure where working artisans will perform their craft to give tourists a firsthand look at the art of blacksmithing, and Johnstown's steelmaking heritage.

People touring from California, Chicago, and Florida have expressed sincere interest in occupying the building upon completion of restoration.

The Pedestrian Footbridge

The Pedestrian Footbridge, connecting Roosevelt Blvd. and the Cambria Iron Works, was completed in time for the 2006 Johnstown Folkfest.

Dating back to the late 1930's, the 286-foot bridge once carried employees to Bethlehem Steel Corp.'s Lower Works.

Using about \$1 million in state funding, the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Ron Repak commissioned a restoration of the Eastern historic span and a replacement of the newer, Western section. *(See WORKS, page 3)*



(A newly installed crane unloads sheet metal at the Cambria Iron Works Machine Shop)

Gateway Greenspace: A Welcoming Site

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority has undertaken the Gateway Greenspace Project to revitalize a premier entrance into the City of Johnstown. Bids were opened on January 31, 2007 with the low bidder being Oppy Construction of Johnstown, PA at \$172,000.31.

The project consists of landscaping, sidewalks and signage to create a pastoral setting to beautify a major entry port into the downtown.

The greenspace is located adjacent to the Stonycreek river, on the former site of the B&O Freight Station.

The Redevelopment Authority has remediated and razed this brownfield site, making way for the creation of the new park.

Funding was provided through a Transportation Enhancement Program grant by PENNDOT, the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, US EPA Brownfields Program, Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, as well as private donations by William and Jeanne McKelvey and Donald Bird.

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Clearwater Construction Inc. was the contractor that handled duties on site. U.S. Bridge of Cambridge, OH, was the supplier which repaired the Eastern span and built a replica of the Western historic structure.

Repak said there were some setbacks as crews tried to rehabilitate the Eastern span.

"It took a lot longer than anticipated," he said, adding that a piece of the bridge was damaged during transport back to Johnstown.

"It had to go back because it's got to be perfect," Repak said.

Permanent lighting fixtures have been set in place and the former guardhouse at the entrance to the Lower Works has been renovated



(An aerial view of the newly renovated Pedestrian Bridge)

to replicate the original turnstiles at the gate.

The completion of the Cambria Iron Pedestrian Bridge Project will extend the Johnstown Urban

Greenway Trail across the Conemaugh River into the historic Cambria City neighborhood allowing a more user-friendly and safer transportation mode into the West End, especially for the handicapped.

The bridge will allow people to easily travel by foot from the Cambria City Ethnic Festival to the Johnstown FolkFest.

Learn More about the historic Cambria Iron Works at the Library of Congress American Memory Web page:

<http://memory.loc.gov>

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Northrop Grumman does \$500 million in business annually in federal public health information technology.

As announced last November, they will be working in connection with Memorial Medical Center to

adapt medical records software for the private sector.

Northrop Grumman's collaboration in the bioinformatics field illustrates the economic development vision for the tech park.

Along with Northrop Grumman, other tenants include the John P. Murtha Neuroscience and Pain Institute and the InforMedx Group.



(Earthmovers Unlimited, Inc. workers backfill the razed site of the former Conemaugh Engraving Co., at the Regional Technology Park)

Altogether, the state-of-the-art complex represents a \$22.5 million investment which will set Johnstown in the forefront of information technology and related health-science biotechnology.

The complex will

be a hub of shared research and development, interacting with local universities and post-graduate programs.

In January 2007, both the former Conemaugh Engraving building and an adjacent, vacant apartment complex, located within the vicinity of the tech-park's grounds, were razed in an effort to maximize available open space for future park development.

The Greater Johnstown Regional Technology Park is scheduled to open its first building in 2008.

For more information on the development and leasing opportunities visit:

www.johnstowntechpark.com

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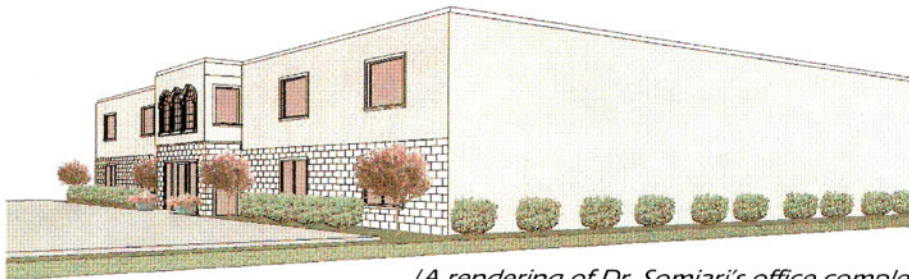
kit manufacturing capacity, which will streamline specimen testing. The research labs will be located on what formerly were blighted properties.

"Coming here is going to solve a lot of problems," Somiari said. "It's going to give us a lot of capabilities we never had before."

Ron Repak, Director of the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority said this type of project is what his organization has in mind when it razes structures that have become eyesores.

"This is a perfect reuse of a blighted, abandoned property in a targeted redevelopment area," Repak said.

"I think the Greater Johnstown Tech Park has become a catalyst we expected it would be, and is allowing us to attract the kind of investments we're seeing here today."



(A rendering of Dr. Somiari's office complex)

New AmeriCorps Member Serves with JRA

Jill Kelly, the previous AmeriCorps service member who served as the Environmental Outreach Coordinator for the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority from 2005-2006, has decided to continue her education and is working diligently on completing her Master's Degree and Doctorate from the Michigan State University.

The JRA staff would like to wish Jill the very best and welcome her

replacement, AmeriCorps service member Jim Young.

Jim is a recent graduate of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, where he earned a B.A. in Communications.

As a member of the Pennsylvania Mountain Service Corps, Jim works with the Redevelopment Authority as Environmental Outreach Coordinator and performs community service with other Ameri-

Corps members throughout the region.

The PMSC is a local initiative of AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps is the national service movement engaging thousands of Americans of all ages and backgrounds in a domestic Peace Corps.

Members serve in their own communities in the areas of education, environment, public safety and human needs.

JRA's Updated Website Unveiled

In January 2007 JRA's newly designed web-page was launched. The site



was created by Inshore Technologies of 239 Main St. in downtown Johnstown. The site includes JRA's history, projects, past newsletters, Johnstown Regional Sewage information, and Brownfield available sites & success stories. Log on to: **WWW.JOHNSTOWN-REDEVELOPMENT.ORG** and check it out!

3 New Brownfield Applications Submitted to the EPA

In December 2006 the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority submitted 3 applications to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Brownfield Cleanup and Assessment in Johnstown, PA. The applications were prepared by Deborah M. Walter, Program Manager.

The first application is for a City-Wide brownfield assessment fund. The second is for a Greater Johnstown Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) and the third is for brownfield cleanup funds for the Rosedale KOZ / Ore Yard located in the Cambria Iron Works. In Spring 2007, the EPA will announce the cleanup and assessment grant awardees.

Recycling Real Estate into Investment Opportunities

Brownfields are defined as "abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination." Brownfield properties translate into investment opportunities for buyers and sellers alike.

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority can assist in your efforts to cleanup and reuse these brownfield properties. If you own a brownfield property or are interested in a brownfield site, for more information, please contact:

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