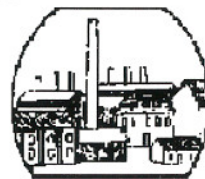


BROWNFIELD UPDATE

"Resurrecting the past... building the future while working towards a safe, friendly, cleaner and enhanced community."



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UNIQUE ATTRACTION IN THE CAMBRIA IRON WORKS

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority is pleased to announce that they have issued a letter of intent to Cambria Architectural Metalworks for reuse of the Blacksmith Shop (circa 1864), the oldest remaining original structure of the Cambria Iron Works on Iron Street in Johnstown. Cambria Architectural Metalworks plans to lease the functional blacksmith shop for their business to perform industrial and artistic blacksmith applications. The partners in this venture, from Chicago and New York, want to hire local people to become blacksmiths and teach the trade. The Cambria Architectural Metalworks has produced a business plan and laid the groundwork for metalworks jobs across the country.

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority has been working to

remediate and restore the Blacksmith Shop through funding secured from over 20 different Federal, State, and local sources. The Authority has also coordinated the construction process at the facility in order to provide a setting for modern day blacksmiths to use the turn-



*Above: Newly renovated core of Blacksmith Shop in Cambria Iron Works
Right: Turn-of-the-century equipment*

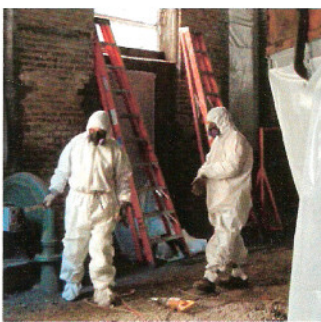


of-the-century historic structure.

"Our goal was to create another viable business to generate revenue for the city, jobs for skilled workers, and a unique historic opportunity for visitors and residents of City," said Ronald W. Repak, Executive Director, of the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority. This revitalized facility and exclusive tenant combination will provide an opportunity for economic development and industrial reuse.

BROWNFIELD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM - Funding for Cleanup Projects

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority (JRA) has recently been awarded \$1 Million from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the establishment of a Brownfield Revitalization Funding Program in the Greater Johnstown area. The JRA applied for this funding as part of continued efforts to provide clean and ready-to-go sites for economic development and to



promote the health and well-being of citizens in Johnstown and the surrounding areas. These funds will enable the JRA to provide economic initiatives and cleanup support to eligible applicants in the form of cleanup grants and loans to eliminate environmental concerns

at properties in Cambria County.

In order to educate the community and potential applicants about the Brownfield Revitalization Program, the Authority held a Public Information Meeting on January 24, 2008. With 20 people in



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BUILDING SUCCESS IN THE AREA

Congressman John P. Murtha joined with representatives from the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, Conemaugh Health System, Northrop Grumman, MTS Technologies Inc., and state and local officials to break ground on

July 3, 2007 at the Greater Johnstown Tech Park to kick off the construction of the three-story, 95,000 square-foot building as the site of the former Sani-Dairy.

Work has been ongoing at the site, with highly noticeable construction beginning in late 2007. The first section of structural steel was erected December 20, 2007 with Congressman John Murtha in attendance to place the first bolt into the steel.

The new building will have a state-of-the-art security system, voice and data capabilities, and house advanced technology businesses on its landscaped, campus-like setting.

The two major tenants committed to the project are Northrop Grumman Corporation and MTS Technologies.

MTS Technologies will expand existing services in Johnstown and increase their workforce by 25 more jobs in their

20,000 square foot portion of the new complex. The new building space is 60% leased with 33,000 square feet still available.

On January 7, 2008, Northrop Grumman held a press conference to announce that they will work in conjunction with the Department of Defense to meet medical records needs from around the globe through the newly developed electronic records system

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www.johnstowntechpark.com

which relays information between doctors in Johnstown and doctors on the battlefield. The secure software program allows for instant access to medical records of wounded military personnel and keeps track of veteran's records long after they are discharge from the service. This advanced data will aid in providing superior medical service needed for the men and women fighting for our Country.



Above, ground level rendering of Greater Johnstown Technology Complex Building and construction photo, shown below.



MAJOR EXPANSION IN KERNVILLE

Cambria Business Machines (CBM) has been headquartered in Johnstown since 1964, and with steady growth over the years, the local information technology company has now outgrown its current facility on Clinton Street. The company purchased property to build a new facility at the corner of South and Franklin Streets.

CBM took on this \$3 Million major expansion in the Kernville section of the City complimenting other new developments such as the Greater Johnstown Water Authority office and Dr. Gella's office building. CBM's Matt Romagna said "The reason they choose to stay in Johnstown is because



Above: Cambria Business Machines' new office

Johnstown is home to the company and will stay our home." CBM has a large customer base and a strong loyalty in this area.

CBM's property was formerly a brownfield site composed of five blighted vacant structures.

Through the help of the City and the Authority, CBM was able to break ground on its new loca-

tion on October 31, 2007. Since that time, construction crews have worked to quickly build the 12,000 square foot building. The facility is designed with loading

docks, twice the work space, and four times more warehouse space than their current location.

Through this expansion, Mr. Romagna said "We will be better able to accommodate our shipments and allow more space for our technicians to work. CMB hopes to open the facility by April creating 5 new jobs now and 5-7 more in the next 4 years.

VOLUNTEERS CLEANUP RED CROSS BIRTHPLACE

With shovels, rakes and trash bags in hand, members of the Pennsylvania Mountain Service Corps, the regional initiative of AmeriCorps, met at the historical "Clara Barton House" on November 30, 2007 for a community volunteer property cleanup.

More commonly known in the community as the former Gordon Mortuary, this structure served as the temporary home of Clara Barton and her disaster relief headquarters while she was in Johnstown after the Great Flood of 1889. Her relief efforts here served as the impetus for the formation of the American Red Cross Organization.

Trying to preserve this historical structure for the community, volunteers spent the day removing garbage from the interior of the house, raking leaves, cutting grass and performing an overall cleanup of the property.



In 1974, the home was purchased by the Gordon Family and converted to a mortuary. Pauline Gordon, the first African American female mortician in Johnstown used the home for many years.

After the mortuary closing, the property sat vacant and was eventually donated to the Johnstown Area Heritage Association (JAHA) by the Gordon family. Future plans for the property include historically accurate renovation of the interior and reuse of the structure as office space by, ironically, the Red Cross.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD RECEIVED



The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority has been named the recipient of a Beautification Award by the Greater Johnstown Chamber of Commerce for work that removed the former CSX Railroad Depot at a major gateway into the City. The project transformed one of Johnstown's most visible brownfield sites

into a ecologically-friendly park, known as the Gateway Greenspace Project.

"The project will now create a pleasant view and welcome visitors to our city near the heavily traveled Route 56 Bedford Street ramps," said Ronald W. Repak, Executive Director, of the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority.

The park was landscaped and detailed with a "Welcome to Johnstown" sign, shrubbery, new side walks and park benches. Now completed, the site is an attractive venue for the residents and visitors to the City.

JRA ASSISTS BANDSHELL PRESERVATION

The Roxbury Bandshell, once identified by Preserving Pennsylvania as a "Building at Risk", now has a bright and promising future. Just a few years after surviving the threat of demolition, the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority (JRA) recently received notification of an award of \$85,000 for preservation of the Historic Roxbury Bandshell.

The Authority prepared the Keystone grant application to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) for the Roxbury Bandshell Preservation Alliance. The Alliance, the non-

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AUTHORITY RECEIVES AWARD FOR CAMBRIA IRON WORKS

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority (a PAHRA member) received the Bellamy Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies (PAHRA) for the Cambria Iron Works Project. The Bellamy Award recognizes outstanding redevelopment and community development work by PAHRA members. The award was presented on September 11, 2007, at the 7th Annual "Best Practices" Showcase and PAHRA Annual Awards Banquet.

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Photo: Ronald Repak accepts award presented by Jerry Mullarkey and Ed Christiano of PAHRA.

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attendance, the Authority staff provided information on the program, brownfields, available funds, and applicant and activity eligibility.

Eligible brownfield sites are abandoned, idled, or under-utilized facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. Reuse of local derelict brownfields through the JRA's Brownfield Revitalization Program is a "Smart Growth Initiative" for Cambria County. It utilizes existing infrastructure, facilitates job growth, increases the local tax base, and protects the environment while creating a more attractive and healthier place to live & work.



Above: Brownfield Revitalization Program Meeting held January 24, 2008

The Brownfield Revitalization Program's grants and loans are designed to provide an incentive for property owners to take on often challenging cleanup activities. Cleanup Grants will be available to municipal and nonprofit owners of brownfield properties and Cleanup Loans are for private owners. Eligible sites must be located in Cambria County. Applicant/Owner must not be responsible for any

hazardous substance, pollutant, or other contamination on the site.

The JRA recognizes that land recycling and brownfield redevelopment are vital components of the City's Recovery Plan and Cambria County's Master Plan for environmental remediation and economic development opportunities.

Along with the \$1 Million Cleanup Revolving Loan Award, the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority was also the recipient of a \$200,000 Assessment Grant to provide funding for redevelopment projects that require assessment of hazardous materials prior to site cleanup in Cambria County. Availability of funds is limited. Please contact the JRA for more information on these grant and loan opportunities.

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profit bandshell preservation group, will use the \$85,000 grant funding to restore the 68-year-old stone structure.

PHMC Keystone Grant Funds are critical to sustain the life of the bandshell and will enable necessary repairs to be made," said Ronald W. Repak, Executive Director of the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority. Donations to the Bandshell are now even more critical to this project, as the grant funds must be matched dollar for dollar to receive the total award.

To make a donation or learn more about the project, visit www.roxburybandshell.com

Recently, the Bandshell has been filled with songs, entertainment, arts, and community events such as the Bandshell Bark Dog Walk, Christmas



Above: Roxbury Bandshell

Tree Lighting and Caroling, and Summer Sunday Evening Concert Series uplifting supporters and fighting its economic struggle. This new grant money secured by the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority will ensure needed repairs will be performed to preserve this community landmark. The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority looks forward to the preservation of this unique facility and its use for future community gatherings and events.

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The award was received for ongoing work at the Cambria Iron Works Complex. Over the past few years, the Authority's redevelopment work has brought renovation and business expansion in the complex. The Machine Shop, Carpenter Shop, Rolling Mill Office, and the Electric Storage Building are now fully leased and helping to provide approximately 400 jobs.

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority has also made greenspace restoration a priority at the Cambria Iron Works by renovating the Pedestrian Footbridge, the Festival Park, and the Johnstown Urban Greenway Trail for pedestrians, all performed on former brownfield sites.