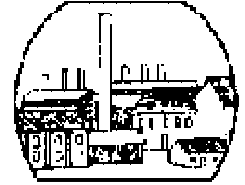


JOHNSTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BROWNFIELD UPDATE

“resurrecting the past... building the future while working toward a safe, friendly, cleaner and enhanced community.”



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PLANING MILL COLLAPSE & CLEANUP

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority has again successfully eliminated another blighted property in the City of Johnstown providing for a more safe and clean community for the citizens of Johnstown.

After a July, 2008 partial collapse of the century old Johnstown Planing Mill, located in Horners-town, removal of the eyesore was of paramount importance.

The demolition of the

three-building site was awarded to Earthmovers Unlimited of Kylertown, PA, after submittal of the lowest bid of \$108,273.

The job included removing excessive amounts of asbestos and hazardous wastes that



Above: Demolition and clean-up of the former Johnstown Planing Mill.

must be handled and disposed of properly.

“This is remediation and demolition,” said Ron Repak, Executive Director of the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority. “It’s all being treated as waste that has be handled carefully and discarded in a certified area.”

The Planing Mill site, a former brownfield, was razed using U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Above: DCNR Secretary Michael DiBerardini explains the design and plans for the Riverwalk.

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority has been awarded \$250,000

from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for construction of the Tech Park Riverwalk to be located between the Greater Johnstown Regional Technology Complex and the Stonycreek River in Johnstown.

The Redevelopment Authority applied for additional grant funding to support the completion of

the Riverwalk and was successfully awarded three separate grants.

The grants are from the Mellon Foundation in the amount of \$50,000, the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies for \$3,500 and the Lee Foundation for \$7,500.

The Tech Park Riverwalk Project complements the County’s and City of Johnstown’s Greenway and Open

Space Plans, as well as the City’s Master Plan, which speak to integration of the area’s greenspaces, rivers and local attractions enhancing the community’s connectivity.

The Tech Park Riverwalk Trail’s scenery along the Stonycreek Riverbank and planned native flora landscaping will provide an outdoor pastoral setting for the

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FLOOD MONITORING/WARNING SYSTEM TO PROTECT RESIDENTS

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority has been awarded a \$22,740 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection thanks to the work of Democratic State Representative Bryan Barbin.

The grant will allow for the installation of safety fencing at Cheney Run and for the purchase of special flood monitoring equipment at both Elk and St. Clair Runs.

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority will match these funds for the purchase and installation of this equipment. The project will reach completion by fall, 2009.

The specialized monitoring and telecommunications equipment will provide remote around-the-clock monitoring of water levels on

the St. Clair and Elk Run Flood Projects.

This Flood Warning System Project is a continuation of the efforts by the Authority to install automated equipment on all streams in the region. In 2007, the

Information about the Flood Control Project is available to the public at www.johnstownfloodprotection.com.

Authority installed similar devices on the Sam's Run and Solomon Run Flood Control Projects.

In cooperation with the City of Johnstown, the Redevelopment Authority currently maintains five local flood control projects located on major tributaries entering the City of Johnstown including St. Clair Run, Solomon Run, Sam's Run, Cheney Run and Elk Run.

Johnstown's Flood Monitoring Sta-

tions provide an automated system for analysis to gauge the channels and assess the dynamics of each channel.

"The automated devices track water depth and speed on a 24-hour basis along with providing a constant picture of the channels' operational effectiveness," said Ronald Repak, Executive Director of the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority.

Flows are graphed and charted for comparison during wet and dry weather periods.

In the event of an emergency, the state-of-the-art flow monitoring equipment will alert emergency officials via land-line telephone, allowing for effective response time and eliminating potential loss of life during flooding events.



Above: Chairman Monsignor Raymond Balta (left) and Executive Director Ronald Repak (right) receive a check presented by Representative Bryan Barbin (center).

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residents of Johnstown.

The greenspace will be lined with benches, tables, trees, shrubbery and planters allowing for public outdoor leisure opportunities.

The Riverwalk will be open to the employ-

ees and visitors to the Tech Park building and is strategically located within walking distance of many other local businesses and neighboring residents.

Located between Franklin and Napoleon Streets, the Riverwalk

Trail will provide linkage to other area trails including the Sandyvale Cemetery Trail, Jim Mayer Riverwalk Trail and the Urban Greenway Trail along Iron Street.

The Riverwalk's outdoor venue will also add to the nearby points of interest including the Cambria County War

Memorial, the Incline Plane and the Point Stadium.

Construction is slated to begin in summer, 2009.



For More Information visit www.johnstowntechpark.com

OVERFLOW ELIMINATION PROGRAM UPDATE

As owner and operator of the Dornick Point Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority is spearheading the Overflow Elimination Program, working with its 20 contributing municipalities to correct deficiencies throughout the Johnstown Regional Sewage System.

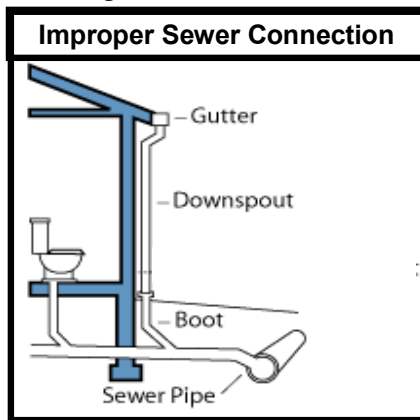
Typically, the sewage collection system transports wastewater from thousands of homes and businesses to the treatment plant and operates effectively. However, during wet weather periods, stormwater infiltrates the sewage collection system through improper connections, cracked pipes or other deficiencies.

The sewer lines are not designed to handle the increased volume which overloads the collection system and the treatment plant can not quickly treat the increased volume.

The surcharge results in

overflows into local streams, and basement flooding along the Interceptor sewer lines. Wet weather volumes can be more than three times the normal (dry weather) volume.

Not only is this overflow problem unsanitary, it is illegal and State and Fed-



Above: An illustration of illegal direct connection – downspout connected to the sanitary sewer line.

eral Agencies are mandating changes to correct the overflow issue. Overflows can not simply be patched

or sealed.

To help treat larger volumes of wastewater, the Redevelopment Authority has been making significant upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to allow for higher flow volumes.

One upgrade is the installation of thirty-two state-of-the-art Integrated Fixed Filter Activated Sludge modules. These modules are designed to enhance the quality of filtration and treat higher flow volumes faster.

Treating higher quantities of wastewater at a faster rate helps, but it is still costly to treat unnecessary stormwater infiltrating the system.

Further, the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority recently applied for a DCED H2O Grant for sewer rehabilitation of existing interceptors. This 3-phased project began in January, 2008 and will be completed by 2017.

The work involves identifying system deficiencies, monitoring flow capacities, sizing future facilities and implementing and constructing facilities - resulting in elimination of Sanitary Sewer Overflows.

The grant, totaling \$3.4 million, will provide for upgrades at three primary Interceptor sites, including the Ferndale Interceptor which conveys flows from Ferndale Borough, Stonycreek Township, Upper Yoder, Conemaugh Town-

ship and the City of Johnstown to the Central Avenue siphon, the Woodvale Interceptor is located on Maple Ave and conveys flows from the City, East Conemaugh, Franklin Borough, East Taylor Township and Jackson Township to Dornick Point and the Ohio Interceptor which located on Ohio Street and conveys sanitary sewer flows from Lorain Borough, Stonycreek Township, Geistown Borough, Richland Township and the City of Johnstown.

These sewer systems are old and dilapidated. Many are clogged with grit and sediments, contain large cracks and leaks, masses of tree roots have grown into the lines causing backups, basement flooding and resulting in reduced flow capacity. Rehabilitation will allow for separation of stormwater from the sanitary sewer allowing for increased and more efficient flow capacity. Project construction is expected to begin in the fall, 2009.

Additionally, as part of the Overflow Elimination Program, the Authority has been meeting with township and borough representatives concerning maintenance of individually owned sewer lines.

Many municipalities have raised sewage collection rates to procure necessary funding to pay for repairs. All 20 municipalities

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CLEANUP

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Cleanup money after being purchased by the Greater Johnstown Utility & Development Corporation, a non-profit organization founded by the Redevelopment Authority to address regional issues.

With Federal EPA officials' blessings, the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority was able to use Grant Cleanup

funds to cover the demolition and remediation costs of the .85 acre site.

"Razing of the three structures will make the property more attractive to developers" Repak said, adding that the lot could be sold as a whole or subdivided.

"We've had some interest already. We want to see it put back into taxation."

KERVILLE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS TAKING SHAPE

Throughout the neighborhood of Kernville, the efforts of the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority's Blight Elimination Program are not going by unnoticed as more abandoned and unsafe structures are being abated and razed to make room for future economic growth.

Business development is taking shape throughout the community, creating a strong potential to bring Johnstown into the forefront of 21st Century science

and technology research.

ITSI

Over 5 years ago, Dr. Richard Somiari's decision to expand his small Richland Township based Integrated Technological Services International Bioscience and Technical Innovation Center (ITSI) business led him to relocate in Kernville.

The Redevelopment Authority assisted Somiari's efforts by acquiring several dilapidated structures, and razing



Above: Dr. Somiari's newly constructed ITSI Bio-Technology Center located in the Kernville Bio-Tech Corridor.

them to create a developable site for construction of ITSI Bioscience Center.

Thanks to help from the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, the nearly \$1.8 million dollar ITSI investment in the community marks another beginning of promising potential and growth for the area.

YMCA

The Greater Johnstown YMCA Expansion project led to further demolition of blighted properties in Kernville.

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority awarded a \$10,000 EPA Revolving Loan Cleanup Grant to the YMCA for asbestos abatement and demolition of two unoccupied residences - 444 Somerset Street and 446-448 Somerset Street clearing 17,860 square feet for the YMCA's future plans for building expansion and increased parking space.

Penoco, Inc of Pleasant Gap, PA was awarded a contract for the abatement of asbestos containing material and Earthmovers Unlimited submitted the lowest bid for demolition of the two adjacent Somerset Street properties.

708 Thomas Ave

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority successfully razed another abandoned eyesore in the 700 block of Napoleon and South Street creating over 15,000 square feet for an ideal corner lot, "shovel-ready" site for potential business development.

The demolition and cleanup of 708 Thomas Avenue was completed in the fall of 2008, by S.A. Yurasek & Son, Inc.

This vacant site has generated interest from various potential developers.

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served by Johnstown Regional Sewage have adopted resolutions to work with the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority on this issue.

The Authority's engineers are televising lines and performing dye, smoke and pressure tests on areas throughout the system to determine leaks and to repair faulty storm sewer connections. GIS mapping is also taking place to provide area-wide data for further analysis. The Authority has approximately fifty flow meters that monitor inter-municipal connections, as well as bypass overflows to observe flows rates from

the tributary sanitary systems into the Johnstown Sewer System.

The Authority has cleaned or replaced large portions of the system lines in the past year and three municipalities that have a combined storm and sanitary sewer system are preparing to separate and replace their portions of the system.

By working regionally, the entire community will benefit with an increased ability to secure funding for infrastructure improvements, avoid costly fines, and clean-up our waterways to enhance our recreational opportunities and standard of living.