



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
**BROWNFIELDSCENTER**

## **WASHINGTON'S LANDING**

### **2013 Update**

#### **FAST FACTS**

**LOCATION:** Pittsburgh, PA

**SIZE:** 42 acres

**FEATURES:** Location, City View,  
Waterfront

**OWNER:** Urban Redevelopment  
Authority of Pittsburgh (URA)

**CURRENT USE:** Upscale Housing, Marina,  
and Park

**PAST USE:** Meat Packing Plant, Scrap  
Yard, & Railway

**CONTAMINANTS:** Petroleum, Heavy  
Metals, Organic Waste, PCBs, and PAHs

**TOTAL ACTUAL COST:** \$70.7 million

#### **TIMELINE**

**1903** PA Railroad buys a portion of the island on which to rest livestock.

**1966** Packing companies close.

**1987** Herr's Island is renamed Washington's Landing.

**1989** The URA and the state acquire all the land on the island.

**1989** The first tenant, Three Rivers Rowing Association, opens its doors.

**1990** Construction of the Washington's Landing Marina Inc. begins.

**1993** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection moves onto the site.

**1997** The Village on Washington's Landing is completed.

#### **HISTORY**

No changes from 2007.

#### **TOPOGRAPHY**

No changes from 2007.

#### **MARKET CONDITIONS**

No changes from 2007.



**SITE ASSEMBLY AND CONTROL**

No changes from 2007.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS**

No changes from 2007.

**SOCIAL/COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

No changes from 2007.

**PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

No changes from 2007.

**COSTS & ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

No changes from 2007.

**CURRENT STATUS AND LESSONS LEARNED**

The URA notes that the remediation of Herr's Island for the construction of Washington's Landing was a pioneering project in brownfield redevelopment (predating the term "brownfield" itself) which challenged the URA and regulatory bodies to create precedents for future brownfield work.

**ECONOMIC/COMMUNITY IMPACT**

According to the URA, the luxury townhouses at Washington's Landing generate \$800,000 in annual property tax revenues. The project has created 800 jobs.



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