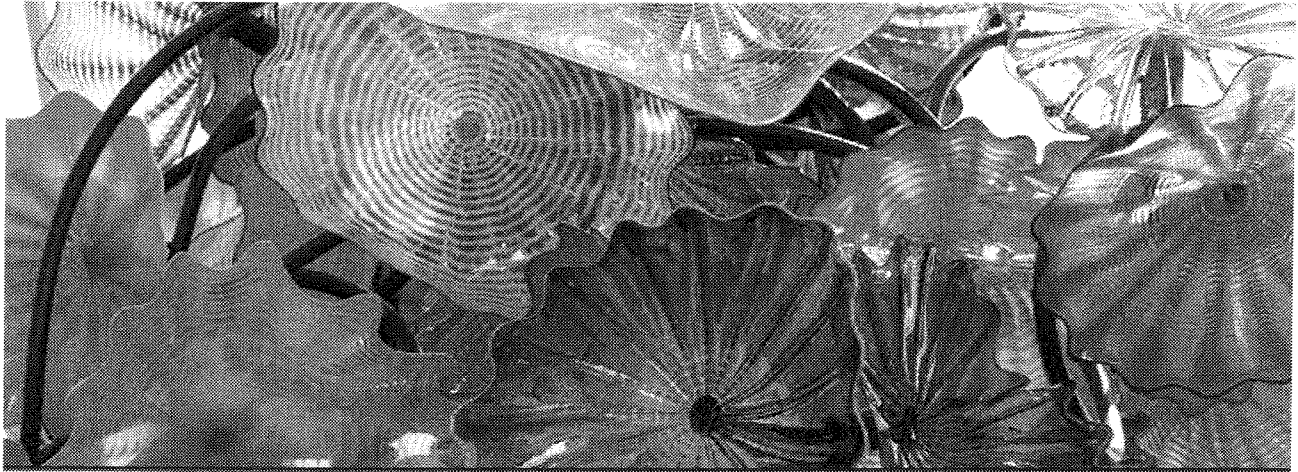


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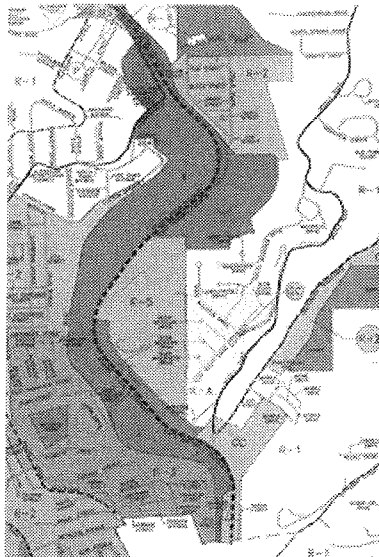
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Route 8 corridor assessed by western PA brownfields center, municipal officials



A 1.5-mile stretch of Route 8 is the subject of an assessment conducted by Shaler Township and [CMU's Western Pennsylvania Brownfields Center](#). The corridor contains a mix of occupied and vacant industrial properties, as well as three brownfields.

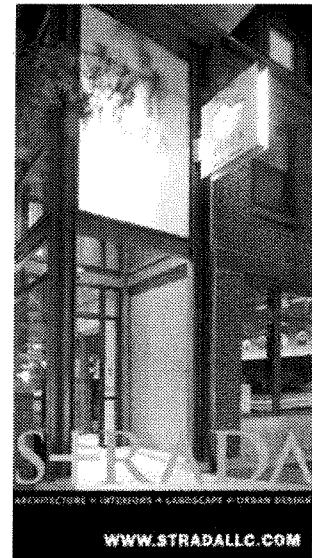
Experts from [Penn State University](#), Seattle and Delaware looked at land-use issues, stormwater management, traffic flow and business incentives. "We identified issues impacting this underutilized industrial core. The vitality of the companies who are there was surprising to us," says Deborah Lange, with the Brownfields Center. Participants included business owners, citizens, DEP, PennDOT and Allegheny County officials, and non-profits.

"Property and business owners were very receptive. These people lived through the flood and invested in the clean up," adds Lange, who says priorities include creating opportunities for existing companies, attracting new businesses and developing synergies between the two.

"We'll be able to provide a template for the rest of the county," says [Shaler Township](#) manager Tim Rogers, who is working with the [North Hills Council of Governments](#) and [Allegheny River Towns Enterprise](#)

[Zone](#) on creating new signage, assessing zoning requirements, hiring landscapers, and managing traffic along Route 8.

Shaler recently adopted a state measure requiring the development of more effective stormwater management practices. "The beauty of Route 8 is that it has an established infrastructure. It's a key North Hills corridor," adds Rogers, who says the area is not looking to attract big box companies.



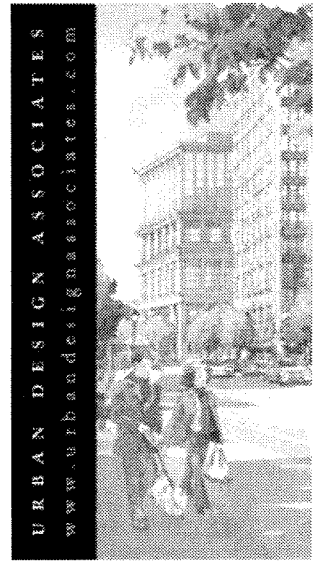
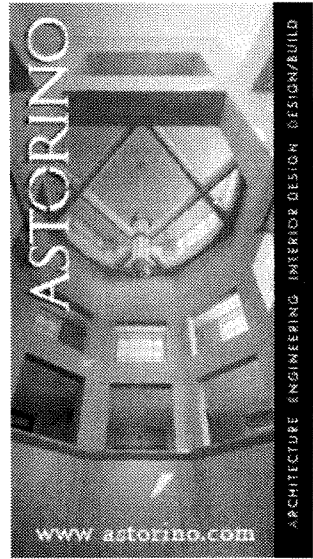
"There will be shovel ready properties once we deal with the floodplain."

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