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.
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.
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.
SOURCES
