



North Shore Riverfront Park City of Pittsburgh

Allegheny County, PA

P roject Description:

This project involved the complete redesign and rehabilitation of a 6,700 foot segment of linear park and trail facilities along the north shore of the Allegheny and Ohio rivers. The project area was primarily designed in the late 1960s and early 1970s as Clemente Park.

Since the time of the original park design more than 25 years ago the use of the park and the area surrounding the park has changed significantly. Originally designed as a passive linear park complementing Point State Park, across the Allegheny, the park had accommodated a number of unforeseen uses. River taxis, and the Gateway Clipper excursions fleet regularly dock along the park to bring visitors to Three Rivers Stadium and the Science Center. The Steel Industry Heritage Corporation's River of Steel Tours uses the park as a landing.

In 2000, the Sports and Exhibition Authority started working with many partners to make improvements to the park to better accommodate the many and diverse users of the area. To date many memorials are on the site including the Korean Veterans, Vietnam Veterans and the Police. The landing area has been improved and now the Delta Queen



Steamboat Company can readily dock at site with ease. The Three Rivers Heritage Trail runs through the park bringing cyclists, runners and rollerblades into the park. The site improvements have additionally added a much needed green space and passive area for people to sit and relax and take in the spectacular view of the city skyline across river.

"We think this park will not only promote recreation over there but will promote development between the two stadiums. The expanded riverfront park will give families a reason to go to the North Shore, to walk, bicycle, sit on the grass, play in the new water steps, and tie up a boat or fish. It will make the North Shore appealing all year-round, not just during baseball and football games. The pier will allow people who have been interested in fishing in our clean rivers an opportunity to catch the long nose gar."

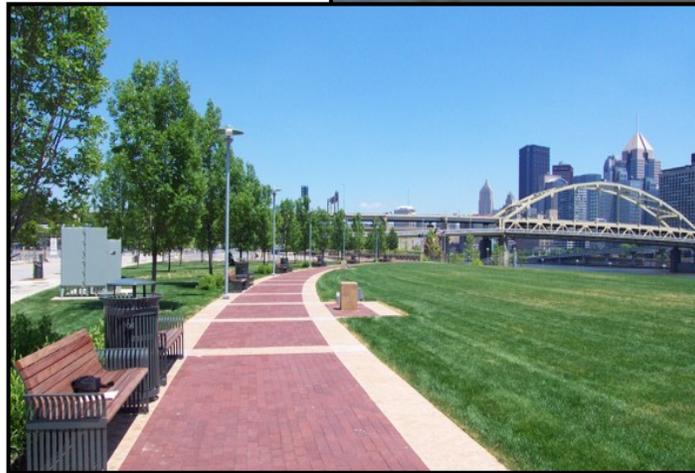
*Steve Leeper, Former Executive Director,
Sports and Exhibition Authority*

On February 2001, DCNR provided \$1 million of "Growing Greener" grant funds to help create the 1.5 mile greenway, park. The Sports and Exhibition Authority was able to use these funds to leverage millions of other dollars. Some of the partners are Heinz Endowments, R.K. Mellon Foundation, Jewish Healthcare Foundation, Roy A. Hunt Foundation, and PNC Bank Charitable Trust Committee.





The Sports and Exhibition Authority continues to develop the North Shore Park in phases and has received additional grant funds from DCNR's Community Conservation Partnership Program through Keystone Funds. When this park is fully built it will stretch 1.5 miles long the Ohio and Allegheny Rivers, from the West End Bridge in the west, and to the Fort Wayne railroad bridge in the east.



Amount of funds awarded, year and matching sources:

Funding:	1999-2000 \$1 million	GG1 Funds
	2002-2003 \$500,000	Keystone Funds
	2004-2005 \$500,000	GG 2 Funds
	2006-2007 \$250,000	GG 1 Funds
Match:	\$1 million local bonds proceeds	
	\$ 5 million Heinz Endowments	
	\$ 3 million R.K. Mellon Foundation	
	\$ 100,000 Jewish Healthcare Foundation	
	\$ 100,000 Roy A. Hunt Foundation	
	\$ 10,000 PNC Bank Charitable Trust Committee	