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County Purchases 137-Acre Brownfield for Redevelopment

In August 2005, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato announced that the county finalized an agreement with Park Corporation to purchase the Carrie Furnace site, a 137-acre brownfield that spans portions of Braddock, Munhall, Rankin, Swissvale and Whitaker boroughs.

The redevelopment will include a high-caliber Steel Industry Historic Park that will add value to and ensure historic preservation of the site. The remaining blast furnaces will serve as a focal point for the park and provide a living monument to the steel-producing era through a 25-acre interactive industrial heritage center. Onorato worked closely with the Steel Industry Heritage Corporation to incorporate the historic and economic imprint that the Carrie Furnace site left on the region.

Allegheny County established a Carrie Furnace master plan steering committee to gain community input about the future development of the site. The committee included local community leaders and representatives from area municipalities. The resulting master plan outlines a viable and marketable land use strategy that benefits the surrounding neighborhoods and celebrates the history of the steel industry in the Mon Valley.

The Carrie Furnace site was closed by U.S. Steel in 1983 and purchased by the Park Corporation in 1988.

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