

## **Pittsburgh Green Innovators Fact Sheet**

The Pittsburgh Green Innovators (PGI) project is a collaborative of regional stakeholders formed to advance the sustainability industry and cause for the Pittsburgh region.

Bound by the need to convert our 20th century market economy into a new sustainable model, PGI will capitalize on the latest technologies, training, and education, and combine the best of Pittsburgh's legendary work ethic and skilled labor, along with our emerging strengths in higher education and revolutionary technologies. Pittsburgh Green Innovators is poised to become the national leader in the new green economy.

U.S. Congressman Mike Doyle and PA Senator Jim Ferlo are leading the collaborative, which furthers the directives set forth by Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and is critical to the growth and economic vitality of the City of Pittsburgh.

PGI will create and build upon existing synergies of our academic institutions and business community to educate consumers, maintain an adequate and appropriately trained workforce, grow new physical space for education and training, capitalize on early stage market opportunities that result from university research and development efforts, and leverage multi-national corporate interests, specifically in the growing market sector of green business.

Our goals are to lead by example, develop a trained green collar workforce, educate and engage the community, create K-12 learning experiences, promote and showcase new technologies, and build and convert businesses.

The cornerstone of this project is the adaptive reuse of the former Connelly Technical School facility as a certified Platinum LEED building, and eventually its conversion to a living building. The facility is a vacant Pittsburgh Public School facility, the former Connelly Technical School, which will be rehabilitated as the epicenter for the Pittsburgh Green Innovators project.

The 6.6 acre site is uniquely positioned in between Downtown Pittsburgh and the Uptown neighborhood. This proximity will help to reinvigorate both the Central Business District and the Uptown community, helping to fulfill the mission of the Uptown Community Benefits Agreement.

PGI stakeholders include the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 95, Penn State Extension and Metro Outreach Center, Pittsburgh Gateways Entrepreneurial Incubators, Pittsburgh Public Schools, the Community College of Allegheny County, the Rachel Carson Homestead Association, Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board, and many others.

There is a \$50 million investment required in order for the Pittsburgh Green Innovators project to be realized. Currently \$6.2 million has been committed, while the remaining \$43.8 million is still pending.

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