

Keystone Commons



During the 1800s, this 91-acre site in Allegheny County was home to Westinghouse Electric Corporation's manufacturing operations, called the East Pittsburgh Works. At the height of operations, the site housed more than 4 million square feet of manufacturing space and five multi-level office and research buildings. In the early 20th century, the site was part of an area known as "The Workshop of the World" for the role it played in transforming the United States into an industrial superpower that, among other accomplishments, aided in the victory of two world wars.

In later years, when Westinghouse operations slowed dramatically, the Regional Industrial Development Corporation of Southwestern Pennsylvania (RIDC) stepped in to begin discussions about long-term plans for the property. RIDC acquired the property in 1989 and developed a master plan for the site, which was renamed to the Keystone Commons.

The Keystone Commons Master Plan includes eight separate clusters of buildings designated for heavy manufacturing, located at either end of the site and served by trucking and railroad infrastructure. To the center are light manufacturing and service

businesses, sharing a common space in what is referred to as the "Industrial Mall." At the central entry location sit offices and more light manufacturing. Additionally, an indoor parking garage has been constructed within one of the former high bay buildings.

Building upon the early concepts that formed urban communities, Keystone Commons is a compatible assemblage of many different businesses, functioning together around common circulation and access. Today, the site houses over 40 companies, employing 1,100 workers and ranging in function from steel and high-tech manufacturing to cookie production. Maintaining its notoriety as a "Workshop of the World", this impressive multi-use urban industrial center has been heralded as one of the most creative brownfield industrial park redevelopment projects in the United States.

