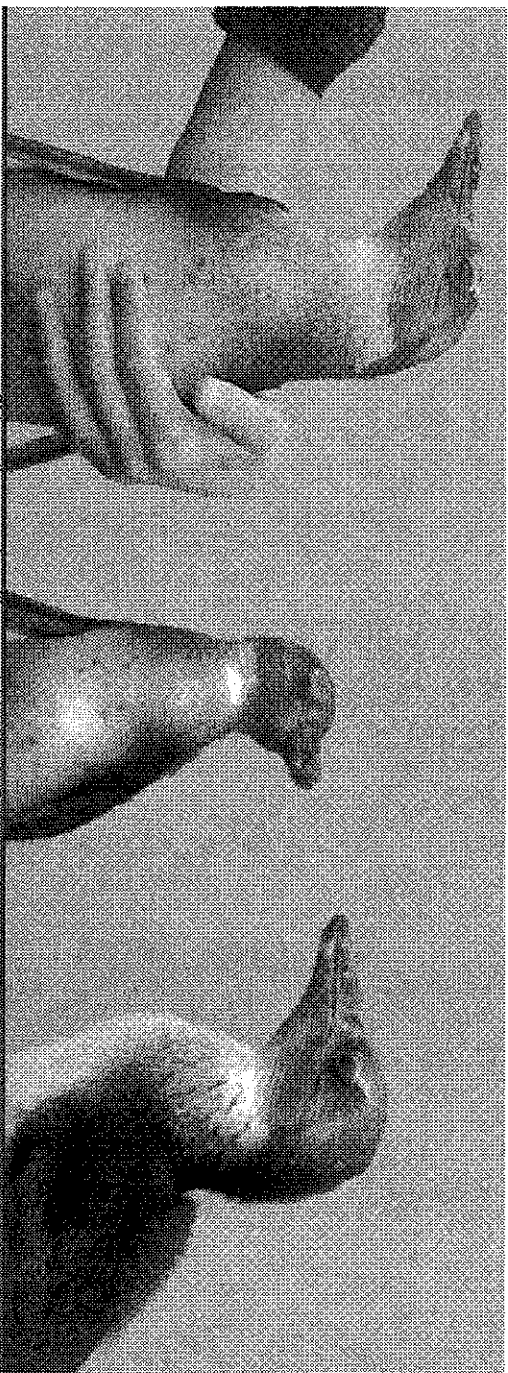


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Redevelopment experts convene for **The Avenues: Beyond the Waterfront** workshop

**The Avenues:
Beyond the Waterfront**

On May 27-30, redevelopment experts from around the country will convene on Homestead and West Homestead for *The Avenues:*



Beyond the Waterfront, a workshop facilitated by the Western Pennsylvania Brownfields Center at Carnegie Mellon.

Designed to address redevelopment opportunities and challenges facing the two communities, the workshop will involve 200 local, county and state stakeholders who will devise action items for the municipalities and business owners. During the session, participants will also address community safety, marketing strategies, environmental justice, and historic designation.

Proposed action items will be unveiled on May 30 at noon, during a public press conference at the corner of 7th Ave. and Amity St. in Homestead. "We've interviewed dozens of property owners about what they think is inhibiting development. We've had candid discussions about how to work toward resolutions," says Meredith Meyer Grelli, with the Brownfields Center. "We aim to come out of these four days with concrete steps the community can start working on immediately. So many beautiful plans have sat on the shelf. We want to revisit them and make sure that they're broken down into actionable steps."

The workshop includes a May 28 public meeting at 7 p.m. at the Carnegie Library of Homestead: "Bringing everyone to the table for a prolonged period during the planning process is one of the most important outcomes," adds Grelli, who says a planning committee worked with 30 property owners including owners of parcels on 6th, 7th and 8th Aves., and the ASKO, WhemCo, Sandcastle, and Waterfront sites.

Following the workshop, the Center will cull feedback on the recommendations during an upcoming community meeting and via its website.

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