

Neville Island: Island of Opportunity Reunion Workshop
DRAFT of Preliminary Recommendations
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- ◆ Neville Island has many assets
 - 360 degree waterfront
 - Smart Growth Location
 - Access and transportation Infrastructure
- ◆ Neville Island needs to create, express and enforce a vision for development of the Island
- ◆ Neville Island needs a ‘single point of contact’ to be the ‘go to’ person for brownfield redevelopment opportunities and challenges
- ◆ There is strength in numbers and Neville Island may benefit from the formation of multi-jurisdictional entity that can work on behalf of the corridor (Coraopolis, Neville Island, Stowe and McKees Rocks)
- ◆ creative solutions should be explored
 - State and Federal brownfield funding
 - Explore IPA (Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement) or ‘Loaned Resources are an issue but Executive’ program
- ◆ Neville Island must explore creative alternatives for revenue capture
 - Hotel/entertainment tax
 - Segregate tax increments generated from new developments to keep a portion of the revenue in the Township
 - Earmark new taxes for activities
 - Expand local TIF (Tax Increment Financing) policies to go beyond infrastructure and include site development
- ◆ Neville Island can reinvent itself as a Community for Green Industry
 - Market Island’s Green Industry
 - Promote PennDOT and local industry’s ISO14001 designation
 - Promote Recycling and Wind Turbine manufacturing facilities
 - Encourage Industry Screening and Landscaping
 - Utilize Neville Green community group
 - Develop marketing fact sheets for sites
 - Utilize “Clean and Green” image to pursue funding
 - Promote the use of alternative energy sources on the Island
- ◆ Neville Island should leverage RMU’s Island Sport Complex to create a destination for sports, recreation and entertainment
 - Protect the public access to the waterfront
 - Support and work constructively with local property owners on redevelopment plans
- ◆ Neville Island needs to collaborate with County and State Government
 - Partner with PennDOT to identify ways to improve I-79 entrance
 - Work closely and constructively with Allegheny County, especially the Planning department