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Green Riverfront Recreational Complex

In October 2008, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato and members of the Steel City Rowing Club (SCRC) joined state lawmakers, local officials, and representatives from several foundations to break ground on a riverfront recreational complex in Verona. The central focus of the project is a two-and-a-half-story environmentally sustainable boathouse to be owned and managed by SCRC.

The LEED-certified boathouse is being built on the site of a former lumber warehouse, just yards from the Allegheny River. The location is next to Verona's public docks and at the end of a walking trail that will eventually extend to the Highland Park Bridge.

The boathouse will include a community room, public restrooms, indoor rowing and exercise facilities, storage space for boats and kayaks, and parking. The facility is expected to be used by 1,000 children and adults from across the region and will include docks for kayaks, rowing shells and canoes, as well as racks for kayaks.

The \$2.2-million project is funded through grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Allegheny County, Colcom Foundation, Richard King Mellon Foundation, Eden Hall Foundation, Laurel Foundation, Howard & Nell E. Miller Foundation, Friends of the Riverfront and Steel City Rowing Club. Construction is expected to be completed later this year.

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