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URA TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY 80 PERCENT IN ITS PARKING GARAGES
URA-owned garages in SouthSide Works and Pittsburgh Technology Center
to get energy-efficient upgrades

PITTSBURGH, PA The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) announced today that it will partner with Green Building Alliance (GBA) to allocate approximately \$1 million for lighting upgrades at the five URA parking garages, located at SouthSide Works and the Pittsburgh Technology Center, pending authorization from its board of directors at their meeting this afternoon.

With the conversion to LED, an 80 percent reduction in kilowatt hours (2.1 million kilowatt hours) is projected, while actually enhancing lighting quality. In addition, the projected annual energy cost savings is \$171,000 (two-thirds of the current annual cost) with annual maintenance cost savings of \$23,000. The annual savings of 2.1 million kilowatt hours is the equivalent of the annual electricity use of 200 Pittsburgh households. Based on these projections, the URA's approximate \$1 million investment would be recouped in about five years.

"This is a smart investment that will be protecting taxpayer dollars -- and our planet -- for years to come," Mayor William Peduto said. "I want to thank the URA and Green Building Alliance for working with my administration on this tremendous energy-saving project, and look forward to duplicating it in other structures around the city."

To advance the Administration's efforts to bring energy efficiency to City public facilities, GBA worked with the URA and Mayor's Office to apply for a Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority (PEDA) grant for capital improvements. Late last year, GBA was awarded the \$469,892 PEDA grant. The URA will subcontract with the GBA for \$165,921 of the funds for lighting conversion.

"The lighting upgrade investment will significantly advance building performance at these parking structures and push them toward the Pittsburgh 2030 District's goals for 50 percent reductions in energy consumption by the year 2030," said Anna J. Siefken, Pittsburgh 2030 district director at Green Building Alliance. "The URA's efforts demonstrate the triple-bottom line benefits generated for our region through investments in energy efficiency."

The URA board of directors meets this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Wherrett Room at 200 Ross Street, Downtown.

The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) is the City of Pittsburgh's economic development agency, committed to creating jobs, expanding the City's tax base and improving the vitality of businesses and neighborhoods. The URA achieves this mission by assembling, preparing and conveying sites for major mixed-use developments; and by providing a portfolio of programs that include financing for business location, relocation and expansion, housing construction and rehabilitation, and home purchases and improvements.

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The Pittsburgh 2030 District, a [Green Building Alliance](http://www.greenbuildingalliance.org) strategic innovation – presented by The Efficiency Network and supported by the EcoCommercial Building Network powered by Bayer– is a collaborative, nationally recognized, but local community of buildings Pittsburgh's Downtown and Oakland neighborhoods that aims to dramatically reduce energy and water consumption, reduce transportation emissions, and improve indoor air quality while increasing business competitiveness and owners' returns on investment. Launched in August 2012, the Pittsburgh 2030 District is convened and facilitated by Green Building Alliance. Learn more at www.2030district.org/pittsburgh.

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