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**URA HONORED WITH AWARDS FOR SOUTHSIDE WORKS
AND SOUTH SHORE RIVERFRONT PARK**

Pittsburgh, PA (June 18, 2015) The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh received three Best of Act 2 Contest Awards for SouthSide Works at the Pennsylvania Brownfields Conference, held May 13-15 in Erie, PA. SouthSide Works won in the “Shop,” “Hip” and “Tasty” categories. The URA was the only entrant to receive multiple awards. Summerset at Frick Park also won in the “Place to Live” category.

“Sustainability begins with reusing and recycling old assets,” Mayor Bill Peduto said. “Brownfield redevelopment improves the economy, the community and the environment, and serves as a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization. Congratulations to the URA and its efforts to make Pittsburgh a more sustainable city.”

Pennsylvania’s Land Recycling Program, more commonly referred to as Act 2, has been successful in all areas of the Commonwealth, helping to restore environmentally challenged properties back to useful life and economic prosperity. Signed into law in 1995, the PA Brownfields Conference recognized the 20 year anniversary of Act 2 legislation with the Awards, which honored unique or impactful projects that were completed as a result of Act 2. Conference attendees voted for the best projects in each category.

In a statement, George Hartenstein, director of the Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, said that SouthSide Works “...was recognized by attendees at the conference as one of the outstanding examples of land recycling. Successful redevelopment brings many benefits to the community, creating jobs, housing and services for years to come.”

In addition, the URA, South Shore Riverfront Park and Environmental Planning and Design were presented with a Merit Award by the Pennsylvania-Delaware Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (PA-DE ASLA) for outstanding professional achievement in the “General Design” category of the 2015 Professional Awards. The PA-DE ASLA Professional Awards honor excellence in the execution of works of landscape architecture.

“We’re proud that our work continues to receive recognition for excellence,” said URA Acting Executive Director Robert Rubinstein. “We are grateful to our many partners who’ve helped to make these projects possible.”

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About PA Brownfields Conference: *The conference is a collaborative presentation by the Engineers’ Society of Western Pennsylvania (ESWP) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP), a partnership that was formed to develop a single brownfields conference for the Commonwealth that consolidates our collective experience, expertise, and resources.*

[**The Pennsylvania-Delaware Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects**](#) (PA-DE ASLA) was founded in 1959 to advocate for and serve members studying and practicing landscape architecture in Pennsylvania and Delaware. The Chapter is comprised of over 581 members with 189 student members from four geographic Sections: Eastern PA, Central PA, Western PA and Delaware, and student members from six [**colleges**](#). This diverse group of members engages in public, private and academic practices that participate in the careful stewardship, wise planning and artful design of our cultural and natural environments.

[**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.