



RCRA Corrective Action Cleanup + Productive Use

Economic Profile

Edgewater Steel Company

Oakmont, Pennsylvania

BEFORE
Steel plant

AFTER



Residential Developments



Restaurant



Health Care Center



Fitness Center



Business Office



Electric Substation

CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

The Edgewater Steel Company site, on the Allegheny River several miles east of Pittsburgh, began in 1916 as a railroad wheel rolling facility. Production later supplied the transportation and aerospace industries. The plant was the borough of Oakmont's largest employer for years until it closed in 2001.

Soil and groundwater contamination at the site was caused by process residues and leakage. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection oversaw the removal of contaminated material, soil capping and land restrictions. EPA provided funding for the site's environmental investigations through a Brownfields grant.

The 57-acre site is now home to two successful developments: River's Edge and Edgewater at Oakmont. Together, these mixed-use developments have added about 450 residences and attracted businesses that generate an estimated \$2 million in annual sales.



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EMPLOYEES



\$2.2 million

ANNUAL SALES



\$1.4 million

ANNUAL WAGES





THE FORMER STEEL MILL IS NOW A VIBRANT, THRIVING COMMUNITY WITH LOTS OF GREEN SPACE, PARKS, AND KIDS RIDING THEIR BIKES AND PLAYING BALL IN THE FIELD.

Jason Corna, Director of Sales and Marketing at Kacin Companies, the developer of Edgewater at Oakmont

After the steel plant closed at the site, two residential development firms recognized the opportunity to create new walkable, waterfront neighborhoods. The River's Edge development was purchased in 2005 and has seen 45 single-family homes and 135 apartments completed to date. Construction is currently underway for the final 50 homes. The community was designed to promote connection to nature through tree-lined streets and riverside trails.

The adjacent Edgewater at Oakmont development has created about 240 new residences, including townhomes, apartments and single-family homes. The local development firm heading the project participates in LEED and designed the new homes to be energy efficient. Edgewater at Oakmont is also within walking distance of shops and restaurants. A commercial area to the east extends into the development and offers a restaurant, fitness center and health care center. The site is also home to the offices of a national metal coating firm and an electrical substation.

In the nearly two decades since Edgewater Steel closed, the growth of River's Edge and Edgewater at Oakmont has spurred an influx of commercial businesses to the area. The developments mirror Pittsburgh's shift away from steel and towards sustainability.



A small commercial area connects the site's two developments to the rest of Oakmont Borough.



UPMC Primary Care and Anytime Fitness address health and fitness needs at the site.

