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MASSIVE REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH



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State and local officials on Friday announced a \$600 million plan to transform Downtown into a vibrant hub for economic growth, culture and industry. The plan, a sweeping urban undertaking, was formulated during a series of breakfast meetings among stakeholders.

FROM DINER TO DELIVERY: WHAT LED TO \$600M PLAN?

By Mark Belko and Madaleine Rubin
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

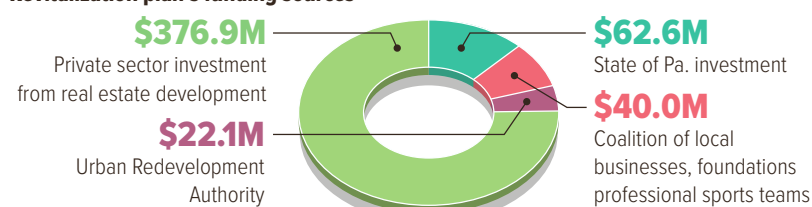
The nearly \$600 million plan to revitalize Downtown Pittsburgh started with breakfast.

Over the course of nearly a year, some of the city's most powerful corporate and civic leaders met over pancakes and eggs at Kelly O's in the Strip District to hash out ways to revive an area staggered by half-empty office buildings, concerns about crime and cleanliness, and plummeting property values.

Some of the breakfasts — and a few lunches — involved one-on-one meetings. Others were in groups. But they all were aimed at developing a single menu: a plan to rescue the Golden Triangle.

"The idea was to figure out what we had in common and where we saw the opportunities," said David L. Holmberg, board chair of the Allegheny Conference on Community Develop-

Revitalization plan's funding sources



Where it's designated to be spent

\$501.1M Seven major mixed-use development and housing projects, to create or preserve nearly 1,000 residential units — nearly a third of those units being affordable for residents with low-to-moderate incomes.

\$85M in investment in the Allegheny Conference-led public space initiatives:

- \$30M** 8th Street Block Civic Space project
- \$30M** Market Square & Liberty Avenue medians
- \$25M** Point State Park improvements

Source: Office of the Governor

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ment and president and CEO of Highmark Health.

Those early bird specials culminated Friday in perhaps the most sweeping urban undertaking since the city's first renaissance in the 1950s, when the focus

was on cleaning up the water, the air and the sky, and which led to the development of Point State Park and Gateway Center.

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PHILIPS TO MOVE FACILITIES OVERSEAS

Breathing device maker's departure means the loss of hundreds of local jobs

By Michael D. Sallah and Madaleine Rubin
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Years after launching one of the most tumultuous recalls of its kind, Philips Respironics will move its manufacturing operations to Thailand and end its reign in the Pittsburgh area as one of the nation's leading makers of breathing machines, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette has learned.

The powerhouse device maker will enlist the services of a company in eastern Thailand to make the machines in a move that will slash hundreds of local jobs that have been a part of the regional economy for decades, according to interviews and company records obtained by the Post-Gazette.

The decision ushers in a new era for the company, which began as Respironics in 1976 — a local incubator that drove the region's rise as a hub of biomedical innovation — and grew dramatically after creating the first mass-produced CPAP in the country.

"It's a blow to Western Pennsylvania," said Gene Scarberry, a former Philips technical director who spent decades at the company. "It's a very harsh thing to see. A lot of good people came together and brought healing to the world. They're losing a core of expertise."

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Election 2024 PULSE OF THE PA. VOTE

Dems aiming to make gains across rural Pa.

By Benjamin Kail
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. — Pat Logan knows she's outnumbered.

Talking politics and enjoying a beer and a cigarette with a Cumberland County friend, the 73-year-old supporter of Vice President Kamala Harris was referring to the crowd at Johnny Joe's Sports Bar and Grille in Mechanicsburg.

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But the same could be said across Pennsylvania's rural Republican strongholds, where the Democratic Party aims to narrow a long-standing gap before Election Day, even as Trump-Vance signs still dominate roadways along cornfields, dairy farms and small neighborhoods just outside the region's major population centers.

"I like how she wants to work for the middle class," said Ms. Logan, as Ms.

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SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING ANNIVERSARY

6 years later, a renewed sense of mission

Survivors find new ways to pay tribute, channel their grief

By Megan Guza
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh and its Jewish community are six years removed from the 2018 synagogue shooting and more than a year removed from the shooter's trial in which the events of Oct. 27, 2018, were laid bare in excruciating detail.

Work on the renewed synagogue space at the corner of Shady and Wilkins avenues started in earnest earlier this

year. The name of the man who killed 11 congregants during Shabbat services has left the headlines, and he has been condemned to death for the terror he wrought on the three congregations worshipping that morning, Tree of Life, Dor Hadash and New Light.

Joyce Fienberg, Richard Gottfried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabinowitz, Cecil and David Rosenthal, Bernice and Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Melvin Wax, and Irving Younger: The focus now for many of the family members and other loved ones of the victims is wholly on honoring their memories.

"One of the things that is

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The Tree of Life synagogue is being rebuilt to include spaces for worship, a museum, an education center and a movie theater.



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