

# Brownfields

## Success Story



## Former Alcoa Research Park

*New Kensington, PA.*

This 17-acre site with 3 buildings totaling 180,000 square feet was the former home of Alcoa's research, development, and prototyping efforts. It employed hundreds and a neighborhood developed around the facility that provided housing to employees. Alcoa vacated and sold the facility in 2005, and the facility fell into disrepair and vandalism.

## The Cleanup

The EPA Community Wide Assessment grant provided funding to complete both Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments on this site. The soils and groundwater required no remediation, but asbestos, and lead paint were detected in isolated areas in the buildings. These materials are in the process of abatement. The North Side Industrial Development Company worked with the proposed buyer, Kubrick's Enterprises, LLC, and assisted in arranging project financing. Following completion of the Phase II, the buyer purchased the property and proceeded with reinvestment and redevelopment of 2 of the 3 buildings.

## The Benefits

Approximately 40,000 square feet are now occupied by ten small business, creating an initial 30 jobs on site. The developers are working with several additional tenants and employment and training providers. The fencing that separated this 17-acre site from the neighborhood has been taken down and the grounds are now available for community events. What was once a community nuisance now has become a neighborhood asset due to the EPA Community Wide Assessment Grant.

### EPA Grant Recipients:

North Side Industrial Development Company

**EPA Grant Types:** Community Wide Assessment

**Former Use:** Alcoa Research Park

**Current Use:** Multi-tenant incubator space and employment and training facility

### Leveraged Resources:

*PA. Dept., Community & Economic Development - \$1,200,000*

*PA. Office of Budget:  
Redevelopment Assistance  
- \$375,000*

*Bridgeway Capital - \$500,000*

*Kubrick's Enterprises, LLC  
- \$2,000,000*

**TOTAL: \$4,075,000**

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