

MARCH COMMUNITY MEETING

March 11, 2025



Hazelwood Initiative

To Be A Leader in Building a Stronger Hazelwood Through Inclusive Community Development

- **Affordable Homeownership**
- **Affordable Rentals**
- **Affordable Commercial Space**
- **Neighborhood Investment Fund**
- **Greenspace & Sustainability**
- **Equitable Transportation Access**



**OUR
MISSION**





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Show Your Support By Joining Today! It's FREE!



HAZELWOOD INITIATIVE

growing together

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Membership

While our meetings, programs, and services are generally open to the whole community, Hazelwood Initiative is still a membership organization, and we appreciate that residents, stakeholders, and friends feel invested in our work through your membership.

We also recognize the challenges that the COVID19 pandemic brought upon our community – therefore, **HI will be eliminating our typical \$12 annual membership fee. All that is required for 1 year of HI membership is for you to confirm that you would like to either renew or begin your membership by completing the form below.**



AGENDA



Update on
CMU's Robotics
Innovation
Center

Lutual Love,
Update on Food
Justice Fund

Hazelwood
Initiative
Updates

Community
Announcements

**Gift Card
Drawing!**



Please type your questions in the chat box

Press *6 to unmute and ask questions after each speaker presentation

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ROBOTICS
INNOVATION CENTER

UPDATE TO THE HAZELWOOD INITIATIVE

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Presenting team



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Historical Society

Agenda

Robotics Innovation Center: Building and Construction

Ralph Horgan

Pre-Construction, Workforce and Community Outreach

John Wattick

Robotics Research

Matthew Johnson Roberson

Project Introduction

Chelsea Blackburn Cohen

Public Exhibit

Heidi Wiren Kébé

Community History & Engagement

JaQuay Carter



Robotics Innovation Center: Building and Construction

✓ Infrastructure Pad Ready Work (TS)

August - November 2023

Phase II Mobilize - 3/10/25

✓ Construction Start

December 4, 2023

Construction

December 2023 through Summer 2025

Exhibition Space - September 2025

Occupancy

August 2025

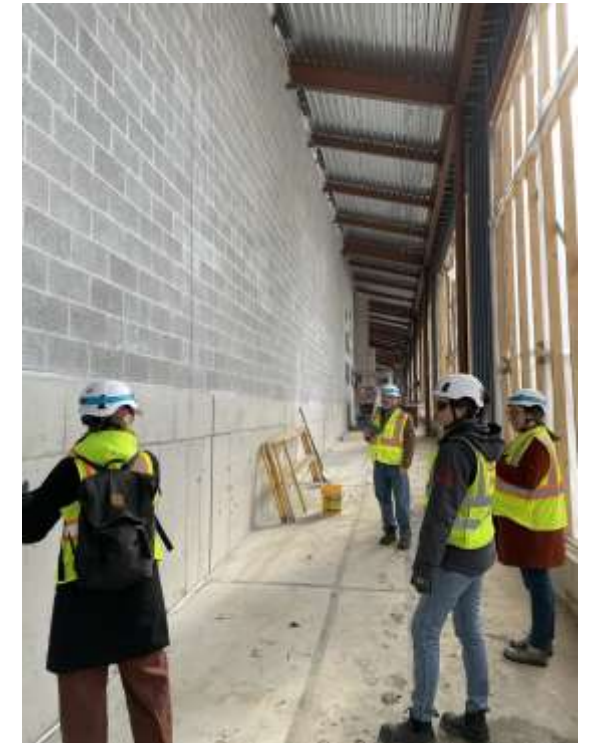
TBD

Retail Fit Out - Future Food Service

Engaged Avison Young - On-Going



Robotics Innovation Center: Building and Construction



[Webcam](#) | [Fly-Through](#) | [Drone Fly-Over](#)

Robotics Innovation Center: Building and Construction



■ Sidewalks and asphalt paving

■ Gravel Path

Street lighting, sidewalks, fire hydrants & utilities will also be installed

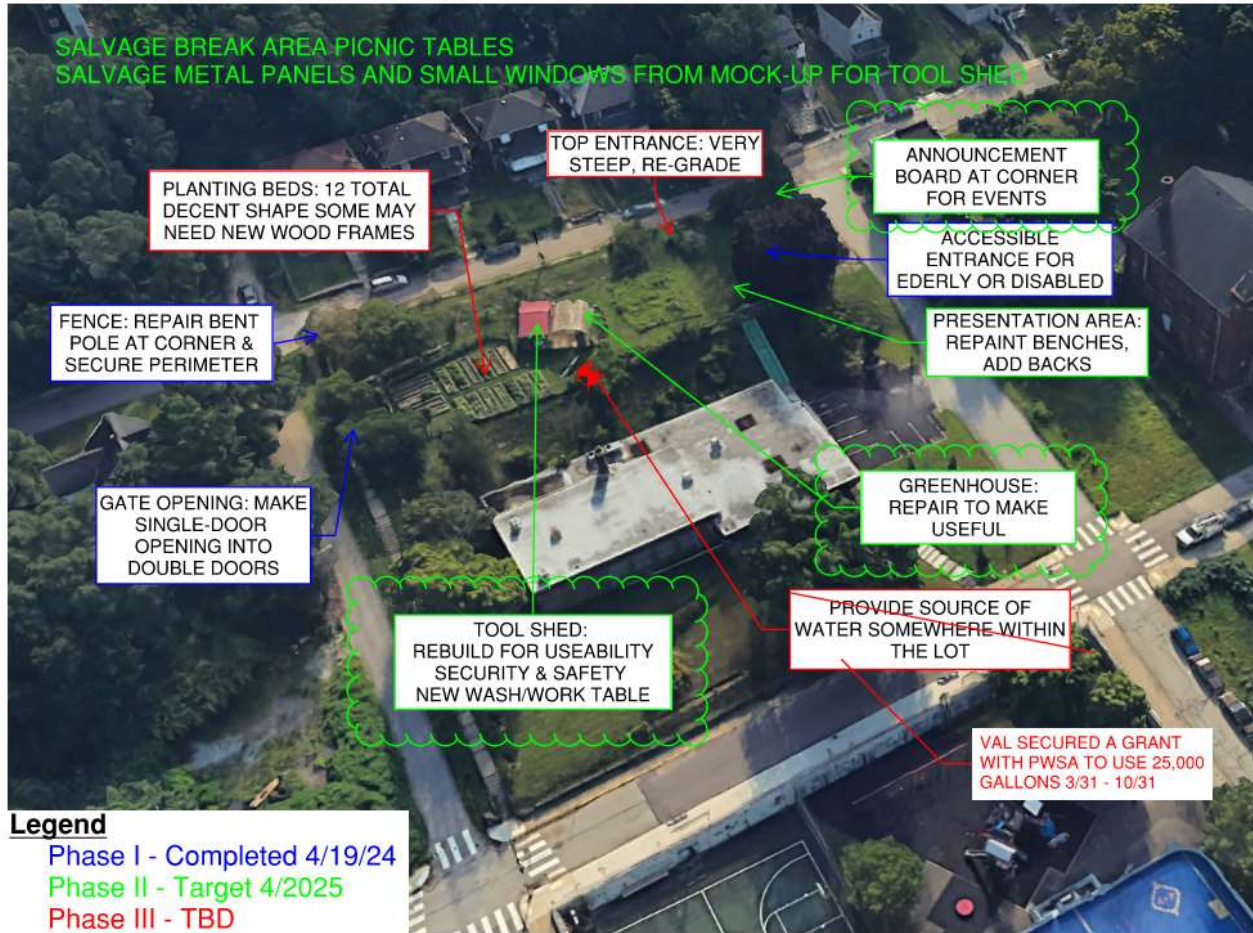
Construction, Workforce and Community Outreach

- Current projected DBE spending is 24%
- Through November 2024 - 17% of the 'boots on ground' workforce has been minority and/or women (*by hours worked*)
- Upcoming Engagements:
 - Hazelwood Initiative Community Garden
 - *Phase II – Renovations needed to prepare for food pantry garden*
 - *Repair greenhouse*
 - *Construct new tool shed*
 - *General Clean-up*



Construction, Workforce and Community Outreach

HAZELWOOD INITIATIVE COMMUNITY GREENSPACE PROJECTS

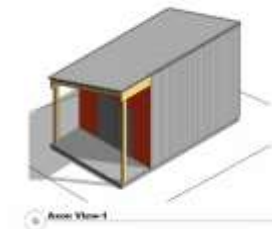
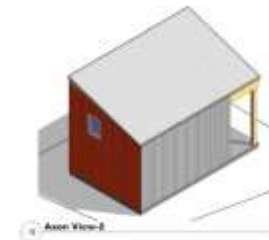


Phase II – Garden Upgrades

- Greenhouse Repairs
- *Hiring professional greenhouse company*
- Presentation Area
- *Refinish picnic tables from site as work benches and break areas*

Tool Shed

- *Perkins Eastman designed the shed*
- *Materials donated, reused from the project, or purchased*
- *Shed fabricated by Trade Institute of Pittsburgh Carpentry Program*
- *On-site work performed by RIC Trade Contractors*



Robotics Research



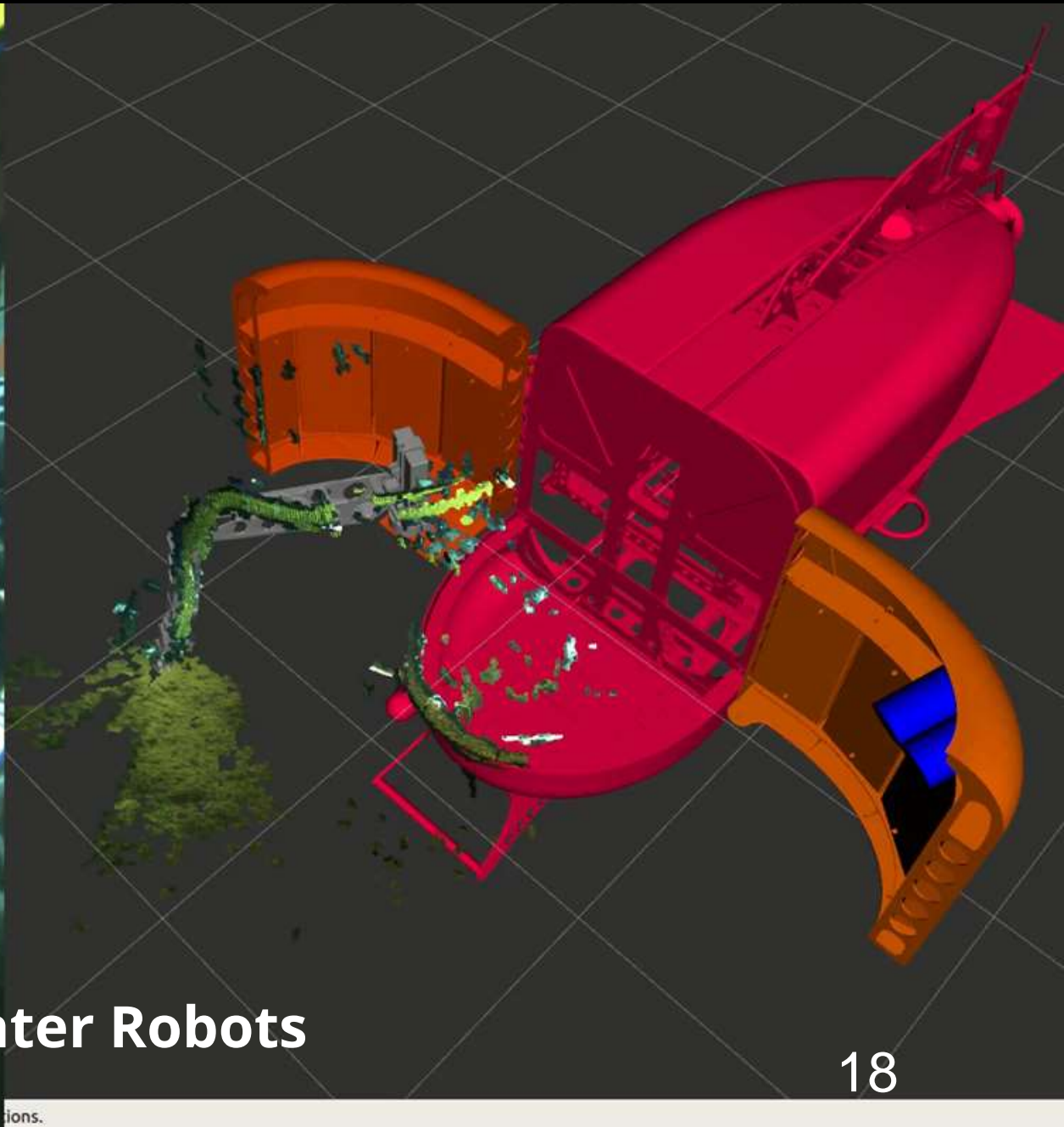
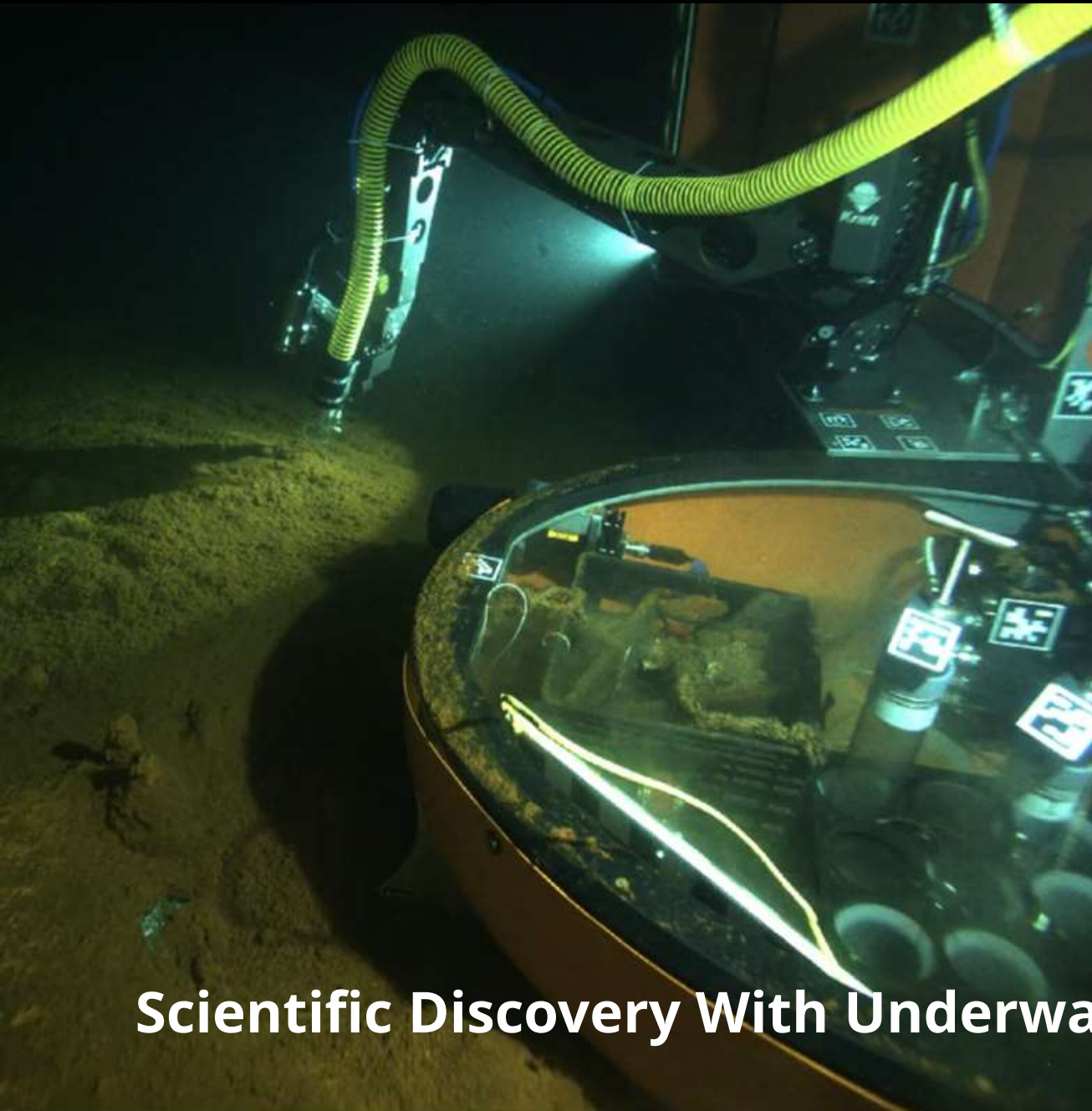
Submerged City Discovery With Underwater Robots



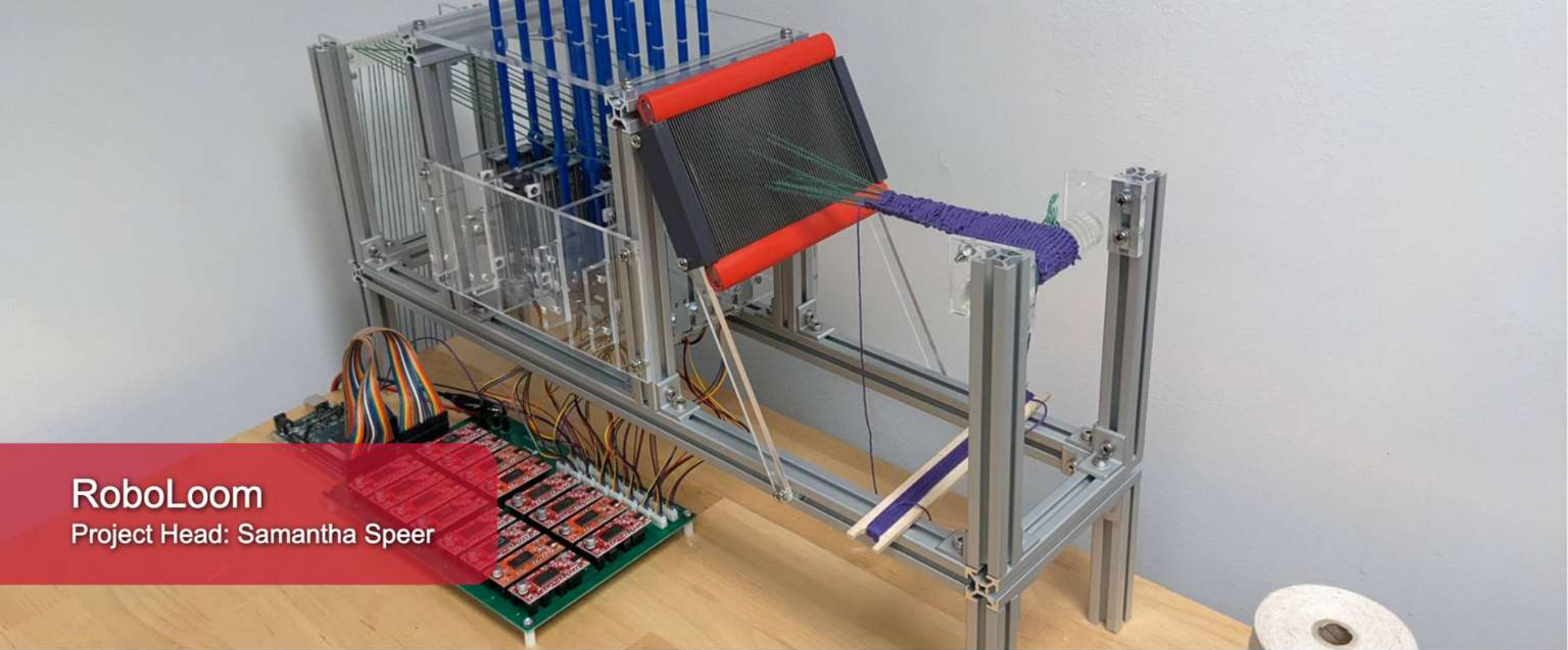
Robotics Research

Shipwreck Discovery With Underwater Robots

Planner Controlled Slurp Gun Sample



Scientific Discovery With Underwater Robots



RoboLoom

Project Head: Samantha Speer

RoboLoom aims to explore this and design was to bring weaving and matrix math together in new and interesting ways.

Community Engagement & Project Introduction

Aligning Engagement to the Neighborhood Plan

Community

- Address barriers to education/training and employment.
- Prepare residents for employment opportunities.
- Opportunities to foster community.
- Improve access to fresh and healthy food.

Development

- Make Hazelwood a hub for small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Support and grow local B2B service providers.
- Integrate public art into infrastructure improvement.

Infrastructure

Focus: stormwater, tree canopy, air quality, heat, and public green spaces.

Mobility

Focus: how people move to, through, and around the neighborhood.

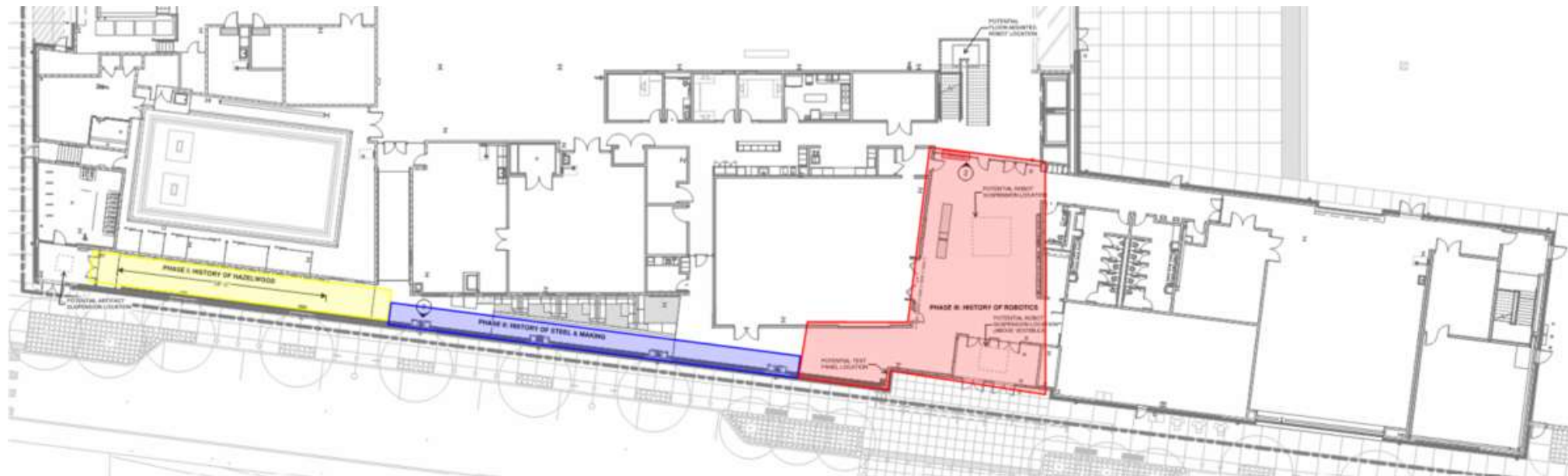


Public Exhibit

PART I: **Life & Livelihood: A History of the Site** (Location - Gallery, adjacent to Tullymet Ave. entrance) Yellow zone

PART II: **History of Steel & Making** (Location - Gallery, adjacent to the Event Space) Blue zone

PART III: **History of Robotics** (Location - Lobby) Red zone



Public Exhibit

PART I: *Life & Livelihood: A History of the Site*

Window Graphics featuring Historic Hopkins Maps

WINDOWS



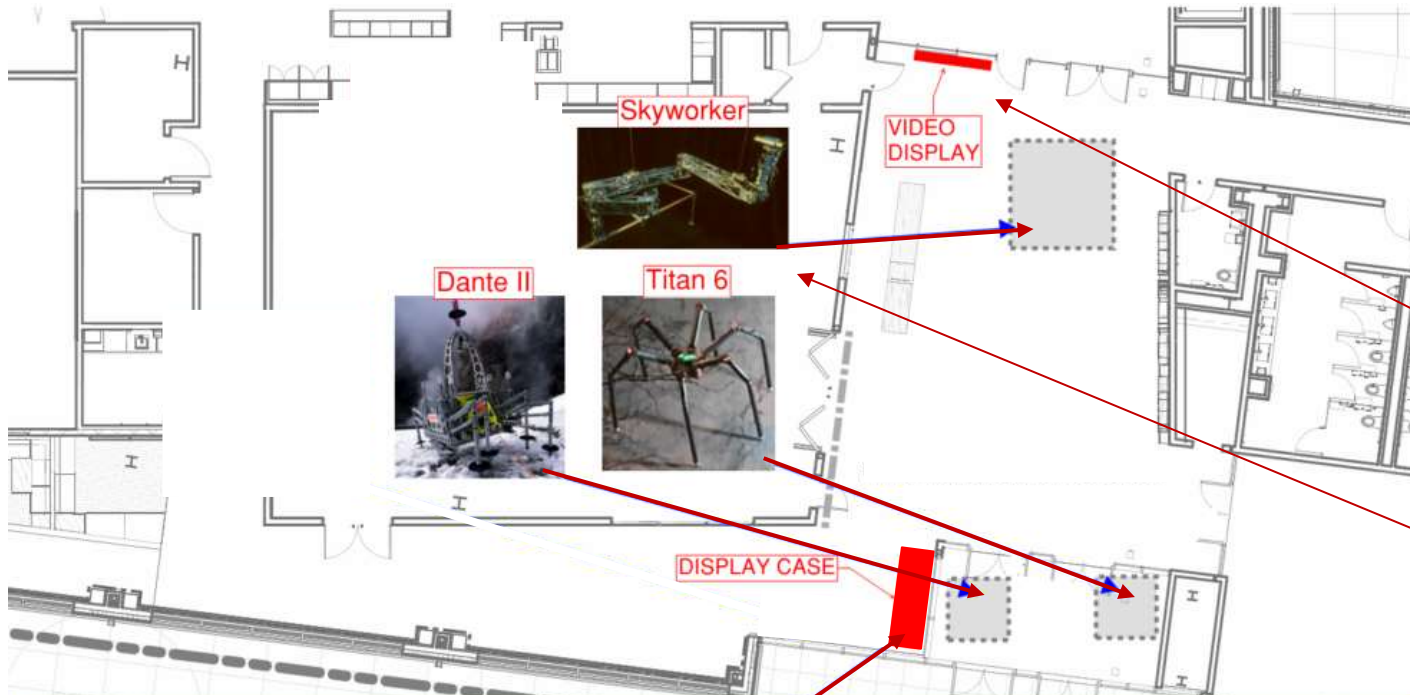
HOPKINS MAPS *in translucent vinyl*



Public Exhibit

PART III: *History of Robotics*

PART III



The final robot selection*
is still under consideration.

Video Display - will showcase
robots in motion and/or micro-
sized robots

Large Robots* - suspended
securely from the ceiling

Small Robots* - displayed in an
enclosed glass case



Community History & Engagement

Greater Hazelwood Historical Society

Email Submissions: JaQuay Carter
JaQuay@HazelwoodHistory.org

In-Person Submission Hours

Carnegie Library of Hazelwood

5006 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207

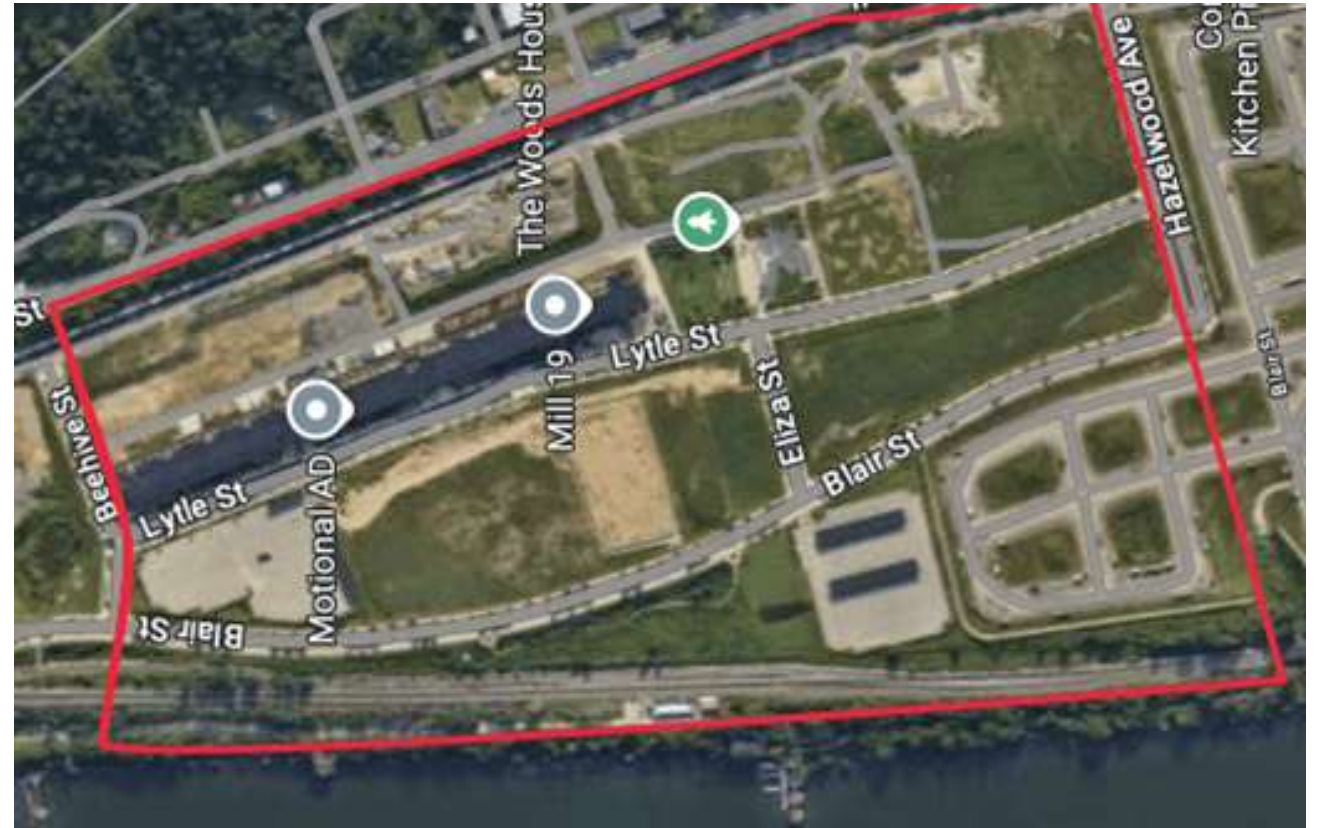
*Two Community Drop-In Sessions
Historical Artifact Scanning & Submissions*

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM



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UPDATES ON THE SARAH-DIXON INNOVATION CENTER



PITTSBURGH'S FOOD JUSTICE FUND

- Applications for the Food Justice Fund (FJF) Grassroots Grants opened on March 10, 2025 and closes April 14
- This fund supports community-driven projects that tackle food insecurity, expand food access, and build stronger local food systems. This year, \$1.5 million in funding is available, with grants of up to \$75,000 for eligible projects.





Food and Health Equity Program Manager Helen Gerhardt

A photograph of a community garden in the foreground, with a person in a green shirt watering plants. In the background, there is a large brick building with a prominent dome, likely a church. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a clear sky.

**PITTSBURGH FOOD POLICY COUNCIL'S
(PFPC) MISSION IS TO BUILD A JUST,
EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD
SYSTEM THAT SUPPORTS OUR
COMMUNITIES, ECONOMY, AND
ENVIRONMENT.**



Pittsburgh Food Justice Fund

In 2024 Pittsburgh City Council approved \$3 million dollars for public investment in a just, equitable, and sustainable food system that supports our neighborhoods, local economy, and the environment

Tier 2: \$1.1 million awarded to Grow Pittsburgh, the Greater Pittsburgh Regional Food Bank, Just Harvest, and Jasmine Nyree Homes (Grants: \$75,000 - \$500,000); managed by the City of Pittsburgh -

Awarded December 2024

Grassroots : \$1.5 million to be awarded to organizations with operating budgets less than \$500,000 (Grants: \$2,000 - \$75,000); - **Applications opened March 10 2025 and are due on April 14, to fund:**



- Distributing free food/meals
- Supporting community gardens and non-profit urban agriculture
- Enrolling residents in public benefits such as SNAP, WIC, Allegheny Go for half price Pittsburgh Regional Transit fares, etc.
- Operating farmers markets (indoors or outdoors)
- Offering educational programming about growing, cooking, or preserving food, nutrition, healthy living, or composting
- Increasing residents' access to composting
- Job training or youth employment in fields related to the food system



WHO CAN APPLY?

- 501(c)3 non-profits or people represented by a fiscal sponsor.
- Annual budget of \$500K or less
- Serve city residents with project sites and services located within City of Pittsburgh



FISCAL SPONSOR INFORMATION

- If you or your organization are not a 501c3, a Fiscal Sponsor is required
- Limited funds available for fiscal sponsor admin fees
- New Sun Rising may be able to serve as your fiscal sponsor
- People seeking a fiscal sponsor can apply for New Sun Rising fiscal sponsorship through the FJF online application or inquire before applying by emailing info@newsunrising.org.

TIMELINE



March 10, 2025 - Applications open



April 14, 2025 (11:59 PM)- deadline to apply



City screens for eligibility



Governance Committee scores and selects projects



City Council approval



Fall 2025 (4th Quarter) - awardees receive funds



June 30, 2026 - deadline to spend all funds

Technical Assistance is available from Paramount Pursuits




Business Incubation + Main Street Revitalization



ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

- Eligibility questions answered
- Project development assistance
- Assistance in developing milestones and deliverables
- Budget Assistance
- Application and Budget Review
- Technology assistance to submit your grant application



METHODS OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

- **One-on-One Assistance:**
 - Virtual One-on-one Meetings
 - Online Chat - answered within 24 business hours
- **Assistance in a Group Setting:**
 - Virtual Office Hours
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - 2pm to 6pm
 - Webinars
 - 3/11/2025 - 1pm
 - 3/18/2025 - 6pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Follow the Website for updates and updated FAQs: <http://bit.ly/PGHFJF>**
- **Read eligibility guidelines**
- **Review the grant application questions**
- **Understand the Scoring Criteria**
- **Get support to get your questions answered and assistance with your application**

Full Food Justice Fund program details at bit.ly/PGHFJF

Contact

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More information about the Pittsburgh Food Policy Council

PFPC website: <https://www.pittsburghfoodpolicy.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PittsburghFoodPolicyCouncil/>

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/pittsburgh-food-policy-council/>





HAZELWOOD INITIATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREE ADOPTION ON THURSDAY, MAY 1ST FROM 4PM-6PM



THURSDAY, MAY 1
4:00-6:00 P.M.
CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF
PITTSBURGH, HAZELWOOD
5006 SECOND AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15207

Registration is required for this event!
Register at
treepittsburgh.org/hazelwood-sp25
or scan the code above





GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



MARCH MEETING

Come Meet & Talk With
Your Neighbors, Police & Businesses

WHEN: Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM

WHERE: The Jewish Community Center

5738 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

(Kindly Use The Rear Entrance at 5738 Darlington Road)

PRESENTATION BY

STEPHANIE GAGNE

Management Analyst – Vision ZERO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

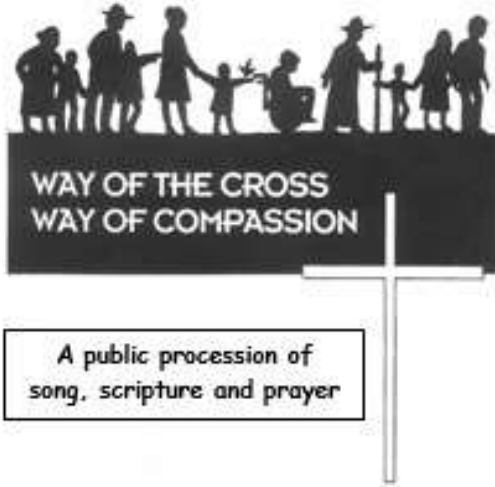
***Learn All About Pittsburgh's Vision ZERO Initiative!
The City's Traffic Safety Education and Enforcement Pilot Program.***

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The Zone 4 Public Safety Council

<http://www.facebook.com/Zone4PublicSafety/>

- Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6:30pm at the JCC



A public procession of
song, scripture and prayer

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Second Avenue Hazelwood

*An Annual Way of the Cross/
Way of Compassion*

*A Contemporary, Ecumenical, Nonviolent
Witness for Peace and Justice*

**MEET AT THE CORNER OF
SECOND AVENUE & RENOVA STREET**

The Walk is approximately 1 mile beginning @ Morningstar Baptist Church lot.

Taking the form of a prayer pilgrimage, the
**WAY OF THE CROSS/
WAY OF COMPASSION**

will stop at various sites in Hazelwood
where we will remember and reflect on
the continued suffering,
poverty, violence and injustice today.

Because we believe that the cross leads us
to resurrection,

we vow not to turn our eyes away from
suffering,

and through this pilgrimage
we commit ourselves to ushering in
new life.

Pax Christi believes in the peace of Christ, a peace which does not merely settle for the absence of war but rejoices in the fullness of shalom. We commit ourselves to this ministry of creative peacemaking in cooperation with all those who choose the path of active nonviolence.

Thank you for coming to pray with us.



Please bring a new pair of socks to be donated to the unhoused.



Sponsored by Pittsburgh Area Pax Christi and the Hazelwood Community

For more information: 412-445-7102

Pittsburgh Area Pax Christi is a local chapter of Pax Christi USA, a lay and religious Catholic organization committed to peace and justice through a process of prayer, study and action.



Want better walking & biking in your neighborhood?



Strategies for Winning Campaigns
- Biking & Walking Advocacy

**BIKE
PGH!**

*Free workshop
to help you
create a plan to
get safe streets
in your
community*



Saturday, April 5, 2025

10AM - 5PM @ Kingsley Association



AND NOW, THE GIFT CARD DRAWING!

Please let me know in the chat which gift card you'd like: Giant Eagle, Aldi, Target, Walmart, or Dylamato's



THANK YOU!

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