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65-Acre Addition to North Park

In December 2006, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato announced the addition of 65 acres of land to North Park. The land, a brownfield situated in Hampton Township and contiguous to the park, will initially be used as a collection site for material dredged from North Park Lake, which will begin in 2009. Once the dredging project is completed, the site will be converted to usable park land.

The former industrial site will not only allow the county to perform the critical dredging project to return North Park Lake to its former glory, but it will also add acres of recreational and green space to the park.

The Richard King Mellon Foundation generously donated approximately half of the \$460,900 cost to purchase the 65 acres of land. The remaining cost was covered by Allegheny County's portion of Growing Greener II, a voter-approved \$625-million bond issue. The 65-acre parcel was used as a disposal site for fly ash for many years. The land has since been cleaned, and the dredge material from the lake will help to further reclaim the property and return it to viable recreational use.

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