



RIVERPARC

PITTSBURGH, USA, 2006-2008

Client

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

Architect

Behnisch Architekten
mit architectsAlliance,
Gehl architects und
WTW architects

Competition

2006, 1st prize

Planning and construction

2006–2008 (not realized)

Gross

approx 25.000 m²

Address

Pittsburgh
Pennsylvania
USA

Historically, there has been only a small residential population in the downtown core of Pittsburgh. With the demise of industry and continued spread of the suburbs, Pittsburgh's downtown core continues to struggle. The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust aimed to rectify the situation by encouraging residents to move back to the city with an urban rejuvenation project called River-Parc - an ensemble of flexible, mixed-use buildings on six acres. With seven hundred residential units offering varied forms of urban living and mixed uses of retail, restaurants, leisure facilities, hotel, and convention facilities, the development contributes to the future life of the city.

The RiverParc Development has its own unique character. Each residential block within it has a distinct identity, which respects human scale,

provides individual addresses, and contributes to a much improved public realm. An environment in which pedestrian accessibility is a priority allows for spaces to thrive through intensive use. Within RiverParc, unique neighbourhoods are expressed as "urban living rooms" which offer a wide range of opportunities for people of all ages to enjoy downtown living.

Individual blocks are designed to take advantage of their specific placement within the overall development. Buildings incorporate abundant ground-floor amenities, so that public streets and squares invite exchange and maximize opportunities for neighbours to sit and socialize, take ownership of, and animate the public sphere.





