



Railroad Roundhouse

# The Whittier Peninsula

Jutting into the Scioto River just south of the downtown core, the Whittier Peninsula has been transformed from an old industrial area into an environmental and recreational jewel for visitors to connect with nature.

In 2003, the City of Columbus, Metro Parks and Audubon Ohio began a partnership to reclaim and restore the 160-acre site.

With the opening of Scioto Audubon Metro Park and the Grange Insurance Audubon Center in 2009, the Whittier Peninsula has become a premier recreational and educational destination for people as well as a sanctuary for birds and other wildlife.

Historically, the Whittier Peninsula has been an industrialized area. Municipal uses of note include: incineration, dumping, and an impoundment lot. Commercial and manufacturing operations included steelworks, warehouse storage and distribution and a railroad-switching yard.



1938



1980



Columbus Skyline

Scioto River



The F&R. Lazarus & Company, an influential retail industry for more than 150 years, built a warehouse furniture distribution center on the Whittier Peninsula in 1947. With a grant from the Clean Ohio Fund's Brownfield Revitalization Program, Metro Parks was able to demolish and remediate the site in 2008 to make way for the Scioto Audubon Metro Park.

Above: Lazarus Warehouse, before final demolition. Left: Final demolition of the warehouse. Right: Charles Y. Lazarus driving a Lazarus truck, 1954.



The F & R. Lazarus Company, furniture showroom, warehouse, ca. 1949



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