



June 15, 2014

Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County  
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Re: McKeesport Water Filtration Roundhouse

Dear Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County,

The Young Preservationists Association (YPA) would like to formally state our opposition to the immediate demolition of the McKeesport Water Filtration Roundhouse. This very unique structure built in 1908 is a significant landmark to our region for improvements to the health and well being during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It was designated a historic landmark by Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, eligible for National Register of Historic Places, and a key resource among the Industrial Resource Survey of the Great Allegheny Passage trail.

Replacing the Romanesque Revival Roundhouse with an everyday storage shed would be a major loss for the Youghiogheny River landscape. Potential re-use at this site is open with the proximity to the riverfront and intersecting trails creating a destination and value to the City of McKeesport.

YPA supports historic preservation as a tool for economic development and community revitalization, and we would like to see the existing structure reused in a way that recognizes the value of the site.

Once these structures are lost, they are gone forever. We hope that you will delay the demolition of the historic McKeesport Water Filtration Roundhouse in order to hear the community's opinions, and that you are able to recognize the importance of the Roundhouse to current and future residents.

Regards,

William Prince  
Board Member and Mon Valley Native

CC: City of McKeesport  
McKeesport Preservation Society  
Pennsylvania Bureau of Historic Preservation  
Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation  
Preservation Pennsylvania  
Preservation Pittsburgh