Cambria Iron Works

hree historic floods and the loss of the steel industry haven't been able to keep the people of Johnstown down. The restoration of a historic pedestrian bridge, which workers crossed on their way to and from jobs in the city's steel mills in decades past, is now underway. This bridge is a key link in a revitalization project that will combine tourism featuring the city's steel-making history with new jobs where the mills once stood.

The Cambria Iron Works site in downtown Johnstown houses three his-toric buildings, including a working blacksmith shop, as part of a downtown tourism site. It includes a newly developed greenway allowing visitors, workers, and residents to stroll around the area. New manufacturing jobs are already on site as environmental cleanup and redevelopment continues. Johnstown Welding and Fabrication and Johnstown Plate, steel plating operations; Bird Machine and Repair Shop, a metal fabric-ation shop; United Industrial Electro-Mechanical Services, an industrial services firm; and Quality Refinishing, a wood refinishing plant, are now onsite, providing more than 150-good paying jobs.

Thanks to the restoration of the Cambria Iron Works, a new international joint venture, Johnstown Plate, is able to open a steel plating operation and create 100 skilled manufacturing jobs for the area. The inner-city location is ideal, adjacent to steel end-users and rail networks."

Dick Luther, Maintenance Supervisor for Johnstown Welding & Fabrication and Johnstown Plate.







