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Three rivers may be a point of light

Plan uses lasers to brighten city

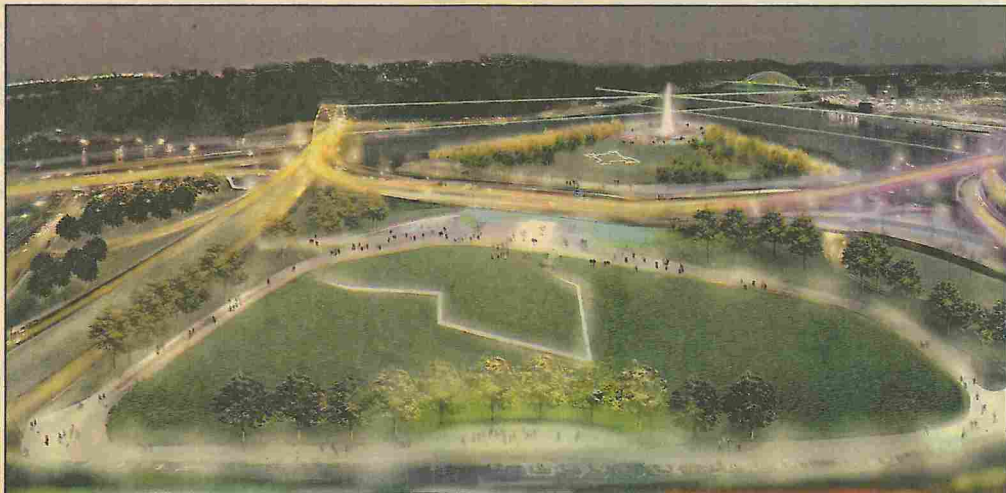
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A new lighting plan for Downtown Pittsburgh celebrates the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers with crossed laser beams of green light, creating an X where the rivers form a Y.

The beams, which would emanate from the Fort Pitt and Fort Duquesne bridges and from new vertical structures at Carnegie Science Center and a parking lot on the opposite shore, sometimes could be directed to converge on the fountain at the Point.

The Ohio Gateway is the most prominent, signature element of a multilayered scheme presented yesterday by Art2Architecture, a consultant to the Riverlife Task Force. From a boat, "It would be like a sky gateway as you approach the Point," said Art2Architecture co-founder Peter Fink.

The London-based firm unveiled its vision for illuminating Three Rivers Park in a series of



Art2Architecture

A graphic artist's rendering of how Point State Park will look under a new lighting plan proposed by the London-based Art2Architecture firm. "It would be like a sky gateway as you approach the Point," said Art2Architecture co-founder Peter Fink.