

The quiet villages of Beech Bottom and Windsor Heights border the beautiful Ohio River and boast rich histories from farming to coal mining. Both were once "company towns" and remain close-knit communities, where friendships last lifetimes and some third- and fourth-generation laborers work for local manufacturers.



Top: Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel's Beech Bottom Plant
Bottom: Beech Bottom Mayor's Office

education

Schools

Beech Bottom Primary: 304-394-5341
Wellsburg Middle School: 304-737-2922
Brooke High School: 304-527-1410
St. John's School: 304-737-0511

Libraries

Windsor Heights Library

industrial

Waldorf Distributing, Wheeling Corrugating Company, Murphy Consolidated Industries, Brooke Industrial Park

history

In the mid 1700s, as the Native Americans before them, Europeans were drawn to Beech Bottom/Windsor Heights' rich lands for farming. The Ohio River invited transportation and industry. In 1917, Whitaker-Glessner built what is now the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation followed by the Company's "Land Office" building which included a grocery, drug store, beauty shop and doctor's office. Streetcars (1901 - 1936) impacted the village for worker transportation and were reflected in the street names: Stop 45 and 49 Hill. Built in a very unique way were the "company houses." For the most part, four different designs were used, alternating them. Also there were multi-family units of duplex, a few triplex, plus a quad structure. In 1952, these company houses were sold to the general public and many have been renovated in Victorian-period décor. The village was incorporated in November 1953. Annexation in 1999 almost doubled both area and population. Some riverside bottomland is still available for development.

Born in "The Roaring '20s," today Windsor Heights has a population of 550 residents. The community came to support the Windsor Power House Coal Company. Four of the streets in the community are named for young men who lost their lives in World War II.

area attractions

Community Park
Brooke Pioneer Trail
Windsor Heights Senior Center/Community Center

churches

Christian Life Apostolic
Community Christian (Disciples of Christ)
Holy Family Catholic
Windsor Heights Church of God

civic groups

Lions Club, Scout Troop,
Brooke County Genealogical Society

important numbers

Emergency:	911
Police:	304-394-4771
Fire:	304-394-5726 (BB) 304-394-5033 (WH)
Post Office:	304-374-5830 (BB) 304-394-1210 (WH)

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