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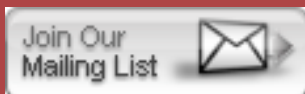
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FRIENDS OF THE RIVERFRONT

Through intense collaboration with community partners, government officials, and a diverse volunteer base, our rivers and riverfronts have been transformed from industrial wastelands to international examples of environmental renewal. Whether you bike, hike, rollerblade, or paddle along our beautiful shores, we encourage everyone to take advantage of these assets.





JOIN THE OCTOBER 1ST RIBBON CUTTING

The 4th Street Three Rivers Water Trail Landing is a newly completed public access for canoe/kayak enthusiasts. Developed by Friends of the Riverfront and partnering organizations, the Three Rivers Water Trail is a series of similar access sites along all three rivers in the Pittsburgh region. This event to celebrate the new landing and debut the Guide to Paddling the Three Rivers will be attended by Mayor Ravenstahl, Scott Bollinger of the PA Fish and Boat Commission, Jeff Leber from the Steel Industry Heritage Corporation, and Thomas Baxter, Director of Friends of the Riverfront. The ceremony will begin at 1:30pm on Wednesday, October 1st.

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2008 GUIDE TO PADDLING THE THREE RIVERS WATERTRAIL

It's here! The sister to the Three Rivers Heritage Trail Map, the Guide to Paddling the Three Rivers Water Trail has been completed and is ready for distribution! The Water Trail Guide runs in the same vein as the Three Rivers Heritage Trail Map as far as design and usability. It outlines river entry points, displays points of interest from on the rivers, and includes such information as emergency contacts - all printed on 100% recycled paper! The project was made possible through support from the Seed Award of the Sprout Fund, the City of Pittsburgh, PA Fish and Boat Commission, Steel Industry Heritage Corporation and Friends of the Riverfront. To view the online version of the map, click [here](#). To request a paper copy of the map please click [here](#).



OFFICIAL TRAIL IN THE WORKS

In a simple manor of statement, the Community Trails Initiatives' goal is to play a role in the successful expansion of the current Three Rivers Hertigae Trail along the Allegheny Riverfront, create community connections, and provide public access to recreational opportunities along the riverfronts. The project is funded through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Alleghney County, Allegheny Rivertown Enterprize Zone, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Friends of the Riverfront and through generous financial support from the

17 riverfront municipalities within the corridor. To view and electronic version, please click [here](#). For more details, please call Friends of the Riverfront at 412.488.0212, or click [here](#).

BENCHES MAKE THEIR DEBUT

As of Wednesday, August 20th, the South Side portion of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail now boasts some new points at which those needing a rest from biking or walking could sit and take in the Pittsburgh skyline! Two benches (one placed in memory of Ginger Fierle and the other representing REI) were installed along the stretch thus further improving the Three Rivers Heritage Trail in that location.



GAP: CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

It's time for an update on the construction of the "gaps in the GAP" -the nine miles between McKeesport and the Pittsburgh city limits. In this nine mile gap, there were 28 different properties that had to be acquired. The Allegheny Trail Alliance has deals on 27 out of 28. This is nothing short of a miracle to be this far. Thank-you, Pittsburgh 250 for the attention and help. Without this convergence of interests, this section was doomed to be difficult and dangerous; with their help, this is going to be one of the best, most interesting parts

of the entire trail. Folks, this section will be worth the wait. Bear with us. For more information on the Great Allegheny Passage, please click [here!](#)

RIVERTON RIBBON CUTTING SEPT. 25TH

Located in the Industrial Center of McKeesport. From Lysle Boulevard, enter the Industrial Center at Locust Street or Center Street. Proceed toward Huckestein Mechanical Services for parking. **Event start time is 11:30am.** The Riverton Bridge will carry the Great Allegheny Passage across the Monongahela River between McKeesport and Duquesne. The Great Allegheny Passage is part of the 335-mile biking and hiking trail stretching from Point State Park to Washington, D.C. Completion of the Great Allegheny Passage is a signature project of Pittsburgh 250. Please RSVP to Megan Dardanell at mdardanell@alleghenycounty.us.





2008 TRAIL MIX(ER) @ REDFIN BLUES

For the second year in a row, this annual party will be at Redfin Blues on Washington's Landing from 6-8pm on October 15th. More details are coming soon, so keep a look out or click [here!](#)

Increase awareness and engagement with the Pittsburgh region's rivers and riverfronts through activities, stewardship and expansion of water and land trails.

Sincerely,
Friends of the Riverfront

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