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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.

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## YOUR SUPPORT MAKES IT POSSIBLE

As always we'd like to [hear from you](#). Please take a moment to review the following e-news letter, visit and explore some [new features](#) of our web-page or participate in an active discussion on the [Heritage Trail Yahoo Group](#) for the latest upcoming trail developments. All of these new features have been made possible through your [generous membership support](#) with Friends of the Riverfront. Together we can make the Pittsburgh region a great place to live, work and call

home. Please consider joining Friends of the Riverfront as a way of showing your support. Click [HERE](#) for a 2008 Year-in-Review or [HERE](#) to request a paper copy!

## RED STAR IRONWORKS

Ever wonder who creates the artistic sign bases and canoe/kayak racks along the Three Rivers Heritage Trail? "Located in Millvale, craftsmanship and artistry merge into works of steel art that delight and enthrall clients. Whether the steel structures are traditional or contemporary, the emphasis on craftsmanship is behind the company's reputation for excellence. Red Star Ironworks is the brainchild of Peter Lambert, owner, blacksmith, iron worker, high-school drop out, and remarkable entrepreneur. The soft-spoken 28 year old was recently named the Small Business Administration Young Entrepreneur of the Year." Red Star Ironworks is responsible for the design of the Heritage Trail Signage stands and supports as well as the canoe/kayak racks at Three Rivers Water Trail landings. Click [HERE](#) for more information about Red Star Ironworks, or [HERE](#) for the whole article!



## COMING SOON: INTERACTIVE ONLINE TRHT MAP

We are working hard on the new interactive version of the wildly popular Three Rivers Heritage Trail Map & Guide. In just a short time, it will be available online for all to see and use! The map is being populated with a large number of points of interest, (POI's), in much the same way the paper copy has, however much greater in number. Check back to Friends of the Riverfronts' website, time is wearing short upon its release, scheduled for early 2009! Have a favorite restaurant, bike shop, or other trailside amenity you would like to see a part of the map? Click [HERE](#) and tell us!

## ALLEGHENY VALLEY LAND TRUST

"Ron Steffey, the executive director of the Allegheny Valley Land Trust, is out on the trails as an ardent advocate for their planning, protection, development and maintenance. It's the success that Steffey has had in influencing policy relating to those trail issues that has earned him an award from a national nonprofit trail organization. American Trails has selected Steffey to receive its Trail Advocacy Award for 2008 for the state of Pennsylvania." "It's an honor. I perhaps received the accolades for a lot of groups," Steffey added. "It's just pulling everyone together who enjoys the trail." For more information on the Allegheny Valley Land Trust, click [HERE](#).



### RFP: SYCAMORE ISLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Allegheny Land Trust is seeking proposals to develop a Management Plan for a 14-acre island on the Allegheny River near Pittsburgh, PA. The plan will support the following Mission Statement: To direct Allegheny Land Trust's stewardship efforts with the goal of enhancing the terrestrial, aquatic and avian habitat of the island; and to permit those public uses that enhance understanding of the island's importance but do not impair the island or its associated habitats. Please click [HERE](#) for more information on this project, keeping in

mind the deadline is **January 30th**.

**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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