



2012 YEAR IN REVIEW & 2013 PERSPECTIVE



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



Volunteer Stewardship

Accomplishments

- Engaged 1,824 volunteers for a total 5,472 hours of service along the Three Rivers Heritage Trail and Three Rivers Water Trail
- Continued to sustain the Trail Stewardship Program, monitoring the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, Three Rivers Water Trail and the Interpretive Signage System
- Completed a brochure to raise awareness and gain volunteers for the Riverfronts Naturally program
- Planted over 500 trees and 1,500 flower bulbs along the Three Rivers Heritage Trail

Looking Ahead

- Proactively engage volunteers of all ages and abilities to offer their time and talents in the maintenance of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail
- Grow staff to include a dedicated Stewardship Coordinator certified as an arborist and licensed applicator to combat invasive species.

Promotion of Water and Land Trails

Accomplishments

- Hosted the Pittsburgh Triathlon & Adventure Race to a sold-out crowd of 1,500 top athletes and 3,000 spectators
- Published the book Forging Connections, 20 Years of Building the Three Rivers Heritage Trail
- Installation of a new mile marker system along 22 miles of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail

Looking Ahead

- Update and print the Three Rivers Heritage Trail Map and Guide to highlight new trail development and improvements
- Grow the Pittsburgh Triathlon & Adventure Race into a three day event with accommodating 2,000 athletes and 3,500 spectators
- Continue to actively engage our membership and interested stakeholders through Facebook, Twitter, e-blasts, Yahoo Group and interactive web-page.

Three Rivers Heritage Trail Development

Accomplishments

- Completed engineering and construction on a new section of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail through Hazelwood connecting to the Hot Metal Bridge
- Engaged the community and interested stakeholders in the planning and development of the Aspinwall Marina into a park as part of the continued development of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail along the Allegheny Riverfront
- Aggressively fundraised and began construction on the Keystone Segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, a portion of the Great Allegheny Passage
- Replaced all trailhead map signs to reflect new segments and updates to the Three Rivers Heritage Trail

Looking Ahead

- Resurface several miles of trail along the North Shore from crushed stone to asphalt
- Complete plan for the continuation of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail along the Ohio to connect with the Montour Trail
- Purchase riverfront property in Etna along the Allegheny Riverfront, part of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail alignment.
- Celebrate the completion of the Great Allegheny Passage

Three Rivers Water Trail Development

Accomplishments

- Completed survey, design and secured capital funds for several new access points on the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers
- Continued to promote use of the Three Rivers Water Trail including a how to video on locking through with non-motorized craft

Looking Ahead

- Construct a Three Rivers Water Trail access in Natrona along the Allegheny River
- Continue to engage public input as a way of fostering the development of additional access points throughout the riverfronts of Allegheny County

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Art Market
Backyard Gardens
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Baker Hughes Foundation
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