

## 2021 IN REVIEW

Building safe, clean, and accessible riverfront trails as part of the Three Rivers Heritage & Water Trail systems to create and maintain an outstanding experience for trail users while providing economic, environmental, and health benefits to the Pittsburgh region

### Benefits the Three Rivers Heritage Trail & Water Trail provide to our communities:

Health  
Recreation  
Community Identity  
Transportation  
Historic Preservation

Revitalization  
Conservation  
Economic Impact  
Livability



**2 million+**  
Annual Trips  
on the  
Three Rivers Heritage Trail

**33**  
Miles of Urban  
& Suburban  
Trail

**31**  
Water Trail  
Launches

Trail  
Stewardship



**1500+**  
Volunteers

**100+**  
Volunteer &  
Outreach  
Events

**19**  
Trail  
Stewards



**36**  
TONS of trash



**103** Trees  
Planted



**Plus**

vegetation and vines  
cleared,  
beds planted, &  
graffiti removed

**Trail Development**

**36**

miles of trail  
extensions in 36  
municipalities in  
Allegheny County

**\$538,100**

raised in trail  
development  
grants

**Volunteers contributed over 6,100+ hours, a \$450,932 value!**



Goats  
managing  
invasives  
in the Strip  
District

## 2021 Highlights Along the Three Rivers Heritage & Water Trails

- Cutting the ribbon on Etna Riverfront Trail & Park, part of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail system
- Opening a connector trail in Harrison, PA along Springhill Road
- Completing the Turtle Creek Connector Trail Feasibility Study, with our partners at Allegheny County
- Receiving state funding for a Water Trail Management Plan to address trail expansion, promotion, and maintenance
- Repaving North Shore and South Side trail segments, and rehabilitating the limestone on the Millvale segment
- Raising over \$200,000 to solve the ponding issue in Baldwin Borough known as “Eagle Lake.” Construction scheduled for fall 2022
- Updating and distributing the Three Rivers Water Trail Map & Guide
- Completing a Master Site Plan for a riverfront park in Baldwin, PA
- Along with partner Allegheny CleanWays, launching Litter League, a competitive litter collection team sport that challenges people across Allegheny County to pick up litter with 11 teams competing in the inaugural season
- Hosting the 2nd Annual IceCycle Bike Event which challenged trail users to get outside in the winter, while also supporting trail maintenance



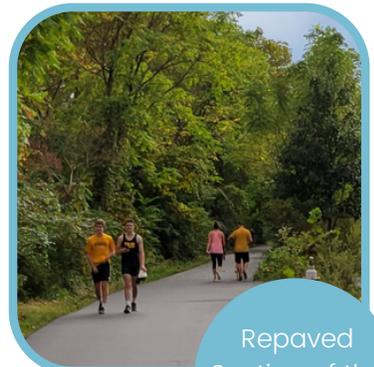
Award  
ceremony at  
Inaugural  
Litter League



Etna  
Riverfront  
Trail & Park  
Ribbon  
Cutting

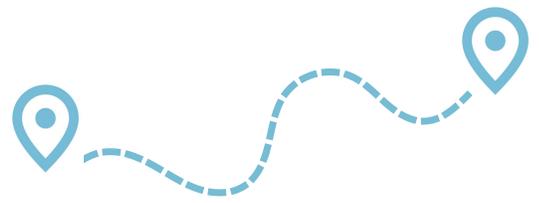


Corporate  
Volunteers  
from  
Duquesne  
Light



Repaved  
Section of the  
North Shore

**THANK YOU to our many partners, volunteers, supporters & friends who make our work possible!**



## 2022-2025 Strategic Plan

In 2022, Friends of the Riverfront finished a new 3-year Strategic Plan. As part of that process, we surveyed and interviewed trail users, municipal partners, and other stakeholders.

Here is a sneak peak of what we heard!

**90%**

of respondents said that they feel welcome/at home on the Trails

**44%**

of respondents said that they use the trail for transportation in addition to recreation

**78%**

of respondents said that litter management on the trails is great or fine

### Trail Users Want:

- Good signage
- Connections to regional trails
- Trails clear of litter
- Safe trails
- Well-maintained trails
- A natural environment

"Highlights include encounters with wildlife (hawks, an eagle, unusual songbirds) and finding wild edible mushrooms"  
- Trail User

"Cycling in the city scared me, but knowing that I could minimize my time in traffic by using the trails made me much more comfortable and got me back on a bike"  
- Trail User

"Seeing more BIPOC made it feel immensely more welcoming and comfortable to be on the trails"  
- Trail User

"I love being able to ride to the Strip and Downtown easily and so many other places to shop, have dinner, go to a Pitt game - it is so convenient [and] good for the environment"  
- Trail User





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and connected

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