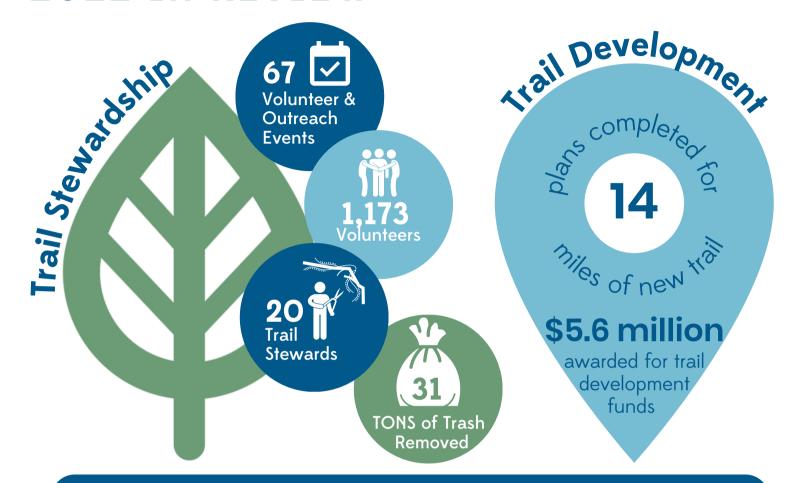


Building safe, clean, and accessible riverfront trails as part of the Three Rivers Heritage & Water Trail systems to create and maintain an outstanding experience for trail users while providing economic, environmental, and health benefits to the Pittsburgh region

2022 IN REVIEW



Volunteers contributed over 5,210 hours- a \$155,806 value!

Benefits the Three Rivers Heritage Trail & Water Trail provide to our communities: 33+ √ Health Revitalization Miles of Urban Recreation Conservation & Suburban **Community Identity Economic Impact** Trail Transportation 1 million+ Livability Historic Preservation **Annual Trips** Three Rivers Heritage Trail **Water Trail** Launches





Highlights along the Three Rivers Heritage & Water Trails

- Eliminated ponding along the Baldwin Trail segment a \$250k project ("Eagle Lake")
- Added new interpretive signage featuring the local Bald Eagles along Baldwin Trail segment
- Built a 100ft trail segment in Natrona, connecting the Community Park to the riverfront and installed 12 mosaics highlighting local plants and wildlife
- Hosted "Fireside Folktales," a collaborative event with the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center that paired storytelling and stewardship
- Kelsey Ripper, Executive Director, served on Mayor Gainey's Infrastructure and the Environment Transition Committee, presenting a road map for a Clean, Connected, Coordinated, and Climate Resilient Pittsburgh
- Partnered with Allegheny CleanWays to host the 2nd Annual Litter League where participants collected 22 tons of trash in Allegheny County
- Completed the Turtle Creek Connector Feasibility Study which is now moving into the design and engineering phase
- Added 4 new staff to support our stewardship and trail development work
- Joined Allegheny CleanWays in moving to a larger office in Etna
- Expanded our website so trail users can stay up-to-date on trail development projects











New
interpretive
signage
featuring local
Bald Eagles



2022-2025 Strategic Plan

In 2022, Friends of the Riverfront finished a new 3-year Strategic Plan that identifies strategic focus areas and goals for the organization. Visit "About Us" on the website to view the entire plan.

Our strategic focus areas...

1 CONNECTIVITY

creating
new,
high-quality trails
with available
information and signage
to guide access and use

2 MAINTENANCE

ensuring trails across the system are clean and safe

3 RELATIONSHIPS

designing a framework
for developing and
maintaining
effective government
relations

4 COMMUNICATION

increasing our profile,
including in populations
with
limited prior
engagement

Some of the ways we'll do this...

- collaborate with a diverse group of organizations for stewardship and volunteer events
- ✓ conduct an Economic impact study for the Three Rivers Heritage Trail
- ✓ improve signage and wayfinding on land and water trails
- develop trail segments in communities with little to no trail access
- ✓ improve our property and easement acquisition process so we can act quickly when opportunities arise

Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Efforts for justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion are a critical element to reaching our vision for the trail network. We recognize that this intentionality needs to be deliberately named for internal accountability, and that this focus needs to be embedded within all of our strategic goals and implementation

"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
[trail users] made it feel
immensely more
welcoming and
comfortable to be on the
trails"

"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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