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## Friends of the Riverfront Breaks Ground for Eagle's Landing Riverfront Park in Baldwin Borough

Three Rivers Heritage Trail's New Destination Provides Access to River Views, Nature Observation

**Baldwin Borough, PA** – Friends of the Riverfront and Baldwin Borough will host a groundbreaking ceremony for *Eagle's Landing Riverfront Park* on **Thursday, August 28, at 10:00 a.m.** The ceremony will take place along the Three Rivers Heritage Trail in Baldwin Borough, marking the official start of Phase 1 construction on this highly anticipated riverfront destination.

The event celebrates the culmination of years of planning, collaboration, and community engagement to transform a section of the Monongahela riverfront into a scenic, accessible, and ecologically rich public space. Named in honor of the nesting bald eagle pair that have become local icons, Eagle's Landing will provide a unique place for trail users, birdwatchers, and residents to enjoy the outdoors and learn about the region's natural heritage.

Phase 1 construction will include an ADA-accessible pathway, river observation deck, bike racks and repair station, interpretive signage, native plantings, and an interactive bird nest seating feature. These amenities were shaped by the 2022 Baldwin Riverfront Park Master Plan, developed with extensive input from residents, trail users, and environmental experts. The design is sensitive to the nesting habits of the park's namesake eagles, ensuring the park enhances habitat while providing safe, meaningful access for the public.

The park will connect directly to the **Three Rivers Heritage Trail** and the **Great Allegheny Passage**, strengthening Baldwin Borough's link to the broader regional trail network. Once complete, Eagle's Landing will serve as an attraction for outdoor recreation and environmental education, while adding a vibrant new stop along one of the area's most traveled trail corridors. This phase of construction is slated for completion by the end of 2025.

"The new amenities at Eagle's Landing will create an exciting destination where people can recreate, learn about local native species, and connect with a river that has long been defined by its industrial past. These partnerships and investments in the Monongahela River valley help to connect community members and trail users to both the land and water trail systems in Allegheny County," says Kelsey Ripper, Executive Director of Friends of the Riverfront.

Project partners include Friends of the Riverfront, Baldwin Borough, and Pashek+MTR, with funding from Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR), Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD), Patrick and Lynn Gurrentz, and the Great Allegheny Passage Conservancy.



"Baldwin Borough is excited to partner with Fiends and looking forward to this project as the trail and the Improvements to this stop along the Great Allegheny Passage is an asset to not only to Baldwin residents but to those who utilize the trail," said Robert Firek, Manager of Baldwin Borough.

The groundbreaking ceremony is open to the public and media. The site is accessible via the Three Rivers Heritage Trail only; access details are available at <u>Ground Breaking Ceremony - Eagle's Landing Riverfront Park</u> | Friends of the Riverfront



