

Three Rivers Water Trail Development Plan

Prepared by Friends of the Riverfront

Mission Statement

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

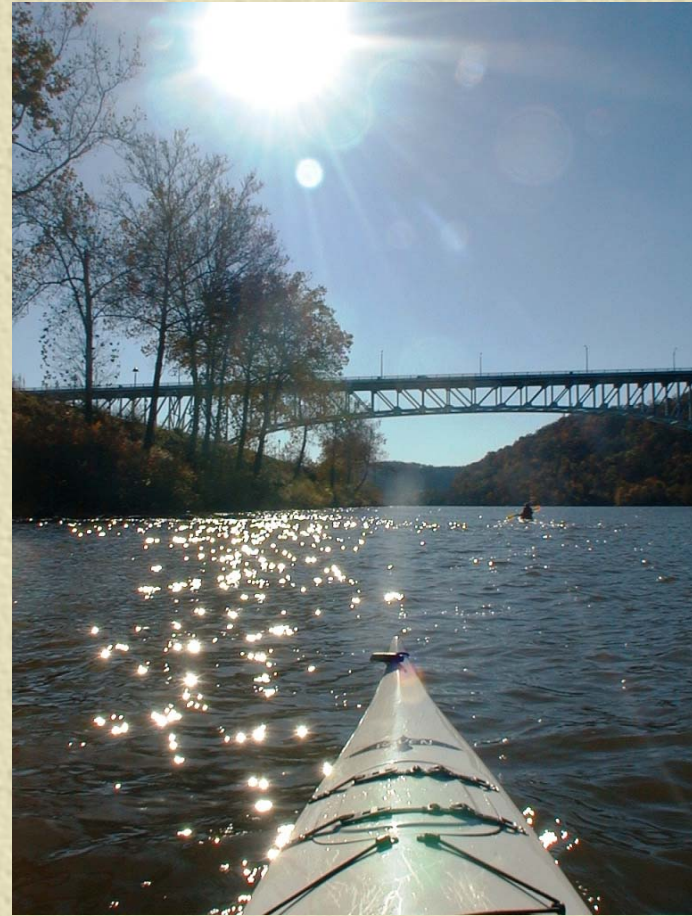
- Land Trail Development
- Water Trail Development
- Stewardship

Three Rivers Water Trail

✦ The Three Rivers Water Trail is a series of public canoe/kayak access points within the 90 riverfront municipalities of Allegheny County.

Water Trail Components

- ✠ Agreement
- ✠ Access
- ✠ Signage
- ✠ Racks
- ✠ Promotion
- ✠ Stewardship



Agreement

- ✦ Community need and desire.
- ✦ Friends of the Riverfront partners with municipalities, nonprofits and private entities through License and Maintenance Agreements.
- ✦ Agreements generally stipulate all parties roles and responsibilities including but not limited to funding, construction, maintenance, liability, use of facility and promotion.

Access

- ✿ Minimal alteration is preferred (natural beach)
- ✿ Floating Dock if an agency assumes responsibility
- ✿ Disturbed areas to be landscaped with native plants



Allegheny Water Trail Access Points

Clemente Bridge	<i>Complete</i>
Convention Center	<i>Design Phase</i>
River Avenue	<i>Design Phase</i>
Three Rivers Rowing Assn	<i>Complete</i>
Lawrenceville	<i>Complete</i>
Millvale	<i>Complete</i>
Sharpsburg	<i>Construction Phase</i>
O'Hara Township	<i>Construction Phase</i>
Blawnox	<i>Need owner approval (Borough)</i>
Penn Hills	<i>Acquisition Phase</i>
Verona	<i>Complete</i>

Mon Water Trail Access Points

Station Square	<i>Complete</i>
Mon Wharf	<i>Design Phase</i>
4 th Street	<i>Construction 2008</i>
South Side Riverfront	<i>Complete</i>
ALMONO/Hazelwood	<i>Need Owner Approval</i>
Nine Mile Run	<i>Design Phase</i>
Braddock	<i>Design Phase</i>
Duquesne	<i>Need City Approval</i>
McKeesport (Tenth Ward)	<i>Complete</i>
McKeesport (Palisades Park)	<i>Need Marina Approval</i>

Ohio Water Trail Access Points

Point State Park

Design Phase

North Shore

Complete

Chartiers Creek

Need owner approval

Westhall Street

Design Phase

Tom's Run

Existing (PFBC)

Neville Island

Need owner approval

Sewickley (Walnut St)

Construction Phase

Signage



Red Paddle signs are standard for the Three Rivers Water Trail



Signage is designed to be seen from roadways, trails and from the river



Racks

Three River Water Trail – Rack Design Standard




South Side Riverfront Park – Monongahela River




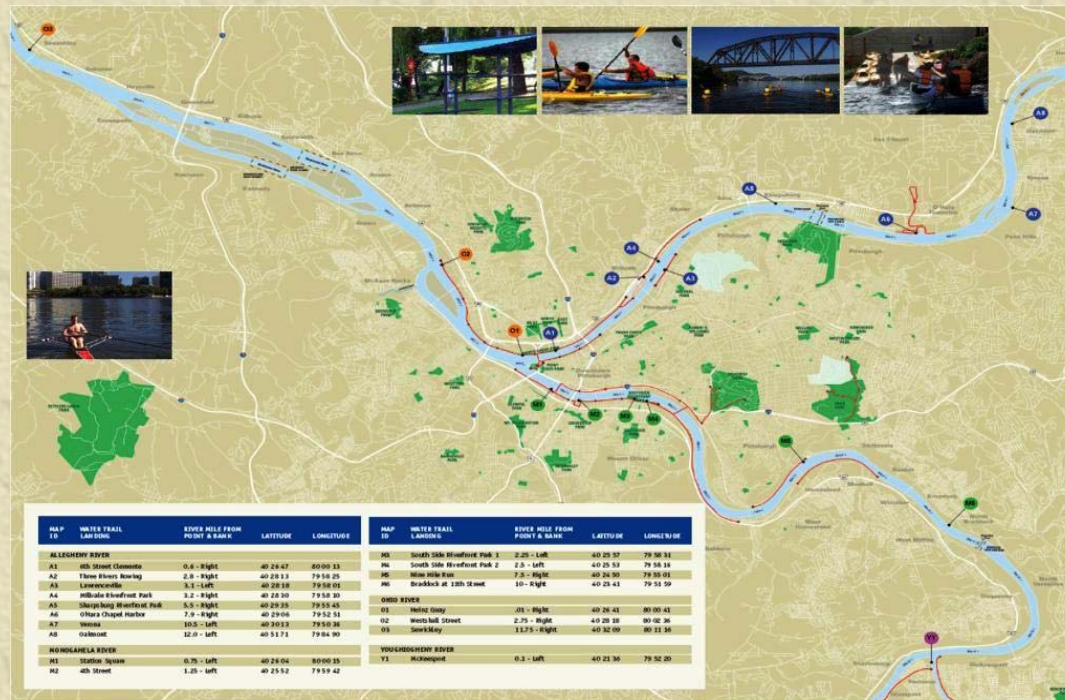
Three Rivers Rowing – Allegheny River

Promotion

 www.threeriverswatertrail.com

 Printed Guide to Paddling the Three Rivers Water Trail

 Part of a larger state-wide system Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission



Stewardship

✦ Volunteer Water Trail Stewards

✦ Riverfronts Naturally Program

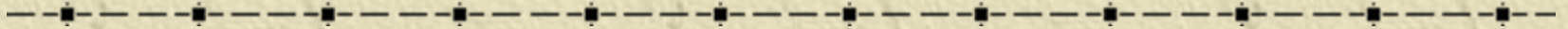


Did you know?

✦ What are the top 3 things found on the riverfronts as a result of people?



Tires



Drink Containers



Riverballs



Go for a Paddle & Get Involved

✦ www.threeriverswatertrail.com

✦ Fastest growing recreational Sport in PA

✦ Volunteer at one or more Riverfronts Naturally events.

✦ Write a letter of support for Friends of the Riverfront.

✦ Visit us online at

www.friendsoftheriverfront.org , and become a member!