



FRIENDS of the
RIVERFRONT

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

2011

Year in Review



Volunteer Stewardship

Accomplishments

- Engaged 1,563 volunteers for a total 4,689 hours of service along the Three Rivers Heritage Trail
- Continued to sustain the Trail Stewardship Program, monitoring the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, Three Rivers Water Trail and the Interpretive Signage System

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
- Pursue additional corporate partners to provide volunteers and help off-set the cost of program materials

Promotion of Water and Land Trails

Accomplishments

- Hosted the Pittsburgh Triathlon & Adventure Race to a sold-out crowd of 1,000 top athletes and 2,500 spectators
- Successfully hosted the annual Trail Mix(er), a summer celebration of our rivers and our mission
- Created an electronic version of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail map universal to all hand-held mobile devices
- Designed and printed an improved Guide to Paddling the Three Rivers Water Trail including a water proof version

Looking Ahead

- Update the Three Rivers Heritage Trail Map and Guide to highlight new trail development and improvements
- Grow the Pittsburgh Triathlon & Adventure Race into a two day event accommodating up to 2,000 athletes from around the United States
- Installation of a new mile marker system along 22 miles of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail
- Continue to actively engage our membership and interested stakeholders through Facebook, Twitter, Eblasts, Yahoo Group and interactive web-page.

Three Rivers Heritage Trail Development

Accomplishments

- Worked closely with our partners, Allegheny County and Pennsylvania Environmental Council, to complete the Community Trails Initiative Study of 17 municipalities along the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail alignment
- Launched the RFP process to begin selection of a firm to study the Ohio Riverfront for a trail corridor, connecting the Three Rivers Heritage Trail with the Montour Trail
- Completed the successful purchase of the Aspinwall Marina for the creation of riverfront park and segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail

Looking Ahead

- Complete engineering and construct a new section of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail through Hazelwood connecting to the Hot Metal Bridge
- Engage 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 fundraise and construct the Keystone Segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, a portion of the Great Allegheny Passage

Three Rivers Water Trail Development

Accomplishments

- Designed and constructed a new access point on the Monongahela River at the mouth of Duck Hollow

Looking Ahead

- Begin survey and design work for several new access points on the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers
- 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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