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

2009 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



Thank you for your continued membership with Friends of the Riverfront. We are fortunate to have your support and encouragement to increase public access and activity along our region's riverfronts. Take a moment to review the following year in perspective and outlook for 2010. As you will read, we're building new sections of trails, increasing public riverfront access and actively engaging volunteers in stewardship programs. All of this continues to be made possible through your generosity and commitment to Friends of the Riverfront's mission. Together we can make the Pittsburgh region a great place to live, work and play.

Heritage Trail Care & Stewardship

Accomplishments

- Engaged over 1,018 volunteers, for a minimum of 3 hours each, along the riverfronts and trails for the Riverfronts Naturally Stewardship Program
- Planted 350 native trees and shrubs, removed 950 bags of garbage and 168 bags of recyclables along the 21 miles of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail
- Developed and implemented a volunteer-based Trail Monitor Program along the Three Rivers Water Trail to report issues and to care for signage and other amenities, including the kayak rack



Looking Ahead

- Continue to build the success of the Riverfronts Naturally Stewardship Program by engaging more people, community groups and organizations along the riverfronts and trails
- Increase corporate participation and donations to reduce program operational and material costs



Events & Activities to Promote Land & Water

Accomplishments

- Engaged over 950 top national athletes to compete in the Olympic distance Pittsburgh Triathlon and Adventure Race
- Distributed 50,000 Three Rivers Heritage Trail Maps & Activity Guides to promote the trail for both recreational and commuting uses
- Created an electronic Three Rivers Heritage Trail Map complete with interactive features and recommendations
- Launched a suite of social networks to directly communicate with our members and supporters



Looking Ahead

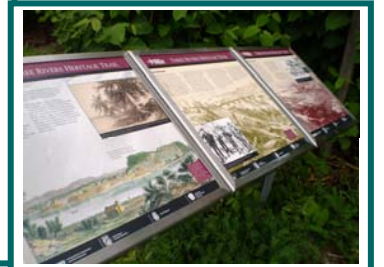
- Increase participation in the Pittsburgh Triathlon and Adventure Race
- Continue to develop an involved, informed and motivated membership base
- Update the Three Rivers Heritage Trail Map & Activity Guide, both online and in print, and continue distributing them to trail users and visitors to the Pittsburgh region



Three Rivers Heritage Trail Development

Accomplishments

- Continued management of the Community Trail Initiative, a multi-faceted, 17 municipality trail plan along the Allegheny Riverfront
- Completed capital campaign for the Route 28 Trail, the missing segment between the City of Pittsburgh and the Borough of Millvale
- Continued to play an active role in the development of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance, www.eriepittsburghtrail.org
- Garnered consensus and partial financial support for a trail study along the Ohio River, connecting the Three Rivers Heritage Trail to the Montour Trail
- Partnered with Riverlife to design a safer, more convenient system of mile markers along the Three Rivers Heritage Trail



Looking Ahead

- Complete the Community Trails Initiative, begin plans for implementation and continue community engagement
- Complete construction of the Route 28 Trail segment
- Prepare RFP for the Ohio Riverfront Trail corridor
- Continue closing the gaps in the Great Allegheny Passage along the Three Rivers Heritage Trail by completing the Keystone segment design
- Install and maintain new Three Rivers Heritage Trail mile markers
- Design new signs to complement the existing Interpretive Signage System



Three Rivers Water Trail Development

Accomplishments

- Completed agreements for public riverfront access within the municipalities of Elizabeth, Braddock, Oakmont, Pittsburgh and Sewickley
- Raised funds to install access ramps, signage, racks and other site amenities for paddlers
- Distributed 12,000 Guides to Paddling the Three Rivers Water Trail promoting public riverfront access and recreational use of the region's waterways
- Launched the Three Rivers Water Trail status page at www.threeriverswatertrail.org, providing information on current and future development projects



Looking Ahead

- Complete design and construction of several new access points on the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio Rivers
- Revise both the printed and electronic Guide to Paddling the Three Rivers Water Trail, an important resource for non-motorized boating access
- Continue to engage public input and secure additional access agreements throughout the 90 riverfront municipalities in Allegheny County

