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# Press Release

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## SCULPTURE NABBED FROM NORTH SHORE TRAIL

PITTSBURGH, PA - (August 4, 2009) Over the weekend, vandals made off with the silhouette portion of the Unkillable Human Sculpture (pictured on right) on the North Shore Trail. The seven foot tall iron sculpture, created by artist Frederick Franck, represents a significant installation on this segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail. Beside the sculpture, a granite tablet reveals the sculptor's inspiration for the piece, "came about on my return from Hiroshima, where burned into a concrete wall I saw the shadow of the fellow human evaporated the moment the Bomb struck. Through the empty negative - mere flames of steel - one sees the Human rising like a Phoenix from its ashes." The sculpture was most likely stolen Saturday evening, and reports from concerned trail users flooded Friends of the Riverfront's phone lines over the weekend. Please call 412.488.0212 or email Friends of the Riverfront at [friends@friendsoftheriverfront.org](mailto:friends@friendsoftheriverfront.org) if you have any information that can aid in the recovery of the sculpture.



The Three Rivers Heritage Trail is a paved and dedicated biking, hiking, and walking trail around Pittsburgh. Running for over 21 miles along both sides of the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers, it is an almost complete public route for cyclists, walkers, runners, and in some places roller bladders. With funding from foundations, government officials, and diverse volunteer base, our rivers and riverfronts have been transformed from industrial wastelands to international examples of environmental renewal. Annually, 2 million people use the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, and it is promoted in Friends of the Riverfront's free Heritage Trail Map. The map is distributed to approximately 50,000 individuals at several hundred locations within the City and surrounding areas.

For more information about Friends of the Riverfront, visit [www.friendsoftheriverfront.org](http://www.friendsoftheriverfront.org) or call 412.488.0212.

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