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# Press Release

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## STOLEN NORTH SHORE SCULPTURE RECOVERED

PITTSBURGH, PA - (August 5, 2009) The Unkillable Human Sculpture (pictured on right) stolen from the Three Rivers Heritage Trail over the weekend, was found Wednesday morning. The seven-foot-tall iron sculpture, created by artist Frederick Franck, was recovered by City of Pittsburgh Detective John Varner from a private residence in Bridgeville, PA. The inspiration for the sculpture came from the bombing of Hiroshima "where burned into a concrete wall [Franck] saw the shadow of the fellow human evaporated the moment the Bomb struck." The sculpture suffered light damage, and Friends of the Riverfront is working with Red Star Ironworks of Millvale to restore the piece. Plans are being made for its reinstallation in late August.

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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