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PITTSBURGH, Pa. – (September 26, 2008) Friends of the Riverfront announces official dedication of the 4th Street Three Rivers Water Trail Landing on **Wednesday, October 1st at 1:30 pm.** The celebration is the culmination of many months of planning, design and construction of the canoe/kayak landing which was made possible by Friends of the Riverfront through support from the City of Pittsburgh, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and the Steel Industry Heritage Corporation. The access site, located at the terminus of 4th Street and the Monongahela River just off of East Carson in the South Side, is one of 18 similar sites dedicated solely to non-motorized craft available for public access along the riverfronts of Allegheny County.

The event's host committee includes City of Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, Scott Bollinger from the PA Fish & Boat Commission, Jeff Leber from the Steel Industry Heritage Corporation, and Thomas Baxter; representing Friends of the Riverfront. Participants are encouraged to arrive by land or paddle directly to the site.

The 4th Street access dedication also coincides with the debut of the Guide to Paddling the Three Rivers Water Trail. The free publication, developed by Friends of the Riverfront and the PA Fish and Boat Commission, is a must have for canoe and kayakers who wish to get out and participate in the fastest growing recreational sport regionally. With over 90 traversable miles of rivers, Allegheny County is truly the place to set out and explore. Before paddling out users are encouraged to view an electronic version of the guide online at www.threeriverswatertrail.com and also request a paper copy.

Directions: from downtown Pittsburgh take Smithfield Street Bridge across the Monongahela and LEFT onto East Carson Street. Proceed away from Station Square for ½ mile and make a LEFT onto 1st Street and an immediate RIGHT onto McKean Street. Follow McKean until it intersects with Bingham Street. At the Roadway intersection turn LEFT and head onto 4th Street, a cobble stone roadway leading towards the Monongahela River. At the end of 4th Street, cross the railroad tracks and turn RIGHT into the New South Side Trailhead parking area. Once parked we will assemble at the Three Rivers Water Trail Landing, look for the large red paddle signs and the Friends of the Riverfront banner. Trilside parking will be available. An information as well as refreshments table will be set up for attendees' convenience.