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FRIENDS OF THE RIVERFRONT CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF RIVERFRONT CONNECTION

PITTSBURGH, Pa. – (January 19, 2012) Friends of the Riverfront is pleased to announce that a commemorative book, *Forging Connections: Friends of the Riverfront, Twenty Years of Building the Three Rivers Heritage Trail*, has been released to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the nonprofit.

Founded on February 14, 1991, with a mission of transforming Pittsburgh region's brownfields and riverfronts into public trails, Friends of the Riverfront continues to expand and develop the Three Rivers Heritage Trail within Allegheny County. *Forging Connections* explores Friends of the Riverfront's history, the process of trail building, programs, and future possibilities for the organization. The book can be ordered by contacting Friends of the Riverfront or online for a suggested \$10 donation at <http://www.friendsoftheriverfront.org/files/join.html>.

About Friends of the Riverfront

Founded in 1991, Friends of the Riverfront is dedicated to the development, expansion, promotion, and stewardship of the Three Rivers Water Trail and Three Rivers Heritage Trail in the Pittsburgh region.

The twenty year old membership-based nonprofit is committed to increasing awareness and engagement with the Pittsburgh region's rivers and riverfronts through activities, stewardship and expansion of water and land trails. Friends of the Riverfront works tirelessly throughout Allegheny County to reconnect communities with their rivers and riverfronts, and is the water trail manager of the Three Rivers Water Trail, a network of non-motorized craft access points in the Pittsburgh region. The organization has been instrumental in the development and stewardship of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail -- a dedicated biking, hiking, and walking trail

around Pittsburgh. Extending over 22 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 rollerbladers.

Information about the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, Three Rivers Water Trail, and Friends of the Riverfront can be found at www.friendsoftheriverfront.org, by calling 412-488-0212, or by joining Friends of the Riverfront's social network on Facebook and Twitter.