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Onorato Announces Start of Mapping Effort for Allegheny Valley Trail

Project will create 32-mile trail along Allegheny River from Millvale to Harrison Twp.

PITTSBURGH — Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato today announced the selection of McTish Kunkel & Associates to complete the development plan for a 32-mile trail along the Allegheny River between Millvale and Harrison Township.

“We’re excited to begin the mapping effort for the new Allegheny Valley Trail, which will connect 18 municipalities,” said Onorato. “We’ve established a coalition of boroughs, townships, trail groups and greenway advocates to build a continuous riverfront trail that will expand recreational and economic development opportunities. The consultant will help us plot the actual course by determining land ownership, identifying challenging terrain, studying potential usage, and evaluating trail linkages.”

Last fall, Onorato announced the Allegheny Valley Community Trail Initiative, a coalition of municipal leaders, trail groups, greenway advocates, and elected officials from Aspinwall, Blawnox, Brackenridge, Cheswick, Etna, Fox Chapel, Frazer Township, Harmar Township, Harrison Township, Millvale, O’Hara Township, Pittsburgh, Shaler, Sharpsburg, Springdale Borough, Springdale Township and Tarentum. Other partners include the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Allegheny River Towns Enterprise Zone, Friends of the Riverfront, and Fox Chapel District Association.

Once completed, the Allegheny Valley Trail will tie into the Erie-to-Pittsburgh Greenway and the Pittsburgh-to-Harrisburg Mainline Canal Greenway, which follows the 320-mile path of the historic Pennsylvania Mainline Canal.

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