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Public Meetings Announced for Community Trails Initiative

PITTSBURGH, Pa. – (February 24, 2010) Allegheny County, the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and Friends of the Riverfront will host a series of public meetings for the Community Trails Initiative, a trail and riverfront development plan encompassing 17 municipalities (City of Pittsburgh, Millvale, Shaler, Etna, Sharpsburg, Aspinwall, Fox Chapel, O'Hara Township, Blawnox, Harmar, Cheswick, Springdale, Springdale Township, Frazer, Tarentum, Brackenridge and Harrison) along the right descending bank (north bank) of the Allegheny River. The meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 2, at the Millvale Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 3, at the Alle-Kiski Museum from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, March 6, at the Boyd Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m. (addresses below). The public meetings are designed to inform the community about the project, to report the findings of the 2009 trail study, and to engage the community in the process.

The Community Trails Initiatives' goals are to expand of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail along the Allegheny Riverfront, create connections to communities along the way, and to provide public access to recreational opportunities along the riverfronts. This connection is an important part of the Allegheny County Riverfronts Project (<http://www.pecpa.org/alleghenyriverfront>), the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail (www.eriepittsburghtrail.org) and the Pittsburgh to Harrisburg Mainline Canal Greenway(<http://www.alleghenyridge.org/GREENWAY.html>).

The project is funded through the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Allegheny County, Allegheny River Towns Enterprise Zone, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Friends of the Riverfront and through generous financial support from the 17 riverfront municipalities within the corridor. Along with hosting partners, the Township of O'Hara and the Fox Chapel District Association are also key partners assisting with community outreach and fiscal responsibilities.

For more information about the Community Trails Initiative and to download plans, please visit the Trail Status page of www.friendsoftheriverfront.org

March 2 meeting will be held at the Millvale Community Center, 416 Lincoln Ave. Millvale, PA 15209

March 3 meeting will be held at the Alle-Kiski Museum, 224 E. 7th Ave. Tarentum, PA 15084

March 6 meeting will be held at the Boyd Community Center, 1220 Powers Run Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15238