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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SOUGHT FOR NEW SECTION OF THE THREE RIVERS HERITAGE TRAIL

PITTSBURGH, Pa. – (November 7, 2011) The Friends of the Riverfront is soliciting Request for Proposals for the expansion of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail. Currently the trail system ends on the banks of the Ohio River adjacent to Station Square. Expansion of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail will provide a connection from the City of Pittsburgh to Allegheny County's Sports Legacy Project in Coraopolis. The continuation of the trail system will also connect to the Montour Trail and provides a dedicated non-motorized connection through the South Hills and access to the Pittsburgh International Airport. Development of a trail along the Ohio River will also create numerous community connections and offer opportunities for alternative transportation to and from work, school and other destinations. This multi-municipal effort encompasses the City of Pittsburgh, McKees Rocks, Stowe, Kennedy, Neville, Robinson and Coraopolis including several local community groups.

Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Allegheny County and Friends of the Riverfront continue to partner to develop trail and greenways projects throughout Allegheny County. The partnership has yielded multi-municipal planning, and additional public access points along our rivers. Much of these developments have centered largely on the banks of the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers. This partnership is now actively exploring options along the Ohio River

to extend the Three Rivers Heritage Trail as way of connecting communities through trails and greenways.

The project is funded through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Garden Club of Allegheny County, Port of Pittsburgh Commission, Stowe Township, Friends of the Riverfront and through generous support of the community members and municipalities within the corridor. Agencies interested in participating in the Ohio River Trail – Pittsburgh to Coraopolis Plan should contact Sam Thomas at Friends of the Riverfront for a copy of the Request for Proposal by emailing trail@friendsoftheriverfront.org or by calling 412-488-0212 x2.

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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.