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NEW THREE RIVERS WATER TRAIL AT WESTHALL STREET

PITTSBURGH, Pa. – (October 5, 2010) Friends of the Riverfront is proud to announce the addition of a new non-motorized river access and Interpretive Signage at Westhall Street on the North Side. This access joins a network of others in the region as part of the Three Rivers Water Trail and Three Rivers Heritage Trail Interpretive Signage systems. Trail users and members of the public are invited to celebrate on Saturday, October 23rd at 10am at the Westhall Street Trail access. A reception will follow where food and beverage will be provided.

Planning for this project began several years ago as part of the expansion of the Three Rivers Water Trail system, connecting the North Side neighborhoods with non-motorized boat access to the Ohio River. The project was generously supported by The Pittsburgh Foundation, Allegheny Regional Asset District (ARAD), Wilbur Smith Associates, Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Laurel Foundation, Mellon Foundation, and The Heinz Endowments.

The Three Rivers Water Trail is a network of canoe/kayak access points on the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers in the Pittsburgh region. Sites include water access, directional signs and boat racks, as a public amenity in response to the increasing popularity of non-motorized recreational boating. For more information about the Westhall Street water access, visit the “Water Trail Status” page at www.friendsoftheriverfront.org.

The Three Rivers Heritage Trail is a dedicated biking, hiking, and walking trail around Pittsburgh. Running for 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 roller bladers. The Interpretive Signage program informs and educates trail users on the historic and environmental significance of the areas they access using the trail system. With

funding from foundations, governments, corporations, individuals and through intense collaboration with community partners, government officials, and diverse volunteer base, our rivers and riverfronts have been transformed from industrial wastelands to international examples of environmental renewal. Annually, over 2 million people use the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, and it is promoted in Friends of the Riverfront's free Heritage Trail Map and Online Guide.