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NEW SECTION OF THREE RIVERS HERITAGE TRAIL READY FOR TRAIL USERS

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - (September 13, 2010) The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and Friends of the Riverfront are proud to announce the completion of a new section of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail. The completed structure was constructed as part of PennDOT's Route 28 improvements and offers users a dedicated trail along the Allegheny Riverfront connecting the City of Pittsburgh and Borough of Millvale. Trail users and members of the public are encouraged to join the celebration scheduled on Friday, September 17th at 11:00 am on the Trail accessible from the Millvale Riverfront Park. A reception will follow where food and beverage will be provided under the pavilion located in the Millvale Riverfront Park at 90 Riverfront Dr. Millvale, PA 15209. Attendees should consider using green transportation to this event. Walk or bike using the North Shore Trail, or kayak using the river access at Three Rivers Rowing. The first 100 attendees using green transport will receive a complimentary collectable Trail pin.

To complete this half mile segment Friends of the Riverfront partnered with the City of Pittsburgh and PennDOT. Funding to cover the estimated \$2.8 million cost was generously provided by PennDOT through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR), Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED), City of Pittsburgh Federal Earmarks, Laurel Foundation, The Heinz Endowments, Mellon Foundation, Richard King Mellon Foundation and membership support from Friends of the Riverfront. Construction began in late Fall of 2009 as part of PennDOT's Route 28 East Ohio Street Improvement Project.

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. 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. For complete project details and design plans of the Route 28 Trail Project, visit the "Trail Status" page at www.friendsoftheriverfront.org.

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