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# Press Release

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## **Temporary Trail Closure Complete for South Side Segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail**

**PITTSBURGH, Pa.** – (November 1, 2011) The temporary closure of a portion of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail in the South Side will be complete on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am.

The Trail closure began last summer as part of Pennsylvania American Water's Becks Run Pumping Station replacement project and has been extended to accommodate construction delays due to inclement weather. The 1.5-mile portion of the Trail affected ran roughly from Water Street at the Steelers' practice facility to the dead end of the Trail adjacent to the Glenwood Bridge.

Pennsylvania American Water completed upgrades to its intake structure located along the trail on the Monongahela River. As part of the project PA American Water and Friends of the Riverfront are planning on making additional site remediation during the spring of 2012 including replanting of damaged or missing native plants and stabilization to the riparian buffer zones.

### **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. Additional mileage is planned, including continuation along the Allegheny River as part of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance. Once a year, Friends of the Riverfront highlights use of both trails by hosting the Pittsburgh Triathlon & Adventure Race, more information can be obtained by visiting [www.friendsoftheriverfront.org/files/triathlon.html](http://www.friendsoftheriverfront.org/files/triathlon.html).

Information about the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, Three Rivers Water Trail, and Friends of the Riverfront can be found at [www.friendsoftheriverfront.org](http://www.friendsoftheriverfront.org), by calling 412-488-0212, or by joining Friends of the Riverfront's social network on Facebook and Twitter.

Additional details on the Becks Run Project in relation to the Three Rivers Heritage are available on the Trail Status Page at [www.friendsoftheriverfront.org](http://www.friendsoftheriverfront.org) keyword PA American Water.

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