

## Etna Riverfront Park and Trail

From 2009-2011, Allegheny County, Friends of the Riverfront and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council worked to engage 17 municipalities along a corridor that parallels the Allegheny River. The goal of the Community Trails Project is to connect the river communities to an alignment that would extend the Three Rivers Heritage Trail to allow people who bike, walk, run, stroll and dance from Millvale to Freeport Borough.

- Etna is one of the 17 municipalities signed on to the Community Trails Initiative
- 1 acre of property purchased by Friends of the Riverfront in 2013; transferred to Etna Borough in 2014.
- As part of the purchase, Etna took ownership of a private railroad crossing. Private crossings are not open to the public for use (bike/pedestrian, vehicles) and are limited use to the property owner and railroad.
- With the private crossing, for Etna to develop the parcel, we must first raise the funds to design, engineer and construct a safe crossing which according to Norfolk Southern is an elevated flyover. Without a flyover, the parcel cannot be developed.
- Environmental Planning and Design has developed a conceptual design of Etna's Park and flyover. The cost for the crossing is approximately \$1.5 million dollars. After those funds are raised and the engineering complete, fundraising and redevelopment of the parcel will begin.
- Norfolk Southern has provided support for granting an easement for the flyover and is actively participating in the process

