



## **Friends of the Riverfront**

Progress & Updates as of 01/12/18

**Millvale** – FOR is participating on a steering committee to begin looking at the access into Millvale Riverfront Park due to the lack of signage from town and the highway.

**Shaler** – Funding from SPC has been received to study the connection between Millvale and Etna.

**Etna** – Progress is continuing on the Etna Riverfront Park, that will continue the trail extension north. The crossing leading into the proposed park has been deemed public, illuminating the need for a flyover. The municipality is working with the railroad to upgrade the safety of the crossing.

**Aspinwall/Sharpsburg** – Aspinwall Riverfront Park is currently working with Developers of Riverfront 47 in regards to expansion of the park. This development expands through Aspinwall as well as Sharpsburg. This development plans to expand the trail through the development to connect with Etna. The project is mostly being handled by the developers but FOR is maintaining contact to secure an easement.

**Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority** – (Section between Aspinwall and Chapel Harbor in O'hara) An easement has been negotiated and is held by FOR. The development of the trail will take place after construction on the authority's property, TBD.

- Friends of the Riverfront is working to PSWA to include the trail cost in their redevelopment plans. PWSA is about to begin major improvements that could take up to 7 years to complete. They are keeping us informed through the process and there have been discussions of a temporary trail while construction is going on.

**Blawnox** – Progress has been made with Blawnox Borough to potentially designate an on-road route through town due to difficulties with NFS.

- The route through the community has been established. Funding for signs and sharrow stencils has been provided by the River Town Program. Installation of the signs and sharrows are occurring prior to "Opening Day of Trails"

**Cheswick** – Working with council and Allegheny County to finalize route. Should be finalized this month to move forward with contacting property owners.

**Springdale Borough** – FOR has met with Springdale Borough council member to review trail route through town

- Council rep has agreed to potential residential route option with easy access to main street and future boat launch.
- Borough has received funding to complete and update to current boat launch to include public restrooms and improved parking.
- FOR and Council has established a route through the community. Currently seeking funding for design and engineering.
- FOR and council will be approaching Power Plant regarding creating a path along their property

**East Deer Township** – FOR and East Deer Township has established a route through the community. A large portion is owned by the township. FOR with currently working with the council and Allegheny County to begin contacting private property owners.



**Tarentum** – All signage in Tarentum going north and south has been installed and the roughly 1.4-mile route is fully marked.

**Brackenridge** – Progress has been made working with the commissioners on determining an ideal, off-road route through the area.

- FOR has met with members of council to ensure support for the trail project and established a route through the community.
- All riverfront property is owned by the municipality. Currently seeking funding for design and engineering. Application will be submitted for the Doppelt Grant as well as the Active Allegheny Program.

**Harrison Township** – Harrison Township has received funding through the Active Allegheny grant program to complete a conceptual design of the trail route through Harrison Township. The process is slated to begin in 2017.

- Harrison Township has selected Mackin Engineering to complete their conceptual design
- Conceptual Design process has been completed with final report tentative for January 2018
- Allegheny County has received a easement with ATI along the riverfront

FOR is working alongside the county in regards to section that heavily rely on cooperation with the rail road.

FOR has hired a new Executive Director, Valerie Beichner, who began on January 2, 2018.