



Friends of the Riverfront

Progress & Updates as of 07/11/18

Millvale –

Shaler – Funding from SPC has been received to study the connection between Millvale and Etna. This study will begin in the fall.

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, eliminating the need for a flyover. The municipality is working with the railroad to upgrade the safety of the crossing. Ground breaking for the park is tentative for this fall.

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. The developers received have received a \$250,000 grant for trail planning and design. This is set to begin this fall.

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.
- PWSA is currently under an audit with the Department of Homeland Security and Public Utility Commission – the results of this audit will be released in the fall and PWSA will be in touch following.

Blawnox – Blawnox has officially opened their on-road section of trail on June 21st. Funding for the signs and sharrows was provided through the River Town Program.

Cheswick – The borough has agreed to a long-term route that would go along the riverfront. Due to the timing of getting that completed, the borough has also agreed to a community route utilizing the sidewalks through their business district. One of the land owners who is currently redeveloping has agreed to widening the sidewalks to 10ft to accommodate trail traffic.

Springdale Borough – Springdale Borough has established the route through their community. In May 2018 they applied for an Active Allegheny Grant for design of their route through their community. Announcement of that grant will be made soon.

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. One large property has agreed to schedule a time to walk their property.



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 was submitted for the Active Allegheny Grant Program. Announcement of that grant will be made soon.

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.

- Conceptual Design has been completed.
- Allegheny County has received an 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 moved to a new office location at 12 Freeport Rd. Etna, PA 15223. Open house will be in August, more details to come later.