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Allegheny Valley Trail Initiative

In September 2008, County Executive Dan Onorato launched a major initiative to create a 32-mile trail along the Allegheny River between Millvale and Harrison Township, connecting 17 municipalities and the City of Pittsburgh. A coalition of municipalities, trail groups and greenway advocates are working to build a continuous riverfront trail that will expand recreational opportunities and economic development throughout the Allegheny Valley.

Some communities have already begun working on trail connections. Millvale completed its portion of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, O'Hara Township built the 5-mile Squaw Valley Riverfront Trail, and Sharpsburg and Harrison Township have started trail planning and construction in their municipalities.

The Allegheny Valley Community Trail Initiative will help to coordinate planning, fundraising and construction to complete trail links between these communities. Allegheny County Economic Development, Friends of the Riverfront, and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council are providing staff support for the initiative.

Once completed, the Allegheny Valley Trail will tie into the Pittsburgh-to-Harrisburg Mainline Canal Greenway, which follows the 320-mile path of the historic Pennsylvania Mainline Canal, as well as the Erie-to-Pittsburgh Greenway.

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