

# OUR RIVERS: Yesterday and Today The ALLEGHENY RIVER



## Companion Guide of Additional Resources



The following resources have been provided by the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area as optional companion study materials for the educational video program –

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**Video Program and Resource Guides**

**LINK:** <http://www.riversofsteel.com/for-educators/curriculum/aleg-river>



## PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

The following are links to the organizations, leadership groups, individuals and businesses that participated in the corresponding video program.

Additional resources regarding the management, conservation and restoration of the Allegheny River and its riverfronts are available online at:

[RIVERS of STEEL - The ALLEGHENY RIVER](#)



National Parks Service

<http://www.nps.gov/index.htm>

Port of Pittsburgh Commission

<http://www.port.pittsburgh.pa.us>

Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area

[www.riversofsteel.com](http://www.riversofsteel.com)

State Senator Jim Ferlo

<http://www.senatorferlo.com>

Charles McColleston

Author of "*The Point of Pittsburgh: Production and Struggle at the Forks of the Ohio*"

<http://www.pointofpittsburgh.com>

43<sup>rd</sup> Street Concrete Co.

<http://www.43rdstreetconcrete.com>

Arts on the Allegheny

<http://www.artsontheallegheny.org>

Aspinwall Riverfront Park

<http://www.aspinwallriverfrontpark.org>

Friends of the Riverfront

<http://friendsoftheriverfront.org>

RiverQuest

<http://www.riverquest.org>

The Society to Preserve the Murals of Maxo Vanka

<http://www.vankamurals.org>

SUP3Rivers

<http://www.sup3rivers.com>

Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh

<http://www.ura.org>

United States Army Corps of Engineers

<http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil>

Additional resources books available through Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area website:

**PITTSBURGH'S RIVERS** – by Daniel J. Burns with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

<http://www.riversofsteel.com/shop/product/pittsburghs-rivers/>

**THE ALLEGHENY RIVER: Watershed of the Nation** – by Jim Schafer and Mike Sajna.

<http://www.riversofsteel.com/shop/product/the-allegheny-river/>





## ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES



The following are links to documents of organizations and leadership groups involved in the ongoing management, conservation and restoration of the Allegheny River and its riverfronts. A selection of these documents are also available online at:

[RIVERS of STEEL - The ALLEGHENY RIVER](#)



### Active Allegheny: A Comprehensive Commuter Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan for Allegheny County

An implementation activity of ALLEGHENY PLACES (December 2010) - Allegheny County Economic Development, Allegheny County, PA

#### From the website:

**ActiveAllegheny** is the County's first comprehensive active transportation plan with sustainable travel choices for destinations. The plan is a blueprint for improved access and choices to connect people to communities, work sites, transit, schools, attractions and residences. The plan integrates non-vehicular modes of transportation, specifically walking and biking, into our transportation system to increase "livability". Benefits and rewards of active transportation range from: cost savings; low-cost exercise opportunities with healthier lifestyles; a more vibrant, safe community with neighbors-out-on-the-street and potential for revitalized local business districts; reductions in congestion, air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions and increases in neighborhood desirability and value.

The plan identifies major arterial bicycle corridors/routes, to facilitate actions by diverse groups to connect from individual neighborhoods to a main network system. Many areas where pedestrian accommodation is desired are identified. The plan is a design resource manual for active transportation initiatives.

[Active Allegheny \(PDF link\)](#)

[News Release \(PDF link\)](#)



### Allegheny Riverfront Vision Plan

Urban Redevelopment  
Authority of Pittsburgh

#### From the website:

Welcome to the future of Pittsburgh's Allegheny Riverfront! On this website you'll find the vision plan that represents the efforts of hundreds of neighborhood stakeholders working together to create a market-based vision for the future of the Allegheny Riverfront.

Pittsburgh's rivers rank among our greatest assets. The Allegheny Riverfront represents an incredible opportunity for our city to create a green, regenerative riverfront corridor which will serve not only as an asset for existing residents, but as an international model of sustainable riverfront development that will create jobs and further enhance Pittsburgh's reputation as "Most Livable City."

[URA Website](#)

[Allegheny Riverfront Vision Plan \(PDF link\)](#)



## ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES



### Allegheny County Sustainability Plan: AlleghenyGreen

Allegheny County, PA

#### From the website:

The County outlined its first Sustainability Plan in 2009. This first sustainability plan will introduce conceptual framework and action plan for pursuing and achieving the Allegheny Green commitment to reduce our environmental footprint. Each objective entails a wide range of activities and associated metrics. The point is to apply the sustainability concepts against all County operations, and make improvements while maintaining the same level of performance or better, and doing so at a comparable budget level. While certain improvements may require an up-front investment, they should be able to deliver measurable improvements and future cost savings for taxpayers. The sustainability plan aligns closely with the objectives set forth in [Allegheny Places](#), Allegheny County's comprehensive plan.

Among the comprehensive plan's recommendations are:

- *Expanding the region's parks and trails system;*
- *Protecting and enhancing the environment and public health by promoting energy conservation and continuing to improve the County's air quality;*
- *Eliminating urban, agricultural and industrial pollution runoff to protect streams and watersheds;*
- *Promoting transit-oriented development at key transit stations and along major transit corridors;*
- *Promoting the use of green building techniques and energy-efficient housing design; and*
- *Encouraging developments that will minimize impacts on greenfields*

[Allegheny County Website](#)

[Allegheny County Sustainability Plan](#)



### Allegheny Riverfront Green Boulevard: Green Boulevard Strategic Plan

Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh

#### From the website:

The Allegheny Riverfront Green Boulevard seeks to establish a walkable rail-with-trail green boulevard that accommodates existing Allegheny Valley Railroad freight with regional passenger rail use, as well as additional transportation infrastructure, stormwater management and riverfront habitat restoration. Spearheaded by the City of Pittsburgh, the Urban Redevelopment Authority and Riverlife – and based off of residents' feedback at dozens of public community meetings – the plan offers strategic recommendations to improve riverfront culture, neighborhood connection, and pedestrian and transit opportunities.

[Green Boulevard Pittsburgh Website](#)

[Green Boulevard Strategic Plan - Executive Summary](#)



### National Wild and Scenic Rivers

[National Wild and Scenic Rivers Website](#)

[The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act](#)

[The Allegheny River](#)



## ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES



### Friends of the Riverfront

[Friends of the Riverfront Website](#)

[Three Rivers Heritage Trails \(status\) link](#)

[Three Rivers Water Trail](#)

[Locking Through: Guide for Navigating Pittsburgh's](#)



### Explore PA History

[Explore PA History Website](#)

[The Allegheny River](#)

[Stories from PA History](#)

[Pennsylvanians and the Environment](#)

[The Indians of Pennsylvania](#)

[The Peopling of Pennsylvania: Creation of a Multicultural Society](#)

[The French and Indian War](#)

[Striking Oil](#)

### Dr. Andrew Turner

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[Clarion University Honors Program – 2013 Summer Academy](#)

[Blog/Allegheny River](#)



### Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

[Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Website](#)

[Middle Allegheny River Water Trail Guide](#)

[Middle Allegheny Trail Map](#)

[Pennsylvania Water Trail Guides](#)



### United State Army Corps of Engineers

[USACE Pittsburgh District Website](#)

[Pittsburgh Locks/Dams \(PDF Link\)](#)

[USACE Locking Through \[Pittsburgh\] \(video link\)](#)



### Port of Pittsburgh Commission

[Port of Pittsburgh Commission Website](#)

[Port of Pittsburgh Locks/Dams](#)

[Allegheny River Fact Sheet](#)





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