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Ohio River Trail Council

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Press Release

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Monaca, Pa Beaver County. (June 3, 2010) The Ohio River Trail Council (ORTC) has submitted an application for a \$20,000 Port of Pittsburgh Commission (PPC) grant for the Ohio River Water Trail Project. The mission of the Port of Pittsburgh Commission is to "promote the commercial use and development of the waterway-intermodal transportation system and to integrate that system into the economic, recreational, environmental and intermodal future of the residents and industries of Southwestern Pennsylvania."

The Ohio River Trail Council has proposed the development of the Ohio River Water Trail. Water trails are primarily routes suitable for canoes and kayaks. Water Trails provide safe access to waterways while also providing connections to our history, ecology, geology, heritage and wildlife.

The Ohio River Water Trail project will have canoe, kayak and rowing access to the Ohio River and its tributaries. The ORTC's goal is to improve access to our waterways, promotes economic development and to provide educational and recreational opportunities. The PPC grant submission is in behalf of the Ohio River Trail Corridor communities of Bridgewater, Monaca, Ohioville and Rochester, Pa. The grant will support the design, construction and the installation of four kayak/canoe launch sites with storage racks and other amenities including signage, picnic tables, benches and bike racks.

