



PA Water Trails Partnership

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Dr. Vincent Troia
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Ohio River Trail Council
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Dear Dr. Troia,

Congratulations and Happy New Year! I am pleased to tell you that the PA Water Trails Partnership approved your application for designation of the Upper Ohio River-Pennsylvania Section as the newest PA Water Trail.

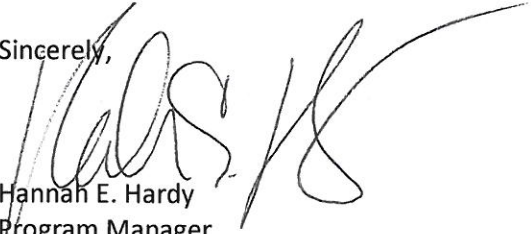
The designation is contingent on a couple of items:

1. In respect of the Three Rivers Water Trail and for safety reasons, the designation begins at the Dashields Lock & Dam near the Allegheny County boundary. We understand that you are planning an overlap in mapping with the Three Rivers Water Trail.
2. If you are working with any private property owners to provide access to the water trail we strongly recommend that the Ohio River Trail Council (ORTC) sign agreements with the property owners to guarantee access. I can provide examples for your use and information about liability.
3. Please explore the reduction in Lock & Dam services on the Ohio River and how this will impact recreational use in the feasibility study that you are currently undergoing.

As an official water trail you have access to a variety of resources to enhance your water trail. This includes listing in current and future web sites and printed publications that promote PA's Water Trails to visitors and the public. The Partnership is also committed to providing technical assistance materials to local project managers, like you, in the form of printed publications, online resources and various workshops and events. If you can identify a need that you have for the Upper Ohio River Water Trail please let me know.

On behalf of the PA Water Trails Partnership, thank you for the work that you are doing on the Upper Ohio River Water Trail. I look forward to working with you on water trail related projects in 2013 and beyond.

Sincerely,


Hannah E. Hardy
Program Manager

CC: PA Water Trails Partnership Executive Committee, Peggy Pings (NPS), Tom Baxter (Friends of the Riverfront)

