

Consultant Appointed for Moon Township Waterfront Park Plan

A plan to open community access to the Ohio River shoreline is moving forward in Moon Township, where a 2.65-mile stretch of riverfront property lies within the northern border.

The Moon Township Board of Supervisors voted in October to appoint the firm Stromberg/Garrigan & Associates as the consultant for Moon Township's Waterfront Park plan. Along with a steering committee of residents and stakeholders, the firm will work with the Parks and Recreation Department to conceptualize a 17-acre riverfront park in Moon Township.

"The SGA team will be great partners to create not only a strong master plan, but a buildable project," said Dana Kasler, Moon Township Parks and Recreation director. "The firm has extensive experience specific to riverfront parks in our region, and presents creative ways to target alternate funding sources for the project."

Fronting approximately 1,750 feet of shoreline, the park would potentially offer a variety of riverfront recreation amenities, such as boat access, parking, picnic areas and a walking trail. Located along University Boulevard adjacent to the Sewickley Bridge, the park site is owned by the Moon Township Municipal Authority, which also will provide input throughout the project.

The Waterfront Park project came to life in October 2010 when the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources awarded the Parks and Recreation Department with a \$30,000 Community Conservation Partnerships grant for the project. Matching funds from the township bring the planning budget to \$60,000.

