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September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance Produces New Video That Puts Trail in Historical Context

New Eagle, PA, December 3, 2019 – The September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance, a not-for-profit organization leading the development of a 1,300-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail connecting the three 9/11 memorial sites in New York City, Arlington, VA, and Shanksville, PA, has created a 5-minute video, **“Lest We Forget.”** It explains the Trail’s purpose and background by providing archival footage from the September 11 attacks and Pearl Harbor, as well as commentary from people using the trail and visiting the 9/11 memorial sites. “Lest We Forget” may be viewed on the Alliance’s website at www.911trail.org The video was created by **Nick Kasisky**, a recent graduate of Point Park University in Pittsburgh who works at WJAC-TV in Johnstown, PA, and **Ben Swecker**, an advisory board member who resides in the Washington, DC area.

“This short presentation is a departure from today’s typical videos,” says **Andy Hamilton**, board chair, National September 11th Memorial Trail Alliance. “The combination of powerful images, narration and commentary give it a level of substance that can quickly educate or remind people about what the Trail is and what purpose it serves.”

“The Trail is a bipartisan project that can bring people together as one,” adds **David Brickley**, founder of the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance. “Completing the Trail will be a reminder that America’s values and liberty can never be broken.”

This past September 11, the U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 267 by unanimous consent to recognize the September 11th National Memorial Trail “as an important trail and greenway all individuals should enjoy in honor of the heroes of September 11th.” The House of Representatives is considering a similar measure, House Resolution 384.

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In early September, the Alliance held its first-ever 911 Trail Challenge. The 24-mile round trip bike ride from Berlin, PA, to the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville engaged community partners and Trail enthusiasts while calling attention to the monumental events of September 11, 2001. Proceeds generated by the event are being stewarded by the Johnstown, PA-based Community Foundation for the Alleghenies in the organization's 911 Trail Fund, which was created to facilitate development of the September 11th National Memorial Trail. The Foundation promotes philanthropy in the Pennsylvania counties of Bedford, Cambria, Indiana and Somerset, where the Flight 93 National Memorial is located.

About the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance

The September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance is a not-for-profit organization leading the development of a 1,300-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail connecting the three 9/11 memorial sites with communities in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, DC. More than 50 percent of the Trail is off-road, and the Alliance has been partnering with federal, state, county and municipal officials on 14 projects to connect more than 30 trails. The route includes New York City's National September 11th Memorial, the Pentagon memorial in Arlington, VA, and the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA. The September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance is based in New Eagle, PA, near Pittsburgh.

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