

Trail will extend to Shanksville

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SHANKSVILLE - This week, as visitors gather to remember the heroes of Flight 93 and view the new Flight 93 National Memorial Visitor Center Complex, organizers received some good news.

CSX has agreed to donate 130 acres of undeveloped land in southwestern Pennsylvania to the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance, the company announced.

Members of the trail alliance, a not-for-profit organization, aim to establish a memorial trail to link the memorial sites at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the Flight 93 National Memorial.

The donation provides land that will help the alliance build a seven-mile portion of an off-road, multipurpose trail between the Great Allegheny Passage Trail in Garrett and the Flight 93 Memorial.

David G. Brickley, president of the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance, said in a release that the step toward a trail connection is another part of honoring Flight 93 passengers and crew members, as well as others.

"The Alliance thanks CSX for its outstanding support in this national trail initiative and for the commitment its employees share to honoring the heroes of September 11, 2001, and the communities in which the vic-

tims, their families and first responders lived and worked," he said. "CSX's generosity has been critical to our ability to complete this key segment of the September 11th National Memorial Trail to the Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania and considerably strengthens our ability to maintain it for those who will enjoy and learn from the Trail for generations to come."

U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster, whose congressional district includes the property, said the alliance has shown "tremendous" resolve and that the donation is an important step.

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