

# Semi-Annual Circuit Trails Coalition Meeting

May 4, 2018

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# Welcome and Camden County Overview

Maggie McCann Johns, Camden County Parks Department

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# Benjamin Franklin Bridge Ramp

John Hanson, Delaware River Port Authority



# BFB South Walkway Bicycle & Pedestrian Ramp

- This project will improve access to the South Walkway of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge
- The existing stairway and narrow portion of the walkway will be replaced with a new ramp that will be 10 feet wide and extend the length to approximately 775 feet
- The project also includes streetscape improvements as well as lighting improvements, security fencing and utility relocations

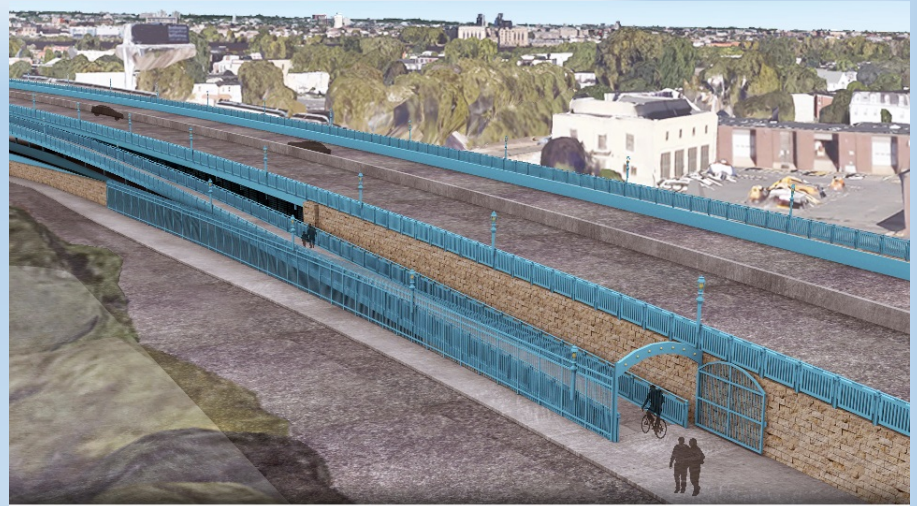




# New Ramp



Benjamin Franklin Bridge  
South Walkway Bicycle and Pedestrian Ramp Project  
Contract No. BF-46-2016(R)



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# Funding and Mileage Update

Chris Linn, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission



# MAY → 2018 → CIRCUIT STATUS

- **814 Circuit Miles in the DVRPC region**
  - **329.2 miles Complete**
  - **76.7 miles in Progress**
  - **121.7 miles in the Pipeline**
  - **286.3 miles Planned**
- **28 Circuit Miles in Berks County**



# MAY → 2018 → CIRCUIT STATUS

- **63.2 miles built** since January 1, 2012
- **3.6 miles completed** between December 2017 and May 2018
- **3.7 miles expected** to be complete by December 2018



# Circuit Trails Completed Since December 2017 – 3.6 miles

- **SRT – South St. to Christian – 0.3 miles**
- **Darby Creek – Swedish Cabin to Kent Park – 1.0 miles**
- **Frankford Ck Greenway, Phase 1 – 1.2 miles**
- **Tacony Creek Trail – Roosevelt Blvd. Connector – 0.2 miles**
- **SRT – Washington St. to Lower Pottsgrove – 0.9 miles**



# Circuit Trails Coming Soon

- **Baxter Trail – Firing Range Sect. – 0.6 miles**
- **Trenton Wellness Loop – 0.5 miles**
- **Upper Bucks Rail Trail – 3.0 miles**





# ➡➡ Total Circuit Funds Spent or Programmed since 2010

- **\$292.8 million**
  - \$267.8 million in PA
  - \$25 million in NJ
- **\$152 million spent since 2010**
- **\$140.8 million programmed or awarded**



## Total Circuit Funding Sources since 2010

- **\$222.7 million federal**
- **\$26.3 million state**
- **\$24.8 million local**
- **\$17.6 million foundation**
- **\$1.4 million private**



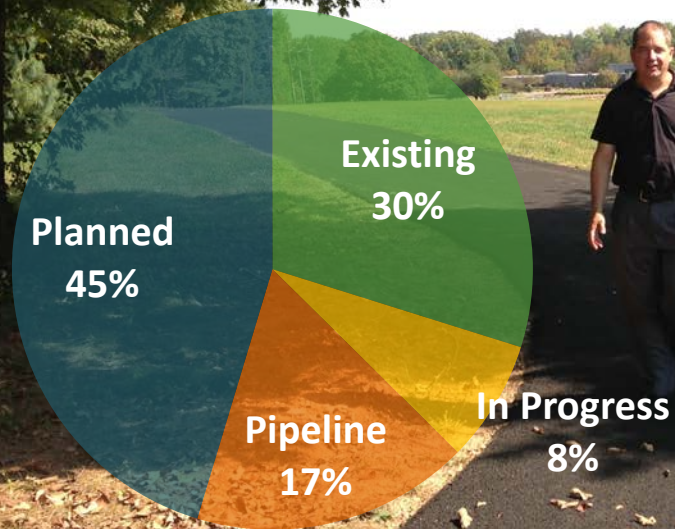


## Circuit Funding since 2010

- **70 miles constructed since 2010**
- **25 miles fully funded for construction**



# Circuit Status NJ 261 miles



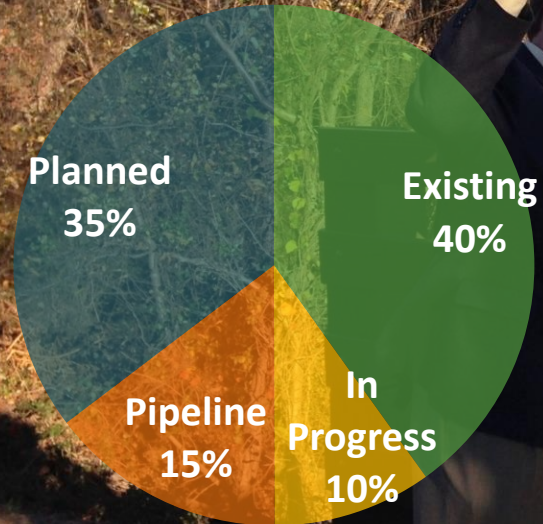


# Circuit Status PA 553 miles





# 2018 Circuit Status 814 miles



# Marketing & Communications Update

**Anya Saretzky, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**  
**Christine Reimert + Paige Knapp, Devine + Partners**

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# 2018 Objectives

## **Paid + Earned + Shared + Owned Approach**

- Continue to build momentum around trail awareness and use
- Concentrate awareness building on trails connecting people to destinations across the region



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# Overview

## Theme

“Meet the Circuit” → “Use the Circuit” → “Connect on the Circuit”

## Opportunities

- Leveraging thought leaders to carry the Circuit message
- Strategic partnership with Alliance for Watershed Education, REI
- Galvanizing event “bookends” Opening Day for Trails (4/7) and River Days (9/15-10/15)

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# Opening Day for Trails

- 28 events across the Circuit
- Rides, walks, cleanups, dog walks, birding, tree planting, mussels
- 23 media hits: Action News, Good Day Philadelphia, Burlington County Times etc.



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# Scavenger Hunt

- Connect the Circuit
- Build on the momentum of 500 Mile Challenge
- “Scavenger Hunt” approach
- Incentivize audiences to visit priority locations/events using Circuit Trails
- Season-long challenge + mini challenge  
April – September



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# Earned Media

- 36 media hits in 2018 so far
- Desksides
- Maximize Events, Amplify Circuit Messaging
  - Ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings, community events, public meetings, etc
- Op Ed opportunities



## New trail will safely connect Tacony Creek Park at Roosevelt Boulevard

Construction has started on the vital link

By **Melissa Romero** | Dec 8, 2017, 1:30pm EST



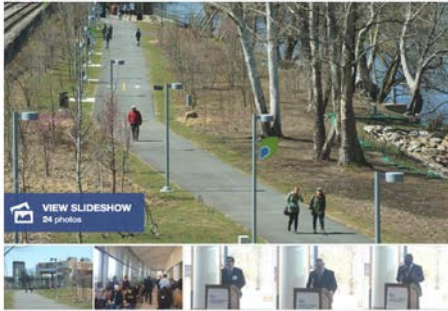
A new trail is coming to this Roosevelt Boulevard underpass in Tacony Creek State Park. | Photo courtesy of the Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department

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## PHILADELPHIA BUSINESS JOURNAL

### Extension of the Schuylkill trail dedicated



## Burlington County Times

### Cleanup set for Willingboro Lakes Park on Saturday

The Burlington County Clean Communities Office is organizing a cleanup of Willingboro Lakes Park off Route 130 on Saturday.

WILLINGBORO — The Burlington County Clean Communities Office is organizing a cleanup of Willingboro Lakes Park off Route 130 on Saturday.

Volunteers will assist with trash collection, invasive plant removal and trail maintenance to prepare the 105-acre park for the spring and summer. Bags, gloves, grabbers, light refreshments and water will be provided.

## Courier Post

PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

### 10 updates on biking in South Jersey: Laws, lanes and trails



(Photo: Coopers Ferry Partnership)

Bike enthusiasts will be happy to know local and regional trails are continuing to expand while new laws also have been passed to aid bicyclists in New Jersey.

At least two new trail segments opened since last summer in the tri-county region, and more are on their way and are in various phases of design and construction.

**More:** [Bike-share program to pedal into Camden](#)

**More:** [In South Jersey, cycling clubs are advocating for safer roads, trails](#)

**More:** [SJ students learn lessons in mountain biking](#)

Those trails will add off- and on-road segments to the planned 750-mile Circuit Trails network encompassing five counties on the Philadelphia side of the Delaware River and four counties in South Jersey — Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer. So far more than 340 miles have been completed, according to Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission officials.

# Owned Media

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## New Grant to Close Key Gap in Schuylkill River Trail

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AUTHORED BY: THE CIRCUIT TRAILS | MARCH 9, 2018

SHARE POST:

Circuit enthusiasts – we have HUGE news. The United States Department of Transportation recently awarded the City of Philadelphia with a \$12M grant to close a major gap in the Schuylkill River Trail! When it's completed, the now-funded Christian to Crescent Connector – located just south of the



The Circuit Trails

Published by @ Michael Henderson (?) • March 23 • @

With the start of trail season right around the corner (cc: 2018 Opening Day for Trails) we thought it would be great to outline some quick & helpful tips about trail etiquette #onthecircuit! Read our latest blog to learn how you can stay courteous on the trails this season.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy | Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia



### Trail Etiquette on the Circuit

We all love using the trails to run, bike, walk, rollerblade, scooter, walk our dogs and catch up with our friends, but let's face it – sometimes, the trails get crowded. Not all trail-goers know the unspoken rules of the "road," and as...

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#### Performance for Your Post

13,284 People Reached

203 Reactions, Comments & Shares

155 Like 8 On Post 147 On Shares

1 Love 0 On Post 1 On Shares

14 Comments 0 On Post 14 On Shares

33 Shares 33 On Post 0 On Shares

550 Post Clicks

0 Photo Views 300 Link Clicks 250 Other Clicks

#### NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

8 Hide Post 0 Hide All Posts  
0 Report as Spam 0 Unlike Page

Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts

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# Shared Media

- Audience Growth
  - Twitter - 1,233 followers
  - Facebook - 5,208 followers
  - Instagram - 1,360 followers
- *Go Live!* -- Opening Day
- Encouraging Connections #onthecircuit
  - Scavenger Hunt
- Leveraging Social Media Influencers

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## The Circuit Trails

Part 1: Live at this morning's tree planting at Cooper's Poynt Park! New Jersey Conservation Foundation | NJ Tree Foundation | Delaware Riverkeeper Network | Camden County Government | Cooper's Ferry Partnership | Center for Aquatic...

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# Paid Media

- Metro
- Public transit ads
- 6ABC Partnership
- Digital



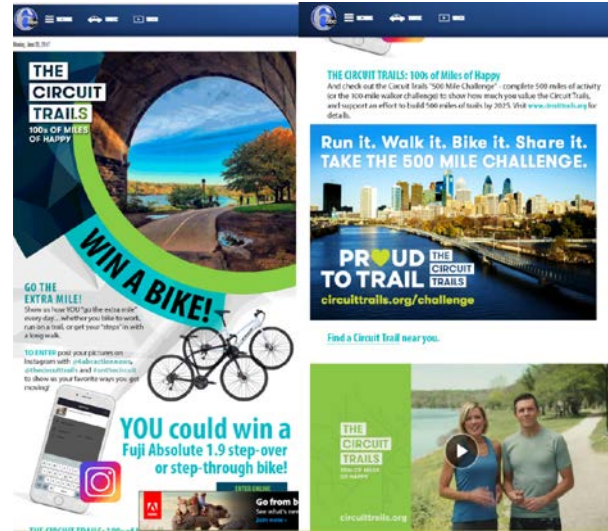
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Celebrate Earth Day in May #onthecircuit



**Saturday, May 5  
10AM-2PM**

Join Heritage Conservancy at  
Croydon Woods Nature Preserve  
1900 Summit Ave. | Croydon, PA

**FREE day of family fun!**  
[circuittrails.org/events](http://circuittrails.org/events)



**THE CIRCUIT TRAILS**  
100s of MILES OF HAPPY

**WIN A BIKE!**

**GO THE EXTRA MILE!**  
Share on how 100 "go the extra mile" every day... whether you like to work, run, bike, hike, or get your "steps" in with a long walk.

**TO ENTER:** post your pictures on Instagram with #circuittrails, @circuittrails, and #onthecircuit to show us your favorite spots you get moving.

**YOU could win a Fuji Absolute 1.9 step-over or step-through bike!**

**THE CIRCUIT TRAILS: 100s of Miles of Happy**  
And check out the Circuit Trails "500 Mile Challenge" - complete 500 miles of activity on the 100-mile walk challenge to show how much you value the Circuit Trails, and support an effort to build 500 miles of trails by 2025. Visit [www.circuittrails.org](http://www.circuittrails.org) for details.

**Run it. Walk it. Bike it. Share it. TAKE THE 500 MILE CHALLENGE.**

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[circuittrails.org/challenge](http://circuittrails.org/challenge)

Find a Circuit Trail near you.

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[circuittrails.org](http://circuittrails.org)



# Upcoming

- Printed Map – Summer 2018
- Photoshoot – Summer 2018
- AWE Partnership – Opening Day through River Days



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# To dos for you!

- Let us know when you are planning an event for website and Metro promotion.
- Order swag for your event at [www.tinyurl.com/circuitswag2018](http://www.tinyurl.com/circuitswag2018)
- Share a post on the Circuit blog
- Engage with Circuit social



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# Fostering Continued Synergy on the Circuit with A.W.E.



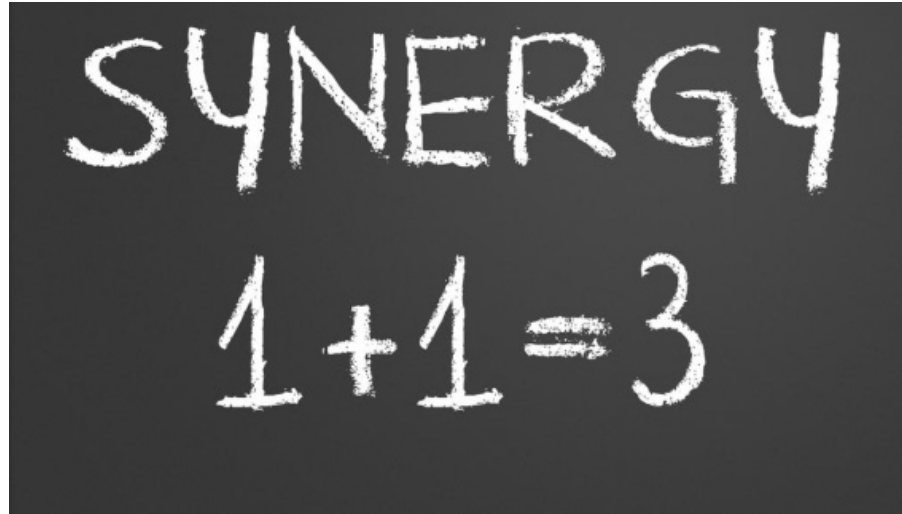
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# Fostering Synergy



# What is AWE?

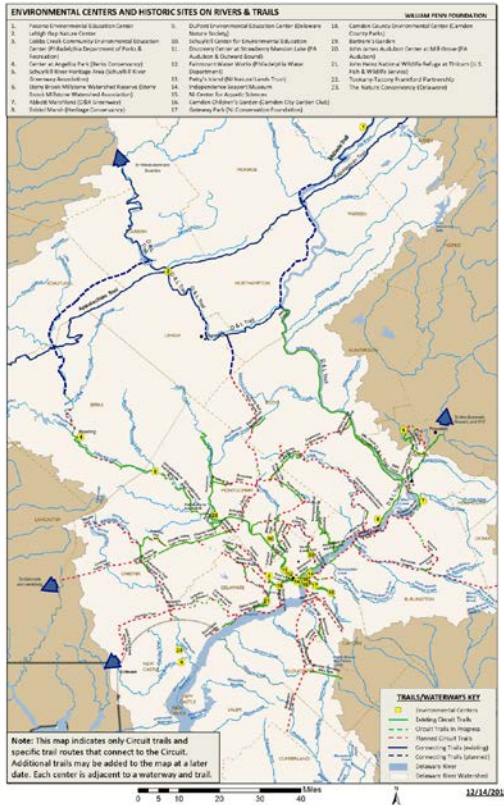
- Alliance for Watershed Education of the Delaware River
- 23 centers
- 3 states



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# What is AWE?

- Each of these centers is located along the Circuit Trails or a major connecting trail, and on waterways throughout the Delaware River Watershed



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# THEN: Proposed Opportunities

## NOW: Existing Collaborations

- Joint Programming
  - Opening Day for Trails
  - River Days
- Shared Communications
- Collaborative Planning
  - Delaware River Back Channel
  - Multiple amenities, such as trails, environmental centers, and boat launches



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# A New Proposed Opportunity...

## Summer 2018: AWE Fellowships

- 23 in 2017... 46 in 2018!
- Shared Opportunities
  - Regional Meetings
  - Training Opportunities
  - Event Staffing
- Contact Sarun Chan, AWE Fellowship Coordinator,  
[schan@audubon.org](mailto:schan@audubon.org)







**Continue to Innovate!**

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**Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia & The Circuit Trails Coalition**





# What is the 500/2025 Campaign?

- DVRPC: 750 Circuit miles by 2040
- Circuit Coalition: 500/2025 interim goal
- Resolutions: sought from municipalities & counties in region
- Volunteer advocate driven effort
- Over 100 volunteers at work



A	B	C	J	K	L	M	
State	County	Township/Borough	Resolution Received?	Last Contact	Update & Comments	Past Contacts (with dates) -->	
NJ	Burlington	Medford Township					
PA	Delaware	Media Borough	7/31/2017	8/4/2017	Greg K reports council already may have passed resolution. He'll follow up and get back to LB.		
PA	Mercer	Mercer County		10/11/2017	10/11: Eleanor Horne said she'd add it to her "November to-do list"		
NJ	Camden	Merchantville Borough	2/13/2017				
PA	Bucks	Middletown Township, Bucks					
PA	Delaware	Middletown Township, DelCo					
PA	Bucks	Millford Township					
PA	Delaware	Millbourne Borough		7/26/2017	LB followed up with DB	4/7/17 - Still no meeting scheduled. 3/15/17 David Bennett gave letter and resolution to municipal officials. No word yet on date of next meeting	
PA	Chester	Modena Borough					
NJ	Gloucester	Monroe Township		8/4/2017	DD: "Patrick McDevitt approached me after the Tri-County Sustainability Alliance as well. On May 19th he said that he was going to get it passed on his town. He also said that he works closely with Glassboro and could potentially work with that. He said that he was going to share this with Gloucester County contacts. I haven't heard back since then."	7/26: LB followed up with DD. 4/11: Patrick McDevitt, a contact of Dana Dobson, and chair of Sustainable Monroe Township, ha	
PA	Montgomery	Montgomery County	5/18/2017	4/7/2017	4/7/17 Proclamation scheduled for May 18	3/20/17 Date set for April 6th for a Proclamation (per Jody Holton)	2/24/17Patrick sent resolutions to Jody Holton, Val Arko
PA	Montgomery	Montgomery Township					
NJ	Burlington	Moorestown Township		8/4/2017	8/4, DD: "John was working on that one and I believe he presented May	7/26: Lb followed up with DD. In progress per 5/10/17 Dana Dobson email	
PA	Bucks	Morrisville Borough		7/10/2017	7/10: LB followed up with TS	4/7/2017: No action here yet, but Tony (PEC) says it should be easy to get signed. Check by Mid-May	
PA	Delaware	Morton Borough					
NJ	Camden	Mount Ephraim Borough					
NJ	Burlington	Mount Holly Township	8/14/2017				
					DD: "Ed Cohen who is a local of Mt. Laurel already brought the resolution to a Mt. Laurel's town council member. The council member had further questions about the resolution. I explained to Ed the purpose of the resolution and he said he would try again to present the resolution. This was an update from May 10. I can follow up with an introduction to him for you tomorrow."		
NJ	Burlington	Mount Laurel Township		8/4/2017			
						10/13: KB has circulated the petition to folks in Narberth, and has informally introduced the resolution to decision makers ahead of the next council meeting in November. 10/13: KB has circulated the petition to folks in Narberth, and has informally introduced the resolution to decision makers ahead of the next council meeting in November. 10/12: Rick T will renew efforts, connecting with Kimberley. 10/7: Kimberley Bezak (BCGP) has agreed to help push the resolution	
PA	Montgomery	Narberth Borough		10/18/2017	10/18: KB is speaking about the resolution at council meeting tonight.		
NJ	Gloucester	National Park Borough				7/10: LB followed up with Cliff Bavuk. 5/15/17. Cliff Bavuk: "I've	

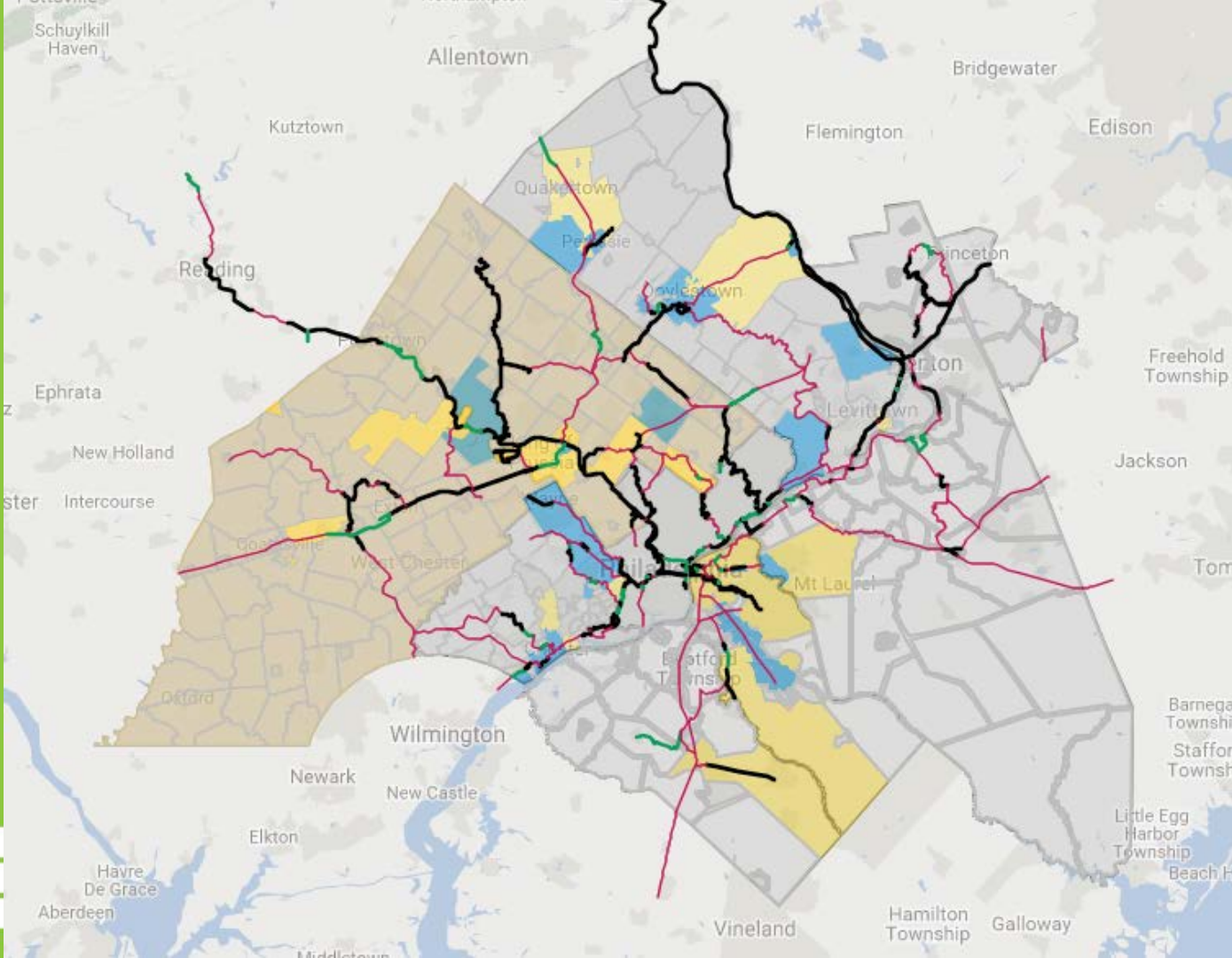
# 500 Miles by 2025

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**COUNTY  
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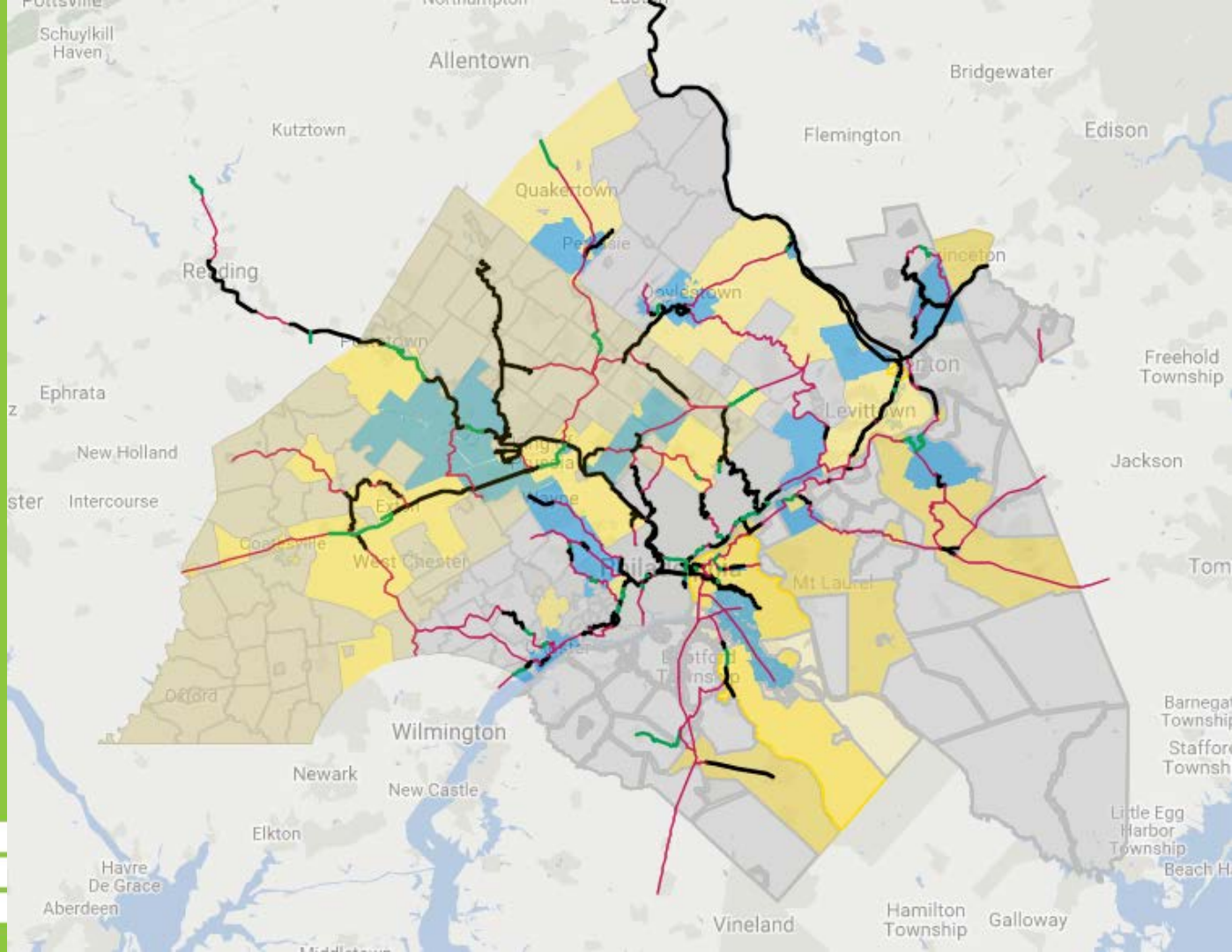
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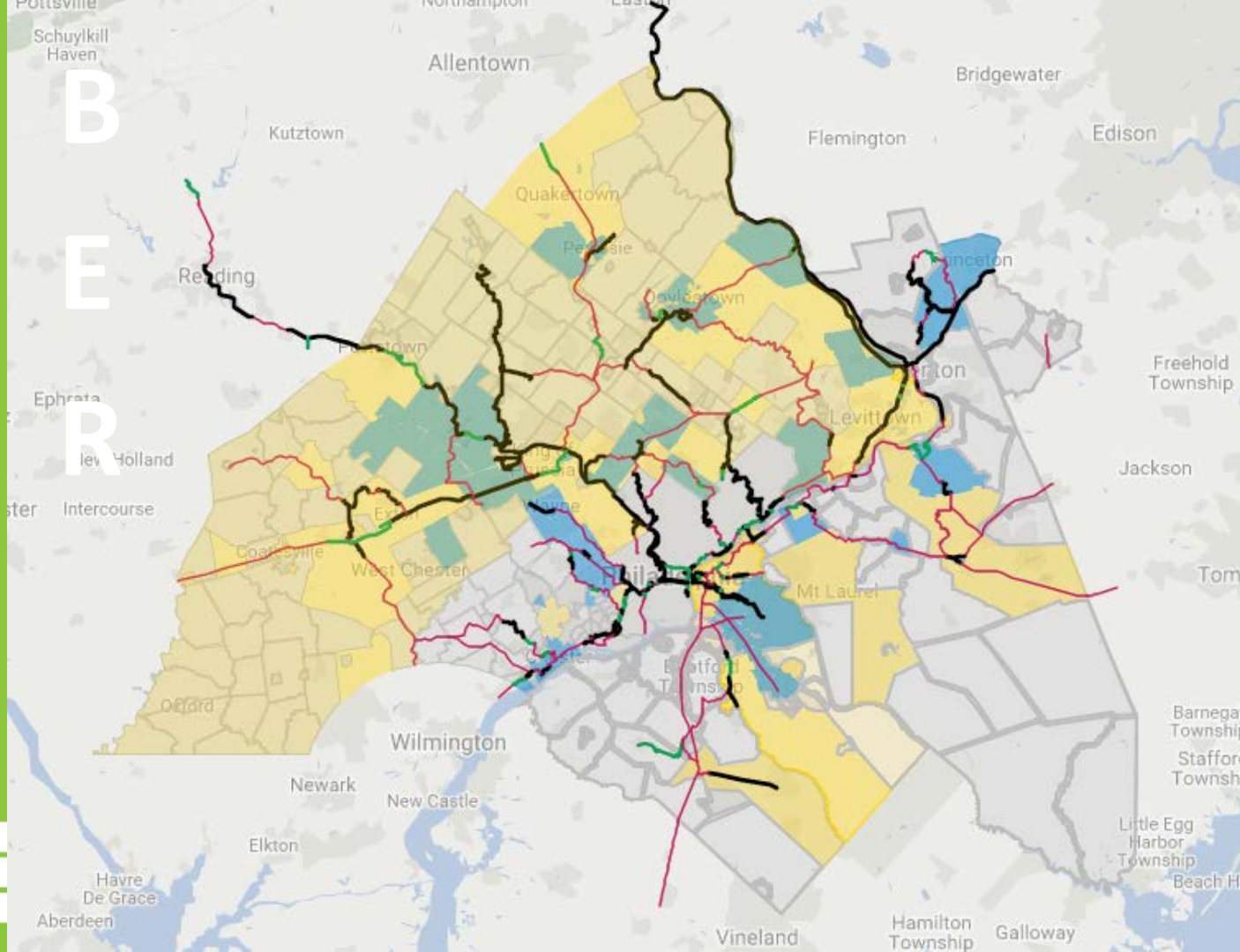


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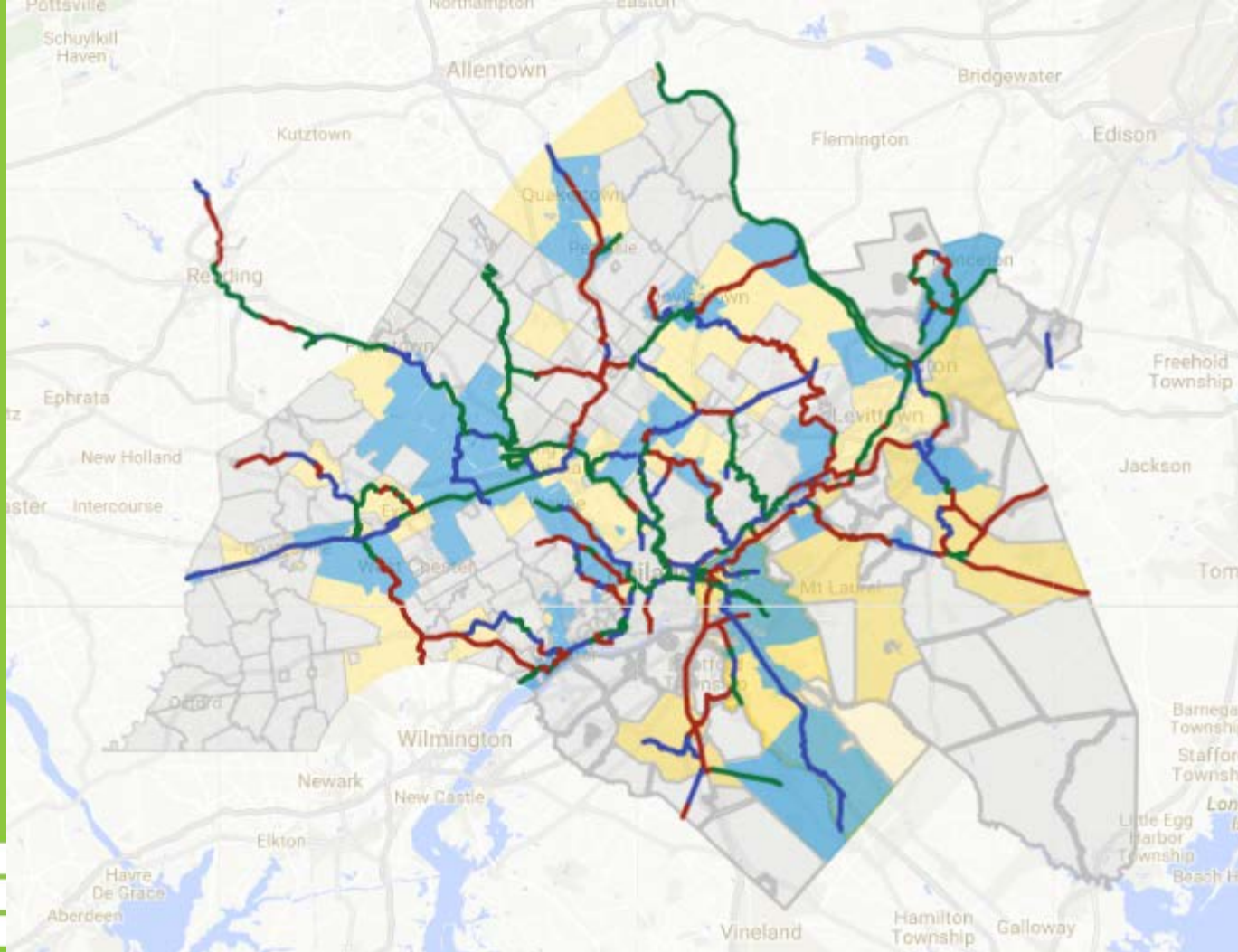
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# Progress of the Campaign

- **Vision:** 100 municipalities, 9 counties sign
- **Completed:** 74 municipalities, 4 counties signed
- **In Progress:** 68 municipalities, 4 counties



# Highlights by County

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- Camden: 20
- Chester: 14
- Bucks: 12
- Montgomery: 11
- Delaware: 10
- Burlington: 4
- Mercer: 2
- Gloucester: 1



Looking to help?  
[leonard@bicyclecoalition.org](mailto:leonard@bicyclecoalition.org)



# EXPANDING The Circuit Trails Pipeline

Patrick Starr

Executive Vice-President

Pennsylvania Environmental Council



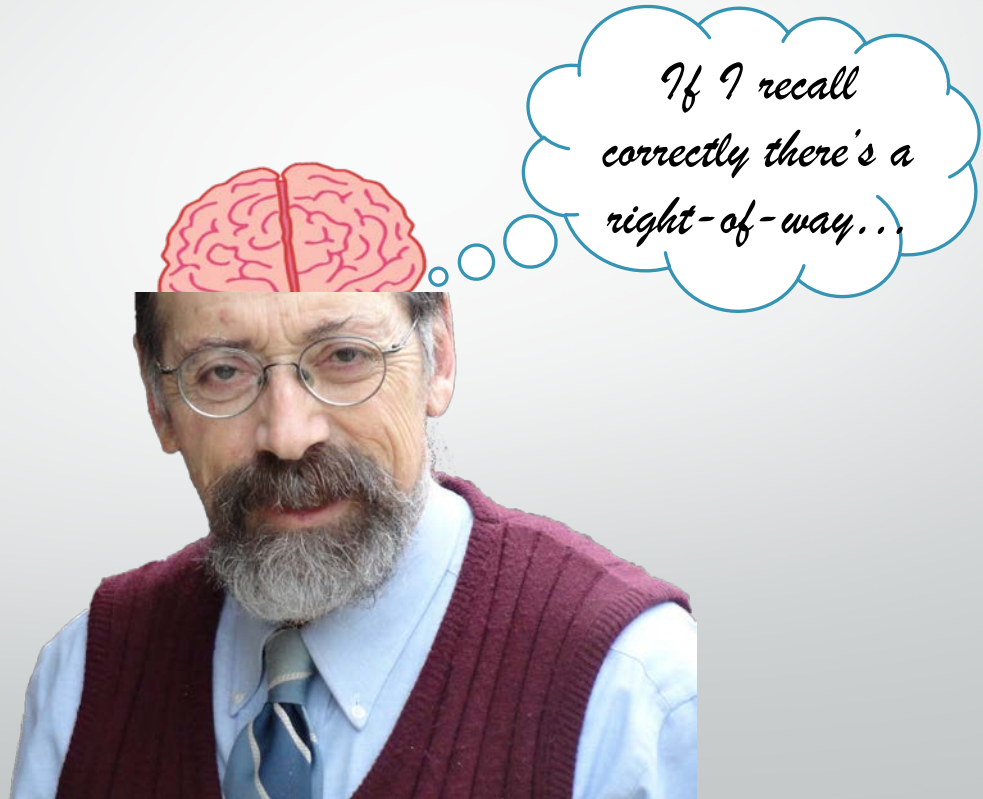
# Strategic Plan Goal

- Finish Circuit Trunk Lines by 2025 and complete 20 miles Circuit-wide annually

## Pipeline Objectives

1. Create a process which assures 500 built miles by 2025
2. Create a digital “knowledge” base that is transparent and accessible to Coalition members

# "Digital Brain Trust"





# Circuit Pipeline Strategy

YOU  
ARE  
HERE

1

Convene a group of steering committee members to develop a process to expand the pipeline.

2

Host PA and NJ caucus events

3

Create web-based tool to help prioritize projects and connect partners to projects

4

Seek input from agency and professional partners

5

Present the pipeline, revise often, and “shepherd” projects to completion

# Gap Assessment and Management

- Categorize trails

***In Progress:***

Under construction; design funded, underway, or complete; ROW secured or nearly so

***Pipeline:***

Feasibility study completed, funded or underway; is a priority being actively pursued by a capable partner; ROW identified or partially secured; barriers may remain

***Planned:***

Not being actively pursued by a capable partner; no feasibility study completed; ROW lacking



# Project Status Assessment

- Revised the Following:
  - Right of Way Control
  - Project Phase
  - Issues Description
- Identify “Project Lead” for Each Segment
  - Expanded Organization “Options”
- Project Action Items Tab

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## THE CIRCUIT TRAILS

### CIRCUIT TRAILS PIPELINE MANAGER

Welcome to the Circuit Trails Pipeline Manager! The purpose of this tool is to facilitate coordination between the many different organizations that are implementing trail projects that will contribute to the Circuit Trails network.

To get started using the tool, you will first need to create an account by clicking the "Sign Up" button. Once you have completed the signup, your credentials will be reviewed. You will be notified by email when they have been verified and then you will be able to log in to the tool.

Note: This tool has been built by integrating ArcGIS Online with a FileMaker database. Although it operates within a web browser, it is in fact a custom computer program. Please navigate using the tool's controls, not your browser's back button, as this will cause the entire tool to refresh and you will have to log in again.

Please direct all comments, feedback, and questions to Frank Maguire, Trails & Recreation Program Manager at the Pennsylvania Environmental Council ([fmaguire@pecpa.org](mailto:fmaguire@pecpa.org)).

USERNAME:

PASSWORD:

LOGIN

SIGN UP

## MY ORGANIZATION'S PROJECT SUMMARY

a summary of your organization's Circuit Trails projects

### Summary

7

SEGMENTS  
OUT OF 423 TOTAL

14.8

MILES  
OUT OF 846.8 TOTAL \*

\* Total includes 81.1 miles within the Circuit Trails project boundary plus 35.8 miles of the affiliated Schuylkill River Trail outside the boundary.

### Project Status

0 Existing  
2 In-Progress  
4 Planned  
1 Pipeline  

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7 TOTAL

### Right of Way Status

1 Obtained  
1 In Progress  
0 Notion / Idea  
0 Concept Plan Complete  
0 Schematic Plan Complete  
0 Preliminary Engineering Complete  
0 Final Engineering Underway  
5 Not Obtained

## MY ORGANIZATION'S ACTION ITEMS








upcoming action items that your organization is responsible for

Project	Action	Status	Type	Category	Target Completion
D&L Trail - Bridge Street Crossing	Follow up about Cultural concerns related to bridge design and aesthetics	Not Started	Meeting	Planning	5/31/2018



## MY PROJECTS

[click on any segment to view its project management hub](#)

ID	Segment Name	Primary Trail	Primary Org	Secondary Org	Status	State	County
 142	Bensalem - Biddle Ln to Station Ave	ECG	Bensalem Township	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Pipeline	PA	Bucks
 233	Main St (Telford) to California Rd	Liberty Bell Trail	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	AMC	Planned	PA	Bucks
 280	Chester City 4th St - Price St to Highland Ave	ECG	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	City of Chester	Planned	PA	Delaware
 287	Chester City Highland Ave - 4th St to Waterfront	ECG	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	City of Chester	Planned	PA	Delaware
 306	D&L Trail - Bridge Street Crossing	ECG	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Morrisville Borough	In Progress	PA	Bucks
 308	3rd St and Squirrel Ln - TAP Section to Koffel Rd	Liberty Bell Trail	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	AMC	Planned	PA	Bucks
 311	Bensalem - Birch Ave to Camer Drive	ECG	Bensalem Township	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	In Progress	PA	Bucks

## PROJECT HUB

use the Project Hub to view project details, add/update/delegate action items, and share files with others working on the same project

### 306 D&L TRAIL - BRIDGE STREET CROSSING

BUCKS, PA

#### Segment Profile

#### Organizations

#### Files

#### Action Items

[Edit Segment Details](#)

Segment ID 306 State PA County Bucks DCNR #

Segment Name D&L Trail - Bridge Street Crossing

Trail Length 0.08 Mile(s) Length 431.62 Feet

Primary Trail ECG

Secondary Trail D&L Trail - Delaware Canal Region

Status In Progress Trunkline Yes

#### Right of Way Control

☐ Obtained ☐ In-Progress ☒ Not Obtained

#### Project Phase

☐ Notion / Idea Developed ☐ Preliminary Engineering Completed  
☐ Concept Plan Completed ☐ Final Engineering Underway  
☐ Schematic Plan Completed

#### Major Issues

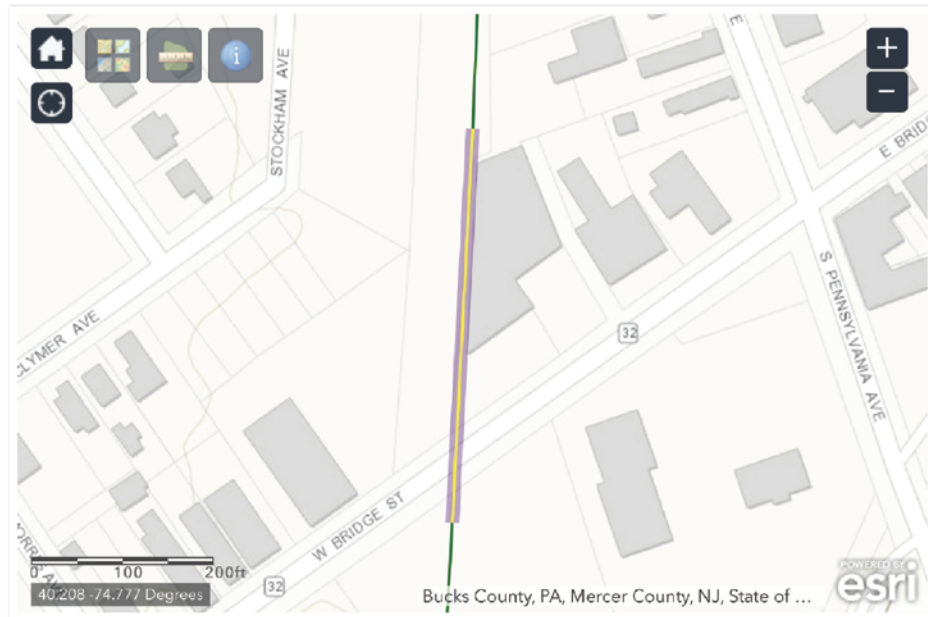
☐ Legal ☒ Infrastructure ☐ Politics  
☒ Funding ☐ Environmental ☐ No Sponsor

#### Environmental Concerns

☐ Phase II Site  
☐ Adjacent to Open Waterway(s)  
☐ Subject to Flooding / Inundation  
☐ Invasive Species Infestation  
☐ State Environmental Agency Clearance Required

#### Construction Concerns

☐ Bidding Issues  
☐ Federal Requirements  
☐ Poor Working Conditions  
☐ Poor Soils  
☒ Railroad Approval Required  
☒ State Transportation Agency Approval Required



#### Segment Description

#### Other Comments

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### 306 D&L TRAIL - BRIDGE STREET CROSSING

BUCKS, PA

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#### County / Municipal Partner

Contact  
Phone  
Email

#### Primary Organization

Pennsylvania Environmental Council

Contact  
Phone  
Email

Patrick Starr  
267-479-6013  
Pstarr@pecpa.org

#### Other Stakeholder 1

Morrisville Borough

Contact  
Phone  
Email

Scott Mitchell  
215-295-8181  
Smitchell@morrisvillepagov.com

#### Other Stakeholder 2

Contact  
Phone  
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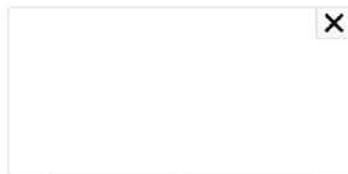
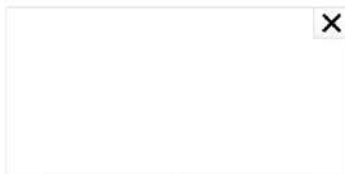
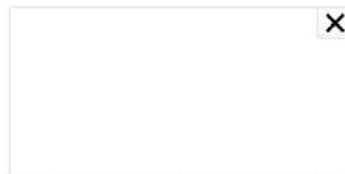
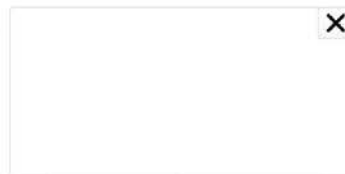
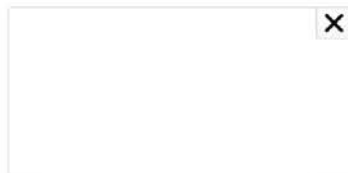
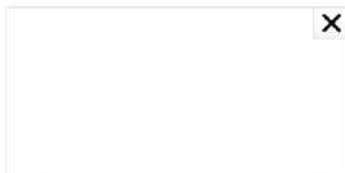
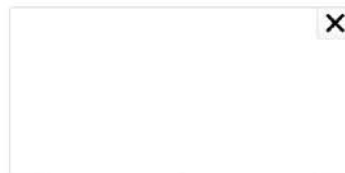
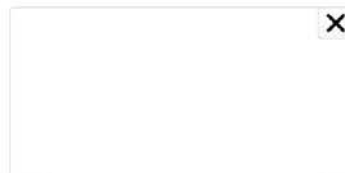
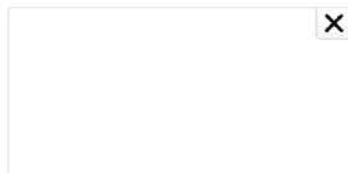
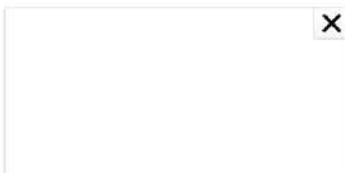
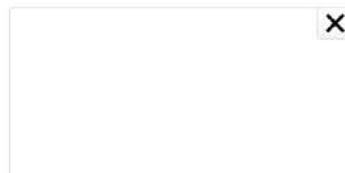
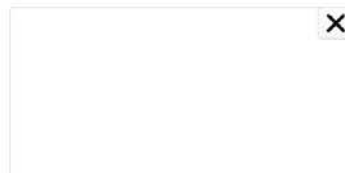
use the Project Hub to view project details, add/update/delete action items, and share files with others working on the same project

### 306 D&L TRAIL - BRIDGE STREET CROSSING

BUCKS, PA

[Segment Profile](#)[Organizations](#)[Files](#)[Action Items](#)

#### File Drawers

[Upload #1](#)[Download #1](#)[Upload #2](#)[Download #2](#)[Upload #3](#)[Download #3](#)[Upload #4](#)[Download #4](#)[Upload #5](#)[Download #5](#)[Upload #6](#)[Download #6](#)[Upload #7](#)[Download #7](#)[Upload #8](#)[Download #8](#)[Upload #9](#)[Download #9](#)[Upload #10](#)[Download #10](#)[Upload #11](#)[Download #11](#)[Upload #12](#)[Download #12](#)

## BY SEGMENT

*enter a segment number to quickly find a trail project*

By Segment #


Search




## QUICK SEARCH

*use these common search methods to quickly find a trail project*

### By Location

State: 

### By Primary Trail

Primary Trail 

### By Primary Organization

Primary Support Organization 

Quick Search

# THE CIRCUIT TRAILS

PIPELINE MANAGER

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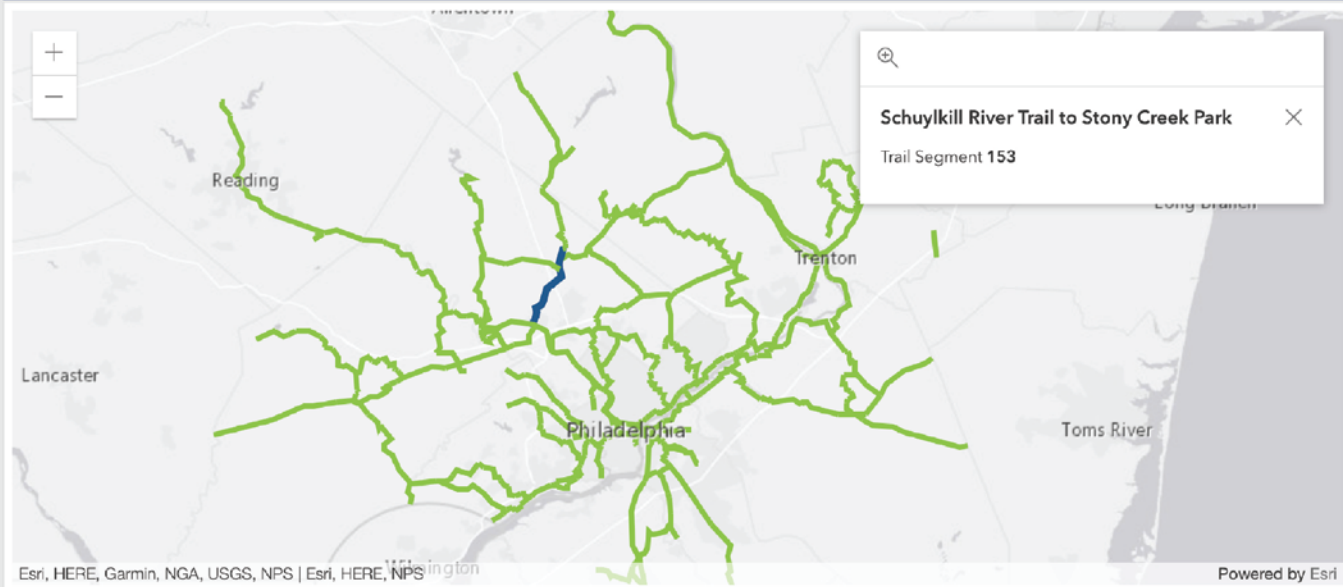
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Allan Kapoor  
Pennsylvania  
Environmental Council

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## FIND A TRAIL - BY MAP

click on a trail segment in the map to view a summary or access details below



## SEGMENT SUMMARY

click the button below to view / edit full segment details

SEGMENT NAME:

Schuylkill River Trail to Stony Creek Park

PRIMARY TRAIL:

Liberty Bell Trail

COUNTY:

Montgomery

SEGMENT ID:

153

PRIMARY ORGANIZATION:

Montgomery County Planning

STATE:

PA

View / Modify Details

## ADVANCED FILTERS

use these advanced filter options to produce a list of matching projects

State:

County:

Right of Way Status:

Primary Trail Name:

County / Municipal Partner:

Primary Organization:

Other Stakeholder:

For the check boxes below, selecting multiple boxes in the same category will produce a list of trail segments for which both conditions (not either) are met

Major Issue: ☐ Legal ☐ Funding ☐ Infrastructure ☐ Environmental ☐ Politics ☐ No Sponsor

Environmental Concerns: ☐ Phase II Site ☐ Subject to Flooding / Inundation ☐ State Environmental Agency Clearance Required  
☐ Adjacent to Open Waterway(s) ☐ Invasive Species Infestation

Constuction Concerns: ☐ Bidding Issues ☐ Poor Working Conditions ☐ Railroad Approval Required  
☐ Federal Requirements ☐ Poor Solis ☐ State Transportation Agency Approval Required

[Clear Filters](#)[Advanced Search](#)

## REPORTS

use these reports to generate quick analytics/summaries on various aspects of Circuit Trails progress



### Action Items Report

*A list of all action items associated with a particular organization or for a specific geographic location*



### Advanced Project Query

*Enables administrators of the Circuit Pipeline Manager to create a custom query, which can be exported as a .CSV file for use in Excel*



### Most Active Segments Report

*A list of the 15 trail segments whose project information has been modified the most number of times*



### Account Review / Approval

*A list of all individual Circuit Pipeline Manager accounts and allows for administrators of the Pipeline Manager to approve new accounts*



### Organizational Review

*A list of all individual Circuit Pipeline Manager organizations and allows administrators of the Pipeline Manager to modify or update an organization's status*



### Overdue Report

*A few different reports showing overdue action items*

## ORGANIZATION PROFILE

Please fill in your organizational profile

[ADD NEW ORG](#)
[EDIT](#)

**Name** Pennsylvania Environmental Council  
**State** PA  
**County** Philadelphia  
**Designation** Non-Profit  
**Type** Trail Advocacy  
**Service Area** ☒ Regional ☐ New Jersey ☐ Local  
☐ Pennsylvania ☐ County

**Email** pstarr@pecpa.org  
**Phone** 267-479-6101  
**Contact** Patrick Starr

**Assets**

**Full Time Staff** **Part Time Staff** **Volunteer Staff** **Staff Available**

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### Our organization provides the following services:

- ☐ Planning - Strategic
- ☐ Planning - Community
- ☐ Planning - Site
- ☐ Design - Architecture
- ☐ Engineering - Structural
- ☐ Engineering - Civil
- ☐ Engineering - Environmental
- ☐ Public Outreach
- ☐ Funding
- ☐ Legal
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Maintenance
- ☐ GIS
- ☐ Activities and Programming
- ☐ Environmental Science

### Our organization typically contracts out for the following services:

- ☐ Planning - Strategic
- ☐ Planning - Community
- ☐ Planning - Site
- ☐ Design - Architecture
- ☐ Engineering - Structural
- ☐ Engineering - Civil
- ☐ Engineering - Environmental
- ☐ Public Outreach
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- ☐ Legal
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Maintenance
- ☐ GIS
- ☐ Activities and Programming
- ☐ Environmental Science





















### Registrations

- ☐ PE, Civil
- ☐ PE, Structural
- ☐ Land Surveyor
- ☒ Geologist
- ☐ Architect
- ☐ Landscape Architect
- ☐ Wetlands
- ☐ Green Infrastructure
- ☐ LEED
- ☐ Environmental



## CONTACTS

[find Circuit Trails contacts list here](#)
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# Next Steps

- Register at [www.circuitpipeline.org](http://www.circuitpipeline.org)
- Review projects assigned
- Add yourself to project segments you want
- Changes will be reviewed and accepted by Helena Kotala

# Protecting Significant Views Along The Circuit:

An Assessment Of Land Conservation Priorities For Viewsheds Along The Circuit



## THE CIRCUIT TRAILS

Mark Zakutansky, Director of Conservation Policy Engagement

Patricia McCloskey, Mid-Atlantic Recreation Planner

Catherine Poppenwimer, GIS Specialist

# A Trail Experience Worth Protecting











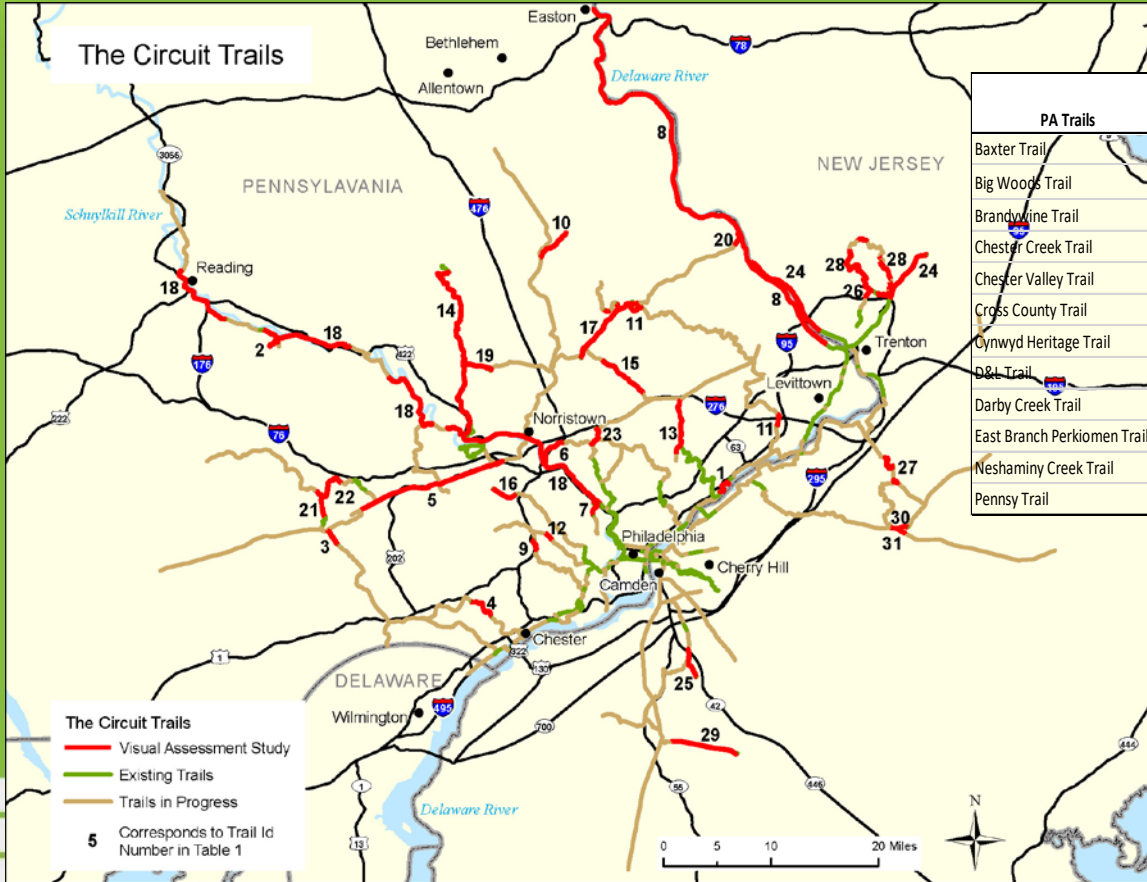
# The Circuit Trails Visual Assessment Project

- An Assessment of Land Conservation Priorities for Viewsheds along Multi-Use Trails of The Circuit
- Purpose: to identify potential conservation opportunities within a trail's viewshed
- Based on a conservation assessment that scores and ranks priority land
- 31 Circuit Trails were selected, mostly trails in rural and suburban areas





# Circuit Trails in the Visual Assessment Project



PA Trails	Map 1 Trail ID No.	PA Trails	Map 1 Trail ID No.	NJ Trails	Map 1 Trail ID No.
Baxter Trail	1	Pennypack Trail	13	Delaware & Raritan Canal Trail	24
Big Woods Trail	2	Perkiomen Trail	14	Gloucester Twp. Health & Fitness Trail	25
Brandywine Trail	3	Power Line Trail	15	Johnson Trolley Line Trail	26
Chester Creek Trail	4	Radnor Trail	16	Kinkora Trail	27
Chester Valley Trail	5	Route 202 Parkway Trail	17	Lawrence Hopewell Trail	28
Cross County Trail	6	Schuylkill River Trail	18	Monroe Township Bike Path	29
Cynwyd Heritage Trail	7	Skippack Trail	19	Pemberton Rail Trail	30
D&L Trail	8	Solebury Route 202 Gateway Trail	20	Rancocas Creek Trail	31
Darby Creek Trail	9	Struble Trail	21		
East Branch Perkiomen Trail	10	Uwchlan Trail	22		
Neshaminy Creek Trail	11	Wissahickon Green Ribbon Trail	23		
Pennsy Trail	12				

# Visual Assessment Methodology

## Methodology consists of a Viewshed Analysis of each trail

Landowner parcels within the viewshed were analyzed based upon the following criteria:

- Visibility from the Trail
  - Viewshed Area, Visual Magnitude, and Distance
- Scenic Character within the Trail's Viewshed
  - Landform, Landcover, Water, and Historic/Cultural Resources
- Key Observation Points (KOP)
  - KOPs were identified by project partners
- Ownership Fragmentation
  - Parcel Size and Adjacency to Protected Areas

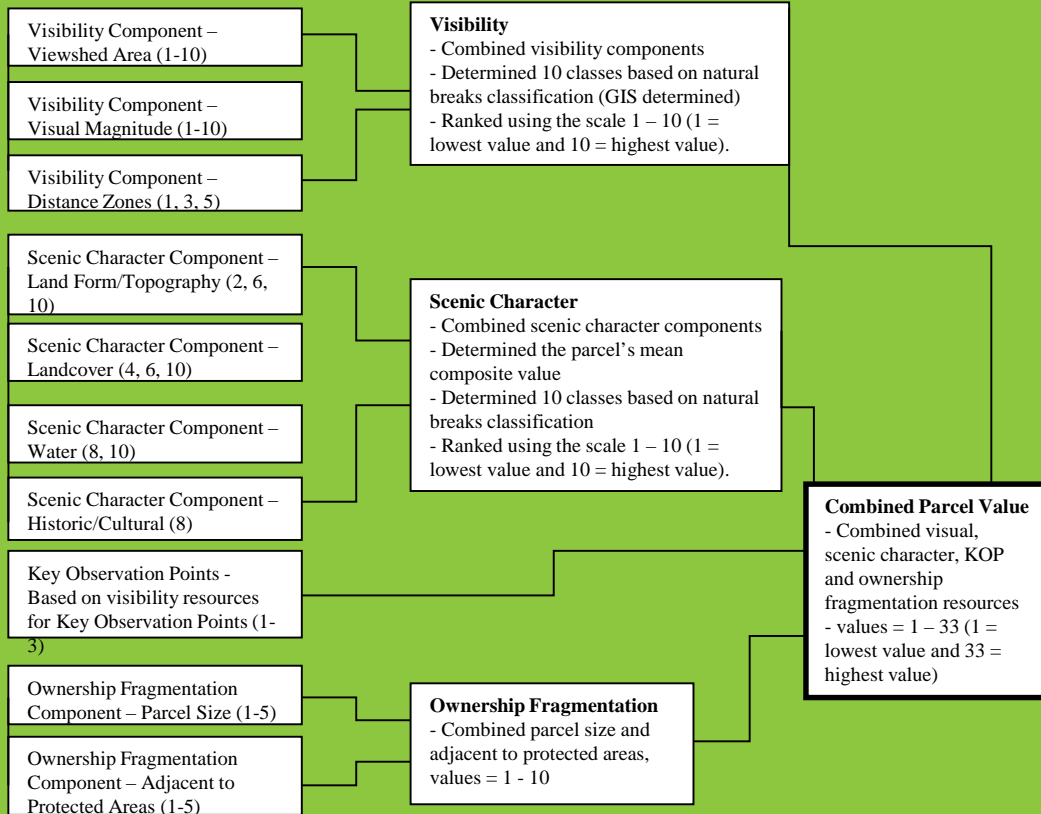


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## Notes

Methodology was reviewed and approved by project partners. Limits of the study include any parcel within a mile from the trail. Parcels not within the trails' viewshed were removed from the analysis. Each individual trail is evaluated separately.

# Parcel Assessment Process

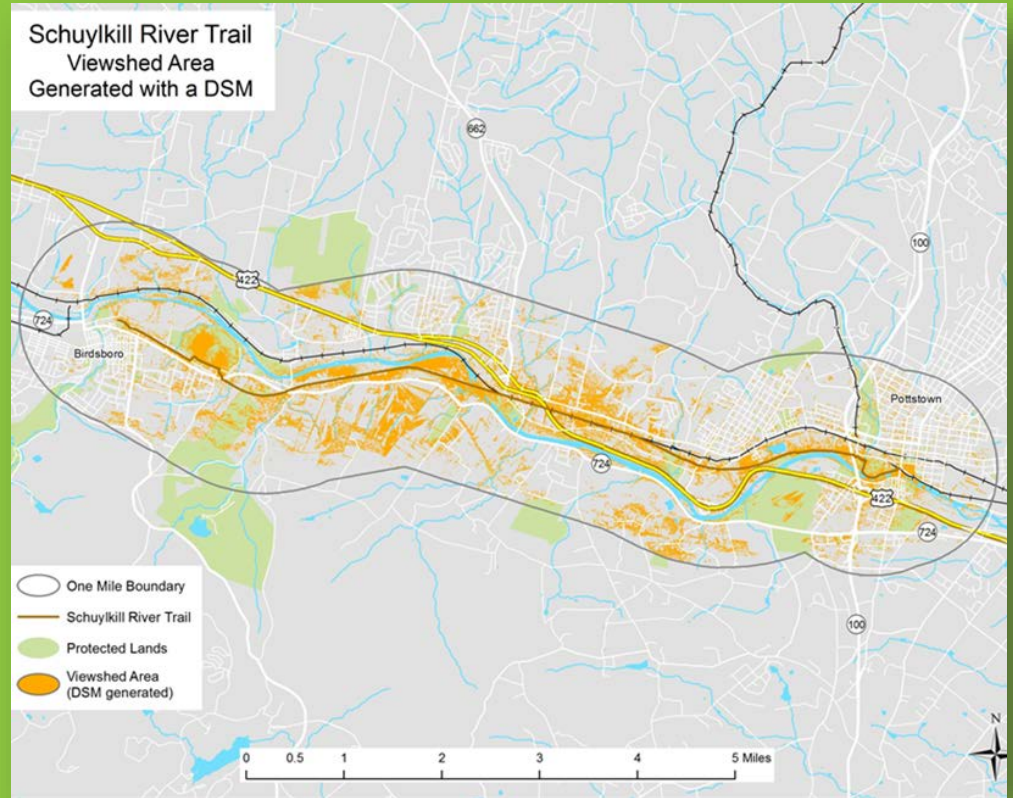


- A combined parcel value score was developed by adding the visibility, scenic character, KOP, and ownership fragmentation scores.
- The combined score identifies the parcels with the highest value for conservation based on the resource values and landscape context.
- This information can be used when prioritizing conservation opportunities and obtaining funding for their conservation.



# Pilot Project: Schuylkill River Trail

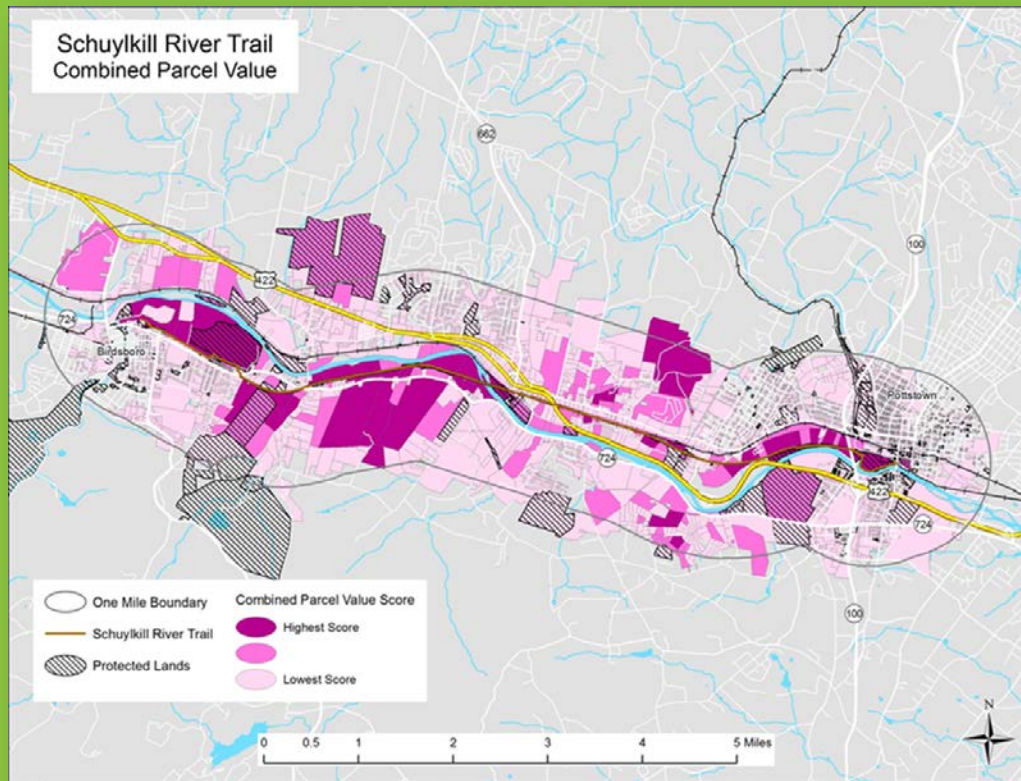
- 8.8 mile section between Pottstown and Birdsboro
- Study area extends one mile on both side of the trail (roughly 12,900 acres)
- The trail's viewshed developed from the digital surface model (DSM) is approximately 1,970 acres or 15% of the study area
- Over 6,000 unconserved parcels encompassing about 8,800 acres are potentially available for conservation protection.



# Pilot Project Results

- Visual Resources: 90% of the 6,000+ unconserved parcels have the lowest score (1) and 2 parcels have the highest score (10).
- Scenic Resources: Of over 4,200 unconserved parcels, 51% have the lowest score of (1 ) and 47 scored the highest (10).
- Parcel Size & Adjacency: 83% are less than 1 acre in size. 8 parcels over 133 acres in size represent the top 15%. Of the unconserved parcels, 459 are adjacent to protected open space areas.
- Combined Score: The highest score value represents the top 5% ranked parcels (54 total), 44 which are unconserved parcels.

Study Report: <http://pahighlands.org/news/amc-completes-circuit-trails-visual-assessment-pilot-project>



# Visual Assessment Project Next Steps

- Complete analysis of the 31 trails selected for study by end of 2018
- Prepare reports for each trail and provide to land trusts, agencies and planning commissions (Q1-Q2 2019)
- Present findings at Circuit Trails meeting and conferences in 2019
- Potential to expand to new study areas





# A Trail Experience Worth Protecting





## Schuylkill Banks Projects

Presented at  
Circuit Coalition  
Semi-Annual Meeting

May 4, 2018



## THE TIDAL SCHUYLKILL RIVER

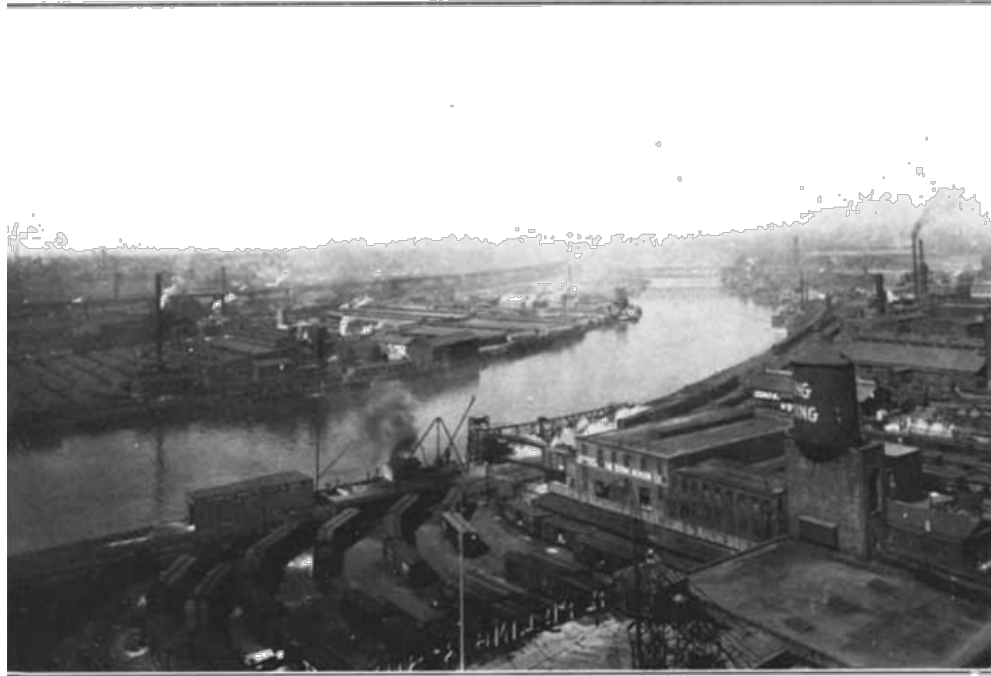


## The Tidal Schuylkill An Emerging Regional Center

- 8 Miles of River; 16 miles of Riverfront and Greenway
- 4 Universities
- 3 Hospitals
- Central Business District
- 27 Neighborhoods
- 4 National Historic Landmarks
- 15 Bridges/ Mass-Transit Connections



## 1924 Conditions



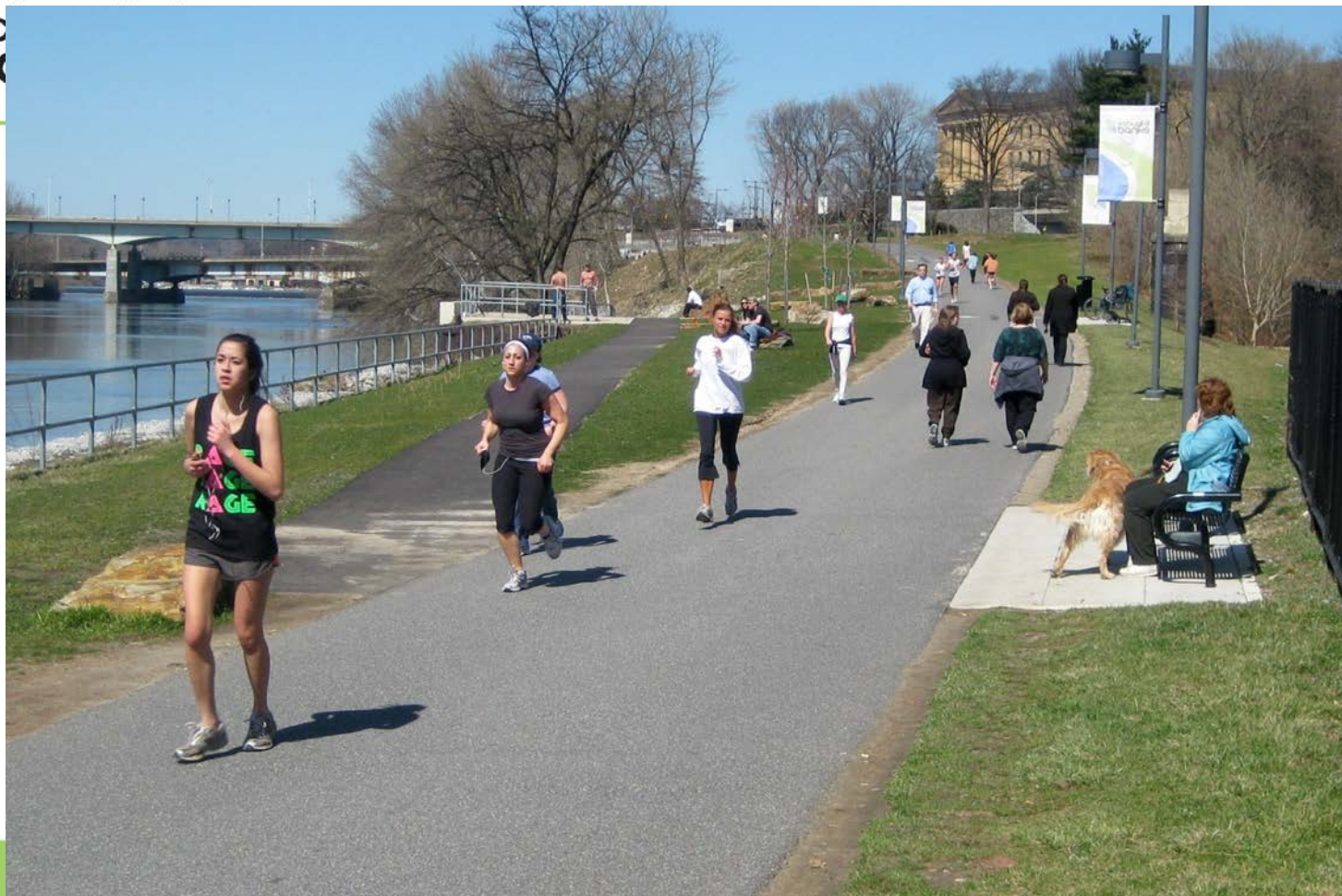
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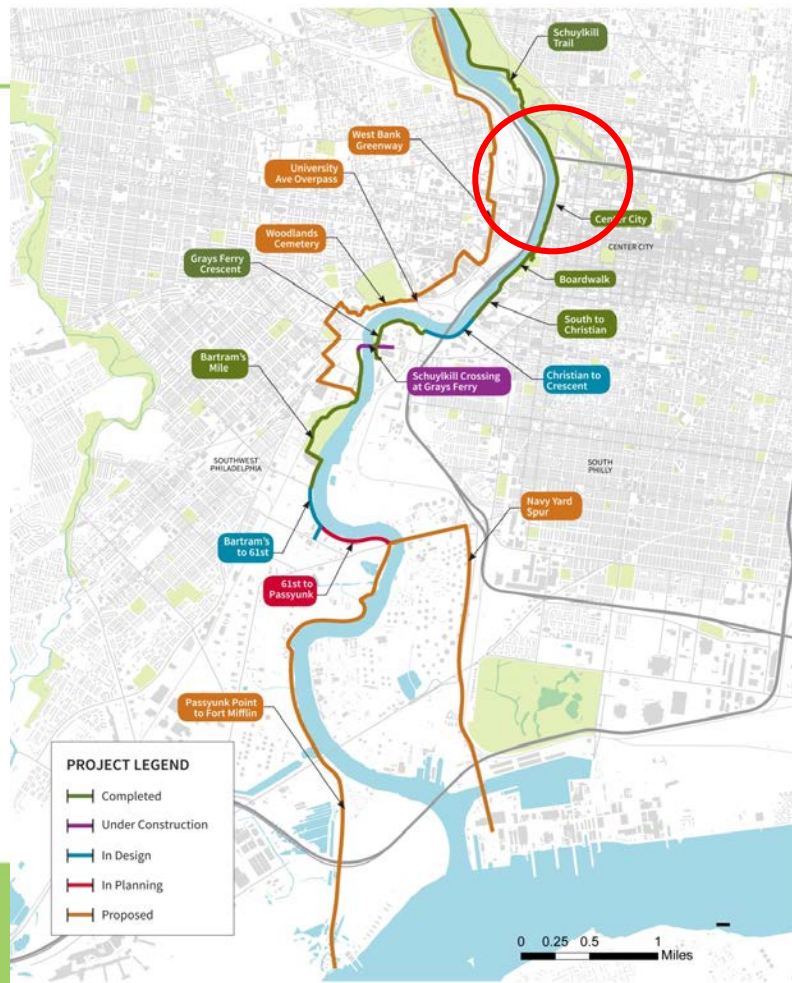
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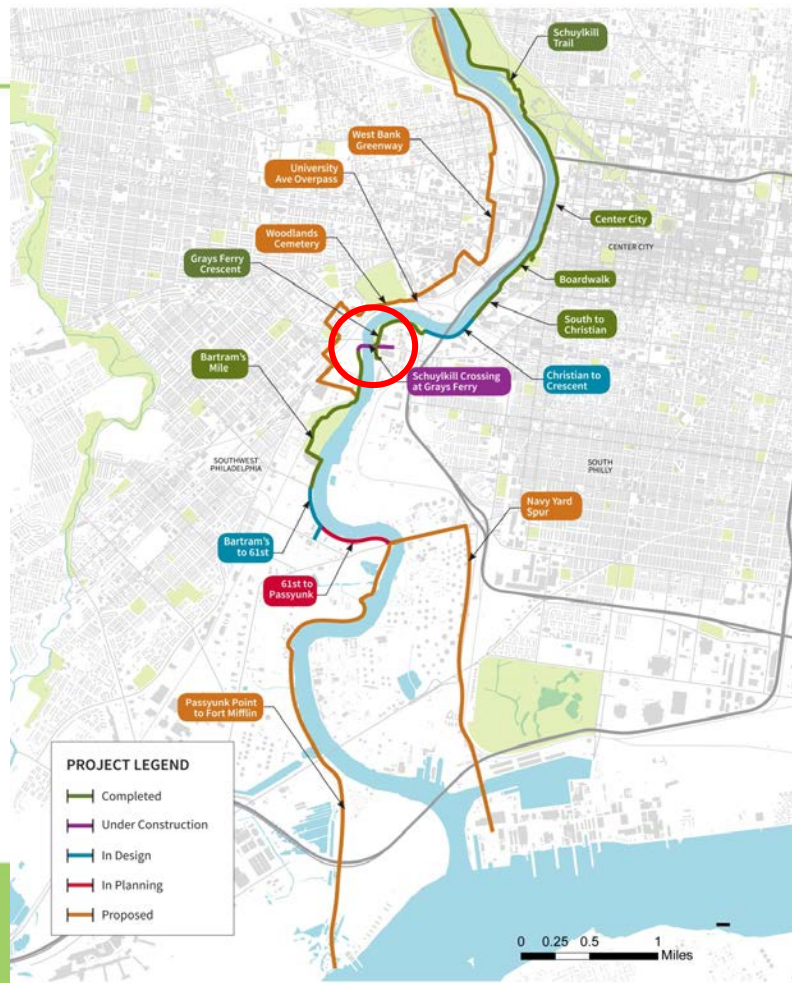
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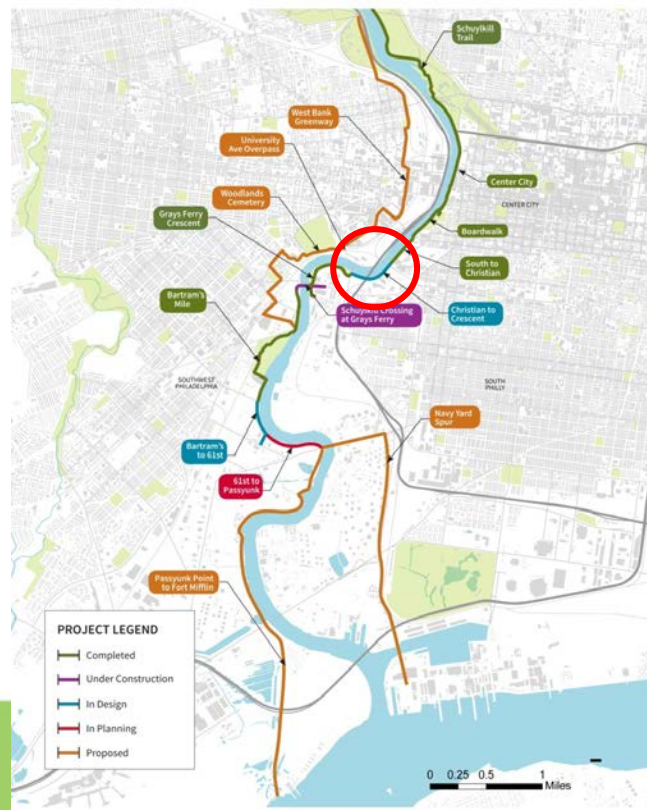






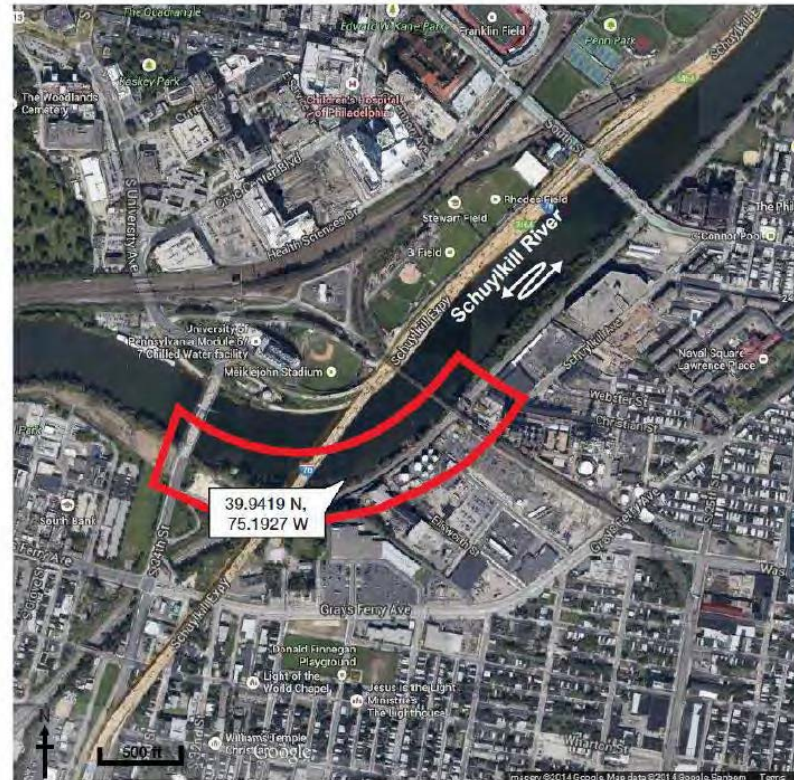
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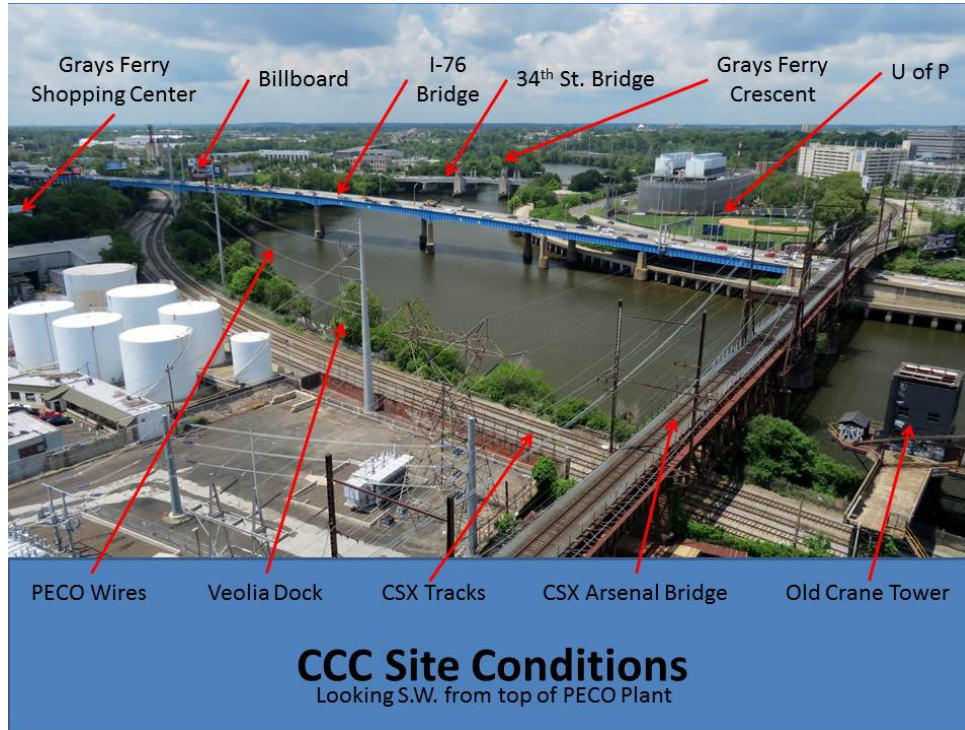


## Christian to Crescent - Project Area



— Indicates project area





## Trail Alignment



### Christian to Crescent Connection

1,300' on structure (—) 700' cable supported (—) 1,200' on ground (—)

## Trail Alignment





## Cable Stayed Bridge



**4** TWIN Pylon - PERSPECTIVE OF STAYS - WEAVER

title: Oblique Aerial  
date: 27 February 2017

SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION - Philadelphia, PA

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## Cable Stayed Bridge – User's View





Any Questions?

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Next:  
Walk/Ride the Cooper River Trail  
Happy Hour at LaScala's Birra

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