A Collaborative Path Partnerships between Government and Citizens

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 beginning at 6:00 PM The Horticulture Center in West Fairmount Park 4180 Horticulture Drive, Philadelphia PA, 19131.

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR) invites you to join other citizen partners and PPR staff to explore ways to build upon the work of our <u>March 1, 2014 Citizen Engagement Event</u> that took place at La Salle University.

We invite those who participated in our March 1, 2014 event to attend. Furthermore, we request that you extend this invitation to your citizen networks that support Parks & Recreation.

A prevalent idea was to begin a *Parks & Recreation 101* program. Citizens desire an understanding of the structure, budget and operations of Philadelphia Parks & Recreation. In response, leadership from the department will provide a current overview of the amenities, structure and assets of the merged department. An update of the capital and operating budgets will be presented. You will have the opportunity to join work teams and to determine topics for future sessions.

The notion of our stewardship and care of the natural and built resources as well as our commitment to helping youth succeed on their own terms and in their own communities remain paramount to the department's mission. This is accomplished only through connections with citizens in our neighborhoods.

As a valued partner, we hope you can join us for this discussion. A light supper will be provided. To ensure that we have adequate food, **please R.S.V.P. to** <u>parksandrecreation@phila.gov</u> or (215) 683-0213 no later than Thursday, May 29, 2014.

Sincerely,

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Michael DiBerardinis Deputy Mayor for Environmental and Community Resources

