

Philadelphia Trail & Sidepath Maintenance Plan

*Non-Profit and City Stakeholder Meeting
City of Philadelphia*

*Location - Bartram's Garden, Philadelphia
10/25/2021, 1:30 - 3:30 PM*

Participant Organizations

- Bartram's Garden
- Delaware River Waterfront Corporation
- Friends of the Wissahickon
- Manayunk Development Corporation
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Riverfront North Partnership
- Schuylkill River Development Corporation
- Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed

Common Themes Discussed

- Formal maintenance agreements are important to assign and budget for maintenance responsibilities
- Need for common trail design and maintenance standards that are communicated and applied across the P&R Districts in a consistent manner
- Retain, transfer, and solidify institutional knowledge
- Addressing lawsuits requires legal and political solutions
- Storage facilities and/or shared facilities with P&R are needed
- Illegal-dumping and flooding are particularly difficult challenges

Suggestions/Recommendations

- Partner with Commerce Department on marketing the value of trails
- For smaller organizations, assistance is needed with preparing social media packets
- Involve maintenance staff earlier in planning and design of trails
- Expand GPS mapping for 311 purposes
- Have regular meetings with PPR leadership and District Managers to coordinate on maintenance
- Document "per mile" costs of trail maintenance to better advocate for more resources

