

Philadelphia Trail & Sidepath Maintenance Plan

*Advocacy Group Stakeholder Meeting
City of Philadelphia*

*Virtual Meeting
5/2/2022, 11:00 - 12:30 PM*

Participant Organizations

- Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
- East Coast Greenway Council
- Pennsylvania Environmental Council
- Clean Air Council
- William Penn Foundation
- Philadelphia City Planning Commission
- PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
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Common Themes Discussed

- Further discussion is needed about the City's role in supporting stewardship partners when it comes to trail-related lawsuits.
- Some stakeholders are unclear about the delineation between Parks & Recreation and Streets Department responsibilities when it comes to trail and sidepath maintenance.
- Many Philadelphians don't know how to report a maintenance issue on a trail or sidepath. Even if they do, it can be difficult to identify specific locations because the 311 application requires a street address.
- The City's approach to trail/sidepath maintenance should be integrated with maintenance for other non-motorized transportation (such as bike lanes and sidewalks) since they form a connected active transportation network across the City.

Suggestions/Recommendations

- Explore the potential to create a new conservancy to raise, hold, and distribute philanthropic funding related to trail/sidepath maintenance
- Better integrate equity considerations into trail maintenance prioritization
- Mile makers and cameras are potential tools to improve location tracking and security along trails

