

PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION



IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE



New construction
on Broad Street

SOUTH DISTRICT PLAN

PHILADELPHIA2035

Philadelphia2035 is the city's Comprehensive Plan. Created and updated by the Philadelphia City Planning Commission (PCPC), this document serves as a guide for the city's long-term growth.

Philadelphia2035 is a two-phase effort:

I. CITYWIDE VISION

The **Citywide Vision** lays out broad goals and policy for all aspects of the city. These include neighborhoods, vacant land, economic development, open space, and transportation.

II. DISTRICT PLANS

District Plans apply the concepts of the Citywide Vision to specific areas of Philadelphia.

IMPLEMENTATION

PCPC staff works with city agencies, City Council, and non-profit partners to see the District Plans become reality. PCPC has secured grants for follow-up studies, engineering, and construction totaling almost \$23 million. This document highlights projects being implemented and the progress so far.

BENEFITS OF PLANNING

ENVIRONMENT

Natural and man-made surroundings provide safe and healthful conditions for current and future generations.

ECONOMY

Economic development generates jobs, income, wealth, revenue and city services.

EQUITY

Planning helps ensure that everyone benefits from programming and funding, regardless of race, ethnicity, class or any other dimension of identity.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Philadelphia's built environment encourages active living and supports fair access to the resources and amenities necessary for residents of all ages to improve their physical, mental, and social well-being

ENGAGEMENT

Many stakeholders come together to shape a common, future vision.

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

The Philadelphia City Planning Commission adopted the South District Plan in **June 2015**. The plan makes **44** recommendations across three themes:

Specific recommendations are identified as follows:

District Abbreviation

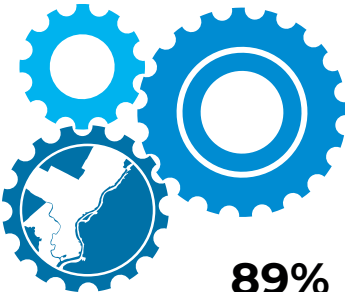
Recommendation Number

STH
#

13 THRIVE
Neighborhoods | Economic Development | Land Management

15 CONNECT
Transportation | Utilities

16 RENEW
Open Space | Environmental Resources
Historic Preservation | Public Realm



With the help of our Implementation Partners, we've advanced 81% of plan recommendations:

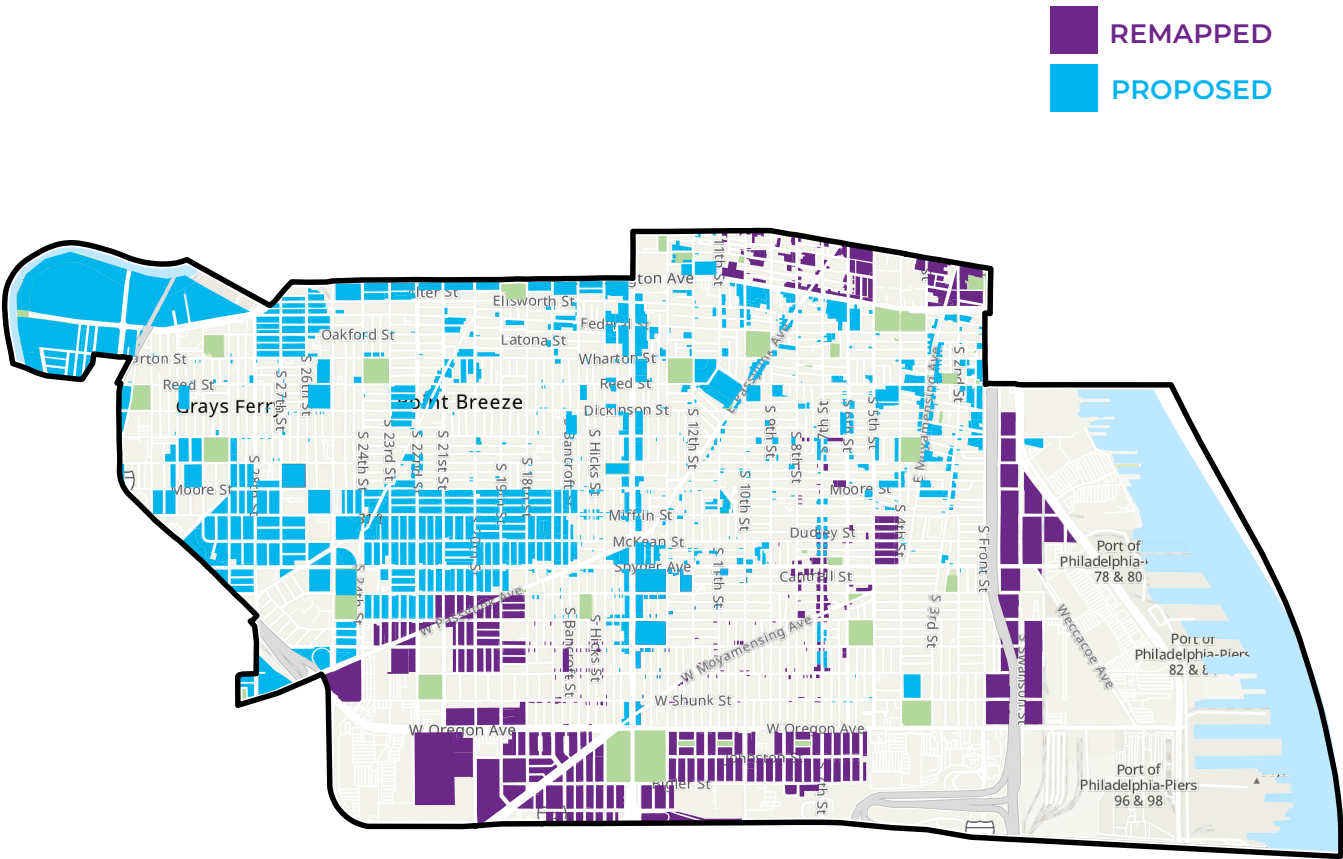
89% In Progress // **3%** Ongoing // **8%** Complete

Thank you to our Implementation Partners:

- Councilmember Kenyatta Johnson
- Councilmember Mark Squilla
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Licenses and Inspections (L&I)
- Knight Foundation
- Mayor Jim Kenney
- Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC)
- Philadelphia Office of Innovation and Technology (OIT)
- Philadelphia Office of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (OTiS)
- Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department (PPR)
- Philadelphia Water Department (PWD)
- Rebuild
- SEPTA
- TransitCenter
- Trust for Public Land

ZONING REMAPPING PROGRESS

As of Spring 2022

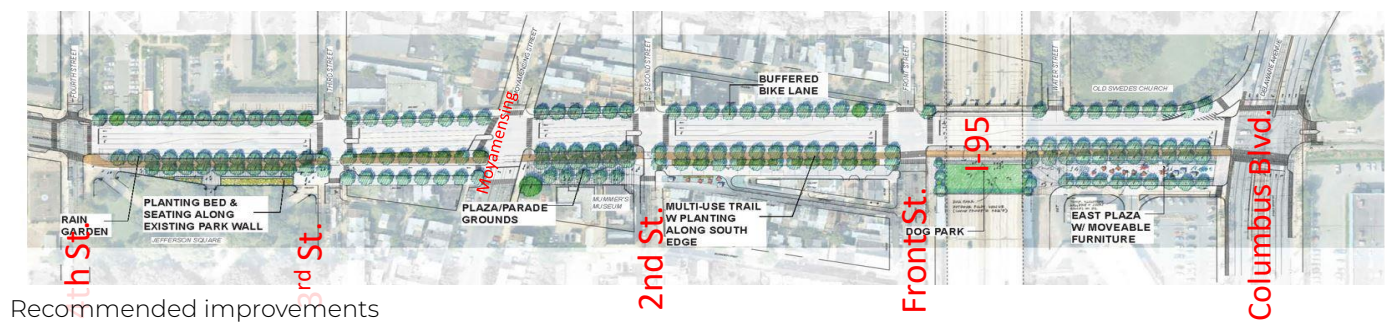


A big part of making Philadelphia2035 a reality is updating Philadelphia's zoning maps. PCPC is working with City Council to make sure the zoning matches existing uses and points the way for future projects.



WASHINGTON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS

GRANT TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS FOR WASHINGTON AVENUE, BETWEEN 4TH AND FRONT STREETS



Recommended improvements



Washington Avenue today

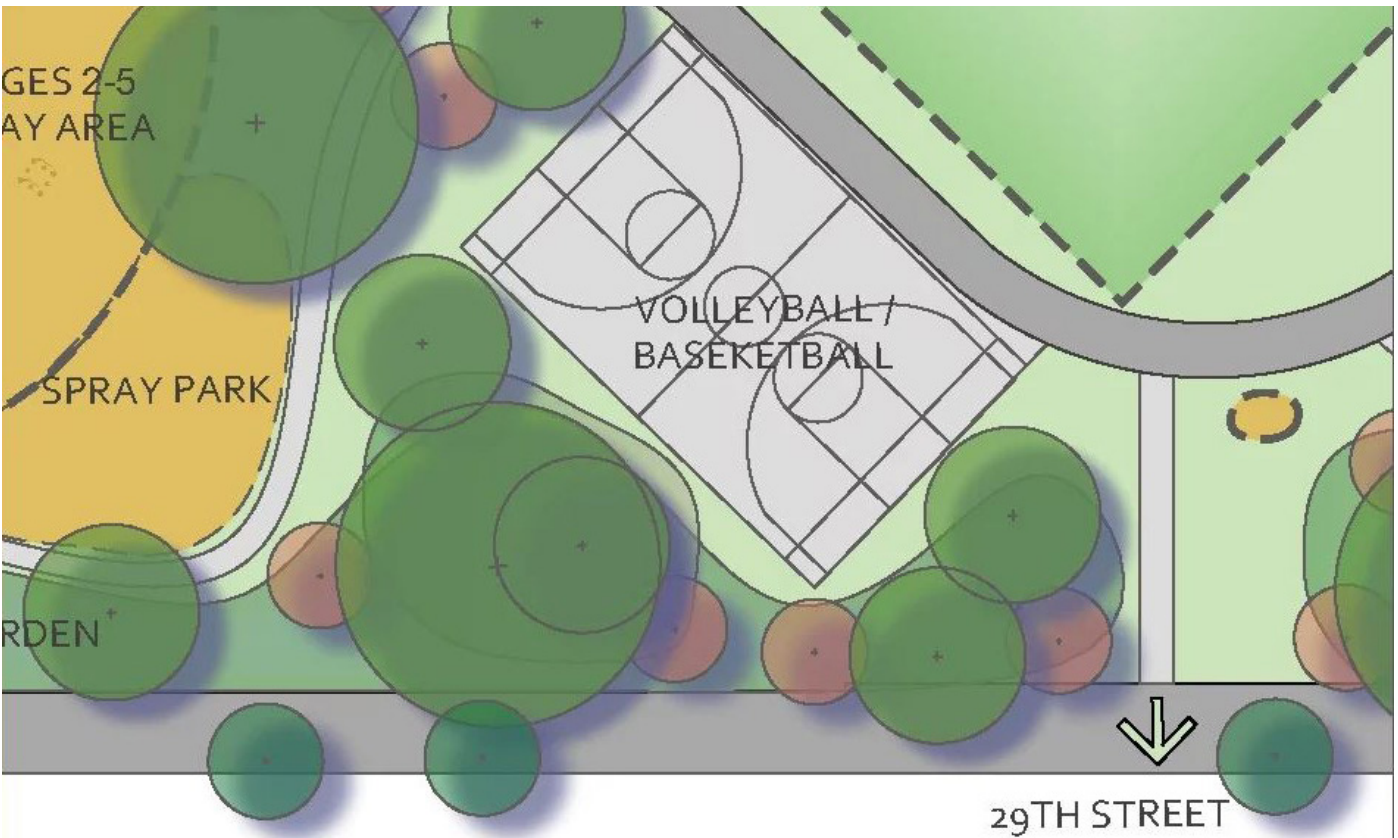
Plans are underway and partial funding is secured for multi-phase improvements to Washington Avenue, from 4th St. to Columbus Blvd. The roadway will be reconfigured to make room for added greenery, lighting, and pedestrian protections, along with a multi-use trail and signal upgrades. The project is being managed by Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC), with funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

RECOMMENDATION

STH 34 Create and enhance pedestrian spaces to support public use of key intersections and increase safety for pedestrians at areas of high use

VARE RECREATION CENTER

VARE RECREATION CENTER TO RECEIVE REBUILD FUNDS



Several parks and playgrounds in the South District have seen improvements in recent years. The City secured funding for the new Columbus Square Park in September 2015, and improvements were completed in 2020. The Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation (PPR) made updates to Wharton Square, Smith Playground, Stinger Square and Lanier Playground. In 2018, the City chose Vare Recreation Center to be the first Rebuild project. Planning for improvements at Vare has involved extensive public engagement, and construction is expected to start in 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

STH 31 Establish the following Parks & Recreation facilities as priorities for investment to bring them to a state of good repair: Vare Recreational Center

BOK VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

BOK VOCATIONAL SCHOOL CONVERTED INTO A MIXED-USE SPACE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Source: Sam Oberter

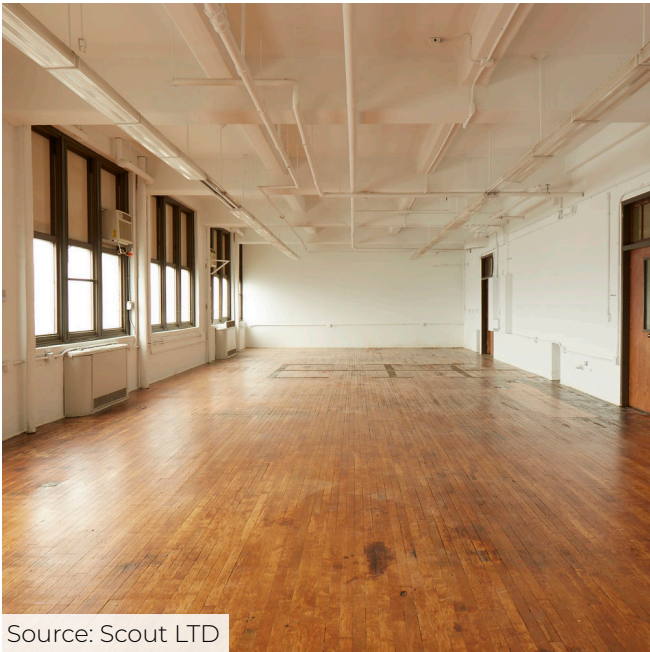


RECOMMENDATION

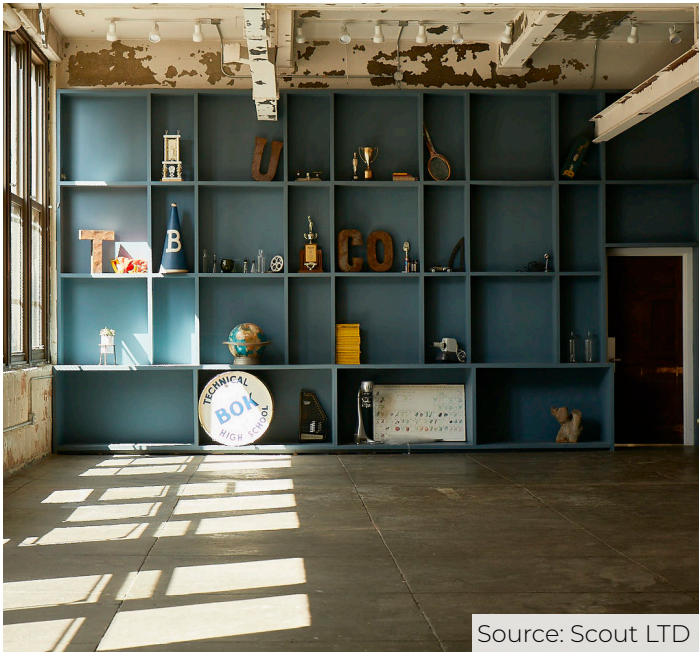
STH
43

Preserve and market abandoned art deco and moderne industrial buildings such as the Bok Vocational School, for reuse as a mixed use development to include the arts and creative industries

Scout LTD acquired the Bok Vocational School in 2014, and the building is now home to over 200 businesses, artists, makers, and non-profit organizations. Over 70% of the businesses based at Bok are owned by someone who lives in South Philadelphia. New tenants in 2021 include the Hansjörg Wyss Wellness Center, a partnership between SEAMAAC and Jefferson. The Wyss Wellness Center, located on the East side of the building, serves the many health and wellness needs of the surrounding community.



Source: Scout LTD



Source: Scout LTD



PIER 68

WATERFRONT PIER OPENS TO PUBLIC



Source: DRWC

RECOMMENDATION

STH 30 Enhance and complete the Delaware River Trail, between Washington Avenue and Pier 70

The Natural Lands Trust (NLT) bought Pier 68 in 2012, which used to be a vacant dock. NLT worked with the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC) to make improvements to the pier. They added a deck, lawn, trees, fishing spaces, and passive recreation. The pier is another key piece in the expanding Delaware River Trail.

MIFFLIN SQUARE PARK

COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO REDESIGN PARK



The Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Associations Coalition (SEAMAAC) began a community engagement process, in 2016, to address physical/capital and programmatic improvements needed at Mifflin Square Park. They gathered individuals, community groups, neighborhood institutions and nonprofits together to plan the redesign of the park. The William Penn Foundation funded the plan with the support of many, including Parks & Recreation and Councilman Squilla. An advisory group is working on implementing programming and other improvements. The Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) has also been building the infrastructure, with community input, to capture rain water in the park as a part of the Green City, Clean Waters plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

STH 31 Establish the following Parks & Recreation facilities as priorities for investment to bring them to a state of good repair:

Mifflin Square Park

STH 37 Build green stormwater infrastructure at public facilities, such as parks and school sites, and prioritize areas identified by PWD's "Areas of Opportunity" analysis

PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

SOUTH **District Planner**

Sarah Banh

215.686.9787

Sarah.Banh@phila.gov



Washington
Avenue
construction

www.phila2035.org

Spring 2022