PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

PHILADELPHIA
2035

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

NORTH DELAWARE
DISTRICT PLAN

Pleasant Hill Park
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 North Delaware District Plan in March 2016. The plan makes 42 recommendations across three themes:

- **15 THRIVE**
  Neighborhoods | Economic Development | Land Management
- **11 CONNECT**
  Transportation | Utilities
- **16 RENEW**
  Open Space | Environmental Resources
  Historic Preservation | Public Realm

With the help of our Implementation Partners, we’ve advanced 88% of plan recommendations:

- 63% In Progress
- 35% Ongoing
- 3% Complete

**Thank you to our Implementation Partners:**

- Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
- Councilmember Bobby Henon
- Free Library of Philadelphia (FLP)
- Mayfair Business Improvement District
- Mayfair Civic Association
- Mayor Jim Kenney
- Philadelphia Department of Commerce
- Philadelphia Office of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (oTIS)
- Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department (PPR)
- Philadelphia Streets Department
- Pennsylvania Department of Water (PWD)
- SEPTA
- Tacony Community Development Corporation
- William Penn Foundation

**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.

**597 ACRES REMAPPED**

**81 ACRES PROPOSED**

**88%**

**12%**
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**DELAWARE RIVER TRAIL**

**THE DELAWARE RIVER TRAIL EXPANDS**

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**DELAWARE RIVER TRAIL**

The Delaware River Trail has grown since 2019. The trail from Magee Avenue to the Tacony Boat Launch began construction in 2021. Another part of the trail from Orthodox Street will also break ground later in 2022. Design work is continuing on the Tacony-Holmesburg part of the trail. All these projects mean there will likely be a trail from Allegheny Avenue to Poquessing Creek by 2025.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Complete the North Delaware Trail, a section of the East Coast Greenway, and connect it to adjacent neighborhoods and existing trails
- Connect the trail network within the North Delaware District as recommended in the Trail Master Plan
- Preserve and extend the City’s street grid, especially through large lots to create parcels that can accommodate new development and to connect residents and visitors to the waterfront
- Preserve, enhance and create significant viewsheds and landscapes within the district

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**IMPROVING FRANKFORD AVENUE**

DVRPC published a report in 2021 suggesting improvements to Frankford Avenue. The Streets Department will begin improvements on parts of Frankford Avenue in 2022. Other safety improvements are being reviewed by PennDOT.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Improve safety for pedestrians and bicycles throughout the district and across major streets and rail lines
- Identify Complete Streets projects on wide, crash prone streets such as Frankford, Cottman, Torresdale, and Harbison Avenues
- Pedestrian welcoming conditions along the Avenue
- Improvements at Frankford, Cottman, and Ryan

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**FRANKFORD AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE HORIZON**
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