

PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION



## IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE



Connell Park

## LOWER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT PLAN

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# 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.

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# 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 Lower Southwest District Plan in **June 2016**. The plan makes **39** recommendations across three themes:

Specific recommendations are identified as follows:

District Abbreviation

Recommendation Number

LSW #

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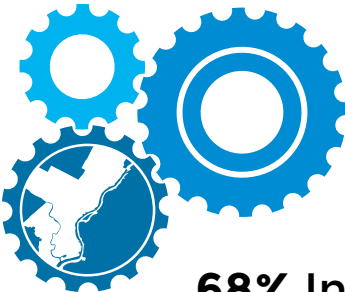
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RENEW

Open Space | Environmental Resources  
Historic Preservation | Public Realm



With the help of our Implementation Partners, we've advanced 69% of recommendations:

68% In Progress // 28% Ongoing // 3% Complete

## Thank you to our Implementation Partners:

- African Cultural Alliance of North America

■ Councilmember Jamie Gauthier

■ Councilmember Jannie Blackwell

■ Councilmember Kenyatta Johnson

■ Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)

■ Eastwick Friends and Neighbors Coalition

■ Eastwick United

■ Empowered Community Development Corporation

■ Mayor Jim Kenney

■ Philadelphia Department of Commerce

■ Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation (PPR)

■ Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC)
- Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)

■ Philadelphia Office of the Managing Director

■ Philadelphia Office of Sustainability

■ Philadelphia Office of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (OTIS)

■ Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (PRA)

■ Philadelphia Streets Department

■ Philadelphia Water Department (PWD)

■ SEPTA

■ Southwest Community Development Corporation

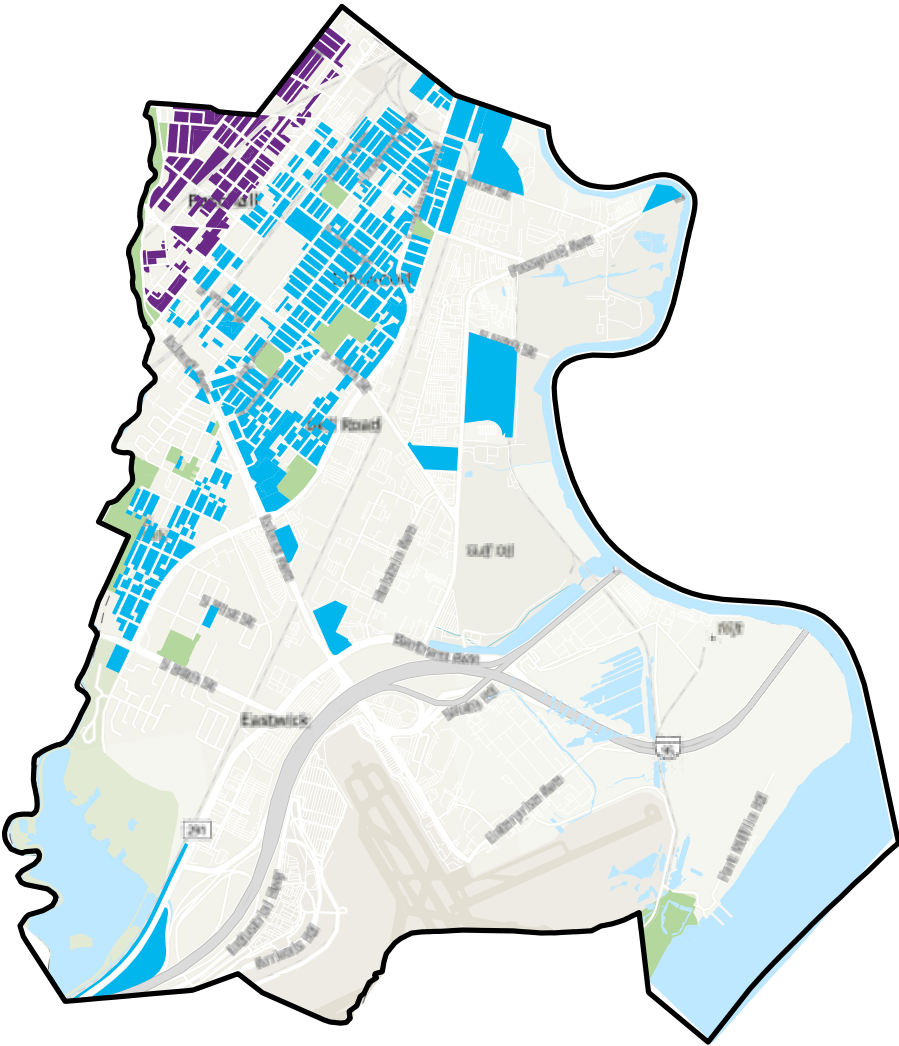
■ State Representative Joanna McClinton

# ZONING REMAPPING PROGRESS

As of Spring 2022

REMAPPED

PROPOSED



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.





# TROLLEY MODERNIZATION

TROLLEY MODERNIZATION PROCESS MOVES FORWARD



## RECOMMENDATIONS

**LSW 15** Implement Transit Signal Prioritization, ADA accessible streetscape improvements, as well as depot and loop improvements to accommodate SEPTA Trolley Modernization program. ADA accessible streetscape improvements include curb extensions at trolley stop locations, ramps at intersections, and new station amenities such as new shelters and lighting.

SEPTA is moving forward on its Trolley Modernization project. This will include new stations and trolleys. They are currently working on station location and designs. The date for the project to finish is 2033. Improvements to Island Avenue will be one of the first projects.

# SEPTA DEPOT

SEPTA IDENTIFYING DEPOT SITE



## RECOMMENDATION

**LSW 14** Explore building a new SEPTA surface transportation depot to provide additional space for new SEPTA vehicles to be stored, maintained and repaired, as well as provide sufficient space for employee amenities such as parking.

As a part of the Trolley Modernization Project, a new trolley depot is needed. SEPTA is working to identify vacant land in Eastwick for the new depot. Site selection will be based on a variety of aspects. Factors include the distance to trolley lines, zoning, and square footage.



# ISLAND AVENUE

## ISLAND AVENUE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON THE HORIZON



### RECOMMENDATION

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Complete streetscape and intersection improvements on roads with excess capacity dedicating more space to pedestrians, bicycle network improvements, and stormwater management.

LSW  
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Improve safety at dangerous intersections and corridors through traffic calming measures

The Streets Department has received federal funding to improve intersections along Island Avenue. The project includes upgrades to the street. These include traffic signals, reduced road widths, and a walking/biking trail. The project's purpose is to improve safety for all users of the street.



Proposed Intersection Configuration

Upgraded pedestrian crosswalks  
Increased pedestrian areas  
New Trolley Platforms

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