PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

PHILADELPHIA 2035

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

NORTH DISTRICT PLAN

Broad Street & Lehigh Avenue
**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 $23M. 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.
The Philadelphia City Planning Commission adopted the North District Plan in **January 2018**. The plan makes **52** recommendations across three themes:

- **19** **THRIVE**
  - Neighborhoods | Economic Development | Land Management
- **12** **CONNECT**
  - Transportation | Utilities
- **21** **RENEW**
  - Open Space | Environmental Resources
  - Historic Preservation | Public Realm

With the help of our Implementation Partners, we've advanced **54%** of plan recommendations:

**82%** In Progress // **9%** Ongoing // **9%** Complete

**Thank you to our Implementation Partners:**

- Called To Serve
- Community Design Collaborative (CDC)
- Councilmember Cindy Bass
- Councilmember María Quiriones-Sánchez
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)
- Esperanza
- Esperanza Health Center
- Germantown and Erie Business Association
- Hunting Park NAC
- Hunting Park United
- Impact Services
- Lenfest Center
- License and Inspections
- Mayor Jim Kenney
- Mercy Neighborhood Ministries
- Nicetown CDC
- North Broad Renaissance
- North10
- Partners for Sacred Places
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)
- Philadelphia Department of Commerce
- Philadelphia Department of Water (PWD)
- Philadelphia Free Library – Tioga-Nicetown Branch
- Philadelphia Health Department
- Philadelphia Office of Transportation & Infrastructure Sustainability (oTIS)
- Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA)
- Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department (PPR)
- Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (PRA)
- Philadelphia Streets Department
- SEPTA
- Temple University – Health Sciences Campus
- The Center for Returning Citizens
- Tioga-Nicetown Improvement Team
- Tioga United
- Zion Baptist Church

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.
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. **NOR 2**
   - Re-establish Broad Street and Erie and Germantown Avenues as an accessible “downtown” of the North District

2. **NOR 17**
   - Encourage housing development that meets demand at all income levels on vacant land in areas prioritized in neighborhood plans

3. **NOR 20**
   - Improve multimodal transit connections at Broad Street and Erie and Germantown Avenues

4. **NOR 23**
   - Improve bus service on Lehigh, Erie, Allegheny, Hunting Park and Wyoming Avenues with transit signal priority, stop consolidation, increased frequency, and bus stop improvements including shelters, lighting, and bike parking

5. **NOR 24**
   - Increase pedestrian safety at Broad Street and Erie and Germantown Avenues

6. **NOR 25**
   - Develop bike routes to give bicyclists better connections through the district

7. **NOR 26**
   - Redesign streets, install traffic calming measures, and add sidewalks to reduce speeding and protect vulnerable populations including seniors, children, and people with disabilities

8. **NOR 50**
   - Create a universal kit of improvements including benches, pedestrian lighting, and landscaping that can be added to pedestrian plazas and traffic triangles to enhance public space

9. **NOR 52**
   - Add public art, lighting, cultural signs, and improved pedestrian street furniture (e.g. benches) at major intersections as a gateway feature

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In 2017, City agencies and community groups came together to work on the Broad, Germanton, and Erie intersection. The intersection is very busy and is an important area for local businesses. The coalition set out to make the intersection safer, create jobs and support businesses, and honor local history. In 2021, improvements were completed for the triangle at Butler and Erie. SEPTA will also be installing an elevator for the Erie station. More improvements are on the horizon.

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**Tioga Nicetown Free Library Branch**

Source: Community Design Collaborative

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Germantown & Lehigh Avenues

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