Leading with Trails and Greenways:

How Greater Philadelphia's Greenways and Trails are Awakening a Movement to Connect People and Place.

Moderator: Andy Johnson

BICYCLE COALITION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

Lawrence Hopewell Trail LHT

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THE CIRCUIT TRAILS

Sarah Clark Stuart

Executive Director, Bicycle Coalition Of Greater Philadelphia
Chair, The Circuit Trails Coalition

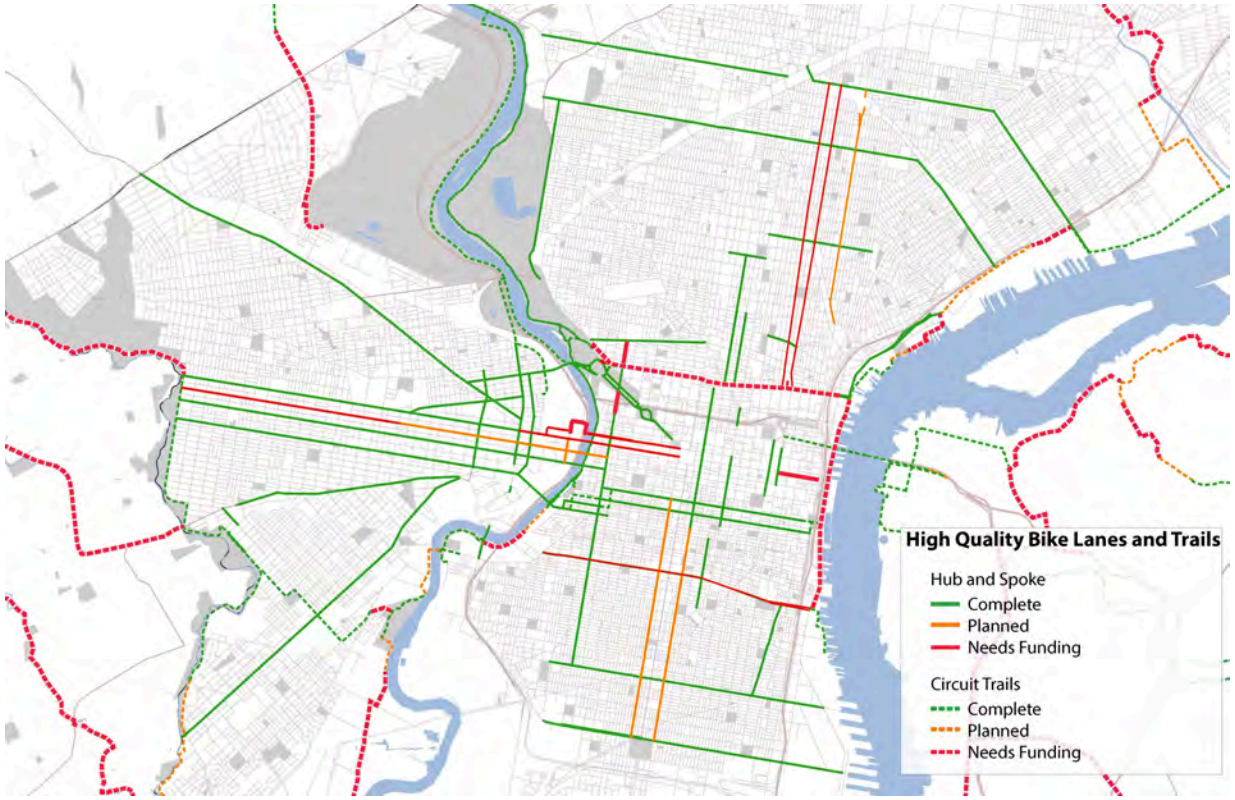
Mid-Atlantic Greenways & Trails Summit, April 4, 2019

BICYCLE COALITION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

Through advocacy & education, we lead the movement to make bicycling a safe and fun way to get around for anyone in Greater Philadelphia since 1972

Our Campaigns

Hub & Spoke



Vision Zero

Circuit Trails

Biking the Suburbs

Bicycle Coalition Youth Cycling

Better Bike Share Partnership

BICYCLE COALITION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

BIKE NICE

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"MY FRONT LIGHT LETS DRIVERS KNOW I'M COMING UP BEHIND THEM."

BRENDA HERNANDEZ-TORRES

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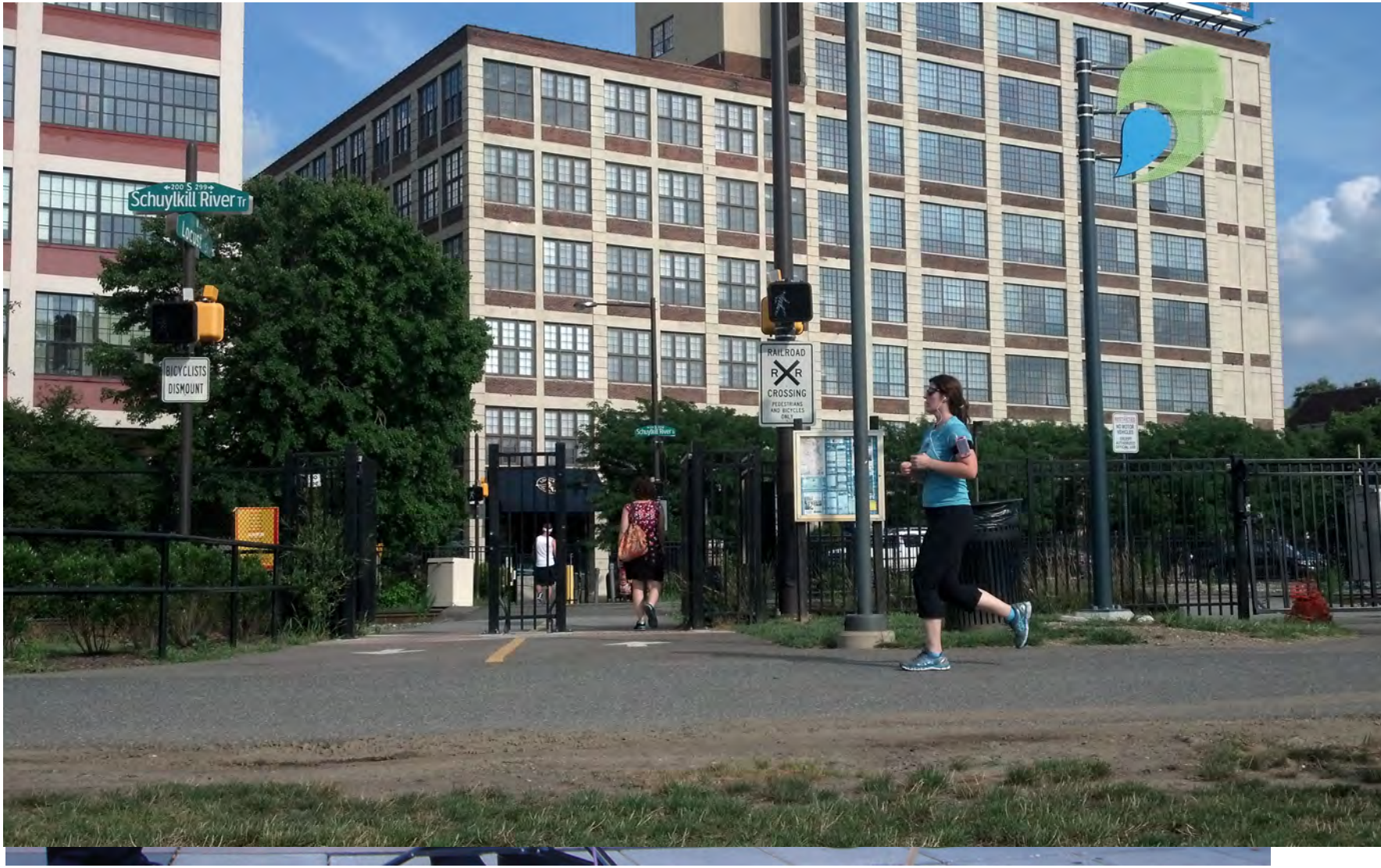
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DISMOUNT
RAILROAD
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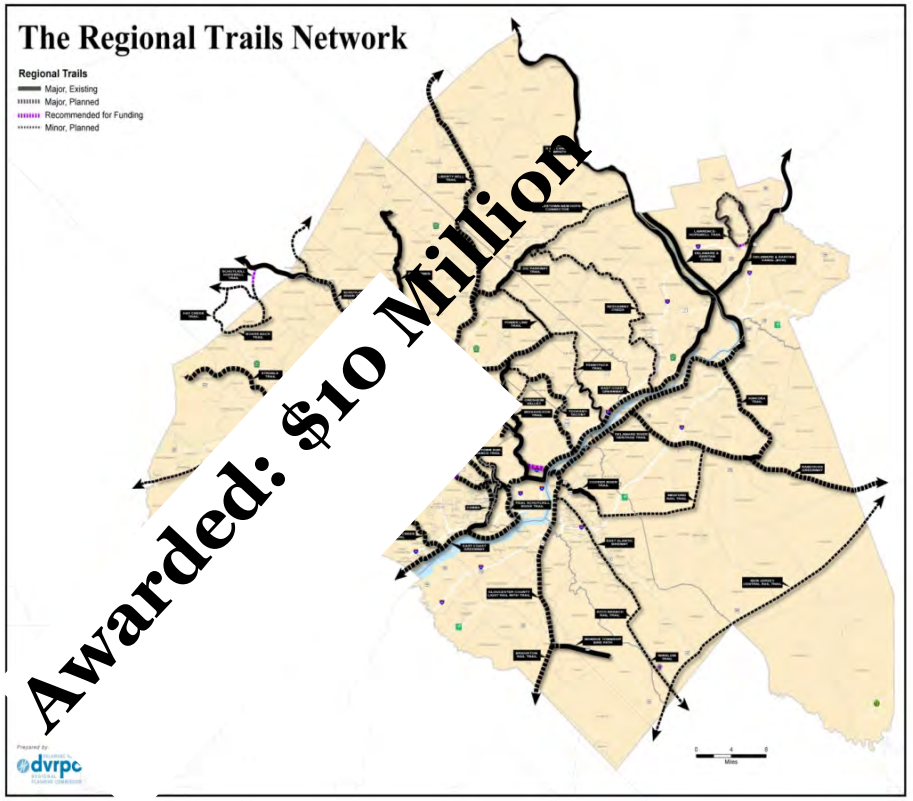
CROSSING
PEDESTRIANS
AND BICYCLES
ONLY

GREAT-PA/NJ
Generating Recovery by Enhancing Active Transportation in Pennsylvania & New Jersey
Applicant Main Contact: Stephen Buckley, Deputy Commissioner for Transportation, City of Philadelphia
(215)686-5560, Stephen.Buckley@phila.gov
Type of Project: OTHER
Location: Multiple counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey (Bucks, Camden, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Schuylkill)
Project covers urban, rural and suburban areas
All co-applicants have DUNS# and current registration at Central Contractor Registration Database
TOTAL REQUEST: $36 million
Awarded: $23 Million
Submission to the U
ortation - TIGER Grant Application - September 15, 2009


The Regional Trails Network
Regional Trails
Major, Existing
Major, Planned
Recommended for Funding
Minor, Planned
dvrpc
Awarded: $10 Million

Nearly 70 member and partnership organizations

the Circuit
Greater Philadelphia's Regional Trail Network
BUCKS
MONTGOMERY
MERCER
PHILA
CHESTER
DELAWARE
BURLINGTON
CAMDEN
GLOUCESTER
QUAKERTOWN
DOYLESTOWN
NEW HOPE
PRINCETON
TRENTON
POTTSTOWN
PHOENIXVILLE
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Existing Trails
Trails in Progress
Planned Trails
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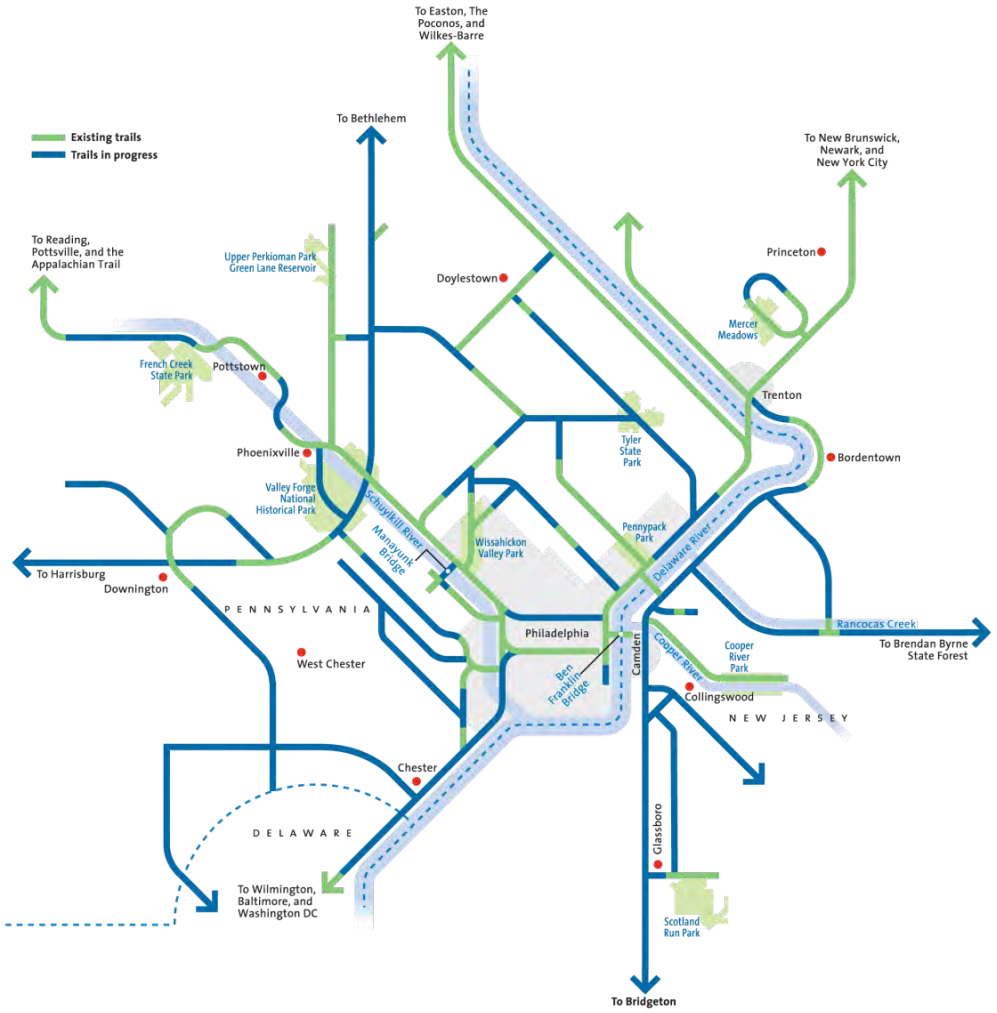
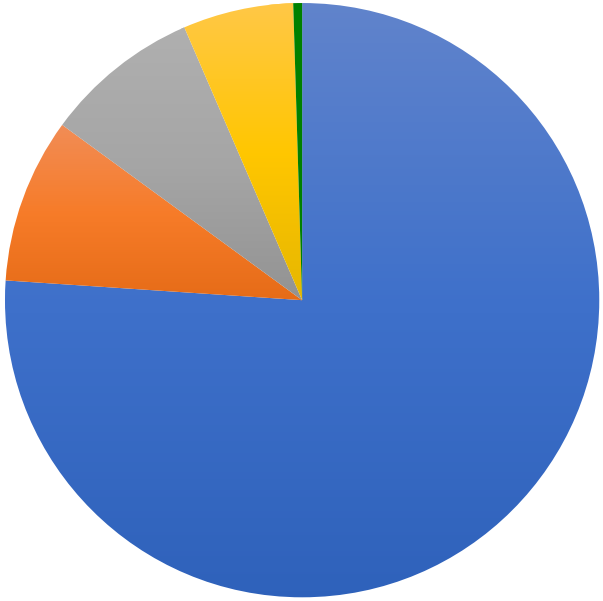
May 2012



THE CIRCUIT TRAILS

Since 2010, $292.8 Million:



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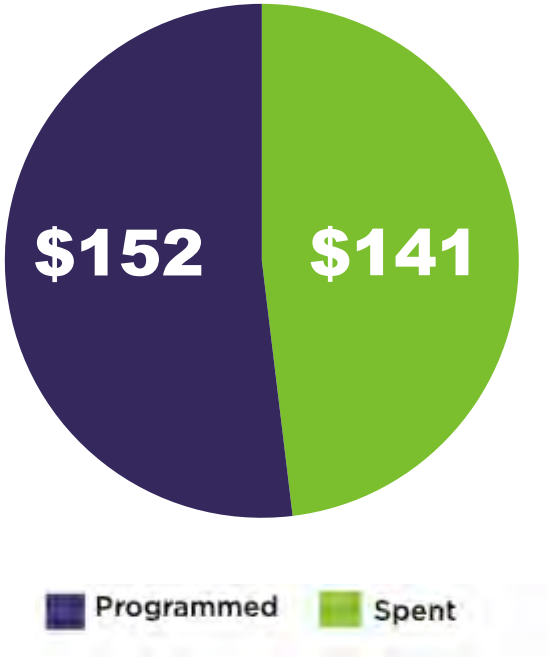
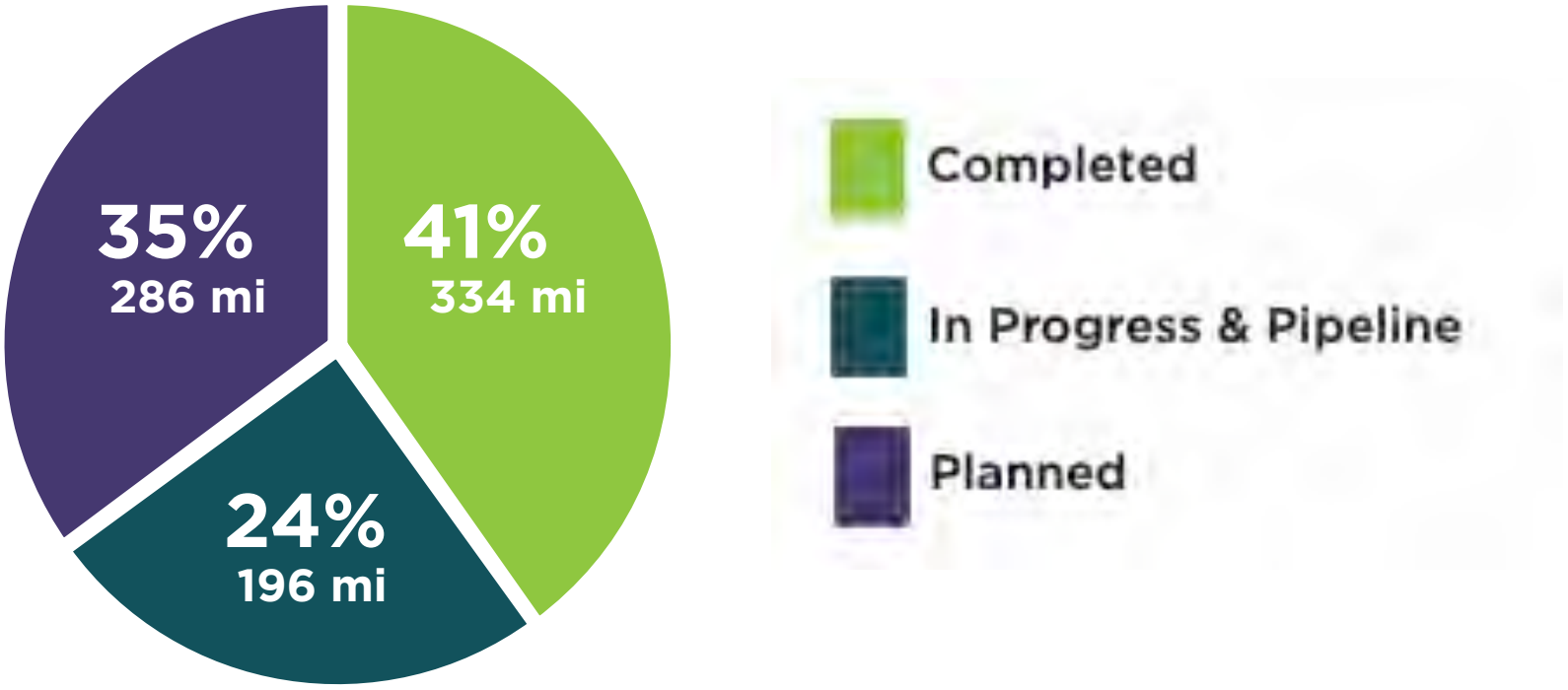


Status of Circuit Miles

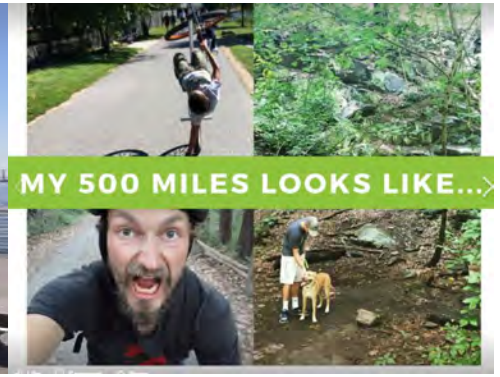


DVRPC (MPO) – a Key Partner

750/2040

500/2025

PR♥UD TO
TRAIL


MY 500 MILES LOOKS LIKE...

Timeline Photos

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TO TRAIL
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LAWRENCE HOPEWELL TRAIL

ELEANOR V. HORNE
CO-PRESIDENT

MID-ALANTIC GREENWAYS AND TRAIL SUMMIT
APRIL 4-6, 2019

LHT MISSION

The Lawrence Hopewell Trail Corporation collaborates with community, government, corporate, and nonprofit partners to manage the construction, maintenance, and use of the LHT. We actively search for and help create connections to adjacent areas and other trail networks to ensure the long-term viability of the trail.

LHT VALUES

CONNECTIONS

Trails connect.
Trails connect individuals with nature, but also to other people and places; to businesses, neighborhoods, schools, work, and play. In conjunction with streets, sidewalks, and public spaces, trails are part of a healthy, walkable community.
Trails support active lifestyles, enhance the fabric of a community, and strengthen the regional economy by serving as an amenity for residents and property owners.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Trails are transportation corridors. A well-placed and well-connected trail system, which encourages people to diversify their travel habits beyond driving alone, is a key element of a diverse transportation network. People need to be able to get to and from their homes, work, nature, and amenities, and the LHT actively works to connect people with these places.

LAND CONSERVATION

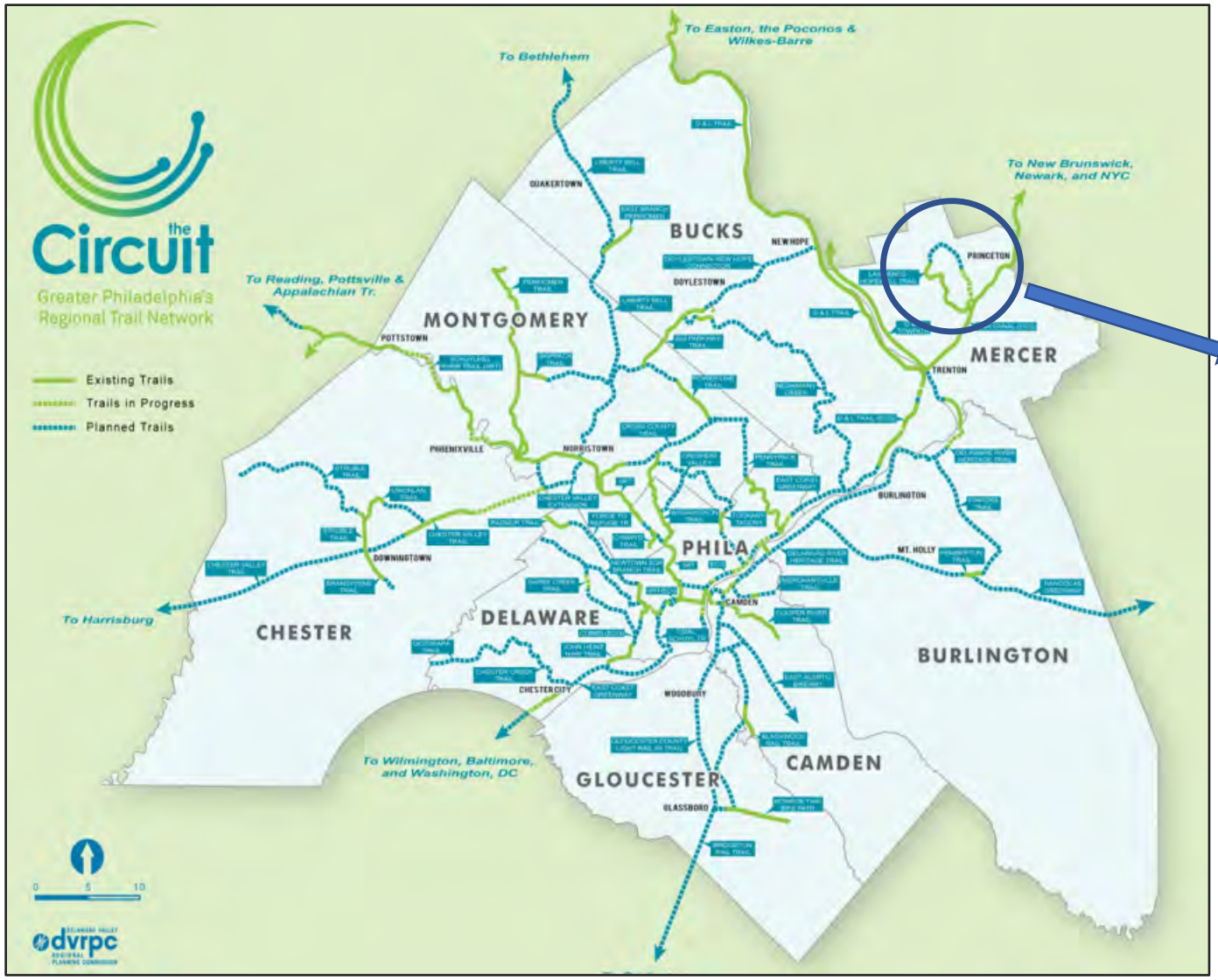
Trails need open space to exist, whether in large tracts of parkland or smaller corridors along roadways. However, because trails allow people to experience nature with minimal environmental impact, they can initiate and strengthen preservation efforts for these areas by increasing awareness and enjoyment of surrounding lands, thus minimizing future development.

RECREATION and HEALTH

The LHT provides healthy recreation for people of all ages with an attractive, safe, accessible, no-cost outdoor recreation opportunity. It allows people to incorporate exercise into their daily routines by connecting them with places they want or need to go, such as preserved land, parks, schools, and communities.
The LHT provides for numerous outdoor recreational activities—walking, running, bicycling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, hiking, and more.

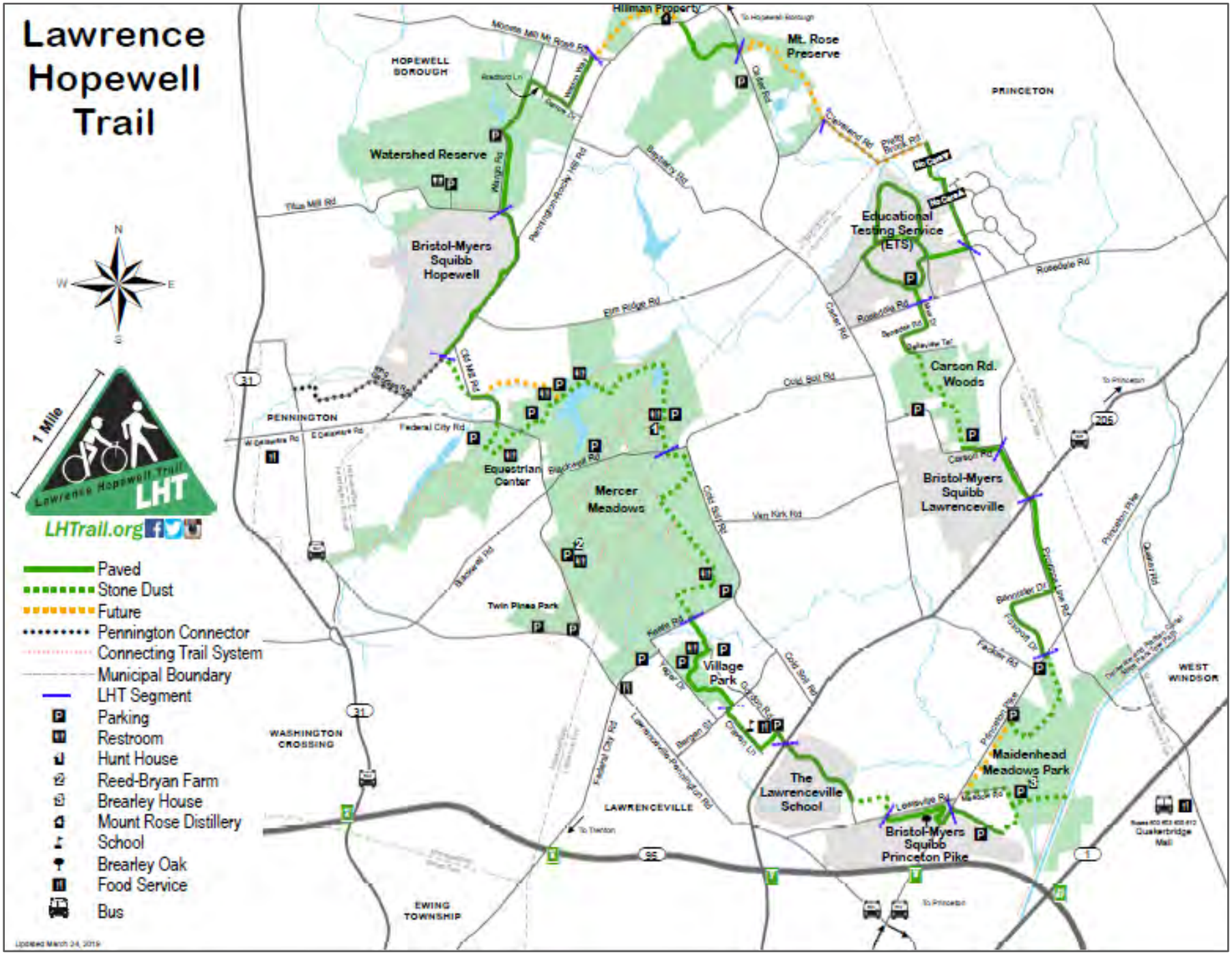
LAWRENCE HOPEWELL TRAIL

The Lawrence Hopewell Trail (LHT) is a 22-mile bicycle and pedestrian recreational trail and transportation corridor through public and private lands in Lawrence and Hopewell Townships, Mercer County, New Jersey.



Lawrence Hopewell Trail

Lawrence and Hopewell Townships
Mercer County, NJ


Lawrence Hopewell Trail
HOPEWELL BOROUGH
Hillman Property
Mt. Rose Preserve
PRINCETON
Watershed Reserve
Bristol-Myers Squibb Hopewell
Educational Testing Service (ETS)
Carson Rd. Woods
PENNINGTON
Equestrian Center
Mercer Meadows
Bristol-Myers Squibb Lawrenceville
Twin Pines Park
Village Park
WASHINGTON CROSSING
LAWRENCEVILLE
The Lawrenceville School
Maidenhead Meadows Park
Bristol-Myers Squibb Princeton Pike
WEST WINDSOR
EWING TOWNSHIP
1 Mile
Lawrence Hopewell Trail
LHT
LHTrail.org
Paved
Stone Dust
Future
Pennington Connector
Connecting Trail System
Municipal Boundary
LHT Segment
Parking
Restroom
Hunt House
Reed-Bryan Farm
Brearley House
Mount Rose Distillery
School
Brearley Oak
Food Service
Bus
Updated March 24, 2019

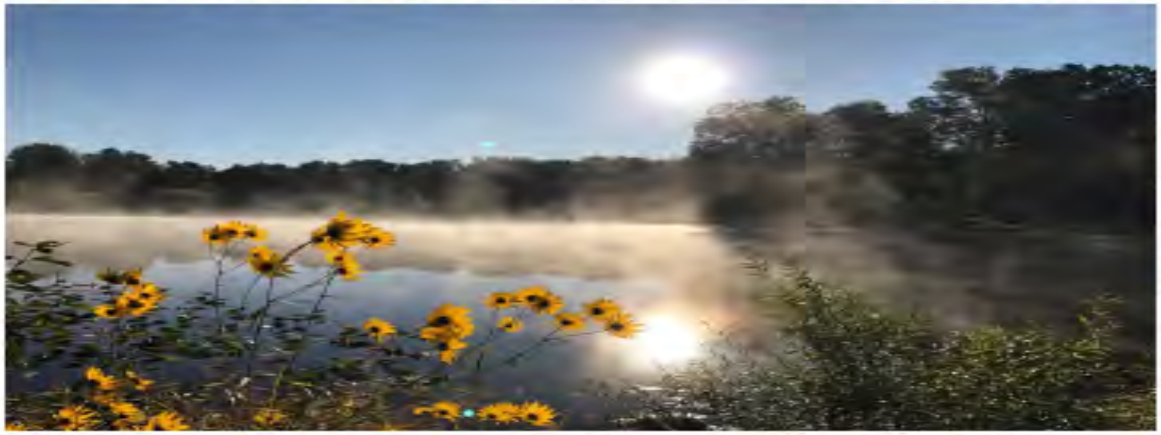
Lawrence Hopewell Trail

Land Management Partners

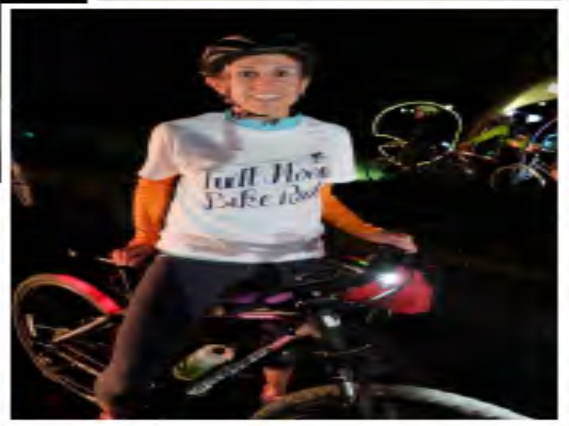
Bristol-Myers Squibb*
D&R Greenway *
Educational Testing Service*
Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space
Friends of Carson Road Woods
Hopewell Township*
Lawrence Township*
Lawrenceville School*
Mercer County*
NJ Conservation Foundation*
Princeton University*
Prism Capital Partners, LLC*
Watershed Institute*

**indicates landowner*

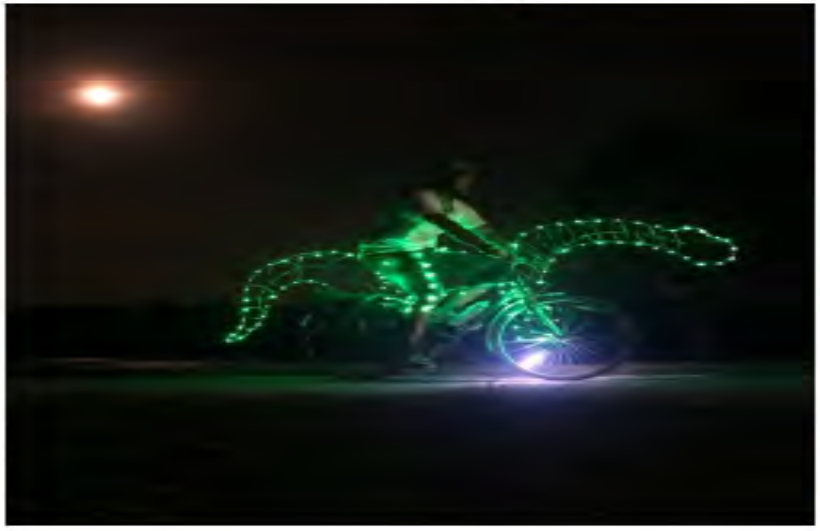
The Lawrence Hopewell Trail



LHT FULL MOON BIKE RIDE



LAWRENCE HOPEWELL TRAIL
2017 FOURTH ANNUAL
Full Moon Bike Ride



LHT TRAIL AND TREAT RIDE

The Lawrence Hopewell Trail
Presents

Trail & Treat Ride

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WILLIS GREENHOUSES

Stop&Shop

Wegmans

LHT Timeline

2002 – LHT imagined

2004 – 1st segment constructed
LHT incorporated

2010 – LHT is major part of
Mercer Meadows Master Plan

2012 – LHT joins
Circuit Trails

2013 – PlanSmart NJ Regional
and Community Planning Award

2014 Full Moon Ride

2015 – Trail & Treat

2016 – First $1 million grant
awarded for construction of Mount
Rose Preserve segment

2017 – Complete Streets
Award for Kings Highway segment

2019 – *NJ Futures*
Smart Growth Award

LHT Complete
22 miles

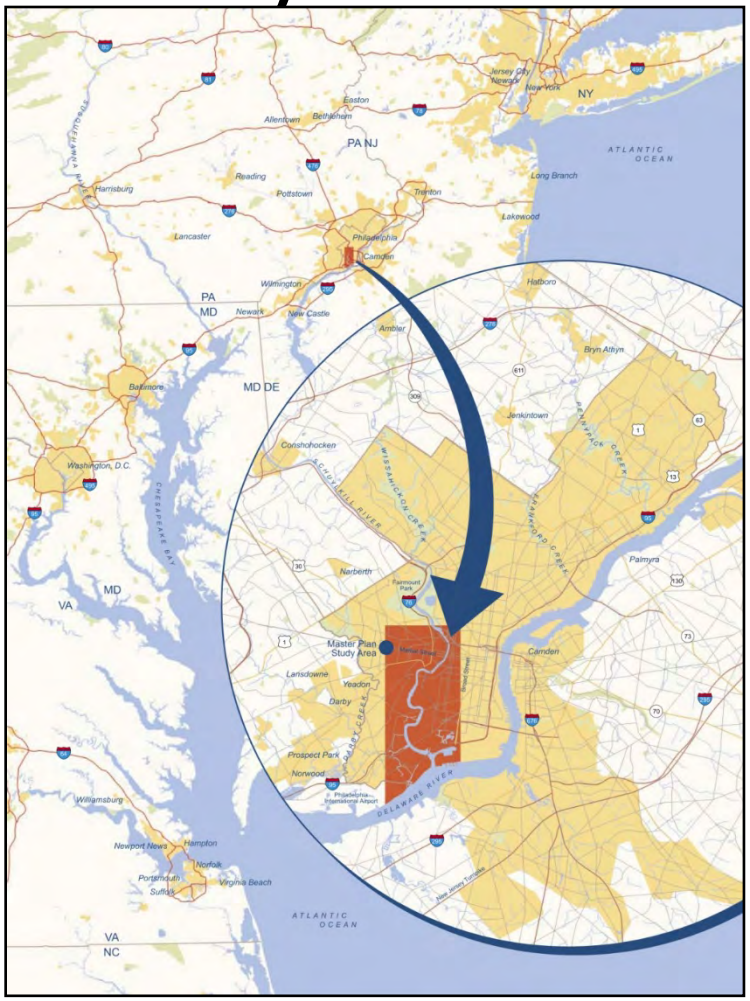
Schuylkill Banks:
Revitalization of the Tidal Schuylkill River

Presentation to
East Coast Greenway
Mid-Atlantic Summit

April 4, 2019

a **schuylkill river development corporation** destination

The Tidal Schuylkill River



The Tidal Schuylkill – An Emerging Regional Center

- 8 Miles of River; 16 miles of Riverfront and Greenway
- 4 Universities
- 3 Hospitals
- Central Business District
- 27 Neighborhoods
- 4 National Historic Landmarks
- 15 Bridges/Mass-Transit Connections

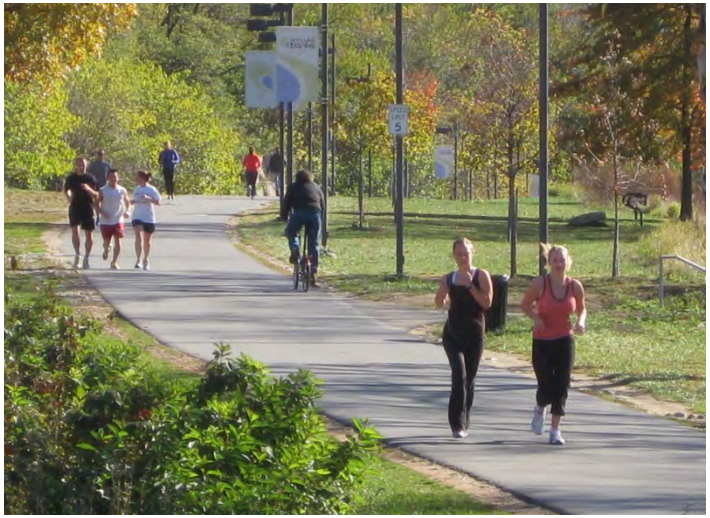
The Tidal Schuylkill – 1924 Conditions

THE SCHUYLKILL BANKS ABUSED. THERE IS NO OCCUPATION OF ANY PERMANENT IMPORTANCE, EXCEPT THE RAILROADS. THEY SHOULD RUN UNDER EMBANKMENTS. THE PLANS FOR THE SCHUYLKILL EMBANKMENTS SHOULD BE MADE NOW AND THE GROUND ACQUIRED.

The Tidal Schuylkill – 2015 Conditions

Schuylkill River Trail

Schuylkill River Trail Users



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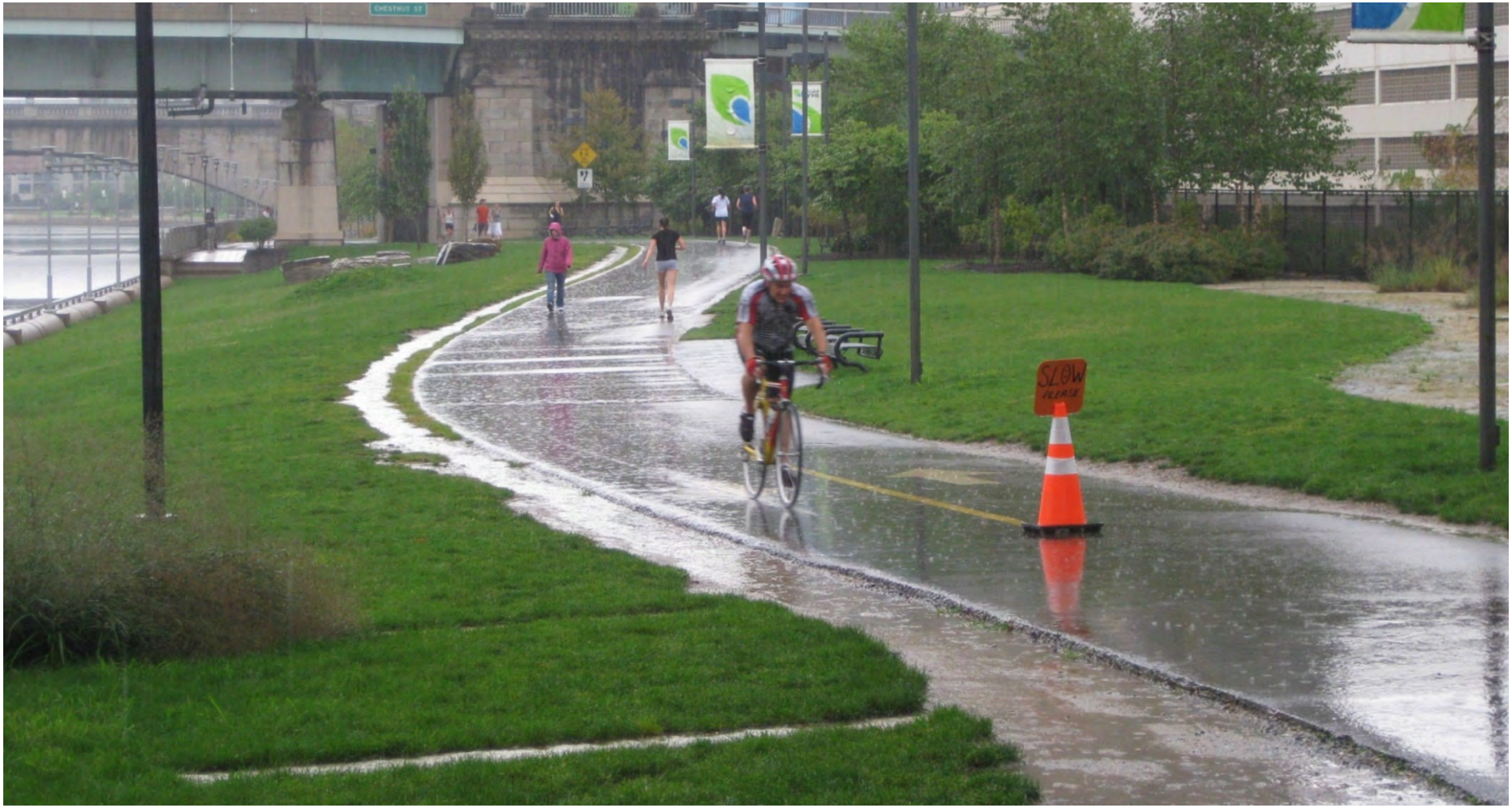


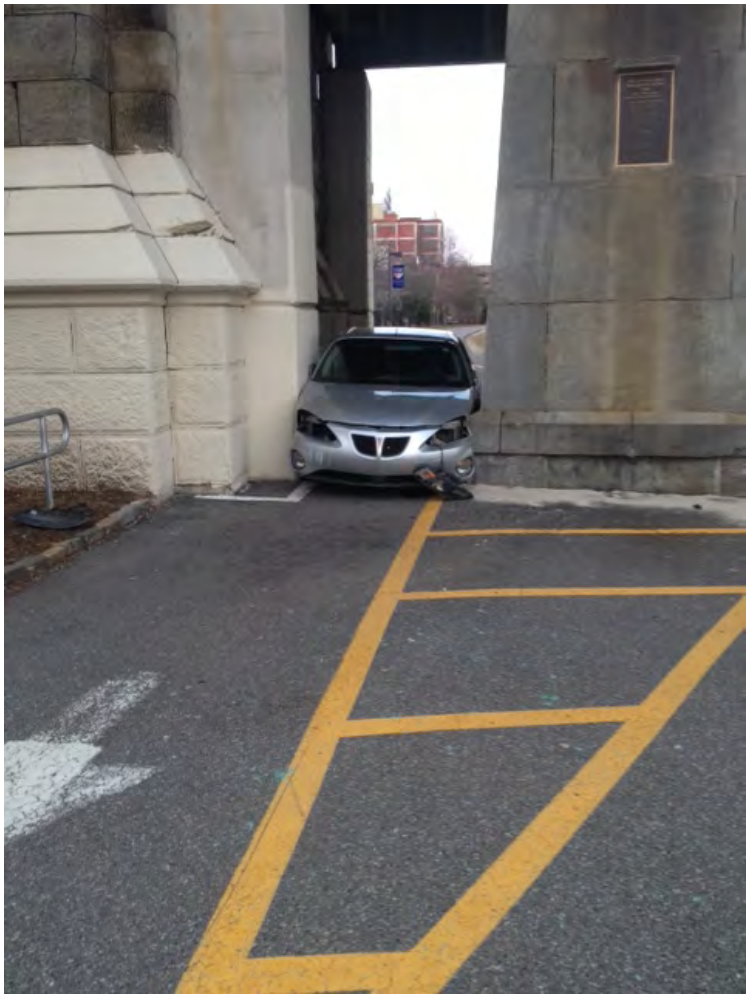
Schuylkill River Trail Users

Movie Nights

Kayak Tours

Workout Groups and Special Events

Schuylkill River Trail



Schuylkill River Park Dog Park

Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk

Schuylkill Crossing at Grays Ferry

Schuylkill Crossing at Grays Ferry

Christian to Crescent Connection Aerial View

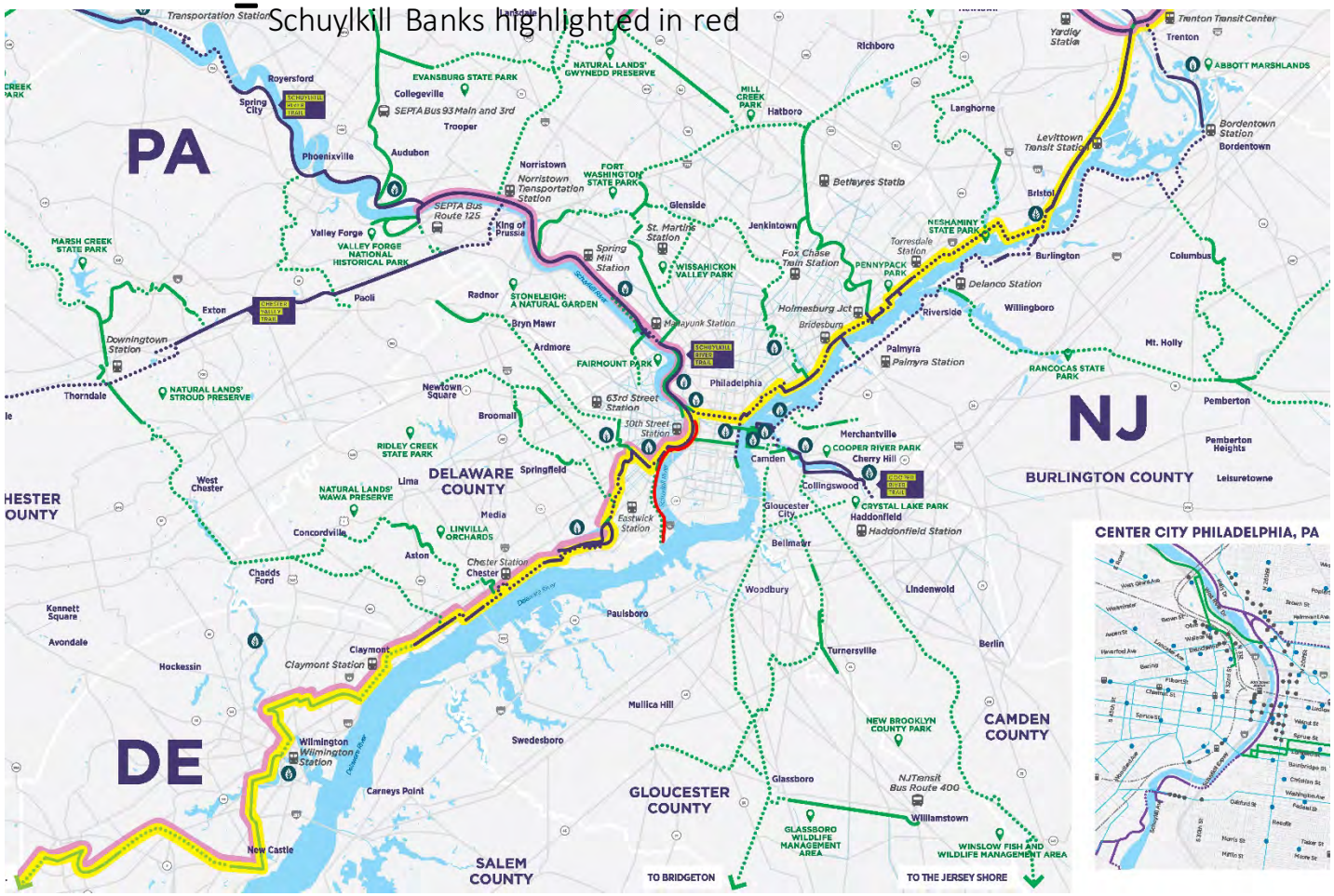
Christian to Crescent Connection

2,000' on structure (▬) – 1,200' on ground (▬)

Christian to Crescent Connection Bridge Options

The Circuit Trails and East Coast Greenway

- Schuylkill Banks highlighted in red



Thank you for listening!

A Landowner's Perspective Along the Circuit/East Coast Greenway in New Jersey

Olivia C. Glenn
Mid-Atlantic Summit of East Coast Greenway Alliance
NJ Department of Environmental Protection
April 4, 2019

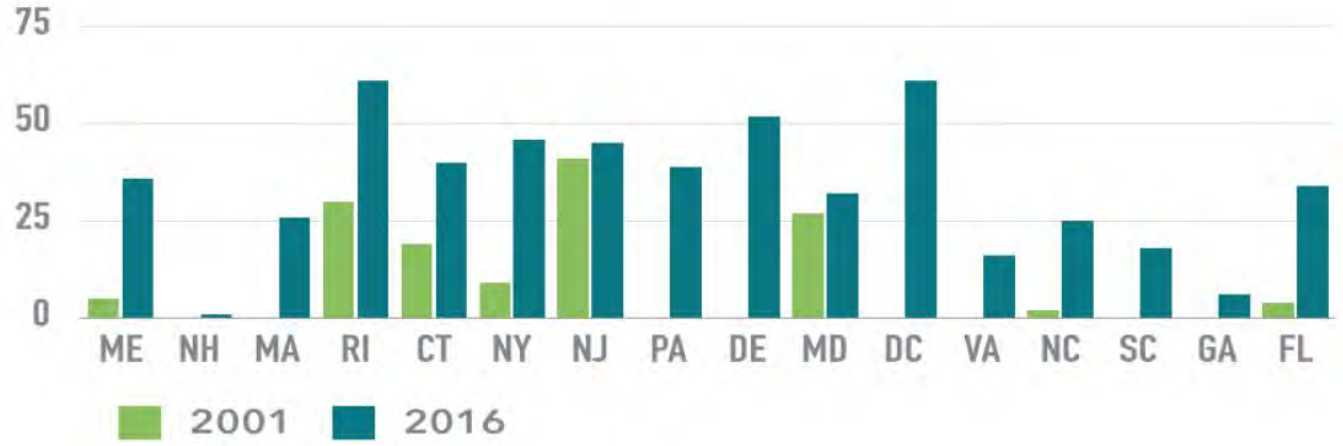
Appalachian Trail
Wawayanda State Park

East Coast
Greenway
Liberty State Park

East Coast Greenway in New Jersey

Growth from 10th to 25th anniversary

Percentage of each state's route completed as off-road path and designated as ECG, in 2001 and 2016



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