TOOKANY CREEK TRAIL

Phase 3
BIG PICTURE – WHY TRAILS??

- Economic Development
- Access
- Active Transportation
- Commuting
- Healthier Lifestyles
- Safer Routes
- Children
- Outdoors
- attracts
- Seniors
- Jobs
- Families
- Medical Costs
- Moves
- Transit
- Quality of Life
- Fight Obesity
- Recreation
- Real Estate Revenues

Underserved Communities
Pennsylvania

Trail Stats

- 171 total rail trails
- 65 current projects
- 1,750 miles of trails
- 641 miles of potential trail
TOOKANY CREEK TRAIL – PHASE 3 PRELIMINARY REVIEW

Future Trail Location

Elkins Park School

Elkins Park SEPTA Station
In 1998 a Trail Master Plan was commissioned by Township.

ROUTE CHOSEN FOR THIS PHASE
Harrison Avenue to New Second Street
Trail Connections

Ogontz Field
Gimble Park
Elkins Park School
William Bottschalk Park System
High School Park
Elkins Park Station
Cheltenham Center for the Arts
Tookany Creek Parkway Entrance

MANY CONNECTIONS!
Existing Conditions - Constraints

- Flood Plain
- Sewer
- DOT Road X-ing
- Gimble Park
- Elkins Park School
- Gas Main
- Creek
- Trail
Proposed Trail Section - 1

ELEMENTS OF ASPECT:

• Paved 10’-wide asphalt trail
• Vegetated bioswale for stormwater filtration and capture
• Trail Signage
**Proposed Trail Section - 2**

**ELEMENTS OF ASPECT:**

- Pre-fabricated Pedestrian Bridge (10-feet wide, 135-feet long)
- Bridge is required to be above the 100-year flood plain
- Minimal clearing of existing vegetation
Proposed Trail Aspect - 3

ELEMENTS OF ASPECT:

• Road Crossing Options Explored:
  1. Trail beneath PennDOT bridge -- BRIDGE ALREADY DESIGNED AND BEING REPLACED.
  2. Bridge over Road – NOT ENOUGH SPACE. TOO COSTLY.

• ADA ramps (both sides of Street)

• Pavement Markings

• Flashing Beacons
Designing for Cost Savings

**REUSE OF EXISTING PAVING**
- Mill & Overlay Existing Paving
  - Near Harrison Avenue
  - Trail Crossing at New 2\textsuperscript{nd} Street

**PRESERVATION OF TREES & LANDSCAPING**
- Modifying trail alignment to avoid removal of trees to lessen demolition costs
- Reuse of existing trees and vegetation to lessen proposed landscaping
1. SAFETY – ON TRAIL AND ON PROPERTIES ABUTTING TRAIL

2. LITTER, LOITERING, AND NOISE AT NIGHT

3. IMPACTS ON PROPERTY VALUE BEING CLOSE TO TRAIL

4. NEGATIVELY IMPACT FLOODING OR EROSION
§ 201-3. Hours of use.

All of the Cheltenham Township public parks shall be open to the public between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the months of June, July and August, and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the other eight (8) months of the year, when notice thereof is posted.

§ 201-4. Unlawful acts.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to wash or make major repairs to any motor or other vehicle in any of the public parks situate in the Township of Cheltenham.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to bathe or swim in any creek or stream situate in any of the public parks of the Township of Cheltenham.

C. It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of any motor vehicle to park such vehicle in any of the public parks of the Township of Cheltenham, except in such place or places as have been specifically set apart for the parking of vehicles.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to play baseball or engage in any other game in any of the public parks of the Township of Cheltenham, except in such place specifically provided and set apart for the playing of such games.

E. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to picnic in any of the public parks in the Township of Cheltenham except at the Cheltenham Swimming Pool and the Glenside Swimming Pool, while said pools are open to the public during the summer season.

F. It shall be unlawful to cut, injure or destroy flowers, plants and shrubbery or in any way injure or do damage to any structures or improvements in the public parks or the township.

§ 201-6. Litter in parks.

No person shall throw or deposit litter in any park within the township except in public receptacles and in such a manner that the litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any part of the park or upon any street or other public place. Where public receptacles are not provided, all such litter shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere as provided herein.
WHAT WILL BE...

SUMMARY OF TRAIL

- 10 Ft. Asphalt Trail
- Harrison Avenue to Tookany Creek Parkway
- Pedestrian Bridge Crossing over Tookany Creek
- Native Plantings
- Stormwater Management
- Safety Improvements