

PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION



IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE



52nd Street

WEST DISTRICT PLAN

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.

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 West District Plan in **April 2018**. The plan makes **39** recommendations across three themes:



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



With the help of our Implementation Partners, we've advanced 76% of plan recommendations:

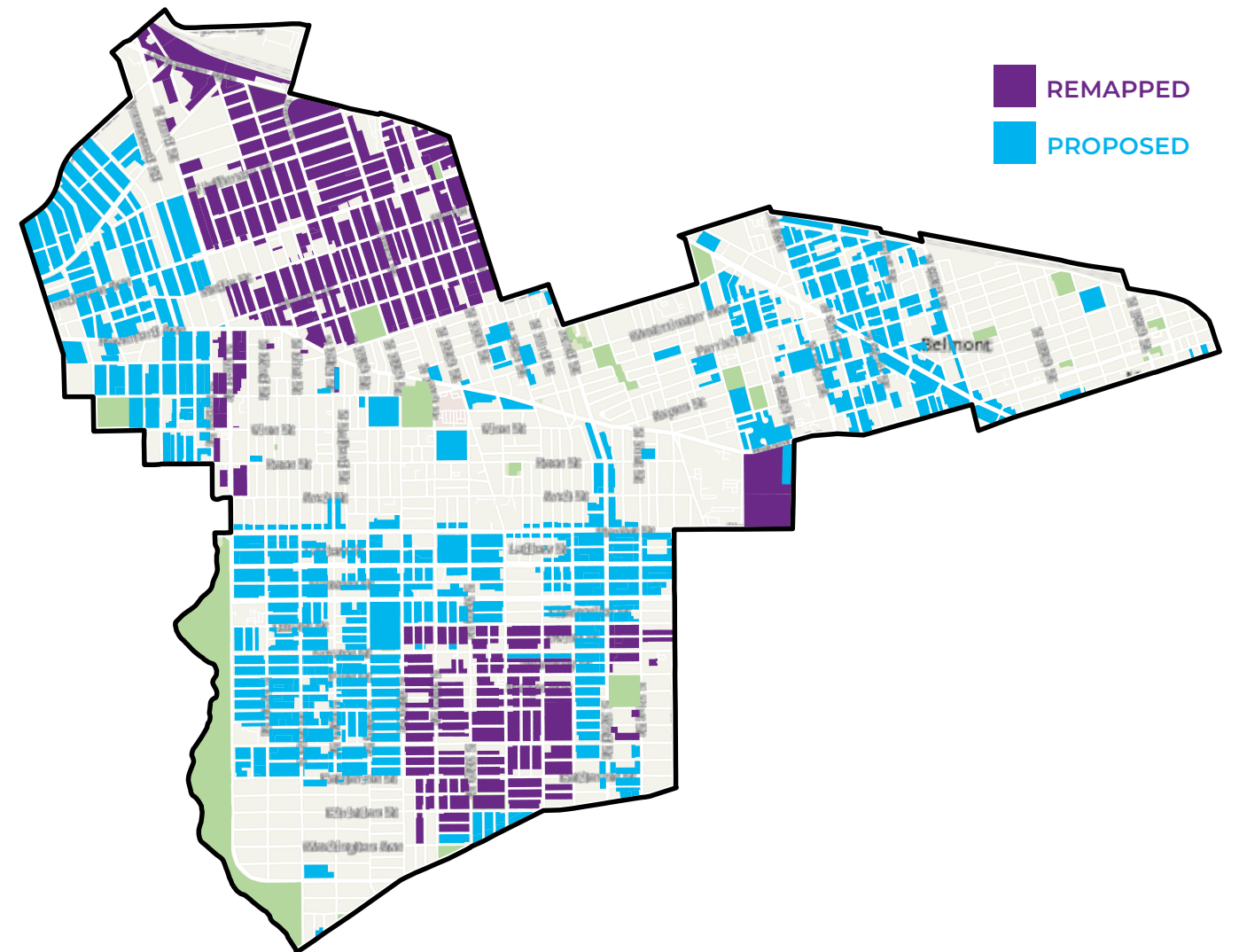
99% In Progress // 1% Complete

Thank you to our Implementation Partners:

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- Councilmember Jannie Blackwell
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)
- LISC Philadelphia
- Mayor Jim Kenney
- Mount Vernon Manor CDC
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)
- Philadelphia Department of Commerce
- Philadelphia Office of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (OTIS)
- Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department (PPR)
- Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (PRA)
- Philadelphia Streets Department
- Philadelphia Water Department (PWD)
- SEPTA

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.



ABSORBING WATER AT COBBS CREEK

REDUCING FLOODING TO HELP PROTECT CREEKS AND RIVERS

RECOMMENDATION

WST
23

Improve neighborhood connections, condition, programming, and wayfinding of the Cobbs Creek Greenway and soft-surface trails, and ensure regional connections to Delaware County and the East Coast Greenway.

WST
30

Install Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) to increase community green space at strategic locations throughout district, including schools, recreation centers, environmental centers such as Overbrook Environmental Education Center, and within the public right-of-way



Stormwater bumpout on Cobbs Creek



Stormwater bumpout on Cobbs Creek

When there is a heavy rain, rain water can overflow the storm drains. Not only can this cause flooding, it causes the rain water to flow into the sewer. This carries sewer water into creeks and rivers where the storm drains empty out.

Planting and installing things that can absorb rain water helps stop this. These “green tools” were installed in 2019 on the west side of Cobbs Creek Parkway. They reduce the overflowing of storm drains and also add beauty to the Parkway.

- Stormwater Bumpouts: extending the sidewalk into the street and putting plants and shrubs on it. Rainwater runs down the street and to the sidewalk bumpout, where it is absorbed by the soil and the plants
- Stormwater Basins: a piece of land that is dug out into a bowl shape with plants and shrubs on it. The bowl shape helps pool rain water and keep it out of the storm drain. The plants and soil absorb the water.
- Stormwater Tree Trenches: land is dug out

underneath the sidewalk and filled with stones. Trees are planted into the sidewalk. The trees help absorb rain water. Any rain water that isn't absorbed by the trees filters slowly through the stones.

- Rain Gardens: a piece of land that is lower than the surrounding area and has shrubs and plants. This catches rain water, some of which is absorbed by the plants. Some of the rainwater flows down through the soil and goes back into the ground water supply.
- Infiltration Trenches: land is dug out underneath the sidewalk and filled with stones. Rain water filters slowly through the stones.

The Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) created an [online tour](#) of these Cobbs Creek green tools. The online tour and website explain:

- Why the green tools were built
- Where they are located
- What they look like

NEW MARKET WEST DEVELOPMENT

A NEW HUB FOR SHOPPING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
NEAR 60TH STREET STATION



New Market West nearing completion

RECOMMENDATION

WST 5 Locate new affordable and senior housing development near transit and other services

This development, called New Market West, is close to the 60th Street station on the Market-Frankford Line. New Market West is a mix of apartments, stores, and offices. It also has public plazas, a community room, and an early childhood education center.

The second phase includes 41 affordable apartments and was recently completed. The project brings new store and housing options that have easy access to public transportation. The Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (PRA) helped to make New Market West happen.

MANTUA GREENWAY

CONNECTING MANTUA TO RECREATIONAL TRAILS
THROUGHOUT PHILADELPHIA

RECOMMENDATION

WST 21 Build the Mantua Greenway as an off-road sidepath along Mantua Avenue and Parrish, Union, and Ogden Streets

Mantua Greenway is a biking and walking trail that celebrates the Mantua community. It will connect 40th Street and Mantua Avenue to trails that go throughout Philadelphia and the surrounding counties.

The idea for the Mantua Greenway came from Mantua residents. It was in their plan for their neighborhood in 2011. Residents started building neighborhood support for improving Mantua Avenue. One way they did this was by organizing clean-ups on the Avenue. Community leaders continued this enthusiasm by starting Friends of the Mantua Greenway. Friends of the Mantua Greenway held planning meetings with neighbors, funders, and government, including PCPC.

The 34th Street Gateway is complete, as are the 70% design plans. This is the first phase of the Mantua Greenway. Friends of the Mantua Greenway has gained new partners along the way. These partners are helping with planning, design, funding, and construction.



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