



COBBS CREEK OUTDOORS & MORE

LITTLE NATURE PLAYGROUNDS UPDATE



Project Overview

Three new Little Nature Playgrounds are coming to Cobbs Creek Park. Designed with input from local residents, these welcoming spaces will encourage children and families to explore the park, learn about its history and ecology, and safely access the trail from nearby neighborhoods.

Designed with the Community

Over the past six months, Clean Air Council and community partners have presented the project at almost a dozen in-person meetings and events. These conversations helped gather design and location input and feedback while ensuring the project reflects the community's vision.

At workshops, attendees offered feedback and insight into the project's themes. Initial project locations were identified by using existing pedestrian safety infrastructure including traffic signals, crosswalks, and pedestrian crossing signals. Community members voted on their favorite locations, and the top three crossing sites have been identified. We are still in the process of confirming these locations.

Locations:

- Market St and 63rd St
- Spruce St and Cobbs Creek Parkway
- Woodland Ave and Cobbs Creek Parkway

Next Steps

The project consultants are currently designing initial project sketches based off of residents identified themes and vision. These drawings will include paved trail asphalt art and playground elements.

Community members are encouraged to sign up to attend one or all of the upcoming Cobbs Creek Neighbors RCO community meetings, where we will be providing project updates and continuing to gain community feedback. These meetings will take place at the Blanche A. Nixon/Cobbs Creek Library from 5:30-7 PM. Sign up below to stay updated:

September 14



November 2



December 7



Questions? Email: Trails@cleanair.org



SWING BRIDGE COMING TO BARTRAMS

This year, the Schuylkill Crossing Swing Bridge will open. The Swing Bridge is a pedestrian and cycling crossing that will connect the Bartram's Garden Mile and Schuylkill River Trails, making Greater Philadelphia's Circuit Trails network more connected and accessible. Right now, there are nearly 15 miles of existing Circuit Trails west of the Swing Bridge location and 25 miles to the east and north of the swing bridge in Philadelphia. This bridge connection will provide residents in the surrounding neighborhoods a safe, continuous, and accessible multi-use trail from Bartram's Garden into Center City and beyond.

Research shows that low-income neighborhoods, including communities composed largely of people of color, have less access to quality parks and green spaces. Working as the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia's Swing Bridge Ambassador, Mable Bakali is conducting outreach in Southwest Philadelphia to provide information and programming that engages the community with the Swing Bridge and surrounding trail networks (Schuylkill River Trail, Circuit Trails, and East Coast Greenway Trail).

In addition to attending community events, the Bicycle Coalition organized a Free Bike Tune Up event for Southwest residents at the Bartram's Garden Bike Hub, providing bike repairs to over 40 participants.

Since reopening in 2021, the bike hub has offered free bike rentals and learn to ride classes for adults and children every Saturday between April and October to increase equitable access to bikes and trails in Southwest Philadelphia.

This fall, the Bicycle Coalition will host a grand opening celebration and other community events for the Schuylkill Crossing Swing Bridge in partnership with the Philadelphia Streets Department, The Schuylkill River Development Corporation, Bartram's Garden, the Circuit Trails Coalition, and the East Coast Greenway Alliance. If you would like more information contact us @bicyclecoalition on Instagram or email swingbridge@bicyclecoalition.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS: SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup, 8-9 AM, S 61st & Baltimore Ave Cobbs Creek Art Club, 6-8PM, Amber Arts and Design, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway	3 Orchard Tenders, 10-12PM, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway	4	5 Yoga in Cobbs Creek Park, Yoga 4 Philly, 11AM, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway (CCCEC)
6 Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup 2-4PM, Thomas Ave and CC Pkwy	7	8 Paschalville Trail Walk, 10:30 AM, Paschalville Library	9 Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup, 8-9 AM, S 61st & Baltimore Ave	10 Cobbs Creek Community Work Day, Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Center, 9AM-12PM	11	12 Cobbs Creek Summer Festival, Cobbs Creek Ambassadors, 11AM-3PM, Cobbs Creek Parkway and Thomas avenue Community Water Testing, 10AM, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway (CCCEC) Yoga in Cobbs Creek Park, Yoga 4 Philly, 11AM, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway (CCCEC)
13 Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup, 2-4 PM, Little Whitby Meadow	14 Cobbs Creek Neighbors Community Meeting, 5:30 PM, Cobbs Creek Library	15 Paschalville Trail Walk, 10:30 AM, Paschalville Library	16 Cobbs Creek Free Fishing with Land Health Institute, 5-7PM, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway (CCCEC) Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup, 8-9 AM, S 61st & Baltimore	17	18	19 Yoga in Cobbs Creek Park, Yoga 4 Philly, 11AM, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway (CCCEC)
20 Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup, 2-4PM, Woodland Ave & Cobbs Creek Pkwy	21	22 Paschalville Trail Walk, 10:30 AM, Paschalville Library	23 Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup, 8-9 AM, S 61st & Baltimore	24	25 Cobbs Creek Community Work Day, Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Center, 9AM-12PM	26 NLPP Fall Festival, Neighborhood Land Power Project, 10AM-1PM, Conestoga-Pearl Community Gardens and Orchard Yoga in Cobbs Creek Park, Yoga 4 Philly, 11AM, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway
27 Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup, 2-4PM, Catharine St & S 63rd St	28	29 Paschalville Trail Walk, 10:30 AM, Paschalville Library	30 Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup, 8-9 AM, S 61st & Baltimore Ave	  Keep updated on Cobbs Creek events by following the Cobbs Creek Watershed Coalition on Facebook and Instagram  		

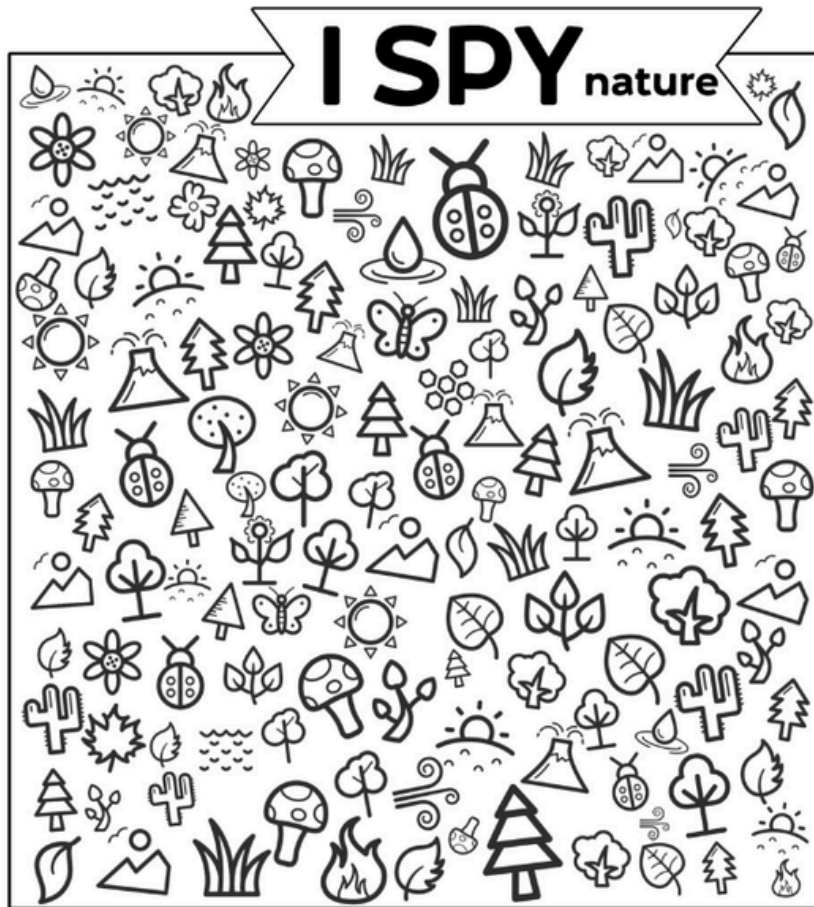
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