

Cobbs Creek Watershed Mini-Grant Recipients

Over the summer, the Clean Air Council launched the Cobbs Creek Watershed Mini Grant Program with the aim of connecting residents to the green space and natural surroundings in their area. Below are the recipients of those mini-grants and the community engagement projects they will be taking on through outreach, education, events, stewardship, and beautification.

Michelle Thornton and Marie Gravely; Girl Scouts (White Rock Baptist Church troops)

- Two-day science palooza event, and 1-2 week long watershed engagement and a planting day

Elaine Wells; Global Thinking Initiatives Inc. /Tiny Trekkers

- 2-week summer workshop at CCCEC

Stephen Lockard; Tree Tenders of Upper Darby

- Two workshops in Upper Darby about how trees help stormwater management

Bonnie Hallam; Upper Darby Environmental Advisory Committee

- Pollinator gardens in Upper Darby, Naylor’s Run Park, UD Library, Stonehurst Rec Area, Two educational workshops. 52 LOS from UD Tree Tenders * Environmental Advisory Council

Jovian Patterson; Original American Foundation

- Land in Kingsessing used to plant native edible trees and educate residents

William Kenner; Laura Sims Skatehouse

- Laura Sims Concession and weather relief station, refrigerated beverage/snack station.

Iresha Picot; Black Girl Joy Bike Ride

- Bike fix classes in Cobbs Creek

Donna Henry; Southwest CDC

- SWCDC K-4th after-school program watershed education including science experiments, CCCEC visit, 3-D model and video

Sudan Green; Spirits Up

- Yoga in the park over 5 weekends

Southwest CDC Hosts Series of Table Talks to Boost Civic Engagement

On Thursday, September 12th Southwest CDC hosted our first TableTalk at the Southwest Senior Center. Southwest CDC was awarded a grant from the Lenfest Institute that was established to catalyze civic action in our neighborhood. The Table Talk series consists of 10 community dinners with different groups in Southwest Philadelphia to nourish civic connections. Our first group was seniors at the Southwest Senior Center. Our second group was veterans at the Post 21 American Legion on Paschall Avenue. Both groups provided insightful information around civic engagement and are looking forward to voting in the upcoming election.

Later dinners will include; youth, returning citizens, members of the LGBTQIA community, immigrants, people impacted by gun violence, housing insecure residents, community stakeholders, and renters.

If you are interested in participating in a community dinner please contact alanna@southwestcdc.org.

