

# 14th Annual Trails Summit

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Planning Department**

# Delaware County Update

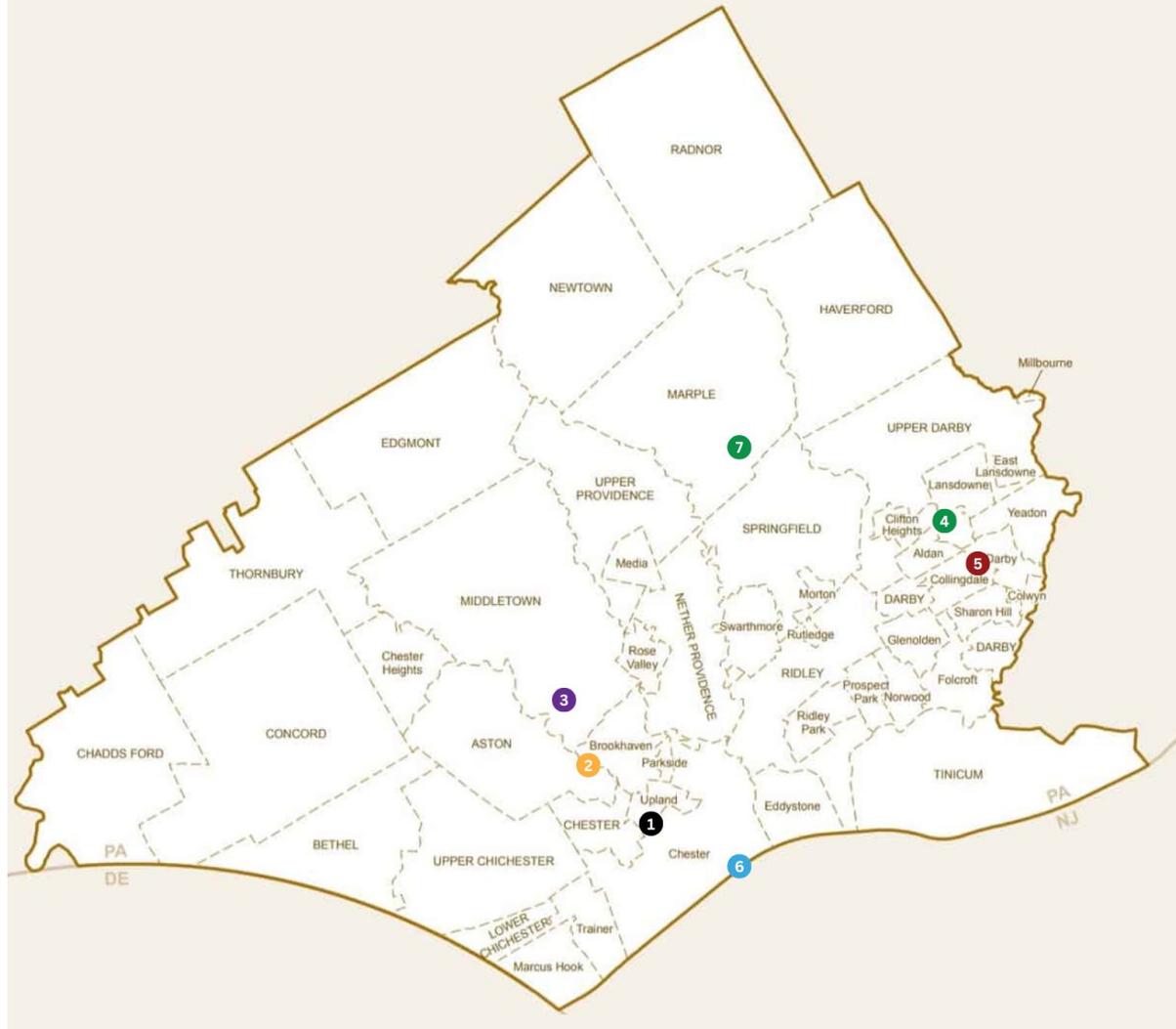
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See the status of trails projects using the  
Delaware County Primary Trail Network

[tinyurl.com/delcoPTN](https://tinyurl.com/delcoPTN)



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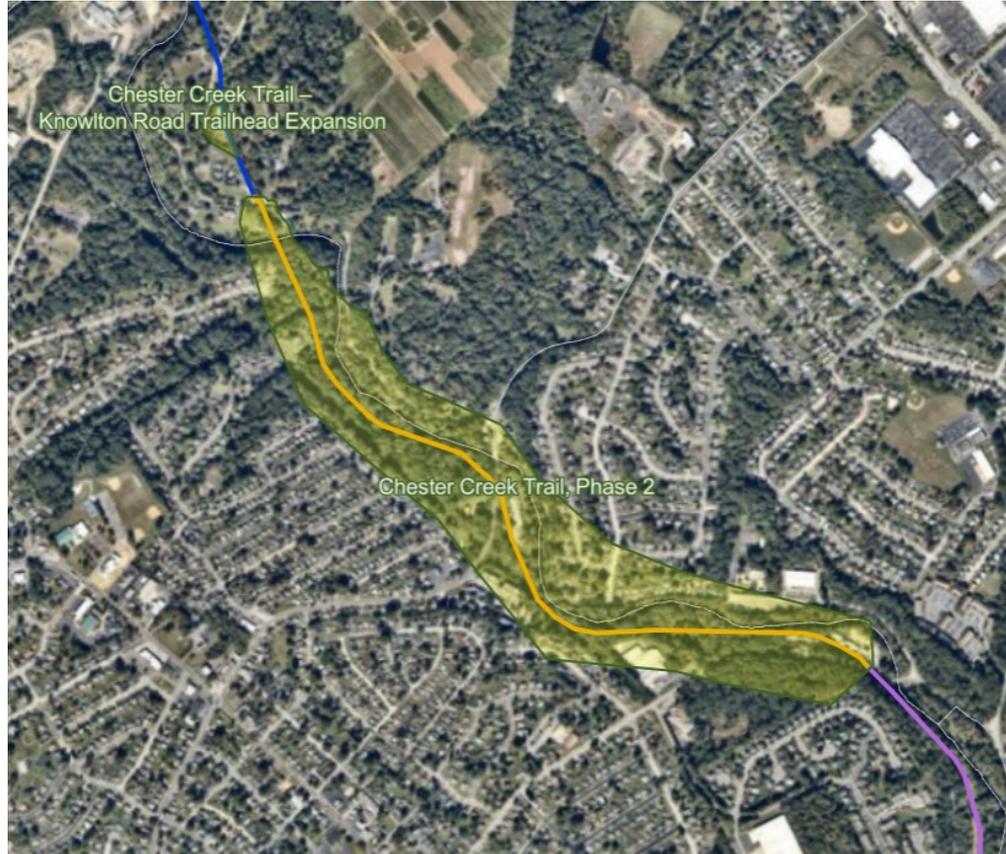


# Chester Creek Trail Phase 2 – Design/Development

Location: Aston Township, Middletown Township

Funding: DCNR's Community Conservation Partnership Project Grant

- **Description:**
  - 1.3 mile extension of the Chester Creek Rail Trail south near Bridgewater Road.
  - Includes 2 new trailhead parking lots (37 spaces total)
- **Status:**
  - Trail construction is expected to take 18 to 24 months beginning in the first quarter of 2027



# Chester Creek Phase 4 Feasibility Study

Location: Chester Township, Upland Borough

Funding: LSA Statewide Grant

- **Description:**

- County is examining the possibility of extending the Chester Creek Trail through Toby Farms + Upland Park

- **Status:**

- Consultant working on feasibility study
- Upcoming public meeting to present alternatives
  - March 7
  - 11am – 3pm
  - Redwood Community Center



# Chester Creek Trail– Knowlton Road Parking Lot Expansion

Location: Middletown Township

Funding: LSA Statewide Grant

- **Description:** Expanding parking lot to 40 spaces.
- **Status:** Contractor has been selected, Anticipated Spring 2026 construction



# Lower Darby Creek Loop Trail Design / New County Park Master Plan

Location: Upper Darby Township (Penn Pines Park), Darby Borough, Yeadon Borough

Funding: DCED, DVRPC's Regional Trails

- **Description:**

- 1-mile trail connecting at Penn Pines Park and MacDade Blvd
- Bridges over Darby Creek connecting public lands in a loop.
- Park is in Phase 2 of a Master Planning process.

- **Status:**

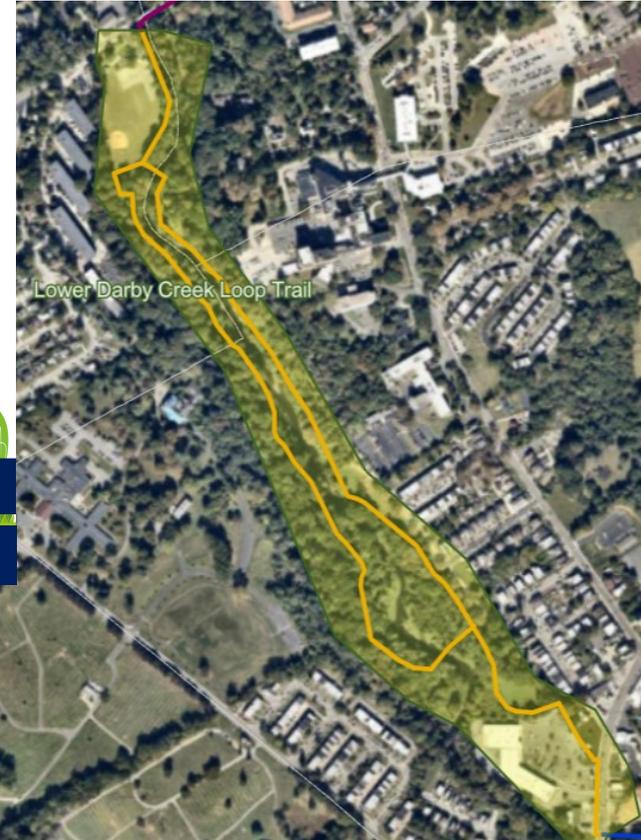
- Consultants for each project have been chosen.
- Park is having initial public meeting (Feb 24)

**NEW COUNTY PARK PHASE II**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
What would YOU like to see in the park at  
1201 Springfield Road in Darby?

**Darby Borough Administration Building**  
Council Chambers Room  
1020 Ridge Ave, Darby, PA  
Feb 24, 2026  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**CAN'T COME? TAKE OUR SURVEY!**

[tinyurl.com/delcophase2survey](https://tinyurl.com/delcophase2survey)



# Darby Creek Trail– Elevated Section Design

Location: Clifton Heights Borough, Upper Darby Township, Lansdowne Borough

Funding: Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program

- **Description**

- Final Design
- Continues existing trail southward into Clifton Heights Plaza.
- Trail will be elevated above a commercial parking area next to the stream

- **Status:**

- Design to be completed in Spring 2027.
- Final right-of-way negotiations are in progress.
- Additional funding will be needed before construction can begin.

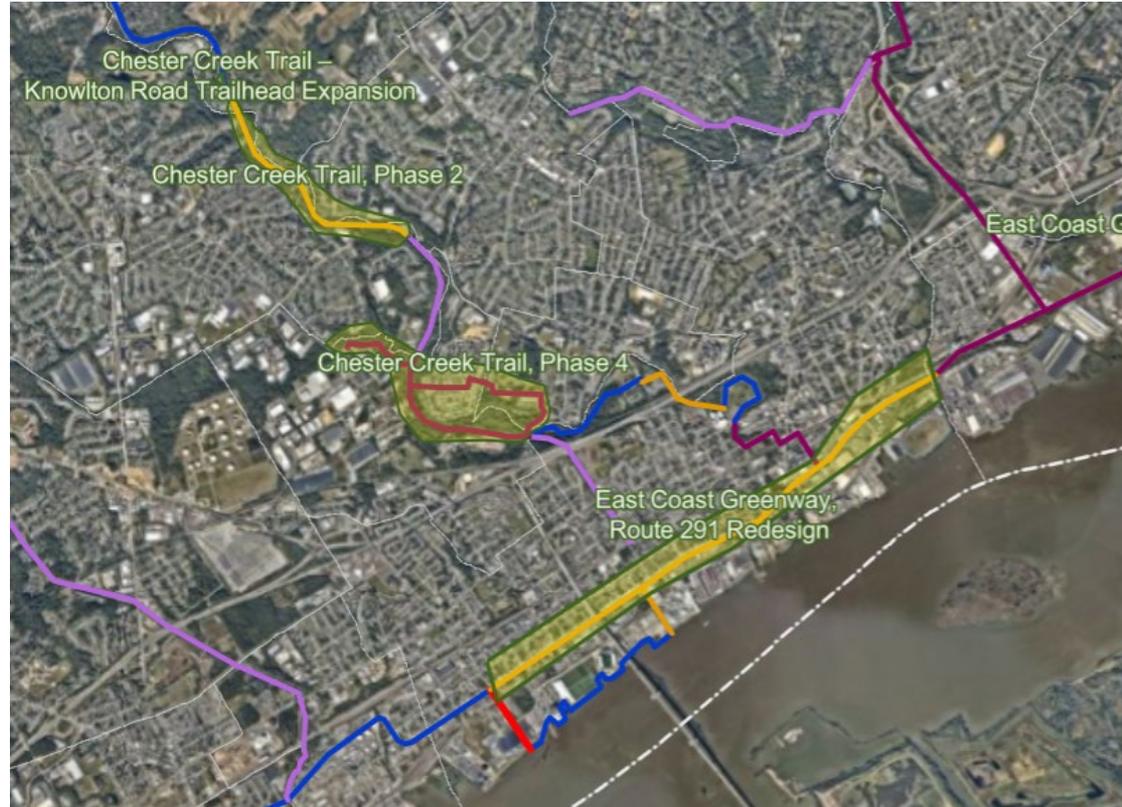


# East Coast Greenway in Chester City

Location: City of Chester

Funding: Transportation Improvement Program, Reconnecting Communities grant

- **Description:**
  - Route 291 Project in Chester currently in design. Project will include the East Coast Greenway multi-use trail.
- **Status:**
  - Design underway with a consultant team selected by PennDOT

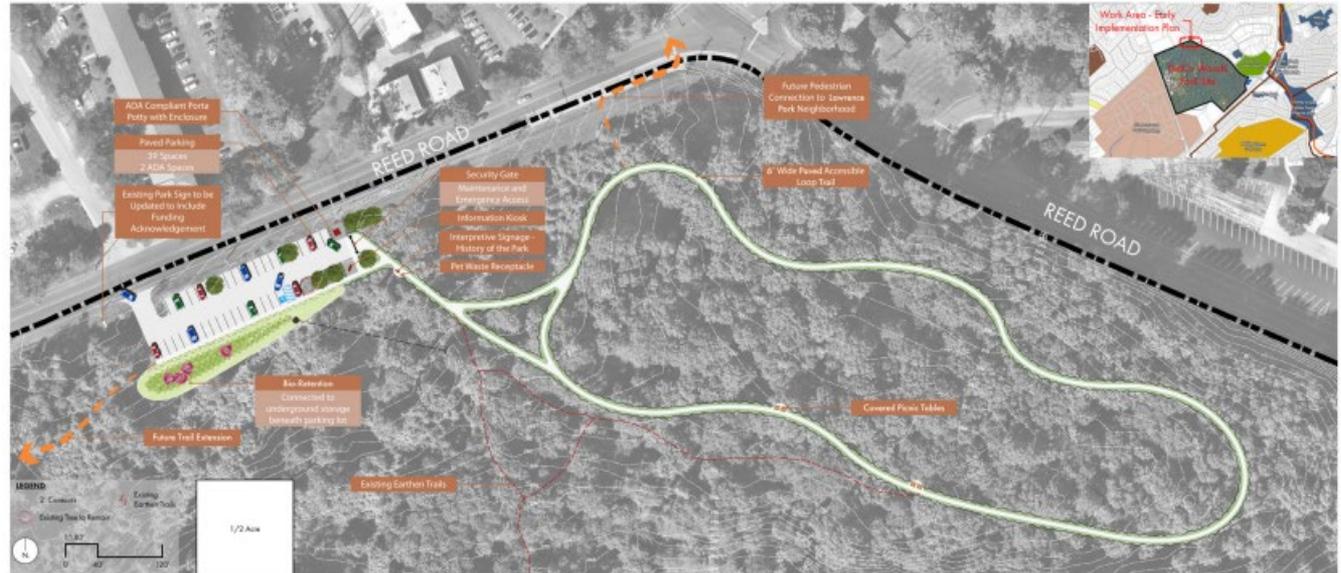


# Delco Woods Loop Trail

Location: Marple Township

Funding: DCNR's Community Conservation Partnership Project, PA Act 13 Funds

- **Description:** Implementing 0.5 mile ADA accessible loop trail connecting to existing unpaved trails
- **Status:** Grant awarded. Bid to be released, consultant to be selected for construction



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# Vision Zero



# Vision Zero is...

An approach to eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injury crashes

Delaware County Council adopted Vision Zero Delco Plan February 2025.

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|  | Transportation-related deaths and serious injuries <b>are preventable.</b> |
|  | People make mistakes, <b>but they should not be deadly.</b>                |
|  | Roads should be <b>safe for everyone.</b>                                  |
|  | <b>Responsibility is shared</b> (and that means you, Delco!).              |

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|  | <b>Engaging the community</b> early and often <b>is essential.</b>   |
|  | Transportation safety improvements are <b>proactive, not reactive.</b>   |
|  | Streets and neighborhoods with the <b>highest need for transportation safety improvements</b> are prioritized. |

# Delco's place in Vision Zero

- Delco *DOES NOT* own any roads in the County
- Facilitation
- Collaboration
- Data gathering and sharing
- Guide for funding
- Traffic Safety is the foundation

**17 municipalities have adopted**



Learn more: [tinyurl.com/vzdelco](https://tinyurl.com/vzdelco)



Vision Zero Delco

# VISION ZERO DELCO

Even one life lost in a traffic crash is unacceptable



Working together, we can eliminate traffic deaths and life-altering injuries in Delaware County. We can ensure everyone has the freedom walk, roll, or drive safely in Delaware County.

# Greenway Grants

Delco Greenways Applications

Filter by Round

All Rounds

Round 1

Round 2

Round 3

Round 4

## \$20,618,273

Total Awarded

## \$11,345,908

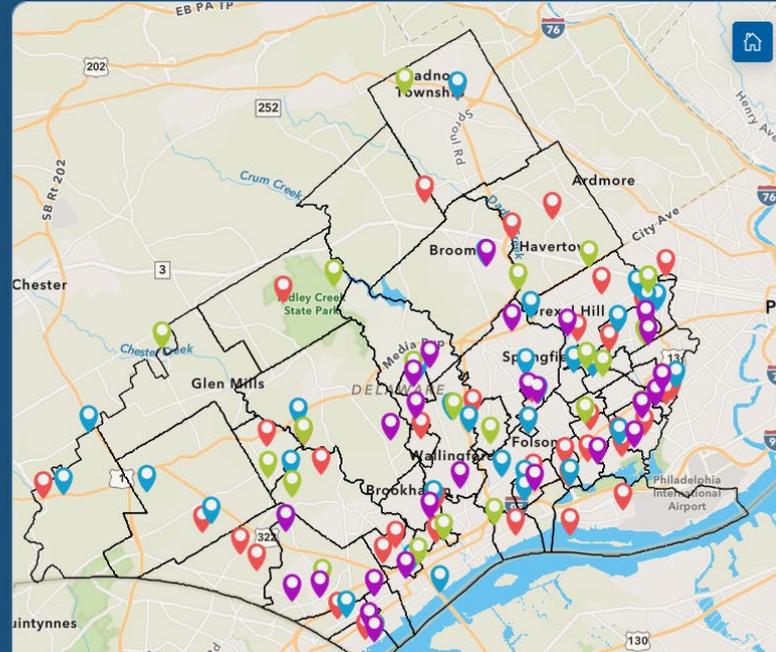
Total Amount Paid

## \$9,272,365

Total Amount Unpaid

## 118

Total Greenways Applications Awarded



### Delco Green Ways

- Grant Round 1
- Grant Round 2
- Grant Round 3
- Grant Round 4

### Delaware County Municipal Boundaries

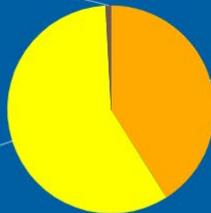


### Status

Rescinded  
0.85%

Complete  
41.03%

Ongoing  
58.12%



# Second Ward Playground

Location: Upper Darby Township

- **Location:** Stonehurst Hills Recreation Area
- **Award Amount:** \$145,872
- **Grant Round 1**
  
- New play equipment, curbing, sidewalks, parking, green stormwater infrastructure, walking paths and pavilion





# Brinton Run Preserve

Location: Chadds Ford Township

- **Location:** 6 Oakland Road, Chadds Ford
- **Award Amount:** \$500,000
- **Grant Round 1**
- Acquisition of 79 acres of Revolutionary War battlefield site for public open space, recreation, and education



# Darby Creek Connectivity Project

Location: Upper Darby Township

- **Location:** Darby Creek Trail / Gillespie Park
- **Award Amount:** \$407,375
- **Grant Round 2 (Phase 1)**
  
- Install pedestrian bridge connecting segments of Darby Creek Trail
- Phase 2 will complete the loop with a second bridge (Grant Round 4, Ongoing)



Thank you!

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