



December 15, 2025

Township of Tinicum

Board of
Commissioners Mtg.

Mini-Municipal Park, Recreation, and
Open Space Plan

Governor Printz Park



Key Plan Goals were:

- 1) Provide a park, recreation and open space plan that is pragmatic and meets the needs of the Township and all of its users at all abilities and ages of use.
- 2) Accessibly and directly connecting the community to the parks and open space via trails, trail connectors and greenways.
- 3) Report on and gain consensus on the possible uses for park sites and provide immediate, short and long term implementation recommendations.
- 4) Optimize waterfronts for the public through parks, recreation and trails.
- 5) Provide a plan that identifies potential funding sources and puts the Township in a position to obtain allocated funding for Park, Recreation and Open Space development.
- 6) Develop a Maintenance, Operations and Management Plan for long term Sustainability for the parks and recreation system and Tinicum Township.
- 7) Attracting people to Live, Work and Play in Tinicum Township.

Aerial View of Essington, Tinicum Township

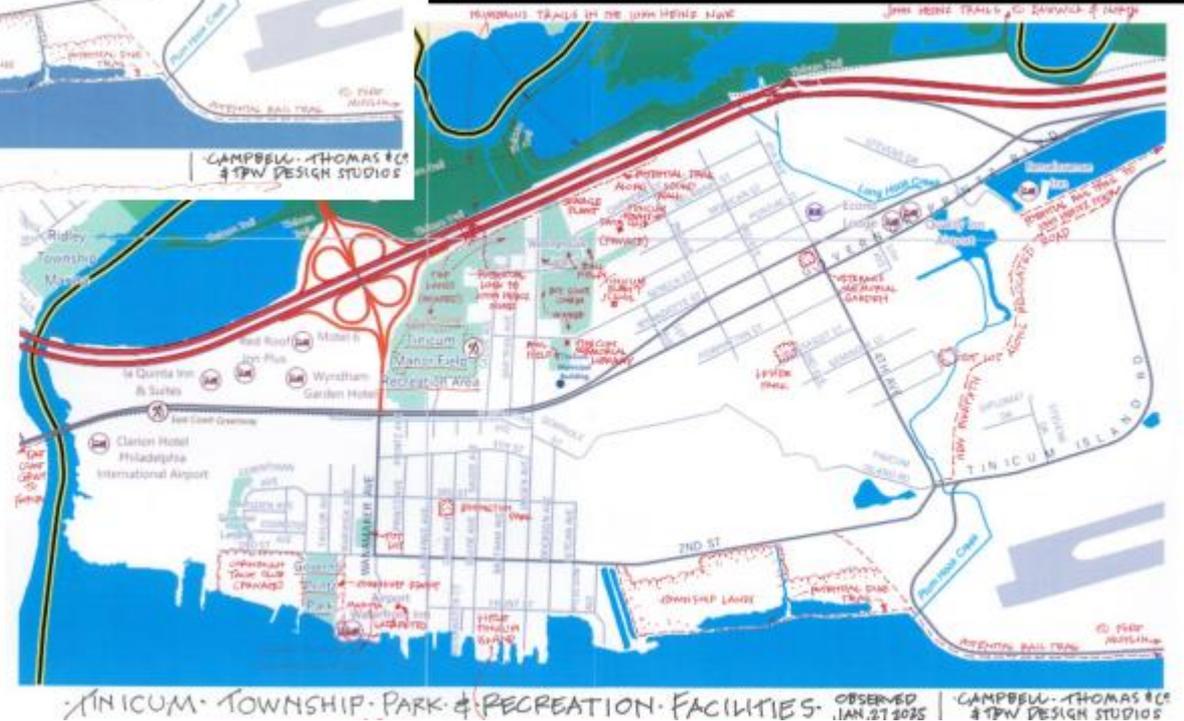


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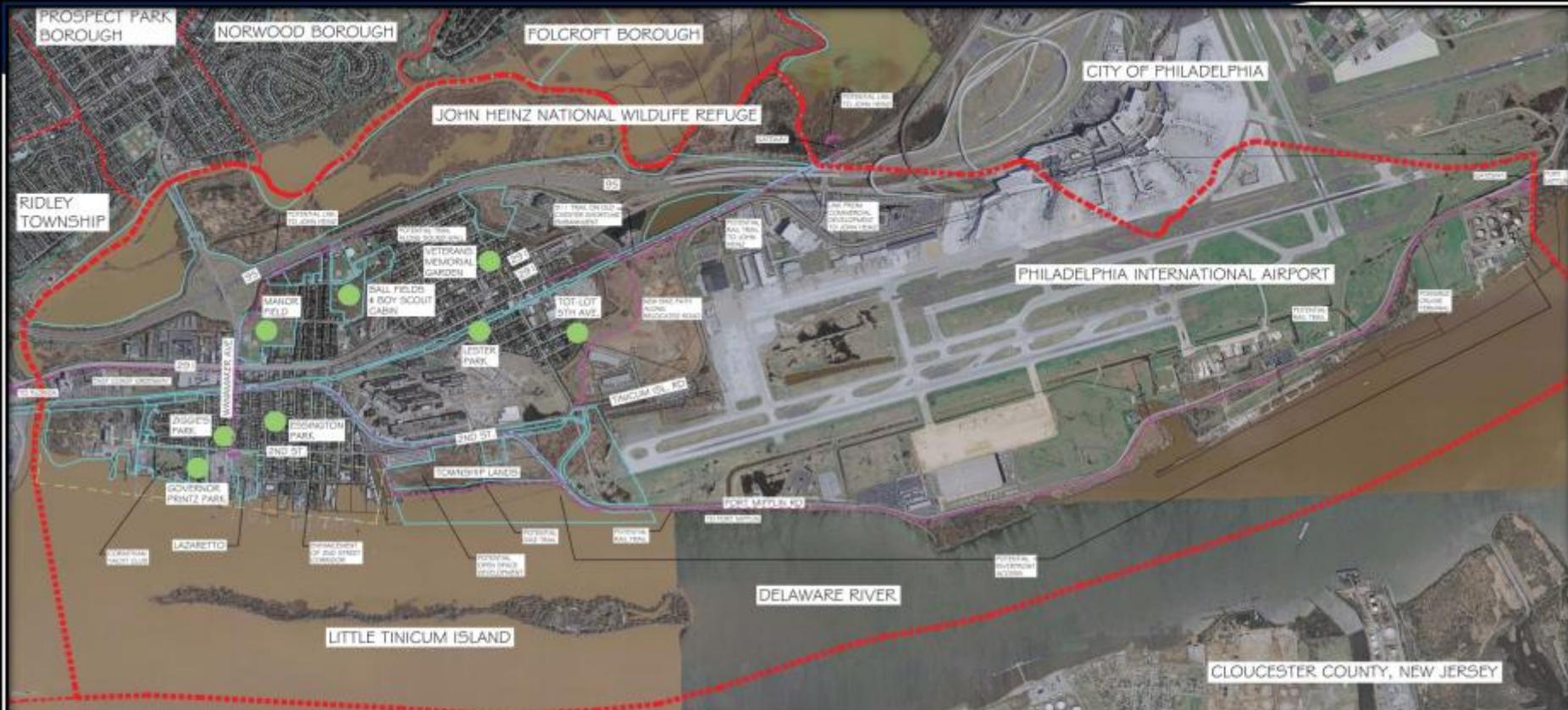
Project Kicked off in January 2025

- Project Meetings
- Public Involvement
- Review of All Existing Planning work in the TWP.
- Mapping
- Inventory & Analysis
- Analyzing Opportunities & Constraints
- Assessing Needs
- Site Analysis

Site Inventory and Analysis



Township Map

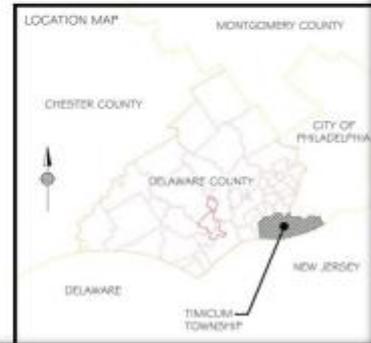
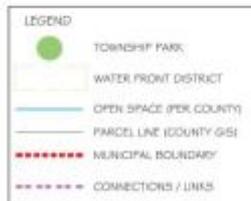


TINICUM TOWNSHIP MINI PARK, RECREATION, & OPEN SPACE PLAN

EXISTING CONDITIONS INVENTORY AND SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES MAPPING



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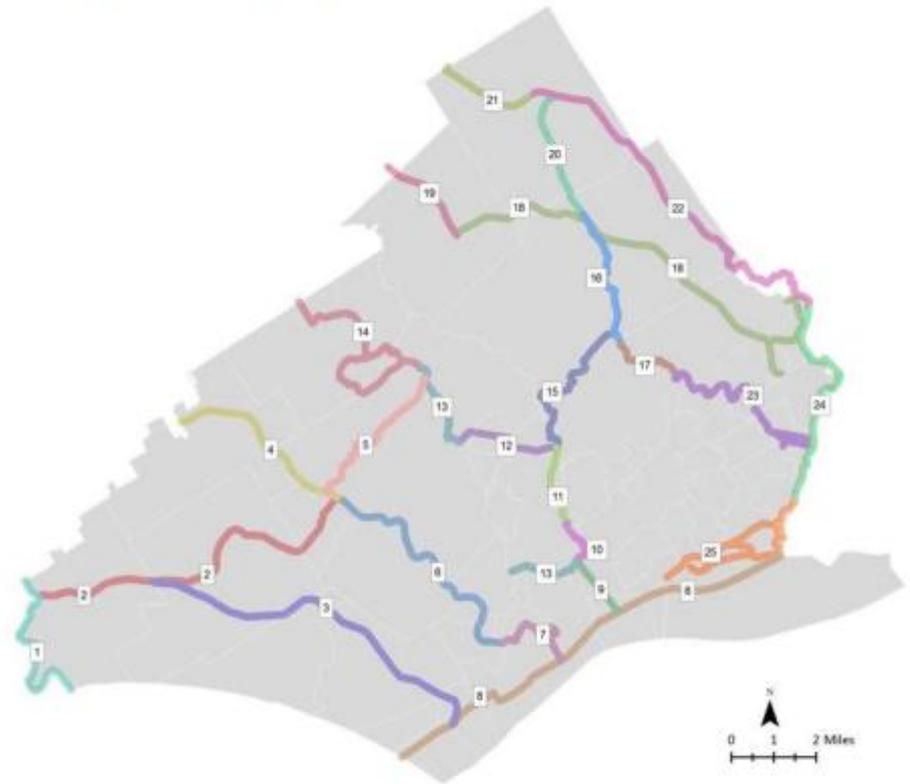


DELCO Greenways and Primary Trail Network

From the Delaware Countywide Greenway Plan



- Primary Trail Network
- Buffered Streams (Conservation Greenways)
- Federal Park
- State Park
- County Owned Land
- Municipal Owned Land
- School District Open Space and Recreation
- Homeowner's Association Open Space
- Conservation Organization Protected Lands



- 1 - Brandywine Creek Greenway
- 2 - Octopus Rail Trail
- 3 - PECO Right-of-Way Trail
- 4 - Chester Creek Trail - North Extension
- 5 - Rocky Run Trail
- 6 - Chester Creek Trail
- 7 - Chester Creek Trail - East Coast Greenway (ECG) Connector
- 8 - East Coast Greenway
- 9 - Blue Route Bikeway - East Coast Greenway (ECG) Connector
- 10 - Blue Route Bikeway - Leiper to Kinder Connector
- 11 - Blue Route Bikeway - Leiper-Smedley Trail
- 12 - Media-Smedley Connector Trail
- 13 - Ridley Creek Greenway (North & South Sections)
- 14 - Ridley Creek State Park Trails
- 15 - Blue Route Bikeway - Smedley to Darby Creek
- 16 - Darby Creek Trail - Haverford Township
- 17 - Darby Creek Trail - Drexel Hill Connector
- 18 - Newtown Square Branch Rail Trail
- 19 - Route 252 Bicycle Route
- 20 - Blue Route Bikeway - Ithan-Darby Creek Valley
- 21 - Radnor Trail
- 22 - Forge to Refuge Trail
- 23 - Darby Creek Stream Valley Park Trail
- 24 - Cobbs Creek Trail
- 25 - Heinz Refuge Trails

East Coast Greenway - Tinicum Alternatives

Map 2. Alternative A



Map 3. Alternative C



Map 4. Alternative D



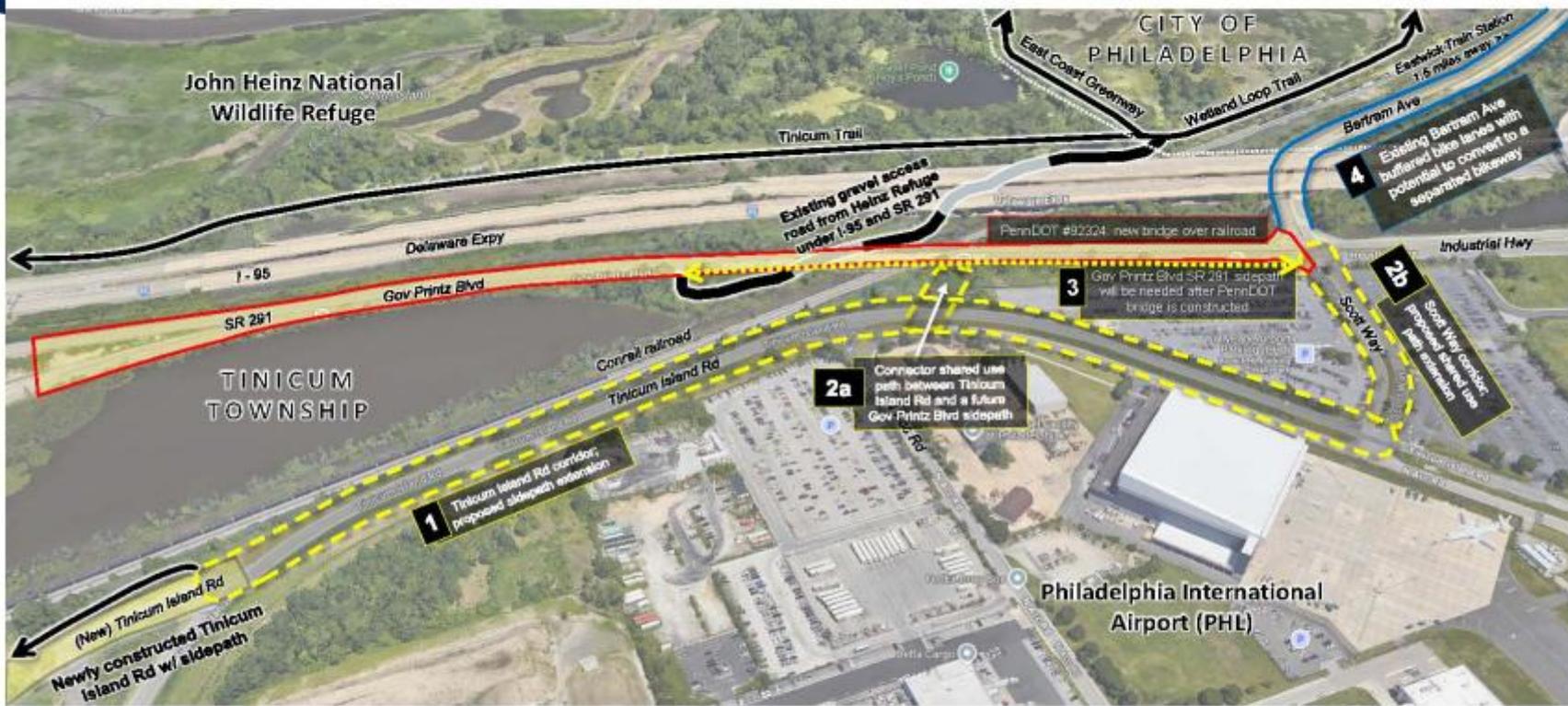
6 | East Coast Greenway Tinicum Township Trail FEASIBILITY STUDY

Map 5. Study Area



East Coast Greenway - Tinicum Alternatives

Alternative D: Tinicum East Coast Greenway Trail Feasibility Study



Graphic by East Coast Greenway Alliance, April 2025



Canoe and Kayak Routes

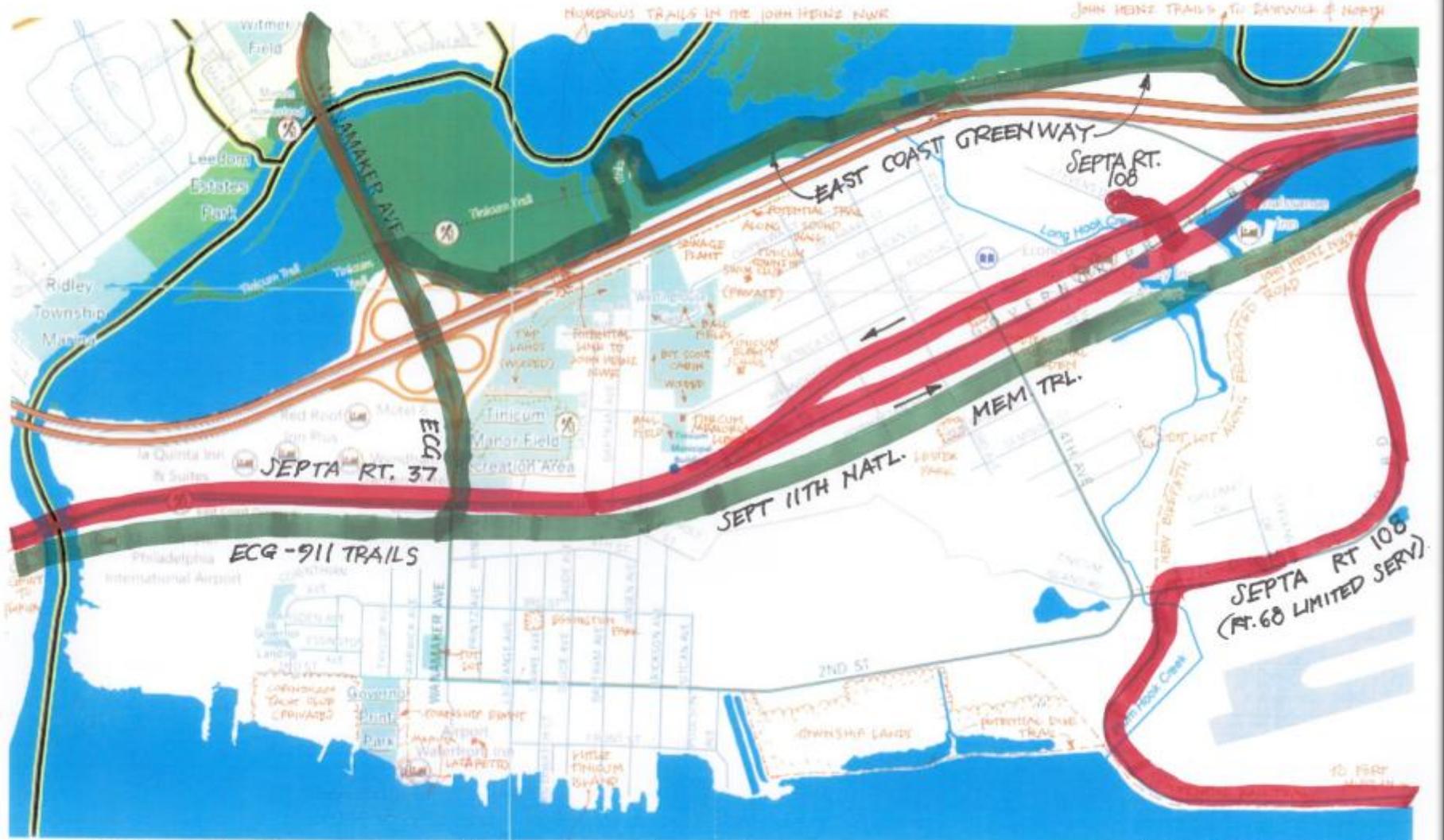


TINCUM TWP CANOE & KAYAK ROUTES ■ - LANDINGS - PUBLIC, PRIVATE & UNUSED

SEPTA (Transit) Routes



Regional Rail and Transit



TINICUM TOWNSHIP REGIONAL TRAIL & TRANSIT MAP - 3-10-2025 | CAMPBELL THOMAS & CO
& TPW DESIGN STUDIOS



2025 Tinicum Island Road Relocation with new Bike Path and Restored Wetlands



BARTRAM'S GARDEN TO FORT MIFFLIN AND ESSINGTON



Clifton Heights

Darby

Swarthmore

Glenolden

Folsom

Folcroft

John Heinz
National
Wildlife
Refuge at...

Ridley Park

Delta Hotels
Philadelphia Airport

Philadelphia
International
Airport

Eddystone

ESSINGTON

Delaware River

PENNSYLVANIA
NEW JERSEY

BILLINGSPORT

Red Bank
Battlefield
Park

Township Sidewalks and Gaps



Our Analysis included:

- Pedestrian and Motoring Connections (including transit)
- Trail and Pedestrian Network Development
- User and Township needs (in Park Development)
- Operations, Maintenance and Management
- Funding
- Programming
- Identification of Potential Parcel Development for Park or Connecting use
- Building on other Planning Initiatives
- Facility Improvements, Upgrades and Uses

Overall Recommendation Areas

- Overall TWP. Needs/Rec. of Parks, Trails and OS System
- Specific TWP. Needs/Rec. in Parks
- Pedestrian Walkability/Connectivity and Guidelines
- Scenic Views and Beautification Opportunities
- Operating Funds, Funding, and Revenue Sources
- Programming
- Heritage Tourism and Optimizing the Waterfront
- Management/Admin., Maintenance and Operations
- Partnerships
- Action Plan