



Tookany/Tacony-Frankford
Watershed Partnership, Inc.



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FEASIBILITY STUDY UNDERWAY FOR POTENTIAL NEW 3.4-MILE CIRCUIT TRAIL IN CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY MEMBERS INVITED TO FIRST PUBLIC MEETING – OCTOBER 22

WHAT: A new multi-use trail is in the works in Cheltenham Township. The Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF), in partnership with Cheltenham Township and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC), have selected Campbell Thomas & Co. Architects to complete a feasibility study update for Cheltenham Township's **Tookany Creek Trail corridor**.

The proposed trail corridor, which runs from Cheltenham Avenue in the southeast to High School Road in the northwest, could become home a 3.4-mile trail segment that will enable recreation, commuting, connecting to the outdoors, and more.

To learn more about the project, members of the community are invited to attend the first public meeting **on October 22**, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Elkins Park Middle School. A committee of township officials, trail planning organizations and architects will be on-hand to answer questions and gather community insight as to what amenities and connections are most desired.

This trail segment will also connect to the rest of the Greater Philadelphia region as a vital link in the **Circuit Trails network**, a developing regional network of trails in Southeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey. Currently more than 320 miles of Circuit Trails are complete; when finished, the network will include more than 800 miles of interconnected trails that connect to key destinations across the region.

WHEN: October 22, 2019
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

WHERE: Elkins Park Middle School
8149 New 2nd Street
Elkins Park, PA 19027

About the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF)

The Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF)'s mission is to improve its 30-square mile watershed by collaborating with our municipalities and leading our communities in education, stewardship, restoration, and advocacy. As part of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative of the William Penn Foundation, TTF works with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council-led Upstream Suburban Philadelphia collaborative and has implemented over \$1 million in restoration and green stormwater infrastructure projects along the headwater Jenkintown Creek in

partnership with Abington and Cheltenham townships. With the support of the Philadelphia Water Department and in collaboration with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, TTF has provided effective outreach, education, program, and stewardship opportunities with numerous partners to bring visitors and resources to Tacony Creek Park since 2011. Accomplishments include a Tacony Creek Park & Trail Map and website; regular nature, health, and history walks; annual block parties; gateway improvements, clean-ups and plantings; the Creekmobile, a mobile environmental education center; and sponsorship of a Park friends group.

About the Pennsylvania Environmental Council

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council is a statewide organization that brings people, government, and business together to find real world solutions for environmental challenges. These solutions bring about sustainable communities, protect our water resources, and address energy and climate issues. PEC was founded in 1970 and serves the entire state through offices in Luzerne, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and State College. For more information, visit www.pecpa.org.

About the Circuit Trails

Greater Philadelphia is the proud home of the Circuit Trails, a vast regional trail network of hundreds of miles of multi-use trails that is growing in size each year. One of America's largest trail networks, the Circuit currently includes more than 320 miles of completed multi-use trails with a vision of more than 750 miles of interconnected trails across the nine-county region in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Nearly 65 nonprofit organizations, foundations and agencies are working together as part of the Circuit Trails Coalition to advance the completion of the trail network. A premiere regional amenity, the Circuit Trails connect our people to our local communities, providing endless opportunities for recreation and commuting. So whether you bike it, walk it, run it or paddle alongside it, the point is — just enjoy it. Learn more at www.circuittrails.org and connect with the Circuit Trails on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to find out what is happening #onthecircuit.

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