
DARBY-COBBS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Thursday, October 13th 2011 | 2:30-4:30pm | CCCEEC (63rd and Catharine)

Notes

Project Updates & New Partner Introductions

1. **Cradle of Birding event**- Charissa Bujak had a table representing the DCWP; 123 visited the table; four new names for the Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership (DCWP) email list.
2. **Cleanups & Park Restoration efforts**- 2 weekends ago, the Cobbs Creek West Community Association (CCWC) led a clean up of the Upper Darby trail from Walnut St. to Marshall Rd.. There was an additional clean-up at the Granahan Recreation Center, and a trail line was laid down.
3. **Friends of Mt. Moriah**- 250 people attended the July cleanup event; October had 100 people for another cleanup.
4. **PP&R programs**- 9 youth earned free bikes and graduated from bike safety program with Neighborhood Bike Works. The Laura Sims Skate House will open in Nov. for year long indoor ice-skating and other programs. 175 children in and around Philadelphia participated in the Tri-youth-a-lon (it will be improved and repeated next year).
5. **Movie night & hikes**- 75 people came to two summer movie nights held by PPR and CCWCA. Scott & Jed led hikes north to State Rd and south to Mt. Moriah.
6. **PWD projects**- Charissa and Danielle (PEC AmeriCorps VISTA) are conducting research towards creation of a Stormwater Ambassador program with a neighborhood focus. Valessa & Khiyet are completing outreach to landowners along Cobbs for the stream restoration project (Market St. to just south of Baltimore Avenue), whose project implementation phase will begin after April 2012 followed by a community meeting.

Project Updates & Cobbs Creek 5k Run/Walk

1. **2012 Cobbs Creek 5k Run/Walk**- date will be Saturday, April 21st and all race details will be under the care and leadership of Jim Merino. Race called *Run for Kids of Cobbs Creek*; money will again be collected and held by Fairmont Parks Conservancy. Volunteers are needed to create trail, raise money from sponsoring organizations, run race on race day; emails will go out to keep people involved. Money from 2011 Cobbs Creek 5k has not yet been allocated though there was general agreement that it should be used for programming in the Park.
2. **Friends of Cobbs Creek Org.**- Jean proposed creation of community based, central org. that would speak for everyone involved in the park; interest in creating org. was confirmed.
3. **Crime & Safety**- Jean will be meeting again with the police from all municipalities along Cobbs Creek Park and requests information about specific times & dates & locations for crime hot spots. All information should be emailed to Charissa to compile for Jean.
4. **Drive 25 Keep Kids Alive** – Jeanette MacNeille introduced this initiative and we discussed how it might connect to the 2012 Cobbs Creek 5k run; a way to encourage more safe streets for children and youth. Jean will check to see if she can post signs along Cobbs Creek Parkway and surrounding roads. Jeanette will find out how much signs cost and how many she can get.

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5. Valessa will check with the PWD to see when the sewage construction will finish and communicate with PPR for 5k trail restoration.
 6. Millbourne Borough received grants for planning around the Millbourne SEPTA station area to attract local businesses and stimulate economic development while exploring routes for trails and increasing access to the borough.

Presentation by Danielle

- **VISTA Year Snapshot-** Danielle gave a presentation on her year with PEC and thanked everyone for her involvement in the Darby Cobbs Watershed Partnership!

Upcoming Events & Calendar Review

1. October 15 – Little Tincum Island Clean Up
2. October 15, 11am-1pm – TrolleyFest Ride <http://octrolleyfest.org>
3. October 19, 4-7pm – Community mtg on Cobbs Creek Connector Trail at Paschalville Branch of the Free Library (6942 Woodland Ave.)
4. October 25, 6-8pm – Amplifiers College Scholarship Info. Mtg. at CCCEEC
5. October 29 – Halloween film show in outdoor park across from 130 Glencoe Rd. (DelCo)
6. November 6 – Morris Park community race
7. November 6 – Clean Callowhill- Callowhill to Vine E & W cleanup
8. November 12 – Clean-up of 5k trail with team leaders

Remember to send events to Khiet to post.

1. Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership website: www.phillywatersheds.org/darbycobbs
2. Partnership Calendar: www.phillywatersheds.org/whats_in_it_for_you/events_and_programs
3. Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/> and search for Green City, Clean Waters

Closing and Schedule next meeting

- Next meeting scheduled for...