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## DARBY-COBBS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 | 3:00-5:00pm | CCCEEC (63<sup>rd</sup> and Catharine)

### Notes

#### Attendees

- Brian Vadino, *DelCo Cons. District*; Jean Hunt, Barb McCabe, Joe Cesar & Patty. *PP&R*; Nick Rogers, *Clean Air Council*; Valessa Souter-Kline, *PWD*; Chelsea, *PWD-PP&R*; Jeanette MacNeille, *Millbourne Borough*; Joe Piette, *Cobbs Creek West Community Association*; Russell Phillips, Kesho Watson, *Friends of Cobbs Creek at Callowhill*; Charissa Bujak, Khiet Luong, *Pennsylvania Environmental Council*.
- Whitney Lomax, Assistant Director of the *Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Education Center*, introduced herself and welcomed us to the center.

#### Project updates

- **2012 Cobbs Creek 5k** – Jean said the website may go live on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> for registration, and a new map is being drafted to reflect the new course, which has been reviewed (run & walked) by Joe Cesar, Joe Piette & Kesho. The next Cobbs Creek 5k meeting is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm, location TBD. Valessa will seek clarification if the restoration projects in this first phase only extend from Market to Baltimore Ave.
- **Cobbs Creek Stream Restoration** – Valessa Souter-Kline gave a detailed presentation on PWD's planned stream restoration project. PWD has selected a contractor and is waiting for the notice to proceed.
- **Friends of Cobbs Creek** – PP&R is facilitating this discussion and invites active members of the Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership to attend the next meeting on Thursday, Jan. from 6:30pm – 8pm at Papa Playground ( 6839 Lansdowne Ave). PP&R is also coordinating this conversation with PWD to make sure goals are complementary. Suggestions can be shared with Barb McCabe: [barbara.mccabe@phila.gov](mailto:barbara.mccabe@phila.gov)

#### Other Partnership Projects

- **Love Your Park** – PP&R is extending Love Your Park day (May 12<sup>th</sup> ) to Love Your Park Week (May 12<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>). The goal is to get people out there enjoying the park. PP&R is organizing the social media for the event but is looking for others to host their own event and let PP&R know.
- **TreeVitalize grants** – Brian Vadino spoke about TreeVitalize watershed program, which provides grant funding for riparian restoration projects with a 5 acre area. Funding is based on a 1yr. funding timeline.
- **Cobbs Creek Connector trail** – Nick Rogers announced that when the Clean Air Council approaches the 30% design phase for the trail, they will have host another public mtg. – likely in the Spring 2012.
- **Millbourne Borough Public mtg** – Jeanette announced that in 2012 Millbourne will have up to 300 trees planted, and that there was going to be a public mtg on Sunday, Jan. 22 from 3-5pm to hear public comments on how to use the empty land near the Millbourne Station.
- **Watershed Adventures** – Chelsea and her co-worker have been going into schools doing environmental educational in afterschool programs at the Recreation Centers. On May 15<sup>th</sup> they are looking for a location to go into the Cobbs Creek Park to do an activity.

#### Announcements, Event, & Calendar Review

- 1/26/12 – Friends Of Cobbs Creek mtg at Papa Recreation Center, 6839 Lansdowne Ave, 6:30pm
- 1/27/12 – Lansdowne/Yeadon Elm Street Program Photo Walk, Cinema 16:9, 35 N. Lansdowne Ave., 7:30pm
- 1/30/12 – Cobbs Creek 5k meeting, location TBD, 4:00pm
- 2/18/12 – Delaware County Environmental Summit's theme is stormwater and will be at JHWR.
- 2/24/12 – Deadline to 2012 Philadelphia *Green City, Clean Waters* Art Contest.
- 2012 Free fee weekends at FWS, NPS, USFS, & BLM sites: FWS are June 9 (Great Outdoors Day), Sept. 29 (National Public lands Day), Oct.14 in recognition of National Wildlife Refuge Week, and Nov.10-12 (Veterans Day wknd).

#### Closing and Schedule next meeting

Future mtg date to be set over email.