Philadelphia’s Park Friends Network

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Philadelphia’s Parks and Recreation System

10,200 Acres of land in the Philadelphia Park System

191 recreation centers and playgrounds

403 neighborhood parks and 10 watershed parks

6 older adult centers

184 miles of trails

72 outdoor pools

1,416 baseball, softball, football, soccer fields & courts

216 historic sites

50 community gardens, farms, and orchards

3 environmental centers

5 ice skating rinks

8 public access computing centers

4 Golf Courses

9 public boat launches

https://youtu.be/7Ze1PQ-mQnY
What is a Friends Group?

- Community based volunteer group established to support and advocate for a specific unstaffed park
- 3 or more people
- Work in close partnership with PPR & FPC
- Serve as a “community voice” for the park

Typical Friends Group activities:

- Park clean up
- Fundraising events
- Concerts
- Movie nights
- Community programming
- Advocacy
Friends Groups Make a Difference

Malcolm X Memorial Park in 1993
Friends Groups Make a Difference
Malcolm X Memorial Park in 2016
Park Friends Network

There are park friends groups all over Philadelphia! 2022: 125 Registered Park Friends Group
Each friends group is assigned a Philadelphia Parks & Recreation Stewardship Coordinator.

(Avisor, Work Orders, Connector)

- Seasonal Maintenance Attendants
- Event Permitting
- Performo Work Orders
- Capital Projects Support
- Volunteer Engagement

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- Park Friends Newsletter
- Mini Grants
- Love Your Park & PFN Events
- Capacity Building

https://vimeo.com/23642284
Quarterly Park Friends Network Meetings

2022 Dates

- May 4th
- August 17th
- November 9th

*Online, until further notice.*
Each year, we bring our PFN leaders together to learn new skills and reinforce the old.
Spring: City-wide service day & week of clean-ups and events
May 7 - 15, 2022

Fall: City-wide service day
November 12, 2022
save the date
Love Your Park Week is
May 7 - 15, 2022

Volunteer registration opens April 13

Clean, green, and celebrate Philly parks!
Learn more at loveyourpark.org
Fairmount Park Conservancy
Supplies + Programming Grant

Have fun, on us!

- Supplies & Program Grant for Registered PFN Groups:
  - Application opens February 17th, 2022
  - Park Friends Groups can apply for supplies and programming grants of up to $1,000 or...
  - Movie Nights!
Howl-o-Ween:
Powers Park
Kids Reading Series and Programming: Hagert St. Playground
Oldies in the Park:
Vernon Park
Summer Movie Nights
Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party
Thank you for all that you do!
Quick Guide to the Park Friends Toolkit

FAST FACTS

- Service Days
- Community Events
- Public Meetings

Part 1 - Beginning Your Friends Group

Part 2 - Growing Your Friends Group

Part 3 - Love Your Park

Event Permitting
Questions?

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