

Project Information Form

Address of Development Project:

900 Wisers Mill Road, Philadelphia, PA (PWD Parcel). Project will be located adjacent to Valley Green Road within the Wissahickon Valley Park.

Council District:

8th

Name of Applicant:

Friends of the Wissahickon

c/o Ballard Spahr LLP

Zoning Applicant Number:

ZP-2023-006562

Address of Applicant:

1735 Market Street, 51st Floor

Philadelphia, PA

Is the contact person the same as the applicant:

Yes.

Is the project exclusive residential:

No.

Does the project have more than 2,500 square feet of floor area:

No. The application is for the proposed restoration of a 240 foot length of a Valley Green Run streambank.

If the zoning application exclusively for signage:

No.

Current land use on parcel:

Park and open space

Proposed land use of the parcel:

N/A

Net change in number of housing units:

N/A

Net change in commercial square footage:

N/A

Net change in total floor area:

N/A

Net change in on street parking:

N/A

Number of off-street parking spaces to be provided:

N/A

Approximate projected construction period:

6 months

Provide a brief summary of the project:

Zoning application to restore a 240 foot portion of the collapsed Valley Green Run stream channel and eroding banks in the Wissahickon Valley Park in response to increasing stormwater events that have undermined the streambank and the adjacent point of access to the Valley Green Area.

Please describe any planned changes to the landscaping and lighting on any public space within or adjacent to your project:

The project will result in stormwater improvements to the Valley Green area, and will create a stable, flood-tolerant stream channel to dissipate stormwater energy and slow the flow of water. In addition to stabilizing the streambank and channel, the project will also result in the construction of a 200 foot elevated pedestrian walkway along the Valley Green Run.

Please describe any anticipated impacts on the transportation network (e.g. parking, sidewalks, street safety or traffic, transit) and any plans for mitigating any negative impacts:

There are no anticipated negative impacts of the project on the transportation network. The establishment of the trail via the elevated pedestrian walkway should contribute to less pedestrian traffic along the shoulder of Valley Green Road.

Approximately how many full time equivalent jobs (if any) are currently located on site?

N/A

Approximately how many full time equivalent workers will be employed on-site during the construction period?

8 FTE

Approximately how many full time equivalent jobs (if any) will be located on-site after construction is complete? Approximately how many of these jobs (if any) will be paid a wage of at least \$15/hour and will include health and/or retirement benefits?

N/A

Describe your plan, if any, to increase the supply of affordable housing:

N/A

Please describe any partnerships with local community organizations that will be utilized during and/or after construction:

Friends of the Wissahickon will work with local Registered Community Organizations, including the Chestnut Hill Community Association, Upper Roxborough Civic Association, and Friends of the Wissahickon Volunteers in its outreach efforts to the community and to engage the public in projects and events taking place in the Wissahickon Valley Park.

Please provide a brief summary of any plans for local hiring and job training/apprenticeships during or after construction. Also, please indicate whether you plan to submit an Economic Opportunity Plan to the Office of Economic Opportunity:

This project is partially funded by the Philadelphia Water Department and the Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation, both of which require that Friends of the Wissahickon comply with the following minority and women-owned business enterprises (M/WBE) participation ranges: 8%-12% for WBE and 18%-22% for MBE. Friends of the Wissahickon will spend at least \$120,000 supporting minority and women-owned business enterprises in connection with the project.

Please describe any other anticipated community impacts (positive or negative) associated with this project:

In addition to stabilizing a 240 foot length of streambank of the Valley Green Run, the project will also incorporate construction of a 200 foot permanent and sustainable elevated pedestrian walkway, restoring a vital public gateway to one of the most visited areas of the Wissahickon Valley Park which sees an average of 1,500 daily visits.