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THE CHURCHILL VALLEY GREENWAY STATUS UPDATE

Allegheny Land Trust is working with the community to permanently conserve one of the largest remaining green spaces in Pittsburgh’s eastern suburbs for the health and well-being of current residents and future generations, to enhance the long-term attractiveness and viability of local municipalities, and to contribute to regional environmental sustainability.

Project Details

- Site of the former Churchill Valley Country Club
- 148 acres (108 in Churchill, 40 in Penn Hills)
- Reverting to natural green space – increasingly home to many species of native flora and fauna
- 95,000 residents within a three-mile radius – several thousand within walking distance
- Neighbors already using for passive recreation due to natural beauty and safe accessibility
- Over three miles of former golf cart paths facilitate use by people of all abilities
- Bisected by Chalfant Run, a tributary of flood-prone Turtle Creek
- Adjacent to the 30-acre Bullock Pens Park
- ALT purchase from development company contingent upon successful fundraising by June 2021

Community Benefits of Protection

- Repurpose idled infrastructure to create safe walking and biking connections between neighborhoods and community assets, including transit stops
- Provide permanent, close-to-home, easily-accessible place for outdoor recreation and exercise
- Preserve natural scenic beauty
- Protect diverse wildlife habitat
- Create an attractive and truly differentiating community asset unique to Churchill and Penn Hills
- Enhance attractiveness of the municipalities to prospective young homeowners
- Increase property values +5-30% and, thus, tax revenue
- Create unique resource for environmental education
- Absorb 121 million gallons of rainwater per year to mitigate downstream flooding
- Contribute to municipal MS4 pollution abatement requirements

Community Support

- More than 800 individuals have donated more than \$273,000 to the Community Campaign to-date
- Strong endorsements from elected officials and civic organizations:
 - PA Senator Jay Costa
 - PA State Representative Summer Lee
 - Churchill Borough
 - Forest Hills Borough
 - North Versailles Borough
 - Verona Borough
 - Wilkins Township
 - Allegheny County Planning Division
 - B.O.B. Project Inc. (Bringing Out the Best in Penn Hills)
 - Blackridge Civic Association
 - Churchill Garden Club
 - Churchill Wilkins Rotary Club
 - Garden Club of Forest Hills
 - Humane Animal Rescue League
 - Penn Hebron Garden Club
 - Penn Hills Natural Burial Park
 - Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission
 - Sierra Club – Allegheny Group
 - Three Rivers Birding Club
 - Three Rivers Wet Weather Association
 - Turtle Creek Watershed Association
 - WTAE TV

Current Funding Overview as of April 22, 2021

TOTAL REQUIRED FOR ACQUISITION	\$3,000,000
Community Campaign	\$273,000
PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources	\$1,500,000
PA Department of Community & Economic Development (GTRP & MTF)	\$365,000
The Pittsburgh Foundation	\$150,000
Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority (GEDF)	\$150,000
Colcom Foundation	\$125,000
Bradley Laufman Henninger Memorial	\$100,000
Mark A. MacKay Memorial	\$100,000
Duquesne Light Company	\$75,000
S. Kent Rockwell Foundation	\$50,000
Anonymous Memorial	\$50,000
Sierra Club	\$47,000
LANXESS Corporation	\$15,000
FUNDING RAISED FOR ACQUISITION*	\$3,000,000

* Fundraising on-going to cover planned Greenway improvements.

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