



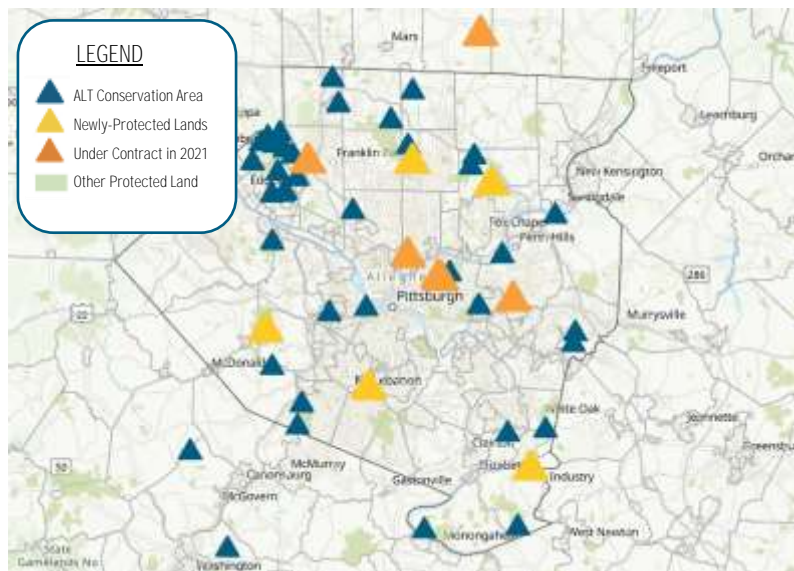
Hello Brighton Heights Community,

I'd like to reintroduce myself to you, tell you a little bit about Allegheny Land Trust (ALT), provide an update on the St. Johns site, and ask for your input. I am Alyson Fearon, ALT's Senior Director of Community Conservation & Resiliency, and I am serving as the site's Project Manager.

ALT is a Western Pennsylvania non-profit organization with the mission of conserving and caring for local land for the health and well-being of current and future generations.

As a nationally-accredited conservation organization, we have been "helping local people save local land" since 1993 by focusing on four strategic priorities: LAND CONSERVATION (permanently protecting sensitive ecological land), LAND STEWARDSHIP (responsibly caring for the lands we have protected), COMMUNITY CONSERVATION (building strong and equitable communities through conservation), and ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (teaching environmental understanding and responsibility).

ALT has protected more than 3,000 acres of green space in 32 municipalities to preserve our region's natural beauty, provide enhanced outdoor recreational opportunities, protect and improve water and air quality, sustain biodiversity, remediate past environmental abuses, and contribute to the overall health, well-being, and quality of life for residents today and for generations to come.



In recent years, we've applied traditional land trust practices to projects in more urban landscapes. It is our belief that community-protected green space is vital to sustainable urban neighborhoods. In collaboration with strong community partners, we've been able to work at neighborhood-scale to help advance urban conservation initiatives supporting community-prioritized projects.

Some projects have included the creation of Emerald View Park, involvement in and eventual ownership of the Hilltop Urban Farm, and the creation of a joint venture with Grow Pittsburgh to protect community gardens in gentrifying city neighborhoods.

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We are moving along with the St. John's project, and have been working with Ethos Collaborative on the plans. We are happy to say we feel strongly we can move forward with a modified version of the original plan that will still manage stormwater runoff that flows to the site.

You are receiving this letter today because we would like to work with you to decide on some site amenities while checking with permit and ordinance requirements for the project. Our goal is to incorporate community input and complete the site plan with construction drawings and preliminary permitting approvals by fall 2021.



NOTES ON THE PLAN:

We are keeping the large rain garden on the McClure Ave. side of the St. Johns site to manage the stormwater that naturally flows down the alley off Hubbard St. into St. Johns (see map on page 3). We've planned a gravel trail that loops the rain garden to create a walking path on the site. The upper part of the site next to Fleming Ave. will have more flexibility under the reduced plan. Currently, aside from cleaning up the old driveways, we plan to create a gentle depression and plant stormwater meadow in the three-lobed space on the drawing.

The current site design will renovate and rehabilitate the entire site, from the current parking areas to removing the last handful of demolition materials, while still reserving space for elements important to you and your community. We will preserve as many trees as are healthy and good for the site and have replanting of trees, shrubs, grasses, and installing gravel walking paths planned for everywhere else.

We're currently working with your leadership at Brighton Heights Citizens Federation (BHCF) to apply for a combination of local foundation and state grants, and other funding opportunities. A significant fundraising effort is needed to carry out the project's goals; 2021 is our major fundraising year with the goal of starting construction in 2022.

*Normally we would love to have everyone visit the site and give your opinion via public meetings, but we would like to be as safe as possible during this process. This is why we would appreciate your input on this survey until we can safely meet you. **We hope you'll consider the below plans, jot down your ideas, and mail them back to us.***

Please note that any additional features on the site are subject to review by the appropriate authority, such as City Zoning, Insurance, and others.

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The map below is a draft of the proposed design. The areas numbered 1 through 4 are where your input is needed. Please draw on the map and fill in suggestion lines below to tell us what you would like to see on the site. Feel free to get creative and draw directly on the map!



**St John's Community
Park Key Components**

1. Community Area 1, Along Fleming Ave
2. Community Area 2, within the Upper Park Loop
3. Community Area 3, along the Upper trail
4. Community Area 4, at the Lower Park Loop

Ideas for Community Area 1: _____

Ideas for Community Area 2: _____

Ideas for Community Area 3: _____

Ideas for Community Area 4: _____

Additional Comments on the design and use. Please include additional sheets of paper if you need more space: _____

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Here are some possible amenities. From upper left to bottom right: [1] Rain Meadow, [2] Wildflowers Under Trees, [3] Soil Walking Path, [4] Mowed Walking Path, [5] Natural Playground, and [6] Natural Pathway Stairs.



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