



#### ALLEGHENY LAND TRUST

## **Churchill Valley Greenway** Stewardship and Management Plan

Public Meeting #1 November 15, 2023



## Introductions



• Caitlin Seiler, Vice President of Stewardship

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Landscape Architecture | Community Planning | Design

- Sara Thompson, Principal
- Alex Zwegat, Landscape Designer



## **Proposed Timeline**

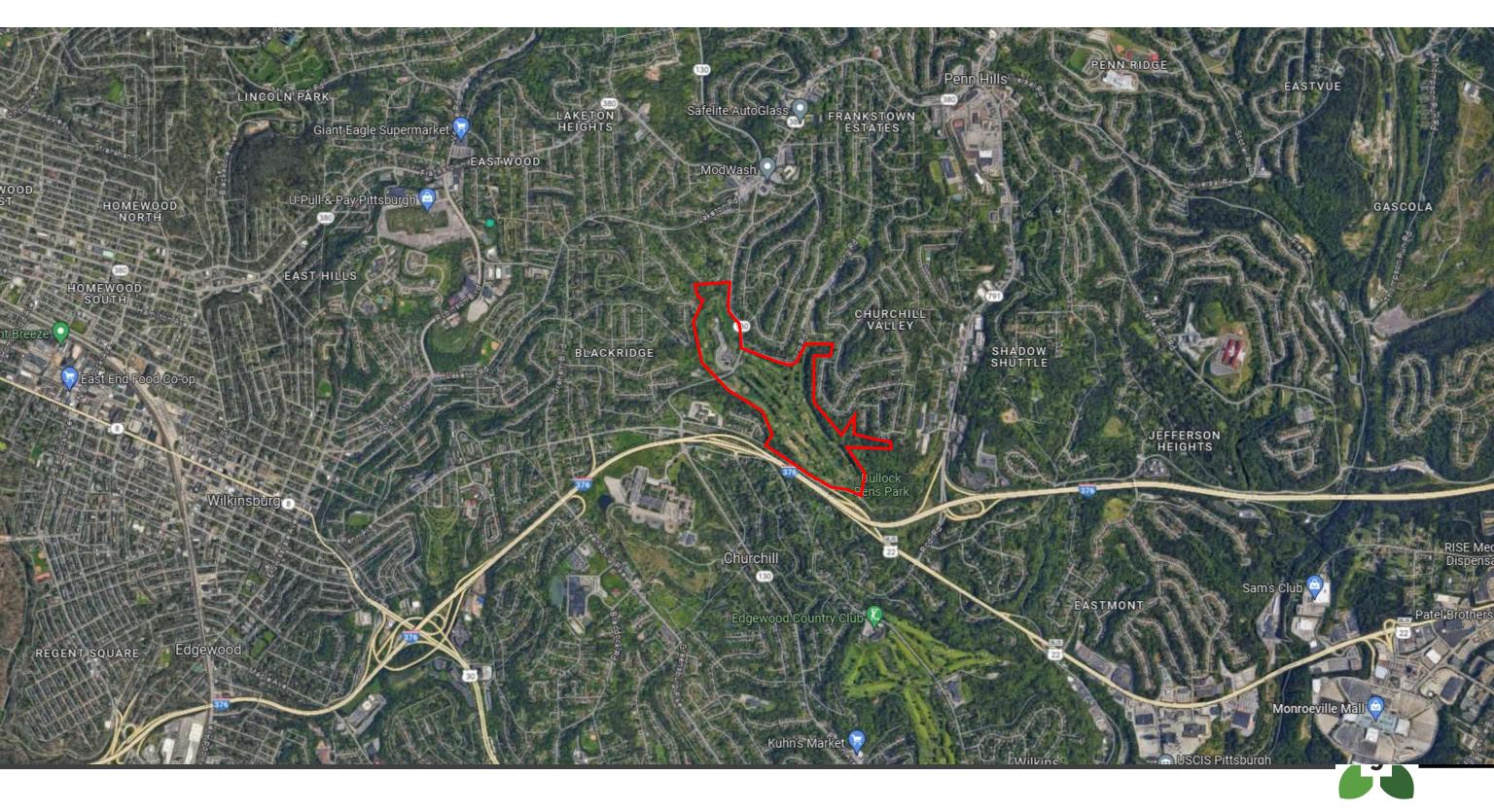
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1	Repair (2) Pedestrian Bridges over Beulah Road Grant application approved in 2021, needs engineering for railing/decking, MPT	ENGINE	ERING	CONSTR	UCTION						4	β.									
2	Master Management Plan Ceate plan to maintain/manage property and 30% design for critical areas	FUNDRAISING			RFP.																
ЗA	Abandoned Mine Drainage Additional sampling required before engineering can be completed	SAMPLING & 40% ENGINEERING			PERMITTING & FUNDRAISING CONSTRUCTION																
3B	Stream Restoration (assumes mitigation banking) Assumes mitigation bank partner will fund engineering & construction					ENGINE	ERING & PER	MITTING		▲ con	CON: NETRUCTED CON	TRUCTION			T						
3C	Replace Trails and Pedestrian Bridges in Stream Floodplain Replace trails and bridges in floodplain, permitted with stream restoration				D	ESIGN & P	ERMITTING V	VITH STREAI	A	4	CON:	TRUCTION			STREAM REST COMPLETE BE CONSTRUCTIO	FORE PLAYERS	duko				
4	Beulah Road Safety Improvements Remove existng parking, install fence and native landscaping	1	INSTALL	BARRIERS EA	AST SIDE				1	> 1	DESIGN		FUNDF	RAISING		CON579	RUCTION				
54	Churchill Land Negotiations Including Bullock Pens Park and Inclusive accessible playground	LAND SWAP DISCUSSION		RALICER PERS PARK ADOLD TO MANAGEMENT PLAN SCOPE PLAYGROUND PLANNING, DESIG			N AND FUNDRAISING - BY CHURCHILL BORO			CONSTRUCTION											
5B	McGrady Road Trailhead Construct parking and signage, and reduce roadway to trail width									>	DESIGN &	PUBLIC PROC	ESS		FUNDR	AISING		CONSTRU	ICTION		
5C	New Trails and Signage Create loops, connect to BCA, Church and Bullock Pens, signage											→ DE	SIGN		FUNDR	AISING		CONSTRU	ίςτιον		
6	Reforestation Projects Assumes yearly partnership with allied group to foster stewardship/ reduce cost	GRAN	T APP	INST	ALL	GRA	NT APP	INST	ALL	Gi	RANT APP	183	5TALL	GRAN	IT APP	iNS	TALL	GRANT	APP	INSTA	4LL

# Agenda

- Why Are We Here?
- Planning Process
- Allegheny Land Trust's Goal
- Where Are We Now?
- Where Do We Want to Be?
- Next Steps



## Why Are We Here?



# Why Are We Here?

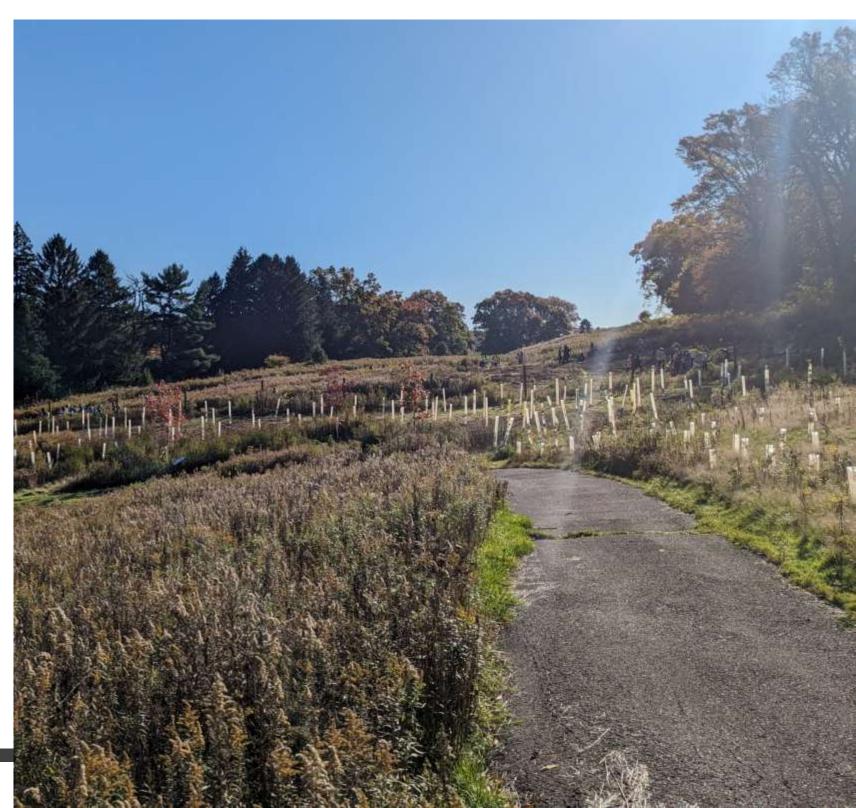
- The 151-acre property was a golf course from 1931 to 2013. It was farmland before that.
- The property has reverted to meadow and is now home to many native flora and fauna.
- Area residents made grassroots efforts to protect it as a greenway.
- With support from individual donors, civic organizations, and state funding ALT purchased the land in July 2021.



# ALT's Goals for Churchill Valley Greenway

- Conserve and promote biodiversity and ecosystem function
- Use existing infrastructure for low-impact use

https://www.cnn.com/videos/ tv/2023/08/22/ohio-golfcourse-rewilding-c2e-spcintl.cnn

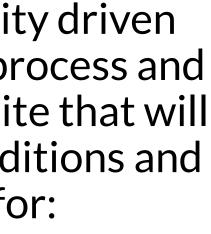


# Why Are We Here?



#### **Plan Purpose**

- Develop a community driven management plan process and evaluation for the site that will clearly identify conditions and recommendations for:
  - Access and interpretation of the greenway
  - Ecological management needs
  - Engaging and supporting community connections





## **Planning Process**



#### 1. Where Are We Now?

- Inventory & Analysis of Conditions •
- How people use the existing site •

#### 2. Where Do We Want To Be?

- What are your thoughts, wishes & desires? •
- What are your concerns? •

#### 3. How Do We Get There?

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- **Specific Implementation Strategies** ٠
- What, Priority, Who, Where, When & Cost •

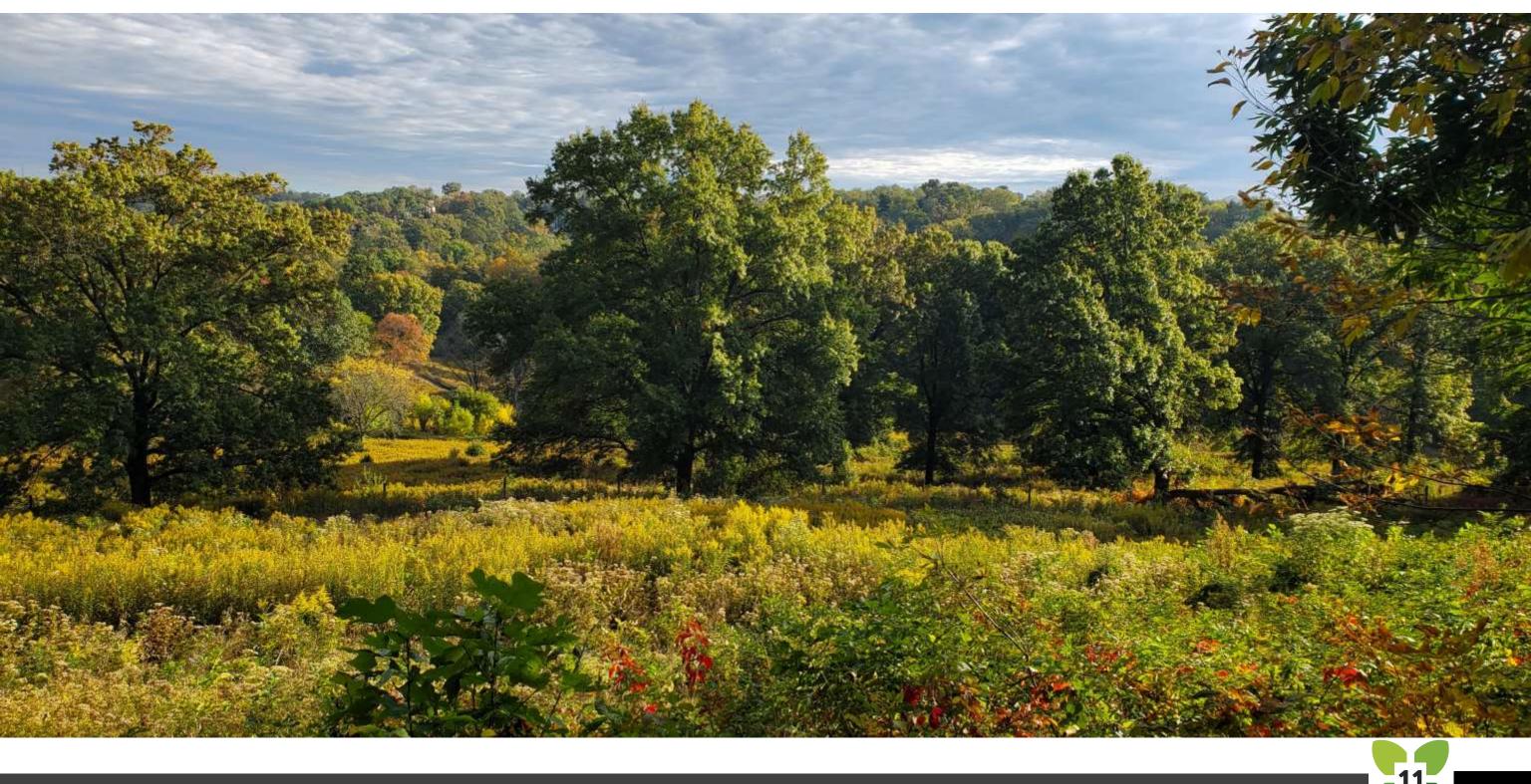
Recommendations to Achieve Goals & Visions



# Where are We Now?

- Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment completed in 2021
- Acid Mine Drainage Design construction in 2024
- Stream and Wetland Restoration construction in 2024
- Conceptual Planning Report completed 2022
- Forest Restoration ongoing
- Volunteer Activities ongoing
- Habitat and Bird Inventories to be completed by end of 2023
- Stewardship and Management Plan 2023-2024
  - Site Analysis
  - Trail Inventory and Assessment
  - Public Engagement









**Bullock Pens Park** 

Pat Seneca Park







Paved Paths with Views

**Bridge Connections** 







**Chalfant Run and Tributaries** 

Existing Parking







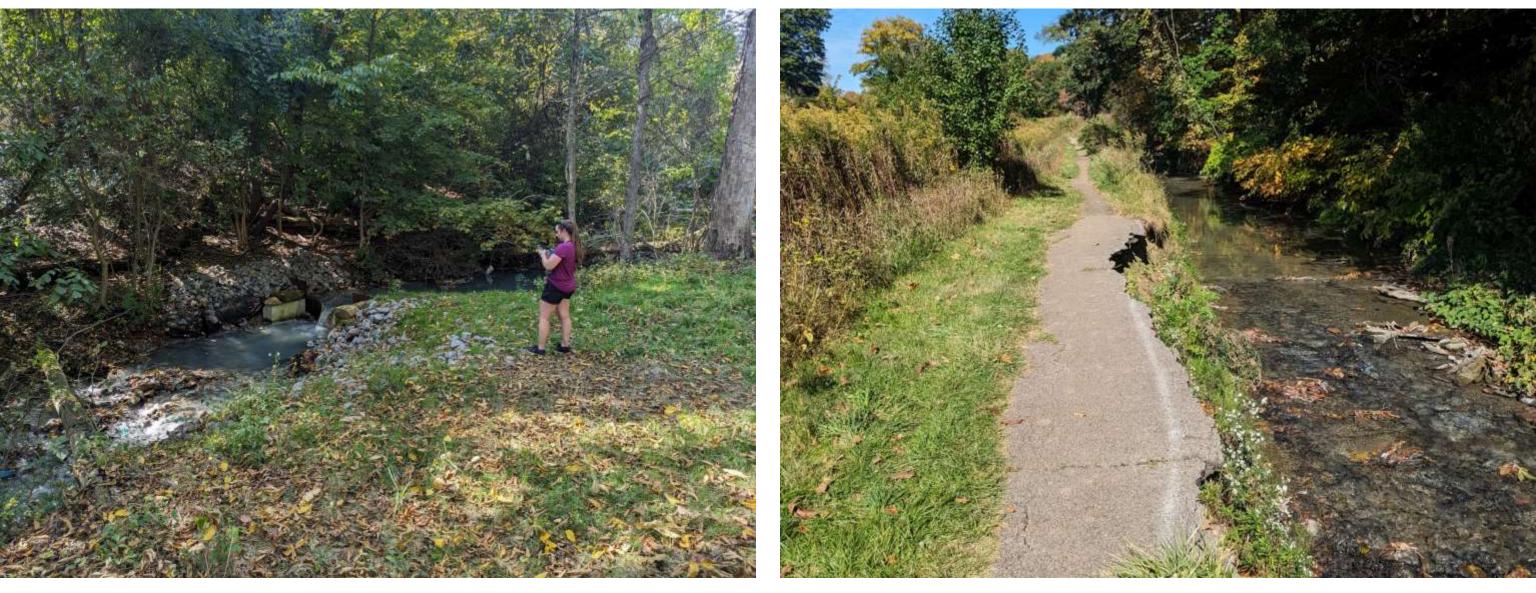


Erosion

Disappearing Paths







Acid Mine Drainage

**Channelized Stream** 



### Issues



No Accessible Trail Loops

Some Invasives





#### **SITE PLAN - AMD & Stream Restoration**

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CHURCHILL VALLEY GREENWAY STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Penn Hills

Churchill Borough





#### SITE PLAN - AMD & Stream Restoration & Reforestation CHURCHILL VALLEY GREENWAY STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

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#### LEGEND



ORLANDO

Penn Hills Churchill Borough



#### SLOPE ANALYSIS CHURCHILL VALLEY GREENWAY STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Parcels Contours Buildings Slope Study Value 0 - 5% 5 - 15% 15 - 25% 25+%

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- Over 15%		1-21-23-21



# SITE PLAN - AMD & Stream Restoration with Trail Parking & Access

STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

#### LEGEND Churchill Valley Greenway Municipal Boundary Contours Future Stream AMD Draft Layout Paving User Paths Contours Contours

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# Where Do We Want to Be?

#### **Ground Rules**

- Every idea is valid; please respect the opinions of others.
- You do not have to agree with every idea that is suggested; even if you don't agree, this is not the time to debate a specific item.
- Groups Please <u>have a spokesperson speak</u> for the entire group.
- Please <u>remain quiet while someone else is talking</u>; everyone will have a chance to speak.
- Please keep your statements as <u>clear and concise</u> as possible.
- Convey <u>one issue per turn.</u>
- Please <u>respect everyone's time</u>.



# Where Do We Want to Be?

- What makes the Greenway special to you?
- Where should trails connect to surrounding communities?
- What types of low impact amenities would you like to see?
- What types of activities or programs would you like to see?
- What other thoughts, concerns, or ideas do you have?



# Next Steps

- Synthesize tonight's input and online survey with inventory and analysis
- Second Public Meeting in January with extended public input
- Develop sustainability plan recommendations and implementation strategies
- Phase 2 of Public engagement to review draft recommendations in the spring



## **Thank You!**

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#### Take the online survey!