

Hazelwood Initiative Community Meeting 1/10/23

Introducing the Mon River Project

- Mission: the MRP and its coalition will conserve, restore, and protect our neighborhood's tributary waters to the Mon River, mission to educate, activate individuals as we plan, partner, and build science-based solutions in our watershed
- Vision: believe that flooding is solvable, creeks are restorable, rivers are for recreation, and urban land use practices can be a part of a sustainable restoration and conservation movement in PGH
- Geography: Oakland, Squirrel hill, Greenfield (the run), Hazelwood, Glen Hazel, Schenley Park, Hazelwood Greenway
- Guiding Principles (more in depth in slides)
 - Advance regional collaboration
 - Accelerate programs and partnerships
 - Sustain adequate funding
 - Blend public and private expertise
 - Redefine affordability
 - Embrace the mission of protecting public health
 - Support innovation and the acceleration of technology
- 2023 Business Plan
 - Establish a community advocacy board (check)
 - Establish an advisory panel at the city level (check)
 - Build a mapping platform that can guide decision
 - Build a community presence
 - Host innovative environmental education and recreation activities for all ages
- The Stormwater Strategic Plan public review and comment period is now through **February 17, 2023**
 - Plan to meet before to compile community input for the review
- Contact:
 - Annie Quinn
 - Annie@monwaterproject.org
 - (724) 989-1812
 - www.monwaterproject.org

Reconnecting Hazelwood to Duck Hollow

- What does Friends of the Riverfront do?
 - Build and develop trails
 - Maintain and enhance trails
 - Raise awareness to engage people on the trails
- Duck Hollow Connection
 - Will not touch the Glenwood Bridge
 - Timeline
 - Jan 2023 - RFP process, Feb 2023 - consultant selection process, contracting process, March 2023 - project kick off, stakeholder committee

kickoff, April 2023-Dec 2024 - stakeholder engagement, community engagement, field work, Jan-Mar. 2024 - draft report, community presentation, next steps

- Contact
 - Courtney Mahronich Vita
 - Director of Trail Development
 - Courtney@friendsoftheriverfront.org
 - (412) 260-6287
- Questions:
 - Will wildlife be taken into account?
 - Yes, wildlife and ecology are
 - Is there any consideration in edible vegetation?
 - No not yet
 - Have you spoken with folks who worked on the Hazelwood Gap trail?
 - Yes, there is a close relationship
 - Can you negotiate with a recycle plant to carve a right away through there? Or the junk yard on Glossier?
 - Hope to do survey work, and have law firm look into it
 - Would it be possible to have a small part of the trail to be planked, a walkway for those using wheelchairs or walker on an entry part of the trail?
 - All trails designed have had ada accessibility, but typically have not used planks because they are slippery in the winter

Rate Your Landlord

- Shanon Hughes from the Wellness Collective
 - Email: thewellfolk@gmail.com
- Good Landlords Review
 - A way to rate and review landlords and property managers in Allegheny in Westmoreland County
 - <https://thenarrativejustice.com/good-landlords>
 - Rubric includes
 - Ethical application processes, fair treatment of tenants and prospective tenants, fair rates, clean properties, safety, communication, responsiveness, maintenance, accessibility, respectfulness towards tenants, willingness to work with tenants through rough spots
- Questions/Comments:
 - Does this project overlap with the Landlord Watchlist Project PA?
 - Shannon reached out and is waiting to hear back
 - Is there a place to record if the structure of your building is affecting your utilities?
 - Yes this will be added tonight to the review

Update to Gladstone Residences

- On schedule to be completed end of this year
- Trouble finding people who want to work on the site, if you know of anybody looking for work, don't need to have prior experience or have completed a training, please call (412)

421-7234 and leave phone number and only an email if you use it and let us know you're interested to work on the site.

- Questions/comments:
 - Maybe getting in touch with the one worker who completed the training to get info on their experience
 - What's the pay?
 - Sonya will find out

Hazelwood Initiative Updates

- (Check out the slides and attachments for events)

Events (copy & pasted from chat):

- Hi! Nikki with Hazelwood Local - Just wanted to remind everyone about additional MLK Days events. Come out this Thursday 6-8pm at Hazelwood Cafe for open Mic. First 20 people get a free coffee. Then on Saturday 11-2 Arts Excursions Unlimited is joining us for a free community craft project. Free coffee for the first 20 people who participate.
- MLK Unity Weekend Sat Jan 14th Tree Of Life and Ebenezer's Baptist Church worship together . Sat Shabbat at Rodef Shalem 9;45 am . 4905 Fifth Ave . Sunday Ebener's Baptist at 2001 Wylie Ave . Free open to the public . It is a tradition

Announcement - from Gisele Betaces- The City of Pittsburgh's Snow Angels Program pairs older residents and residents with disabilities with nearby neighbors who volunteer to assist them with snow removal on their sidewalks and walkways. Be a snow angel or to get assistance <https://pittsburghpa.gov/snowangels/>