



Throughout Tacony Creek and Cobbs Creek Parks, streams, wetlands, meadows and woodland are being restored to enhance biodiversity, re-establish ecological integrity, and inspire ecological stewardship.

Fairmount Park Commission Natural Lands Restoration Implementation

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The principle mission of the Natural Lands Restoration and Environmental Education Program (NLREEP) is to undertake ecosystem restoration in seven watershed and estuary parks throughout the Fairmount Park system in Philadelphia. To achieve this, in 1998 the Park partnered with the Patrick Center for Environmental Research at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia (ANSP) to work with Park staff and interested community members and organizations to formulate restoration goals, conduct an assessment of park conditions, identify sites where restoration is needed and can be effective and develop recommended restoration activities for these sites. In addition, the Fairmount Park Commission (FPC) and the ANSP organized a series of public meetings to interact with stakeholders and to provide a base of support for restoration.

The result of the ANSP's inventory and assessment work and the community mapping process was the preparation of Natural Lands Restoration Master Plan for each park. The master plans contain a total of 452 recommended high-priority restoration sites in the seven parks. Biohabitats unique approach combined with our prior experience at preparing ecological restoration design and construction plans convinced NLREEP to select Biohabitats to prepare site-specific restoration plans, specifications, and bid documents for approximately 89 of the recommended high priority sites located throughout Cobbs Creek and Tacony Creek Parks. Biohabitats' responsibilities also included regulatory permitting and construction oversight.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

SERVICES	Design Permitting Construction Management
CLIENT	Fairmount Park Commission
PHYSIOGRAPHIC PROVINCE	Piedmont/Coastal Plain
BIOREGION	Chesapeake/Delaware Bay
WATERSHED	Delaware River