

DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT CORPORATION

Washington Avenue Green Design-Build

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Washington Avenue Green has the potential to regenerate economic vitality, community well-being, and ecological processes, making the Delaware riverfront a 'healthy and connected whole.'

DRWC hired Biohabitats to provide turn-key design-build services to create a park along a section of riverfront trail and restore urban habitat. With simplicity, inspiration and sustainability in mind, Biohabitats developed a design for Pier 53 and its surroundings that will serve as a catalyst for regenerating a healthy waterfront, and an incubator for the creation of a greater riverfront greenway.

- Created a place to learn about the future of the riverfront and the ecology of the Delaware River.
- Provided an accessible, safe site.
- Allowed the site to adapt over time to accommodate a changing riverfront with changing needs and environmental conditions, such as sea level rise.
- Afforded a high quality, enhanced green space.

The City of Philadelphia recently adopted a new vision for its riverfront. The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC) wanted to implement early action projects to help build a constituency of riverfront users and illustrate the City's

commitment to the riverfront. The abandoned Pier 53 provided the perfect opportunity to begin this process.

Beyond providing new green space and public river access, the project was viewed by Biohabitats as a way to actively engage South Philadelphians in the restoration and stewardship of their riverfront.

Biohabitats' approach:

- Demonstrated high standards of design including sustainable design-build projects.
- Offered Philadelphians a new public access point to the river; a new place to gather along the river; and place of respite along the interim bicycle trail.

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