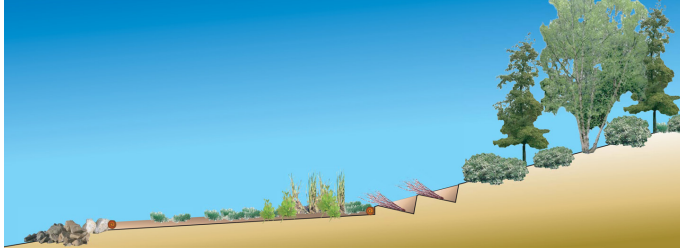


North Delaware Riverfront Greenway—Lardner’s Point Park

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



from top: Cross section of ‘living shoreline’ plan; Native vegetation frames and adorns a riverfront trail; Monitoring efforts show use of new shoreline habitat by native species

The North Delaware Riverfront Greenway – Lardner’s Point Project converts an industrial riverfront into an ecologically rich and sustainable greenway park. It is part of a corridor that spans more than 10 miles along the Delaware Riverfront in northeastern Philadelphia. The park will add four acres

An industrial shoreline transforms into a public riverfront park that is ecologically rich and sustainable.

to the City’s inventory of open space—a major goal of Philadelphia Parks & Recreation’s Green 2015 plan.

To bring the transformation to life, the Biohabitats team assessed the site, developed schematic design recommendations, and prepared a final design and construction package for a park along the greenway corridor and trail network that will ultimately connect the site with future parks to the northeast and southwest.

The greenway design incorporates many habitat enhancement and restoration components, including meadow creation, riparian woodland plantings, wetland enhancement and invasive species management. The

waterfront portion of the park is protected and enhanced by a ‘living shoreline’ where native riparian and marsh plants provide stabilization, habitat and localized water quality improvement.

In addition to park amenities such as a walking trail loop and picnicking areas, the design integrates many ecologically-sound, sustainable design elements, including solar lighting and porous pavers that facilitate retention and filtration of stormwater.

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