

ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT

Philadelphia URP

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The Philadelphia URP was established to help enhance the quality of life in the City of Philadelphia through community involvement and inter-agency coordination. The Philadelphia URP is structured as a collaboration of 24 member agencies and organizations who actively support the vision and mission of the partnership, recommend projects for funding, provide technical assistance to funded projects, and contribute resources to further the goals of the partnership. This year Philadelphia URP supported 16 community projects.

The Philadelphia URP natural resources goals:

- Assist community efforts to conserve, restore, and benefit from natural resources.
- Increase awareness and appreciation of nature.
- Contribute to a healthier and safer natural environment.
- Promote the efficient use of federal, state, and local financial and technical resources.
- Foster economic and social benefits derived from people working together for an improved environment.

Accomplishments in 1998:

Community Forestry

20 new trees were planted along streets and 20 hazardous trees were removed. Five new neighborhood parks and gardens were created and one existing neighborhood park and garden was improved.

Restoration

Over 25 acres of woodland were restored and 320 feet of streambank was stabilized.

Environmental Education

90 teachers received environmental education training; 350 youth participated in environmental camps or clubs at 12 recreation centers; 1,200 students were educated about watersheds at school; 1,400 students participated in environmental service learning activities at their school; 938 youth participated in community environmental projects or programs and projects.