

# LandHealth Institute

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Clouded yellow butterfly



PWS program 2019 - Philly Orchard Project

## Our Nursery, PhilaFlora-- Coming to a Farmer's Market Near You

LandHealth's nursery, PhilaFlora, is in bloom! This Spring we've been growing plants for clients such as the Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia University and others, and we are excited to make our debut at local farmers markets this summer (once they're back up and running)! In the meantime, we continue to up-pot and prepare our permaculture (mound culture) installation and demonstration at the site of the nursery. With new Nursery staff as of April, we plan to become more involved in increasing our plant sales and recruiting more volunteers to help with our mission.



SpArc Program volunteers working at the nursery

## Philadelphia Watershed Stewardship (PWS) Program 2020

PWS is a paid after-school youth leadership program for 9th-11th grade students who attend high school in Philadelphia. The Our application deadline has been EXTENDED through May 1. We will be offering amazing virtual (GoPro) sessions until it's safe to begin exploring again in-person. Apply [here](#) or email [pws@landhealthinstitute.org](mailto:pws@landhealthinstitute.org) for more information.

## New Partnerships

LandHealth has partnered with Audubon PA on the Whitby Meadow Restoration Project in Cobbs Creek. This project involves taking a natural resource inventory of all of the plants that are growing in the 10 acres of meadow around the creek.

LandHealth was also recently invited to become a member of [Riverways](#), a collaboration of seven regional organizations advancing watershed science, promoting environmental awareness and increasing access to local waterways, funded by the [William Penn Foundation](#).

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[Impact of the coronavirus on nature](#)

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Riverways program participants

## LandHealth Welcomes New Staff

Join us in welcoming four new team members this season. We are pleased to introduce Joshua Benoff, Samantha Fong, Taisia Osipova, and Maddie Welch, all part of Drexel's Co-Op Program and excited to support LeanHealth's mission of connecting people to nature. Read more about Joshua, Sam, Taisia and Maddie [here](#).



## Upcoming Events and Programming

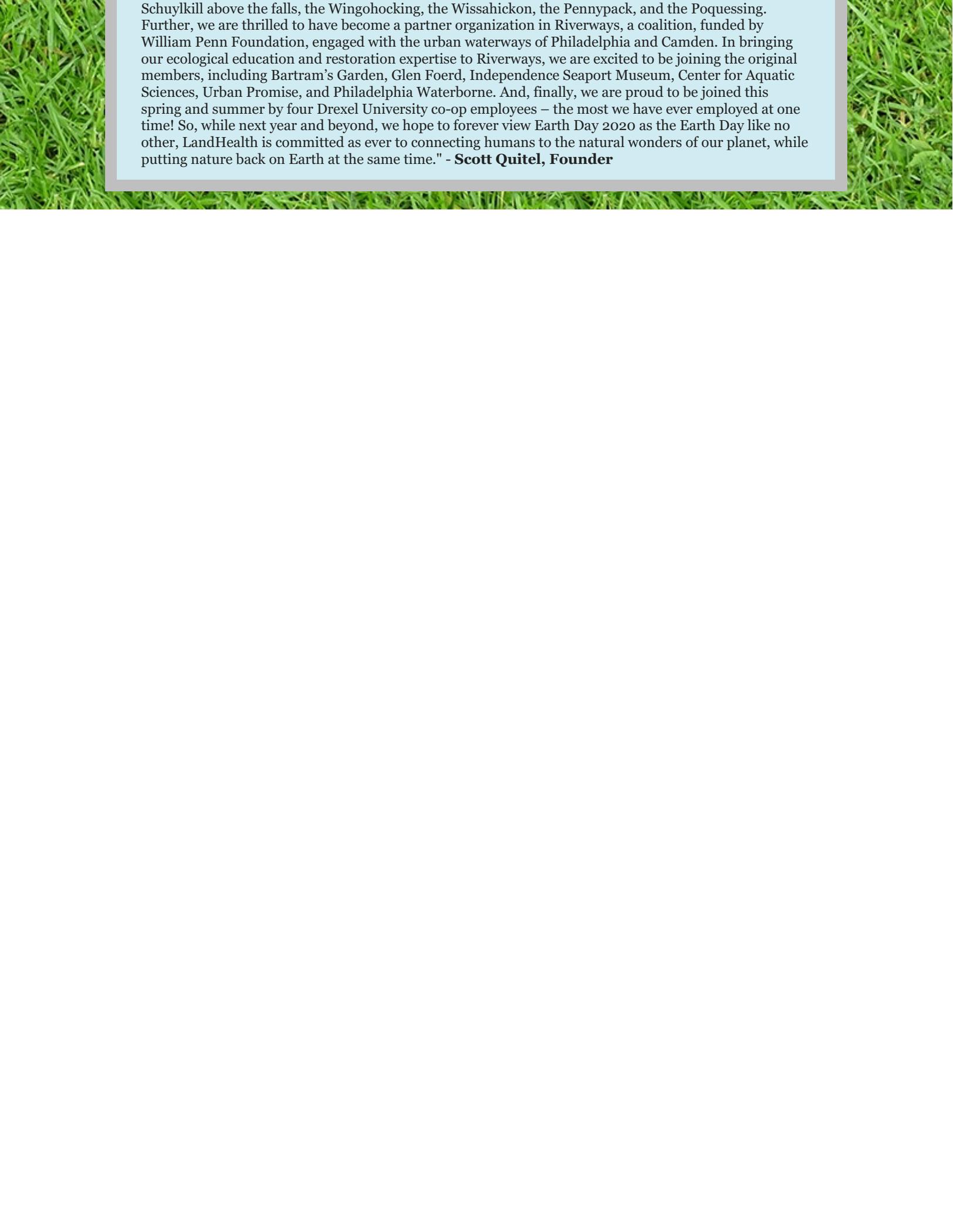
Earth Day - April 22  
Philadelphia Watershed Stewardship Program 2020- [APPLY HERE](#)  
SpArc Volunteer Program (on hold)



Don't forget to take our [survey](#) to help us help you!

## LANDHEALTH INSTITUTE ON EARTH DAY 2020

"While Earth Day 2020 is an Earth Day like no other, we at LandHealth are nevertheless charging into the spring to put nature back and restore connections. Spring is typically when our face-to-face programming kicks into high gear. This spring, in deference to social distance, instead of guiding our many students, constituents, etc. out to explore the various urban-eco wonders of Philly, we are working creatively to bring the wonders to them. A few highlights of our spring priorities follow. In keeping true to the ecological restoration part of our mission – put nature back – our native plant nursery is growing thousands of new PhilaFlora plants for individuals, institutions, and our own projects. We are very excited to be growing a diverse array of natives for our new client/partner, the Philadelphia Zoo. Also, we are collaborating closely with Audubon Pennsylvania on a restoration project in Cobbs Creek Park that involves over 10 acres of meadow enhancement and streambank improvement. In carrying out our place-based environmental education mission, we are entering the fourth year of our Philadelphia Watershed Stewards program on behalf of Philadelphia Water Department, in partnership with Fairmount Park Conservancy. This year, in response to social distancing requirements, we are producing virtual watershed experiences for our students (and becoming Go Pro pros in the process). And, this year, we are expanding beyond Cobbs Creek! Thanks to a series of strategic discussions with numerous partner organizations, most notably the Philadelphia School District, we are taking our watershed education city-wide. Already we have taken tangible programming steps in the watersheds and communities of the



Schuylkill above the falls, the Wingohocking, the Wissahickon, the Pennypack, and the Poquessing. Further, we are thrilled to have become a partner organization in Riverways, a coalition, funded by William Penn Foundation, engaged with the urban waterways of Philadelphia and Camden. In bringing our ecological education and restoration expertise to Riverways, we are excited to be joining the original members, including Bartram's Garden, Glen Foerd, Independence Seaport Museum, Center for Aquatic Sciences, Urban Promise, and Philadelphia Waterborne. And, finally, we are proud to be joined this spring and summer by four Drexel University co-op employees – the most we have ever employed at one time! So, while next year and beyond, we hope to forever view Earth Day 2020 as the Earth Day like no other, LandHealth is committed as ever to connecting humans to the natural wonders of our planet, while putting nature back on Earth at the same time." - **Scott Quitel, Founder**