

September 22, 2021 | Fall Issue

# Urban-Eco Wonderwalks

Join us for a Fall 2021 walk series that explores outdoor spaces across the city! Visit exciting places, learn ecological concepts & meet new people through these guided sessions.

## Upcoming Walks

Layers of Faire Mount

Piers and Peninsulas of the Delaware

Varied Terrains of the Wissahickon

Under the Viaduct: Spontaneous Nature in the City

No cost! Walks start @ 4:30 PM



RSVP

## Upcoming Events and Eco-Wonderwalks:

LandHealth Institute, [Audubon Mid-Atlantic](#) and [Fairmount Park Conservancy](#) Present: Urban-Eco Wonder Walks - Showcasing the largely hidden wonders of Philly's natural areas! We invite you to fun, entertaining, and educational walks across Philadelphia and other compelling, other-worldly nooks hidden within our city's green areas.

RSVP and more information for our upcoming walks:

[Layers of Faire Mount 9/22](#)

[Piers and Peninsulas of the Delaware 9/29](#)

[Varied Terrains of the Wissahickon 10/06](#)



## Updates from LandHealth's Native Plant Nursery

LandHealth's nursery is continuing our plant sales at the [Food Trust's Fidler Square location](#) in Center City. The Food Trust's mission is to make fresh food available to city residents, especially in neighborhoods where access to healthy food is limited. At the peak of the summer season, the Food Trust operates at twenty locations throughout the city.

Come visit us on Thursdays 9/23 and 10/23 at the East Parkside Farmer's Market, and at the Fidler Square Farmer's Market on Saturday 9/25! We'll be selling our native plants from our Plant Nursery and LandHealth Institute T-shirts. These will be some of the last dates this summer that we will be selling at outdoor markets so mark your calendars. We hope to see you there!

For the latest information on what's currently growing at the Nursery and/or to make an appointment to visit, check out our [Nursery page!](#)

## Under the Viaduct: Spontaneous Nature in the City 10/13



### **Become a Member Today!**

All Urban EcoWalks are free for LandHealth members, who also receive exclusive merch: tees, plants from our native plant nursery, custom art, landscaping, and unlimited free EcoWalks!

Register for this week's Urban Eco WonderWalk walks and become a member [HERE](#).

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### **New on the Blog: Life at the Nursery 2**

What's happening at our Native Plant Nursery? At this time of year, we have a few plants at the Nursery that are just beginning to bloom, such as the Anise-Scented Goldenrods and Black-Eyed



### **Podcast Archive**

Interested in learning more about LandHealth Institute, urban ecology, and the city of Philadelphia? Check out our podcast episodes [here](#) where our founder Scott Quitel covers a variety of topics on the shows *Let's Talk LandHealth* and *Ecosystem of the Mind*. Click the link to find and listen to all of the past episodes, and stay tuned for new episodes coming soon!



### **Program for Future Environmental Scientists and Stewards (ProFESS) Updates**

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ProFESS Watershed Stewards completed their final session of the summer program this week. They shared their reflections of how their time with this program has impacted them at their summer Graduation celebration. Many ProFESSers shared that they now have

Susans. Our Nursery is home to a variety of ecosystems, and it is important that we manage and maintain our spaces to ensure species diversity of plants, birds, and other urban wildlife.

Read the full blog post, 'Life at the Nursery 2' on our [blog page](#)!!

Also learn about sunflowers and their effects on the environment in last week's blog post, '[Sunflower Power!](#)'



## Partner Highlight - Philadelphia Orchard Project

The [Philadelphia Orchard Project](#) is a nonprofit organization that plants and supports community orchards in the city of Philadelphia. In partnership with communities, they envision urban ecosystems that create beautiful green spaces, connect neighbors, provide hands-on learning experiences, and grow fresh fruit for generations to come. Since 2007, POP has worked with community-based groups and volunteers to plan and plant orchards filled with useful and edible plants in neighborhoods [across the city](#). POP provides orchard design assistance, plant materials, and training in orchard care. Community organizations own, maintain, and harvest the orchards,

a better understanding of the environmental issues impacting watersheds in Philadelphia, feel more equipped to begin making a change, and feel more of a connection to the nature that surrounds us every day. This fall, the stewards are excited to continue to learn about what they can do to take on these problems, as well as explore green spaces across the city, and engage in fun outdoors events - including kayaking, canoeing, hiking, and more! View our ProFESS 2021 highlights page [here](#) to learn more about the program and how it has influenced our students.

A poster for the Riverways' Fall Youth Exchange. The title is "RIVERWAYS' FALL YOUTH EXCHANGE". It features four circular portraits of youth leaders: Kiasha Huling (UC Green), Nicole Harmeen (Fairmount Park Conservancy), Chloe Wang (Bartram's Garden), and another youth leader. The event is on Tuesday, September 28, 4:30 - 6:00 PM. A Zoom link is provided: https://drexel.zoom.us/j/84721919235. A text box explains that Riverways is a coalition of nonprofit organizations engaged with the urban waterways of Philadelphia and Camden, leveraging shared resources to improve safe community access and programming. Logos for LandHealth Institute, UrbanPromise, Bartram's Garden, Center for Aquatic Sciences at Adventure Aquarium, and Seaport are shown at the bottom.

[Riverways Youth Exchange](#) [Riverways](#), a coalition of nonprofit organizations engaged with the urban waterways of Philadelphia and Camden, leverage shared resources to improve safe community access and programming that inspires youth to be a catalyst for greater awareness, use, and stewardship of this vital natural resource.



expanding community-based food production. Orchards are planted in formerly vacant lots, community gardens, schoolyards, and other urban spaces, almost exclusively in low-wealth neighborhoods where people experience limited access to fresh fruit. POP orchard partners and sites with public access can be found on the [Orchard Planting Page](#).



[Audubon Mid-Atlantic](#) is excited to host its first DNCR “Walk with a Doc” event along the Cobbs Creek Trail on Saturday, October 2 at 10 AM! This doctor-led walking event is a fun, free, safe place to get some steps, learn about health, and meet new friends. Join Audubon as we advance wellness through nature!

Learn more & register [here!](#)

### Help Put Nature Back

We are grateful for all of you who support LandHealth Institute's core work in ecological restoration, land revitalization, and immersive environmental education. New merch is on the way!

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