

Woods Run Stormwater Project

Phase 1 & 2 Project Updates

Community Meeting February 22, 2022

Zoom Overview

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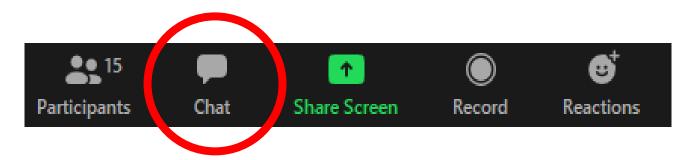
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- Click on the chat icon that looks like a cartoon bubble at the bottom of screen
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- We will respond to questions individually
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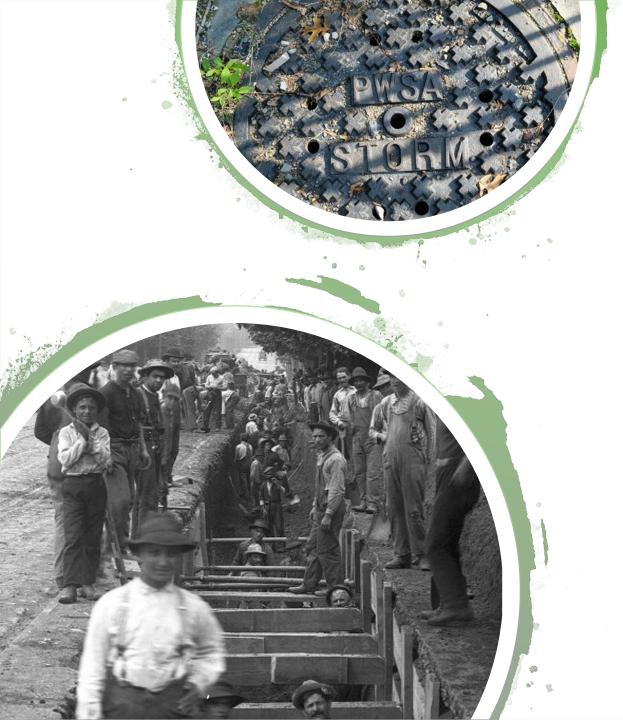
Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Stormwater Program Overview
- Project Overview
 - Phase 1 Updates
 - Phase 2 Updates
- Question and Answer



Stormwater Overview

Pittsburgh has a stormwater management problem.



Our system was not built for this volume of stormwater

- We have more pavement and hard surfaces than we did 100 years ago
- We have more rain, and localized severe storms, than the system is built to handle

Too much stormwater + sewer water = pollution in our rivers

It doesn't take much to overflow the system – it can happen with just an inch of rainfall or less.



PWSA is stepping up

To tackle our stormwater challenges, PWSA is building an innovative stormwater management system, designed to absorb or redirect as much rainwater as possible *before* it enters our overburdened sewer system and mitigate flooding.

Woods Run Project Overview



2017

PWSA kicked off Project

- •Goal was to reduce combined sewer overflows in the O-27 Sewershed
- Series of community meetings informed design



Sep. 2019

ALCOSAN released Clean Water Plan

•PWSA decided to put phase 2 on hold to review impacts from Clean Water Plan



Oct. 2020

PWSA met with Friends of Riverview Park

 Agreed to move Phase 2 forward – new goal is flood mitigation

Project was split into 2 parts

- Phase 1- upstream components moved to construction
- Phase 2 stream restoration requiring permits

Landslide occurred above Horseshoe bend

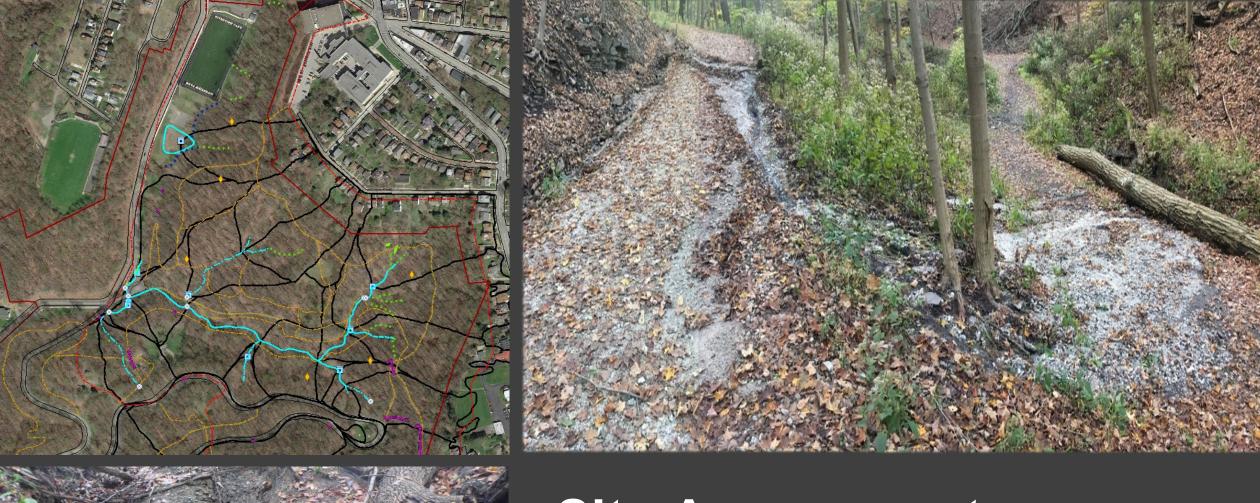
 PWSA launches investigation for cause, designs hillside remediation and bioretention mitigation and resolves landslide 2021.

Feb. 2020

Phase 2 submitted for permit review to Department of Environmental Protection

Dec. 2021

2019





Site Assessments
Areas of road runoff

Site Assessments

Stream bank erosion and sedimentation











Based on engineering estimates the amount sediment transported upstream of the culvert in a given year is substantial.

285 tons/yr 855 cubic yards/yr **15 dump trucks per year of gravel**

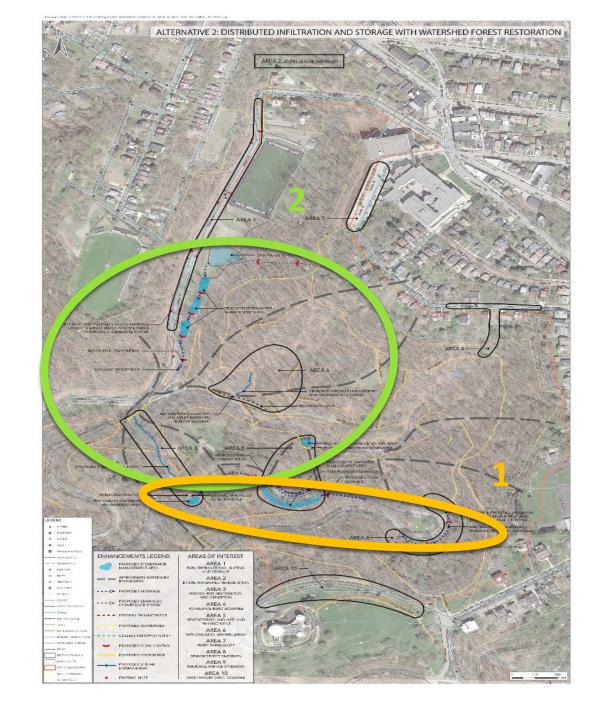
Development of Concepts April 2018 community meeting

- Introduced Design Approaches
- Capture and delay runoff
- Control impervious runoff
- Bioretention
- Trail runoff control/redesign
- Forest restoration
- Stream restoration

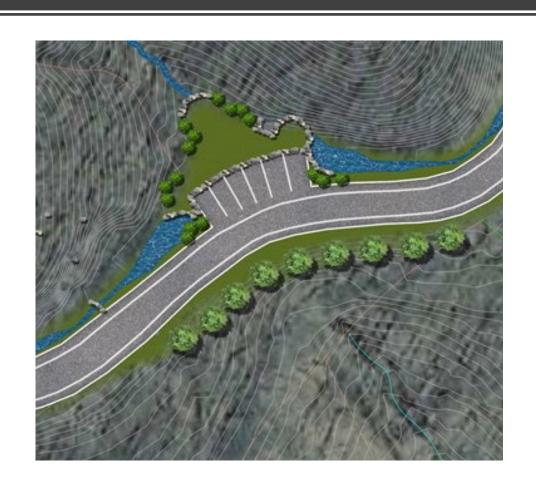
2018 Community Meeting Based on Feedback Received

Areas chosen to move forward

- Horseshoe Bend Biorentention
- Watson Run Stream restoration/Bioretention/Forest restoration
- Wetland Restoration (Wissahickon Trail) Bioretention/Forest restoration
- Old Wissahickon Road Stream/trail restoration/targeted forest restoration
- Mairdale Avenue Park Entrance Extension -Bioretention
- Mairdale Avenue Park Entrance Stream restoration



Upstream Bioretention Control – Phase 1







Phase 1 – Landslide Remediation

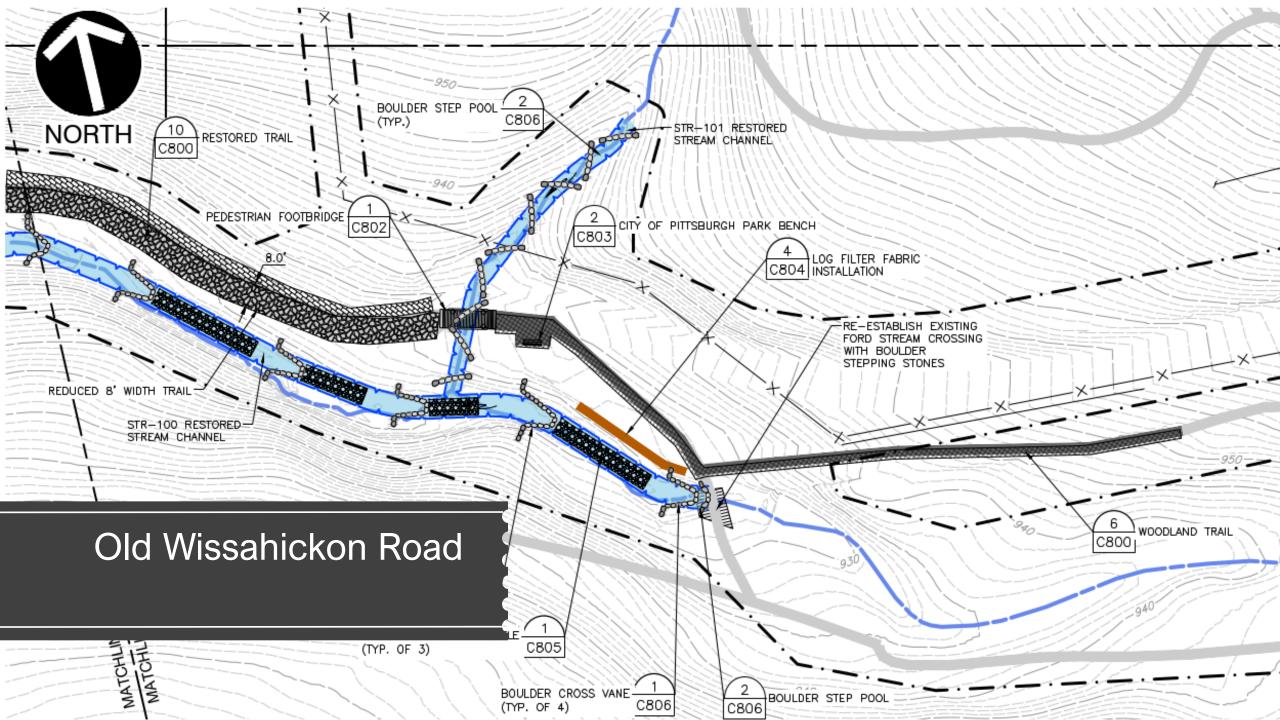
*Bioretention will be replanted Spring 2022.



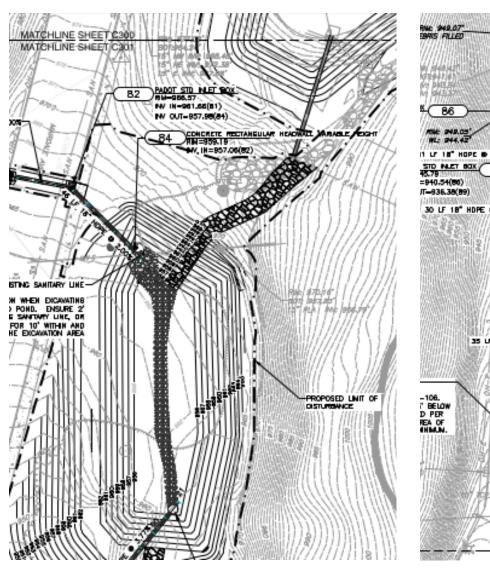
Phase 2

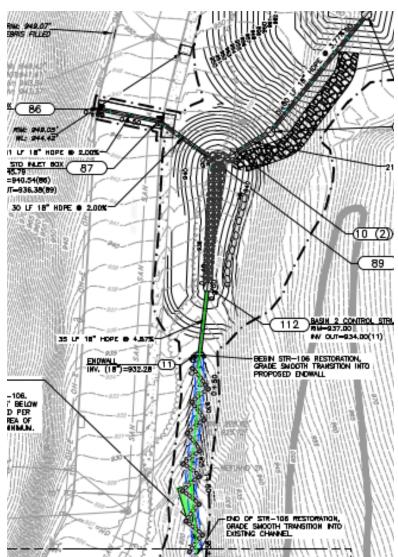
Goal – No longer a combined sewer overflow project, rather to mitigate flooding





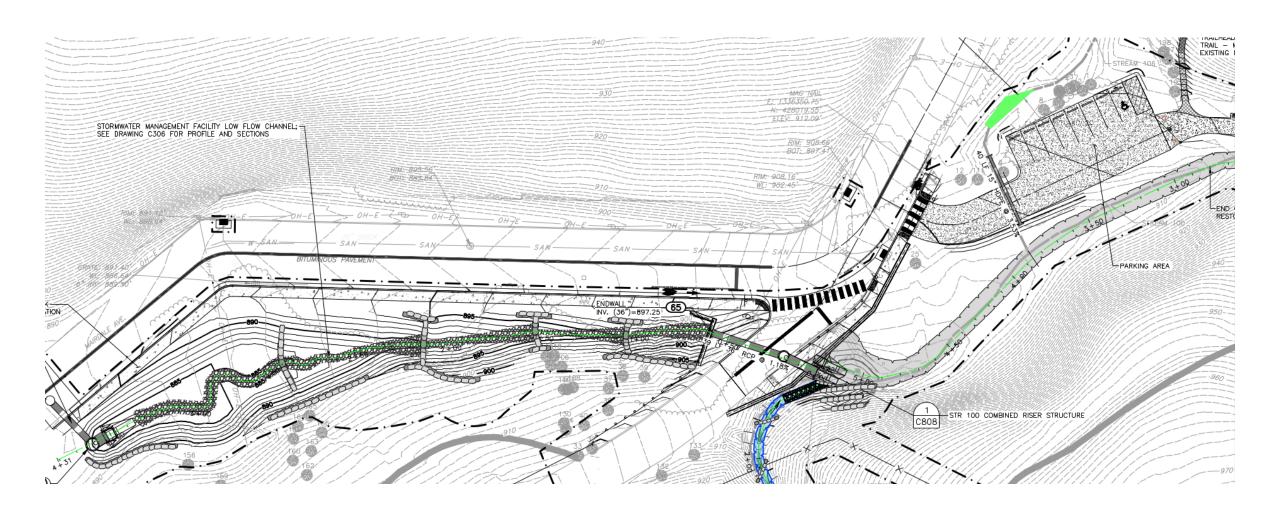
Watsons Run





Mairdale Avenue

Mairdale Avenue Entrance



Next Steps



