



April 2026

**Dear Philadelphia Resident,**

The Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) is preparing for a **stream improvement project** in your neighborhood. This ecological restoration project is called the **Neill Drive Stream Restoration and Infrastructure Protection (PWD Project #50224)**. The contractor assigned to this job is **Bencardino Excavating Inc.**

**Construction is Estimated to Start Early 2027**

We expect construction to start in 6-9 months. Construction dates may change. An additional letter will be sent when construction is scheduled.

All project details, including letters, can be found here: [water.phila.gov/50224](https://water.phila.gov/50224)

**Reason for Project**

The work will protect critical PWD sewer infrastructure, reduce stream bank and streambed erosion, and improve the aquatic habitat of a tributary to the Schuylkill River. For more info on our Ecological Restoration (ER) Unit's work, please visit: [water.phila.gov/sustainability/ecorestoration](https://water.phila.gov/sustainability/ecorestoration)

**What does Ecological Restoration work look like?**

Our construction team will require the use of heavy equipment (including excavators, bulldozers, dump trucks, etc). Residents may hear/see activity at the construction entrance on Conshohocken Avenue just north of Neill Drive/Falls Rd.

PWD's contractor will be responsible for traffic flow and control in/out of the site, prevention of construction debris from getting into the creek (erosion & sediment control), and for scheduling material delivery to/from during normal construction working hours.

PWD has an inspector assigned to this project and is working in close coordination with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation. **There will not be any interruptions to your drinking water, stormwater, and/or wastewater services for this work.**

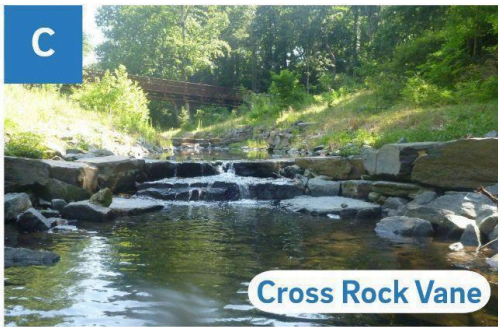
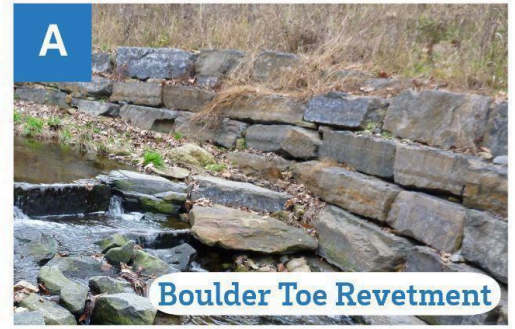
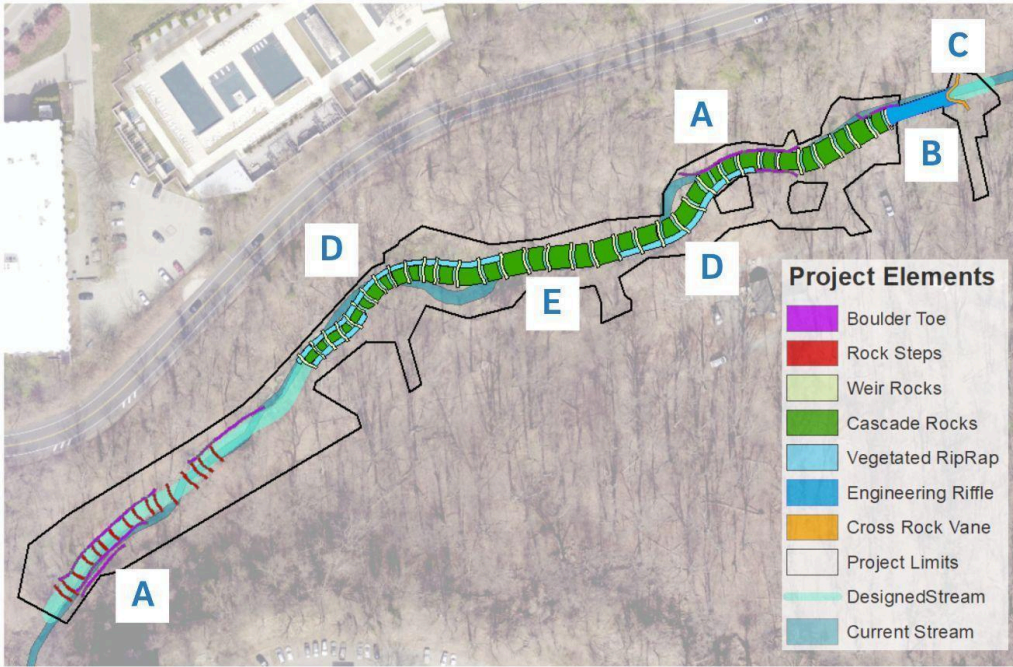
**Follow-Up from PWD**

A follow-up letter will be sent closer to the time of construction. Contact [Water.Construction@phila.gov](mailto:Water.Construction@phila.gov) with questions. Call the Water Department hotline at (215) 685-6300 for any emergencies.

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