

PROJECT #50343

East Branch Indian Creek Stream Restoration



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What is Ecological Restoration?

Ecological Restoration repairs streams and natural areas damaged by past urban development. Restoring these areas makes for cleaner, healthier streams. It protects important water and sewer systems.

Reason for Project

From the 1700s to 1800s, a farm, mills, and a rock quarry operated in Morris Park and changed the way the stream flows. After those industries left, trees and plants regrew. Yet, scars from these past industries remain.

Today, worsening storms create faster flows in the East Branch Indian Creek that wash away soil, cause trees to fall, and put City infrastructure at risk.

We are using restoration tools to make the stream healthier and protect it from future storms. The project will also repair and protect important sewer infrastructure around the creek.

Project Information

Project Number

50343

Location

Morris Park

Zip Code

19151

Neighborhood

Overbrook,
West Philadelphia

Watershed

Cobbs Creek

Council District

4 – Curtis Jones

Estimated

Construction Start

Mid 2028

Estimated

Construction End

Mid 2030

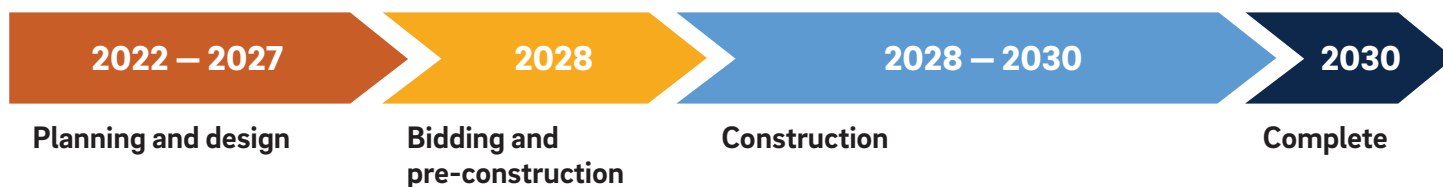
Restoration Tools

- Floodplain creation
- Native landscaping
- Rock features
- Repurposed logs
- Rebuilt sewers

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Estimated Project Timeline



**Dates may be subject to change.*

What to Expect During Construction

Select trees need to be removed, while others will be protected. This allows for safety and access during construction. Residents can expect to see equipment moving soil and rock around the stream area. Some trails may be temporarily closed during construction. After construction, thousands of native plants and trees will be planted.

Project Benefits

- **Healthy Ecosystem**
Improved water quality for aquatic life
- **Stable Stream Bank**
More protected from erosion with dedicated space for safe flooding during storms
- **Pollution Reduction**
More protected from pollution with upgraded sewer infrastructure
- **Recreation Opportunities**
Improved trails and opportunities for recreation and education
- **Native Plants and Trees**
Hundreds of new native plants and trees support pollinators, birds, and wildlife



Image showing stream bank grading during construction along Cobbs Creek



Image showing landscaping during construction along Cresheim Creek