

16th Police District Station Greening Project

Reimagining the Police Station

PWD has partnered with the Police Department, Department of Public Property, and community groups to beautify the 16th Police District Station plaza and parking lot, creating a dynamic entry point to the Lancaster Avenue commercial corridor. At the station entrance, a stormwater planter will be installed to redirect and absorb stormwater from the surrounding sidewalks and roadways. A new ADA ramp will facilitate access to the building. The parking lot behind the police station will be repaved to include a stormwater collection system. This beautification project will serve as the anchor location for PWD's additional stormwater greening investments in the surrounding Saunders Park neighborhood. You can learn more about this project by visiting this site: water.phila.gov/projects/p50181/

About Green City, Clean Waters

Green City, Clean Waters is Philadelphia's 25-year program to install green stormwater infrastructure citywide to reduce combined sewer overflow pollution and achieve compliance with the Clean Water Act. Since its start in 2011, hundreds of green stormwater infrastructure projects have been constructed through public investments, development regulations and private property incentives.



Planned ADA ramp & stormwater planter for 16th Police District plaza

Project Information

Address

3900 Lancaster Avenue

Neighborhood

Powelton Village/Saunders Park

Date Completed

2022 (Estimated)

Watershed

Schuylkill River

Council District

3

Greened Acres Managed

4.89 GA

Gallons of Stormwater Diverted from Sewer System

6,810,636 gallons annually

Stormwater Management Practices

Stormwater Planter,
Stormwater Detention Basin

Partners

Philadelphia Police
Department, Department
of Public Property



Planned repaving & stormwater detention basin for 16th Police District staff parking lot

Agencies Working Together

The partnership to green the 16th Police District Station began as a collaboration between City agencies and community groups. PWD decided to build on the momentum led by the Police Department and the Department of Public Property to upgrade the station's indoor facilities and beautify the outdoor plaza. PWD's investment will also tie into the Police Department's goal to reimagine the plaza as a gathering space to build community relationships. This project is a model example of how City agencies are efficiently working together to save money and time.

Cost-Savings Partnership

Together, City agencies and community groups have combined several projects into one, saving money and shortening the construction disturbance to the community. Since the the Police Department and Department of Public Property were already planning to repave the station's parking lot, PWD will share the cost of repaving because of the stormwater detention basin underneath. Tiny WPA and Public Workshop have activated the space by hosting community events installing temporary play equipment.

Dynamic Police Stations

This will be the first PWD project on a Police site, serving as a prototype for future Police greening projects. These projects will contribute to the citywide goal to transform traditionally single-use places into community spaces. The stormwater planter and future programming will invite the community to rethink the Police station as a fixture of the neighborhood. The 16th Police District Station is a model to promote the beauty and utility of green stormwater infrastructure as an essential feature of City facility renovation projects.