



SUMMARY DISCUSSION NOTES – GUIDED MIRACLE-NATURE PUBLIC WALK

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References:	Project Overview Sheet Draft Concept Plan Site Analysis Plan G&A Project No. 20-03041

Summary

The Guided Miracle-Nature Trail Public Walk was rescheduled (due to weather) from Tuesday, July 6, 2021 to Tuesday July 20, 2021 from 6 – 7:30 pm. The goal of the walk was to safely allow the public onto the project site for a walk of the proposed route to help them better understand the site's opportunities and challenges and the project's overall goals. All attendees were given a project overview sheet and printouts of the draft concept plan and the site analysis plan. The following is a summary of the walk:

Attendance

14 Attendees

19 Pre-Registrations (on the Project Landing Page)

4 Member of the project team attended (B. Thomas, T. Blomstrom, E. Paskewicz, and J. Goldstein)

Minutes

- *Walk from Spring Mill Fire Company, along Hector Street to the base of the hill at the southern end of the utility corridor.*
- Welcome & Introductions by T. Blomstrom
 - Note about safety on the site.
 - Explanation of the Miracle-Nature concept.
 - Introduction of project team.
- Explanation of connections to Schuylkill River Trail and the history of the utility corridor for a potential trail by B. Thomas.
- Attendee questions and discussion:
 - Safety and unsafe use of hill.
 - Planting, trees and potential for shade.
 - Lighting/ potential use of solar lighting.
 - Parking and potential trailheads.
- *Participants drove from the Spring Mill Fire Company to the Wells Street Open Space parking and walked up Wells Street to the top of the hill at the southern end of the site.*
- Discussed the value and importance of the vista out towards the Schuylkill River.
- B. Thomas discussed some of the site's geologic history and why this location, environment, and view are so rare and valuable.
- *Participants walked from the top of the hill, across Wells Street up to the middle of the northern section of the site where you can see both out to Butler Pike to the North and the Schuylkill River to the South.*
- J. Goldstein discussed this section's potential for "Miracle" elements or sensory pods

given it's more gently sloping terrain.

- Discussion of existing and potential connections to nearby parks (Wells Street Open Space, Cedar Grove Park).
- B. Thomas discussed a potential future connection from Butler Pike to the Cross County Trail.
- Wildlife was discussed and several deer were spotted.
- Safety and potential mid-block street crossings at all three road intersections were discussed.
- *Walk back to cars at Wells Street Open Space Parking.*