

schuylkill river

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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fulfilling our mission

BUILDING THE TRAIL

2025 was a transformative year for Schuylkill Banks with the completion of the Christian to Crescent trail section. We are proud that Philadelphia’s newest trail bridge is exceeding expectations and connecting more community members to open green space and alternative transportation options. The Schuylkill Crossing trail project restarted with the contractor installing the new truss, pouring the concrete deck, and landscaping the area around the bridge approach spans. Design continues on the 61st Street to Passyunk Avenue trail section, a project that will extend the trail from its current dead end near 61st Street to the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on Passyunk Avenue.

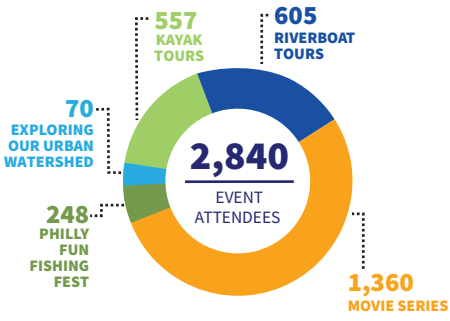


MAINTAINING THE GREENWAY

SRDC and its partners repaired a section of the decades-old bulkhead just north of the SEPTA Bridge that had failed, resulting in a large sinkhole that revealed itself in the fall. A 180-foot section of the century-old bulkhead under the South Street Bridge was also repaired after it had collapsed into the river, taking with it soil fill and riprap. SRDC also completed the restoration of trail lighting from Market Street to Locust Street with the installation of a combination of solar powered light fixtures and LED bulbs. In addition to completing this non-routine repair work, our maintenance team, including a wonderful group of volunteers, was out on the trail nearly every day of the year picking up trash, cleaning up graffiti, and generally caring for 4.5 trail miles and 29 acres of greenway. Thank you to the community volunteers who provided 3,764 hours of their time, to Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, and to CLIP for helping to keep Schuylkill Banks welcoming for all to enjoy.

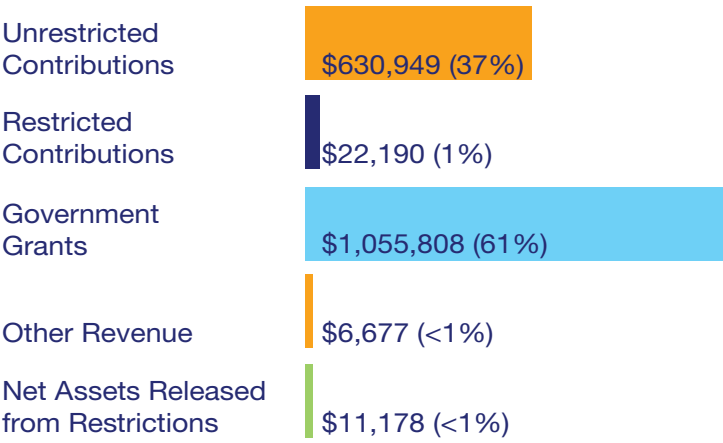
ENERGIZING THE RIVERFRONT

SRDC and its partners welcomed 2,840 participants at 34 kayak tours, 27 riverboat tours, eight movie nights, four free Exploring Our Urban Watershed programs, and the annual Philly Fun Fishing Fest. Christian to Crescent trail opening celebrations had 150 Fun Run/Walk participants and over 20,000 user trips in its first weekend open. Schuylkill Banks continues to be an important public amenity for Philadelphia’s residents and visitors to recreate, commute, and relax and had 1,825,103 user trips over the course of the year along the Center City trail section.

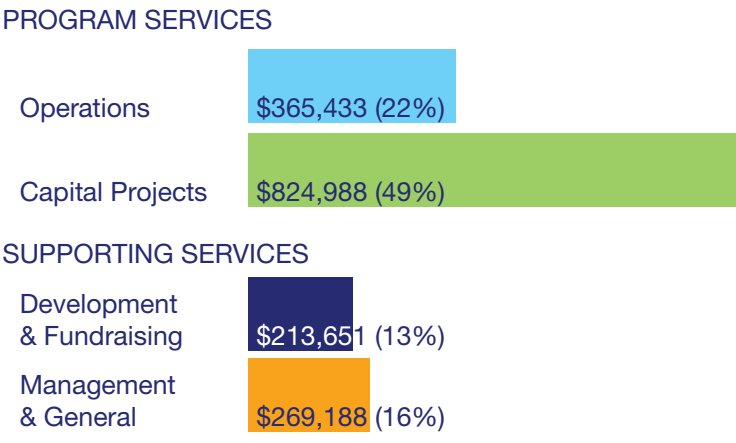


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VISION

SRDC envisions the transformation of Philadelphia's tidal Schuylkill River, Schuylkill Banks, into a premier riverfront destination that connects diverse neighborhoods, providing safe recreation and alternative transportation.

The Schuylkill Banks trail and greenway fosters:

- social and economic development
- vibrant and healthy neighborhoods
- public health improvements
- environmental enhancements
- community members who are active stewards of Schuylkill Banks

SRDC will achieve these results through continued diversity in governance, membership, and equitable community engagement.

MISSION

SRDC is revitalizing Schuylkill Banks, connecting people and neighborhoods for the well-being of all.



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