



2014 Annual Report Schuylkill River Development Corporation



The Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk opened to the public, extending riverfront access 2,000 feet to South Street and creating unique river and skyline views. Philadelphians celebrated the grand opening of the Boardwalk with an exclusive pre-opening fun run fundraiser, an October 2 ribbon cutting ceremony, and 1920s themed community celebration on October 5. Trail users, neighbors, and members of the press have all provided favorable reviews of the Boardwalk, which many immediately integrated into their daily lives for both commuting and recreation.

### Schuylkill Banks 2014 Trail & Greenway Statistics



2,000 FEET
OF TRAIL BUILT

2 MILES
COMPLETED

.38 MILES
COMPLETED
IN 2014

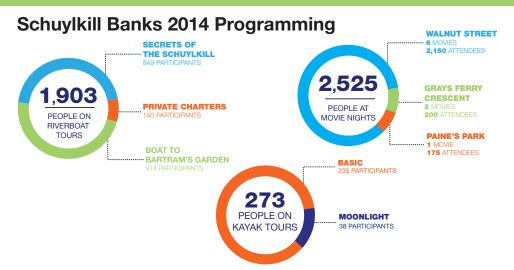
5.6 MILES TO GO







The Schuylkill River was named 2014 River of the Year by the PA Office of Watershed Resources. This honor was celebrated by SRDC and partners with guided bike rides, the annual Philly Fun Fishing Fest, special presentations, and the first Walnut 2 Walnut regatta in addition to SRDC's regularly scheduled movie nights, kayak tours, and riverboat tours. Thousands of people came down to the Banks for a variety of programming in 2014, continuing to activate the riverfront in Center City and Grays Ferry.





Mayday took on a new meaning for SRDC, as an unexpectedly heavy rainstorm hit during an unusually high tide on May 1, 2014. This resulted in massive flooding along Schuylkill Banks, to a level that staff had never before seen. The trail was closed for a day while waters receded, unfortunately depositing a lot of debris and moving decorative gravel from the far side of the greenway into lawn areas. Neighbors came out over the course of the following weeks to help SRDC and PPR staff get the trail back in top shape before the summer season began in full force.

#### **SRDC 2014 Maintenance Efforts**









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Coastal Zone Management Program (PA Department of Enviornmental Protection & National Atmospheric Administration)

City of Philadelphia Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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SRDC is creating and implementing a long-term, sustainable strategy for the revitalization of the tidal Schuylkill corridor. We're committed to working together to achieve positive change along the riverfront for the benefit of Philadelphia and the region.

# You can help make it happen!

**Volunteer:** There are multiple opportunities to get involved and join the effort to revitalize Schuylkill Banks. If you have two hours or ten, are looking for a weekly or seasonal opportunity, we'll gladly welcome you to the team. For more information, please visit our website: www.schuylkillbanks.org.

**Donate:** Your monetary gifts and in-kind support are vital to our success. For more information, please visit our website: www.schuylkillbanks.org.



**Mission:** Schuylkill River Development Corporation (SRDC) is a public-private partnership leading the development of **Schuylkill Banks**. With a proven track record in raising funds, promoting city assets, and collaborating with a broad and diverse constituency, SRDC works with federal, state, city and private agencies to coordinate, plan and implement economic, recreational, environmental and cultural improvements and tourism initiatives on the lower Schuylkill River Between the Fairmount Dam and the Delaware River.

SRDC's 2014 audited financial statements are available by request.

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