blazing new trails
Building Schuylkill Banks

SRDC and its partners focused on building two new trail segments in 2016. Work is underway on the Bartram’s Mile segment, slated to open in April 2017, and on the South to Christian segment, which will open in July 2017. SRDC is also working with the City and Commonwealth to finalize plans for the Schuylkill Crossing at Grays Ferry and continue plans for the proposed Bartram’s to Passyunk and Christian to Crescent segments, bringing SRDC and its partners closer to completing our goal of installing a trail and greenway along the entire tidal Schuylkill.

Schuylkill Banks 2016 Trail & Greenway Statistics

- **33,200** USER TRIPS PER WEEK
- **2.38 MILES** COMPLETED BEFORE 2016
- **1.27 MILES** UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- **4.6 MILES** TO GO
- **276 & 56,804** NEW TREES & ADDITIONAL PLANTS PLANTED ON BARTRAM’S MILE
Energizing the Riverfront

SRDC continued to work with partners to host the annual Philly Fun Fishing Fest, the Walnut 2 Walnut regatta, and SRDC’s movie nights, kayak tours, and riverboat tours. We also partnered with the Fairmount Park Conservancy on the pilot for Parks on Tap. Thousands of people came down to the Banks to participate in these events in 2016, continuing to activate the riverfront in Center City and Grays Ferry. This is in addition to the thousands of people who regularly use Schuylkill Banks for recreation or commuting. There is something for everyone on the Banks.

Schuylkill Banks 2016 Summer and Fall Programming

- **SECRET OF THE SCHUYLKILL**: 538 participants
- **BOAT TO BARTRAM’S GARDEN**: 371 participants
- **WALNUT STREET**: 6 movies, 2,050 attendees
- **GRAYS FERRY CRESCENT**: 4 movies, 1,040 attendees
- **BASIC**: 296 participants
- **MOONLIGHT**: 69 participants
- **3,090 people at movie nights**
- **1,075 people on riverboat tours**
- **365 people on kayak tours**
Maintaining the Greenway

SRDC had another successful year of working with the City and volunteers to maintain the trail in 2016. In addition to our regular volunteer team, nearly 300 people assisted with cleanup efforts over the course of the season. SRDC is grateful to all of these volunteers, who helped with a wide variety of labor-intensive work, including picking up litter, mulching and spreading gravel, weeding and planting, painting, and raking. SRDC also worked with the City to install a new emergency locator system on the trail in 2016. This will help keep all trail users safe by making it easier for responders to act quickly during emergencies.

SRDC 2016 Maintenance Efforts

- **2.3 MILES** of Greenway maintained
- **1,200** bags of trash collected
- **285** volunteers engaged during cleanups
- **14%** of volunteers were Philly Spring Cleanup volunteers
- **43%** of volunteers were corporate groups
- **37%** of volunteers were school groups
- **6%** of volunteers were other groups
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SRDC’s 2016 audited financial statements are available by request.

Get Involved

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.

Donate: Your monetary gifts and in-kind support are vital to our success.

More information: www.schuylkillbanks.org