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**We've Received William Penn Foundation  
Funding for a Residential Conservation and  
Development Study Benefitting Chestnut  
Hill**



***The Chestnut Hill Conservancy, the Chestnut Hill Community Association, and a team of stakeholders and professionals are undertaking six-month study to help the community guide future development and protect priorities for land conservation and architecture preservation***

The Chestnut Hill Conservancy has secured a catalytic grant from the [William Penn Foundation's Watershed Protection program](#) to help strengthen efforts to protect the Wissahickon Watershed from increasing development pressures. As with all Chestnut Hill Conservancy work, architecture preservation is integrated with our land conservation work.

The Wissahickon Watershed is comprised of a vast network of publicly- and privately-owned land. The Chestnut Hill Conservancy works with property owners to conserve privately-owned land in the face of increasing development pressure, helping to protect water quality and native flora and fauna.

Special thanks to the **Friends of the Wissahickon** for their longtime support of the Chestnut Hill Conservancy's Easement Program, and for their conservation of the public lands of the Wissahickon Watershed.

Taking place from **January through May of 2017**, the "**Residential Conservation, Preservation, and Development Study**" will allow the community to determine and communicate issues and priorities for residential conservation, preservation, and development in Chestnut Hill. By collecting, mapping, and beginning to evaluate previously unconnected data and plans, the Study will provide a flexible tool to prepare the community for informed public discussions and decision-making. It will be of great use for the future crafting of guidelines for development in Chestnut Hill. And it will be especially useful in the fall of 2017, when the Philadelphia Planning Commission commences the Northwest Philadelphia District Plan, one of the [city's Comprehensive Plan](#) elements.

**This Study is directed by the Chestnut Hill Conservancy and the Chestnut Hill Community Association** and led by a Steering Committee of community professionals ([see the members](#)), with assistance from the Natural Lands Trust, Philadelphia University, the University of Pennsylvania, and many key stakeholders.

**This Study is building on years of efforts and studies** by the Chestnut Hill Conservancy and the Chestnut Hill Community Association - as well as work by Friends of the Wissahickon, the City Planning Commission, and others - relating to significant conservation and preservation resources, land use, and zoning issues ([look at some of this prior work](#)).

*"The treasured integrity of Chestnut Hill's natural and cultural resources has also resulted in increasing teardown, subdivision, and redevelopment pressure on residentially-zoned parcels,"* says CH Conservancy Executive Director Lori Salganicoff. *"We must work together to protect Chestnut Hill's significant natural and cultural resources, and encourage harmony and enduring quality in new development where appropriate."*

Joyce Lenhardt of CHCA adds: *"The Chestnut Hill Community Association has been a faithful steward of Chestnut Hill since 1950 with early forerunners of our Development Review and Land Use Planning and Zoning Committees. Our collaboration with the Chestnut Hill Conservancy on a comprehensive study uses our shared talents for protecting what is special about Chestnut Hill and creating a roadmap for its future preservation and development."*

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information about the Steering Committee and to read prior planning documents.

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***With gratitude for your support,  
and a ton of excitement for what's next,***

***~The Staff of the Chestnut Hill Conservancy***



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