



Half a century of advocating for significant architecture,
open spaces, and social history in Chestnut Hill!

Here's some of what the Conservancy has accomplished in just the last year, thanks to your support:

- Hosted the Visionaries Roundtable, welcoming 400 neighbors. The Conservancy assembled a panel of renowned architecture and planning minds to discuss the issue that continues to confront Chestnut Hill, balancing the need for growth while maintaining its green, historic, vibrant character. In addition to sparking discussion, this event commemorated a public discussion held in 1970 between Louis Khan, Robert Venturi, and Romaldo Giurgola regarding the unique architectural development of Chestnut Hill and its future.
- Led a coalition of preservation advocates to protect the Dorothy Shipley White residence, one of the few residential projects of the internationally known architecture firm, Mitchell / Giurgola. The house, a stellar example of the Mid-Century Philadelphia School, was added to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places.
- Convened the first-ever meeting of groups doing preservation work in Philadelphia's Upper Northwest - Chestnut Hill, Mount Airy and Germantown - to identify shared issues and to be part of a unified voice for preservation and reuse as the City Planning Department undertakes its NW District Plan.
- Offered Discovering Chestnut Hill walking and bike tours through several historically significant neighborhoods, The Great Houses Tour, Ask the Expert workshops, and Young Explorers' Club outings, which aim to introduce children of all ages to the unique people and places that make Chestnut Hill a special place to call home.
- Permanently protected nearly 9 acres of land in the Wissahickon Watershed and two historic TP Chandler-designed buildings. The Conservancy has now helped to put easements on 14 buildings and over 140 acres of watershed land.
- Led and completed a "Residential Conservation, Preservation and Development" Study with CHCA and other community stakeholders to better understand our preservation priorities and established criteria for informing future development and measuring successes.
- Co-hosted an Open Space Showcase for the regional conservation community. Seven conservation organizations shared information about their efforts to protect Philadelphia area watersheds.
- Flipped the switch at the inaugural Night of Lights, bringing the Chestnut Hill Archives to life. Photographs, quotations, and films from the collection were projected onto building facades and through storefront windows, filling Germantown Avenue with *oohs*, *ahhs*, and *I remember whens!*