

# Regional Update

**THE**  
**CIRCUIT**  
**TRAILS**

**Philadelphia Western Suburbs Trail Summit**  
**2/8/2025**

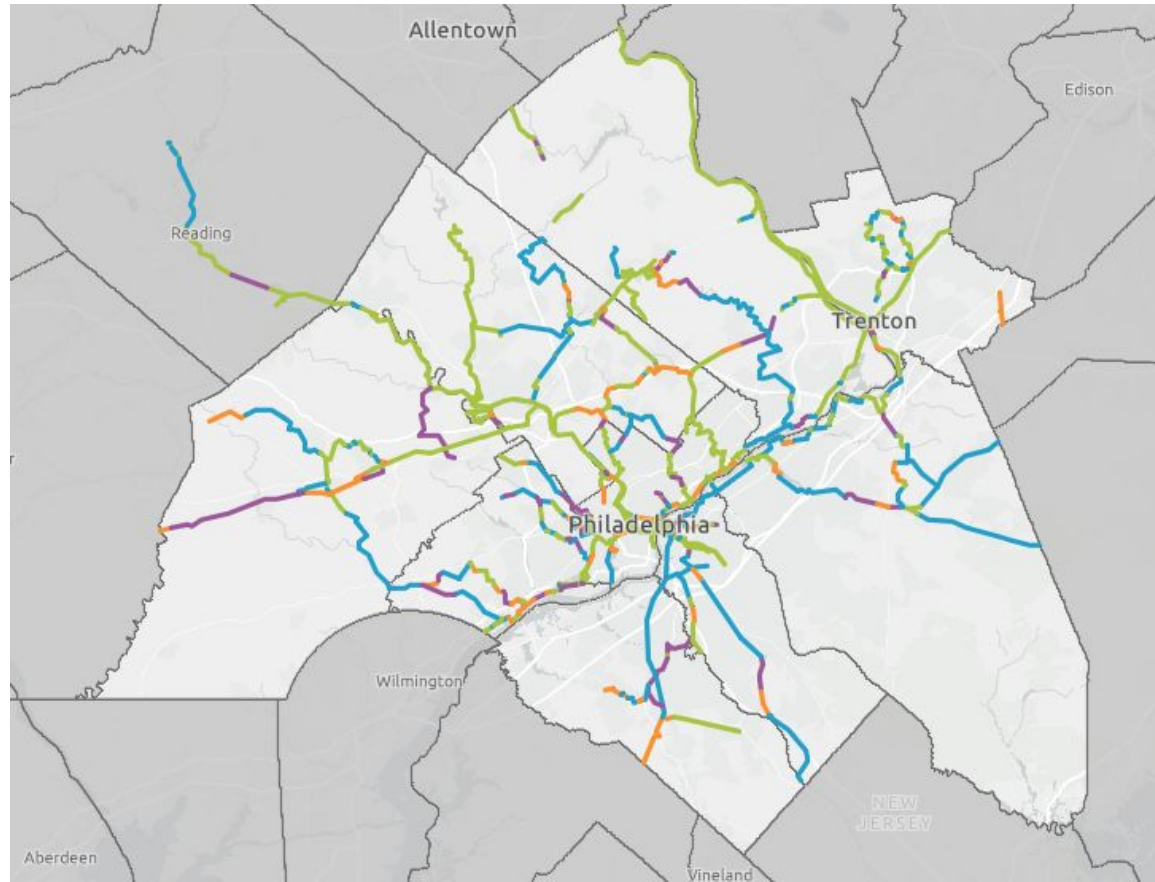


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**Patrick Monahan,  
Regional Organizer**

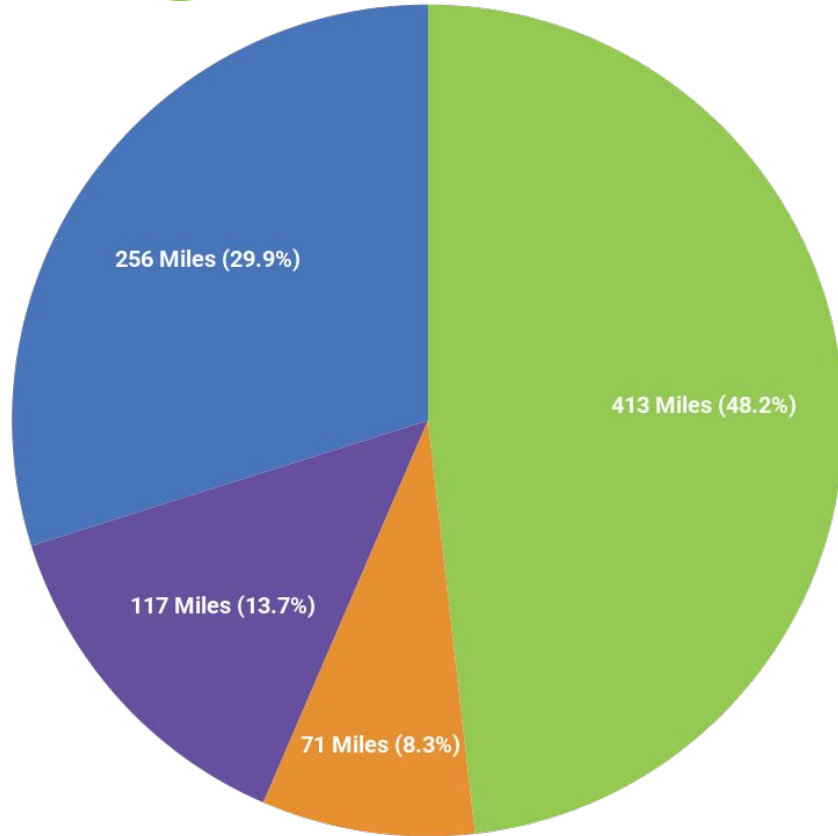
# The Circuit Trails Network

- Existing
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- Pipeline
- Planned



# Regional Circuit Trails Status

as of Fall 2024



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- **Existing: 413 Miles**
- **In Progress: 71 Miles**
- **Pipeline: 117 Miles**
- **Planned: 256 Miles**

**Total: 857 Miles**

# **2024 Trail Openings**

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## **In Delaware County**

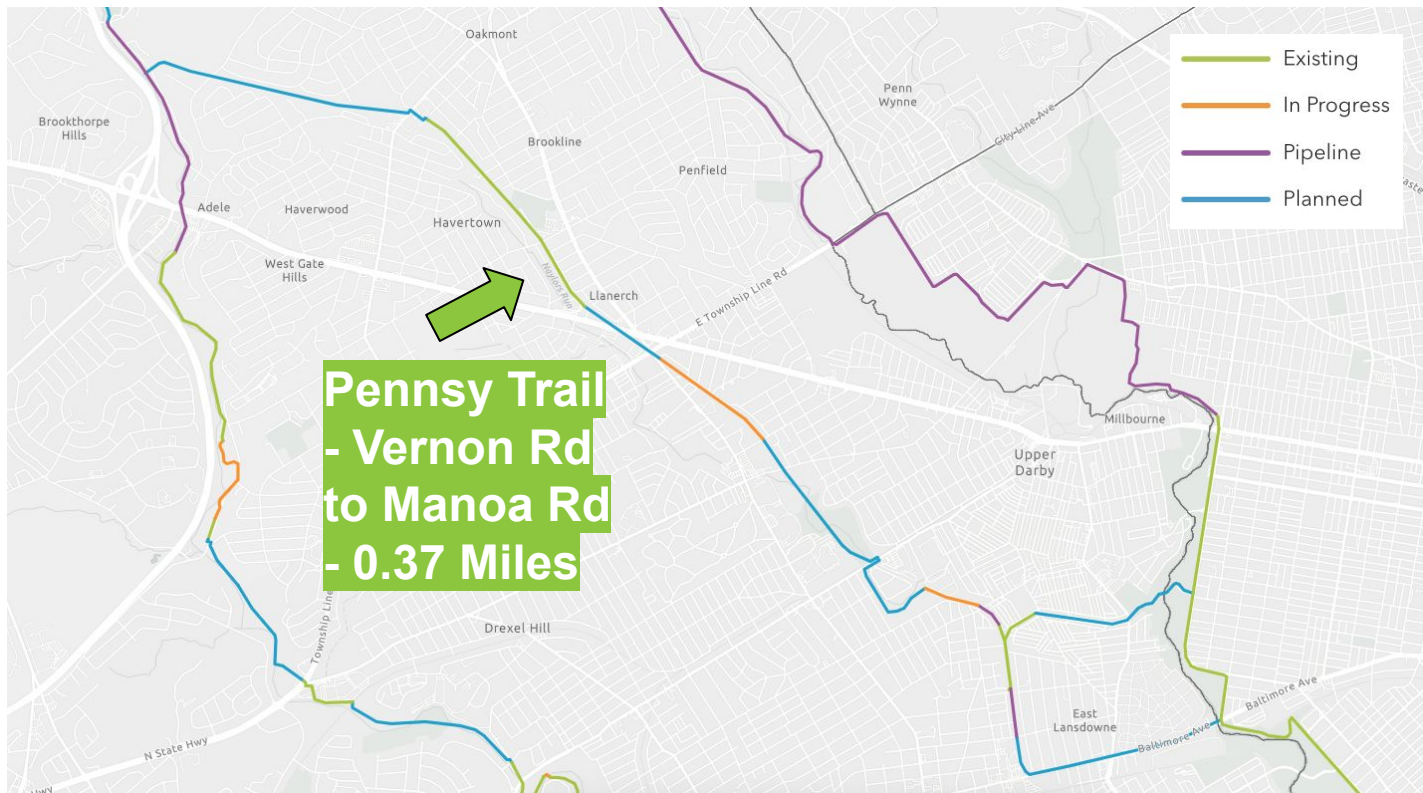
# Darby Creek Trail





**Darby  
Creek  
Trail -  
Jack  
McDonald  
Memorial  
Field Trail  
- 0.1 miles**

# Pennsy Trail (Newtown Square Branch)





# THE PENNSY TRAIL

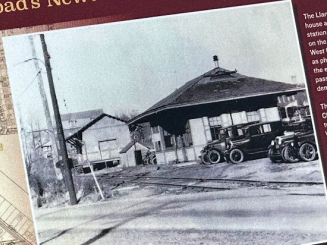
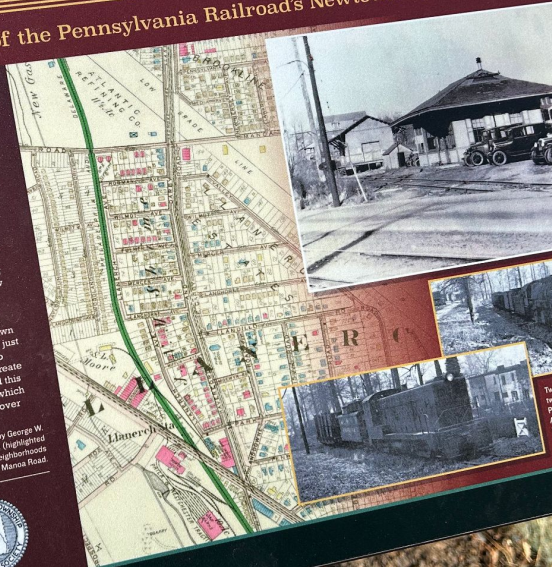


## Following the Route of the Pennsylvania Railroad's Newtown Square Branch

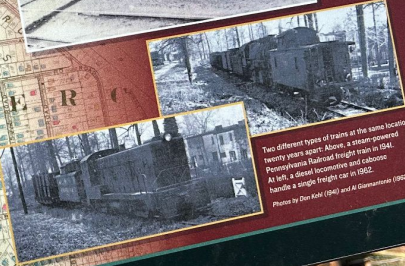
The Philadelphia & Delaware County Railroad, founded in 1894, was consolidated (along with many other lines) into the parent Pennsylvania Railroad company in 1919 and renamed the Newtown Square Branch. It cut through the heart of Haverford Township and played an instrumental role in its development. After serving local customers during a decades-long period of rapid suburbanization of the countryside, operations eventually declined to a short, once-weekly freight train. The branch saw its last steam locomotive in 1952. The "Pennsy" trimmed service back from Newtown Square to the Grassland (Eagle Road) area in 1963, and successor Conrail stopped service altogether on the deteriorating single-track branch line in 1981. The following year, Conrail received formal approval for abandonment, leading to track and bridge removal. In 1988 a salvage crew dismantled the railroad bridge over Manoa Road.

In 2010 Haverford Township took advantage of an opportunity to purchase the disused and overgrown right-of-way, from alongside Llanerch Avenue to just south of Eagle Road. Many volunteers worked to clear the portion from Manoa Road north and create a walking trail. In 2016 the township upgraded this trail into the paved multi-use "Pennsy Trail," which it extended south in 2024 with a new bridge over Manoa Road.

Right: Detail from a 1928 atlas map by George W. Bromley shows the Newtown Square Branch highlighted in green, businesses, and developing neighborhoods between Township Line Road and Manoa Road.



The Llanerch freight house and passenger car were located on the north side of West Chester Pike, as photographed in the early 1920s. The passenger station was demolished in 1938.



Two different types of trains at the same location twenty years apart. Above, a steam-powered Pennsylvania Railroad freight train in 1944. Below, a diesel locomotive and passenger train pulling a single freight car in 1962. Photos by Don Edin (1944) and Al Gianmarco (1962).

# Pennsy Trail - Vernon Rd to Manoa Rd - 0.37 Miles



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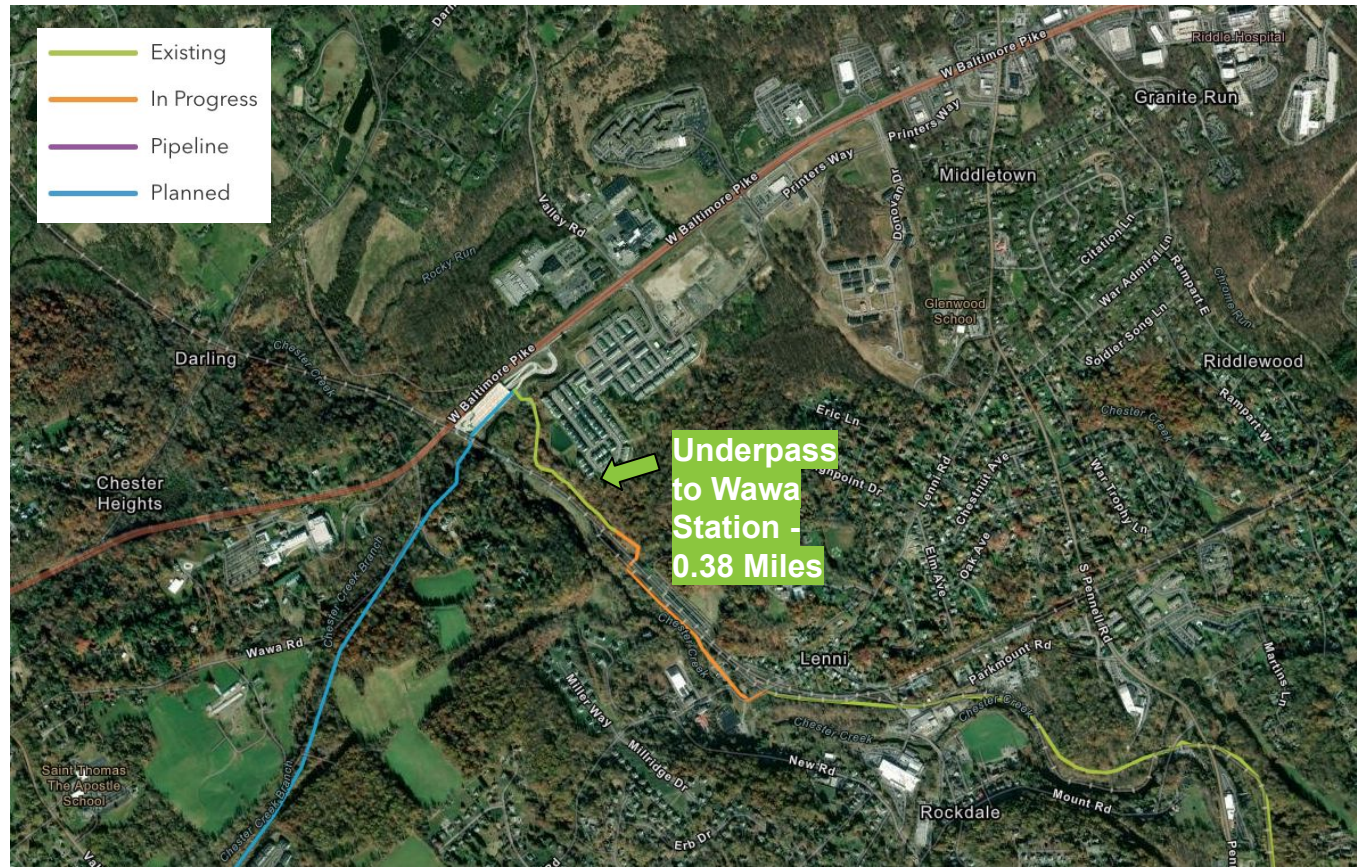


**Pennsy  
Trail -  
Vernon  
Rd to  
Manoa  
Rd -  
0.37  
Miles**



**Penny  
Trail -  
Vernon  
Rd to  
Manoa  
Rd -  
0.37  
Miles**

# Chester Creek Trail/Mint Trail - Underpasses to Wawa Station - 0.38 Miles





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# Circuit Trails Completed in 2024

State	County	Trail & Segment	Miles
PA	Delaware	Pennsy Trail Extension (Newtown Square Branch): Vernon Rd to Manoa Rd	0.37
PA	Delaware	Chester Creek Trail (Mint Trail): Underpass to Wawa Station	0.38
PA	Delaware	Darby Creek Trail: Jack McDonald Memorial Field Trail	0.1
PA	Montgomery	Fox Chase-Lorimer Trail: Near Blake Ave to Shady Ln	0.18
PA	Montgomery	Cross County Trail: Commerce Drive to Rapp Run	0.56
PA	Montgomery	Gulph Road Connector: Freedom Dr to First Ave	0.26
PA	Chester	Chester Valley Trail: Chester Valley Trail to Ship Rd	0.46
PA	Bucks	Neshaminy Creek Trail: Coleman Segment	0.34
PA	Philadelphia	Fox Chase-Lorimer Trail: Rhawn St to near Blake Ave	0.45
PA	Philadelphia	Pennypack Trail: State and Rhawn/Pennypack Trail Connector	0.07
NJ	Burlington	Delaware River Heritage Trail: 5th Street Trail from Walnut St to Spruce St & Front St to Eyre St	0.44
NJ	Gloucester	Dinosaur Trail: E College Dr Trail	0.34
			<b>Total: 3.93</b>

# Major Funding Win for the Circuit

The DVRPC Board Approves \$214 Million to Advance the Circuit Trails Network

by John Boyle | Aug 13, 2024 | News | 0 comments



**A number of projects that have been selected to receive \$120 million in Carbon Reduction Program funding include:**

- North Delaware Riverfront Greenway project, Sec 3 Tacony Holmesburg Trail
- Chester Valley Trail P&T Phase 1
- Cross County Trail East Section A
- Cross County Trail: Wissahickon Trail – SEPTA's Fort Washington Station
- Cross County Trail East – Section B
- Cross County Trail Extension – Germantown Pike Bridge & Trail to Joshua Rd
- Spring Garden Connector
- PA 291 Complete Streets: Irving St to Ridley Creek
- CRP Funding was also added to **The Circuit Line Item**

A photograph of three women jogging on a paved path next to a stream. The trees are in autumn, with yellow and orange leaves. The women are wearing athletic gear. A blue banner with white text is overlaid on the top right of the image.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Be active as a Circuit Citizen in your County and sign up for the newsletter!**

THOM CARROLL

*We can do this!*

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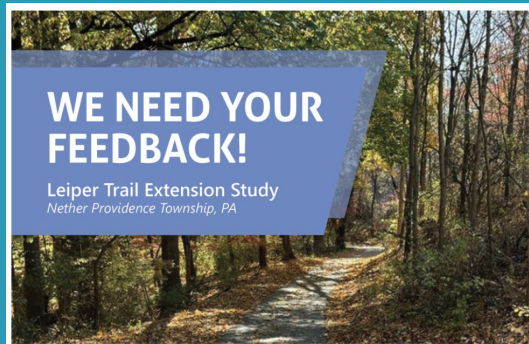
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# The Bike Delco Action Team: Connecting Communities, On-Road and Off



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# Progress in Delco



## 2024 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY REPORT CARD



### Media, PA

2024 BFC Award: **Honorable Mention**

BFC Award History: **First-Time Applicant**

The 5 Es Category Scores	Media	Max Score this round
Engineering	6.54%	79.26%
Education	13.73%	83.25%
Encouragement	19.65%	90.86%
Evaluation & Planning	14.42%	75.73%
Equity & Accessibility	8.41%	75.47%

Scores are determined by points earned in each "E" Category, weighted against comparable communities in the 2024 BFC report. See pages 2-3 for your full neighborhood scores in each Category.

#### Media's BFA Program Stats

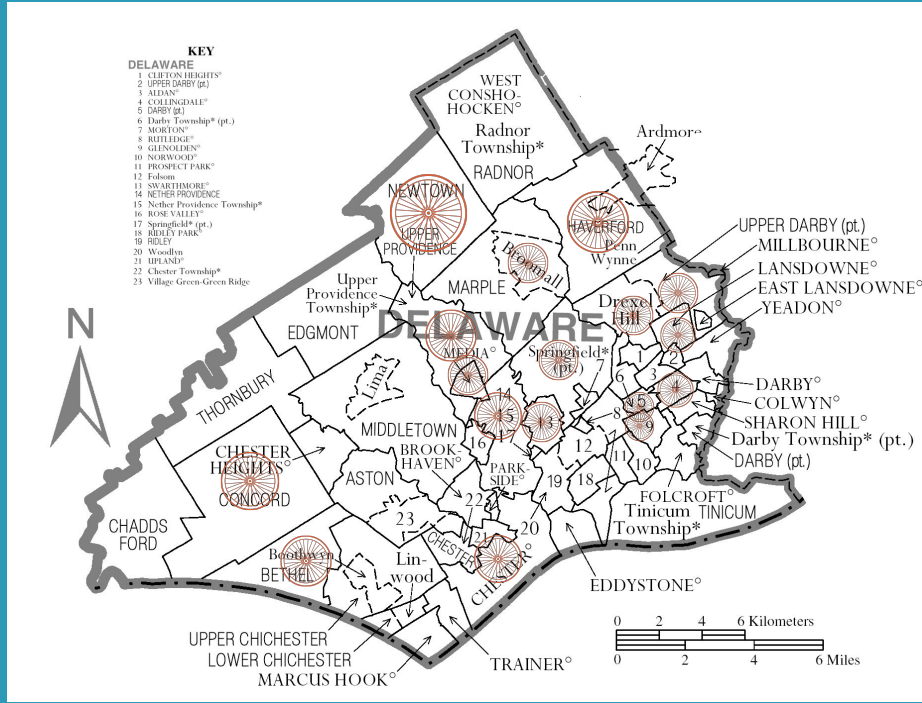
# of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: **0**  
 # of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: **0**  
 # of Local League Cycling Instructors: **0**  
 Pennsylvania's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#19**

#### Community Profile

Population: 5,846  
 (Size classification for weighted scoring: Micro)  
 Area: 0.77 square miles  
 Population Density: 7,592.20 people/square mile  
 Land Classification: Suburban  
 Poverty Rate: 3.8%\*  
 Median Household Income: \$85,951\*  
 Percent of the Population that Speaks a



# Still Growing...





# Outreach





transition town  
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BIKE  
DELAWARE  
COUNTY

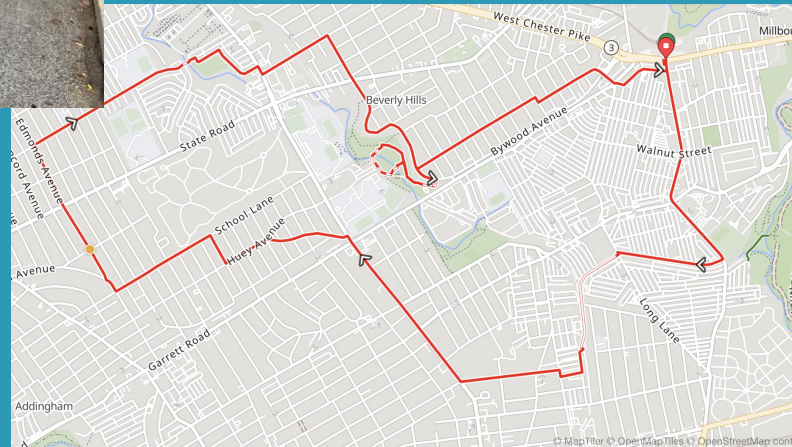
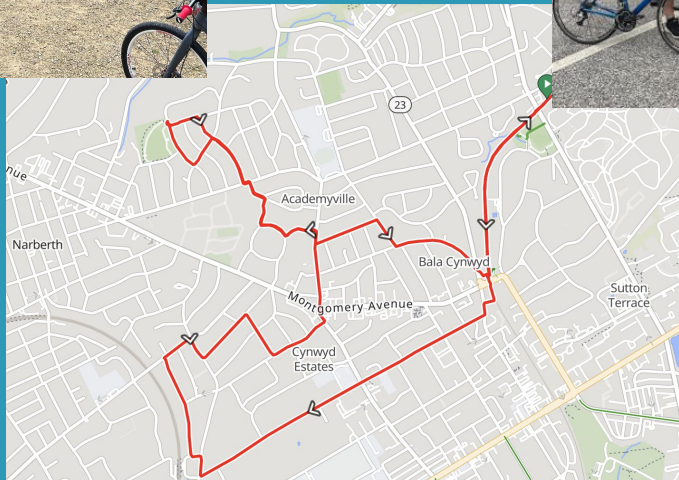
**FREE BIKE VALET**  
**DURING DINING UNDER THE STARS!**



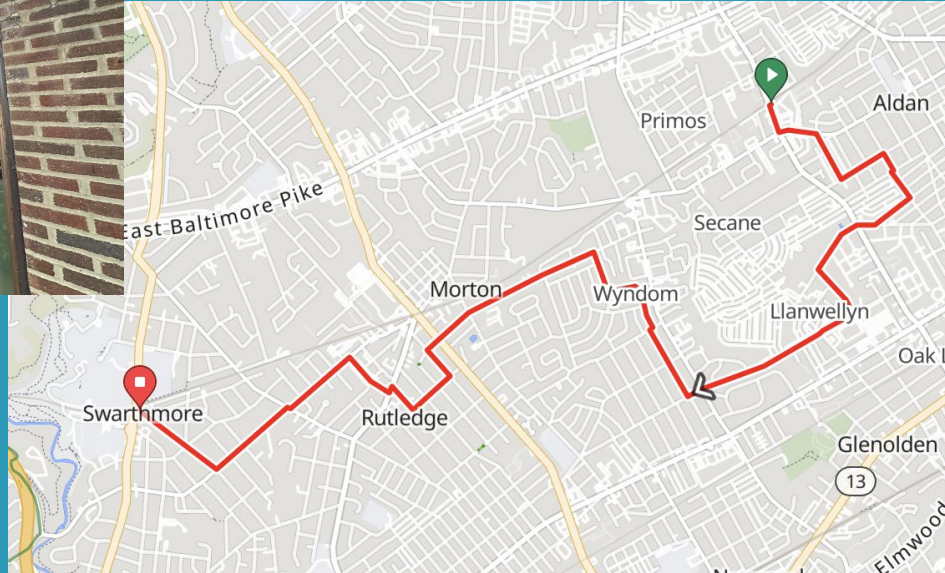
# Outreach



# Rides



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# Upcoming Events

- Girls in Gear “Glide to Ride” workshop, March 15
- Ribbon Cutting, Bike Maintenance Workshop, April 26
- Explore the Circuit: Darby Creek Trail, Spring (Date TBD)
- Bike to Work Day, May 16
- *Group ride to Crash Boys games, July 19*
- *Ride: Tinicum Island Road Trail and Environs, Fall (Date TBD)*
- Western Main Line Greenway Workshop, Fall (Date TBD)
- “Bike the Pike” Grand Opening, **Spring 2026**

# What Can We Do for Your Area?

- Letters of support
- Rides and events
- Tabling
- Mentions in monthly updates
- Bike counts
- Mobilize cycling advocates

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Join in!



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