

Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail & Arboretum

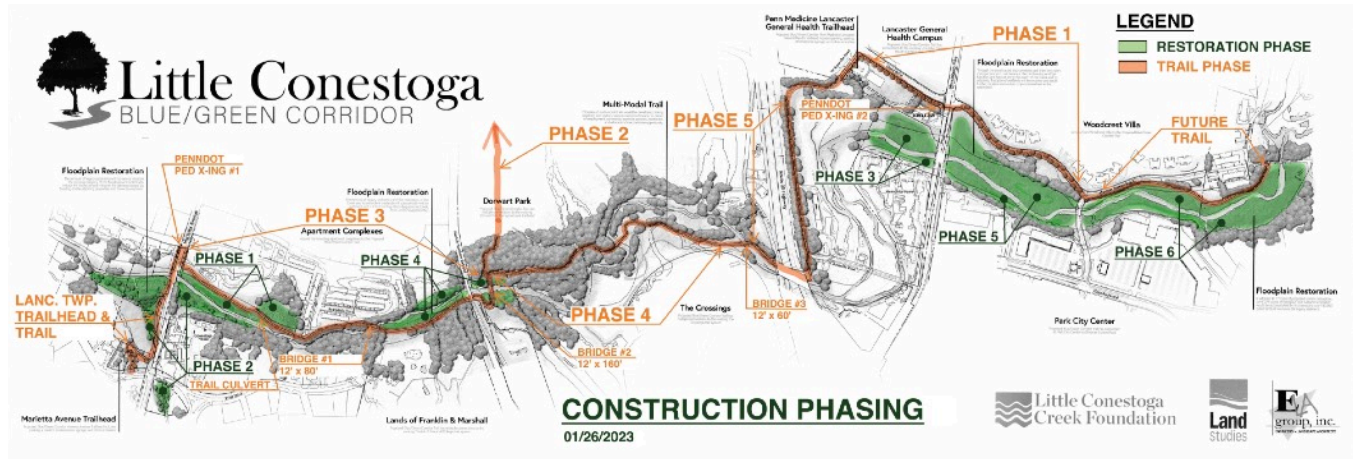
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Woodcrest Villa Arboretum is Dedicated To Those Recognized with Trees

The Little Conestoga Blue/Green Corridor Restoration & Trail



The Little Conestoga Blue/Green Corridor was announced in 2022. The map above isn't readable but illustrates the scope of the project from Conestoga House on Marietta Avenue (shown to the left) to the southern edge of the Woodcrest Villa Campus (shown on the right). A more detailed map is on page 2 of this newsletter.

The schedule of restoration phasing has depended upon obtaining easements, permits, funding, and contracts. As we have seen (photo below) Phase 3 across Harrisburg Pike near Trillium Place is coming along. It is expected to be finished in April of 2025. However, Phases 5 & 6 which border Woodcrest Villa haven't been scheduled.

Blue/Green Trail Work Scheduled for 2025

What has been scheduled is Phase 1 of the Trail Construction. That will extend from Shreiner Station Road and Landis Mill Covered Bridge along Woodcrest Villa's southern edge, across Harrisburg Pike, to Good Drive and end at the new Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health Trailhead. Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health, Trillium Place/Woodcrest Villa and East Hempfield Township have provided necessary easements and, in the case of the hospital, matching funds so the work on Phase 1 of the trail is expected to start in June of 2025 and be finished by the end of the year.



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Thanks For Donations

Thanks to those who donated for the Trail Crew to buy supplies for the Nature Trail & Arboretum such as wood chips for the trail, and service for the tractor.

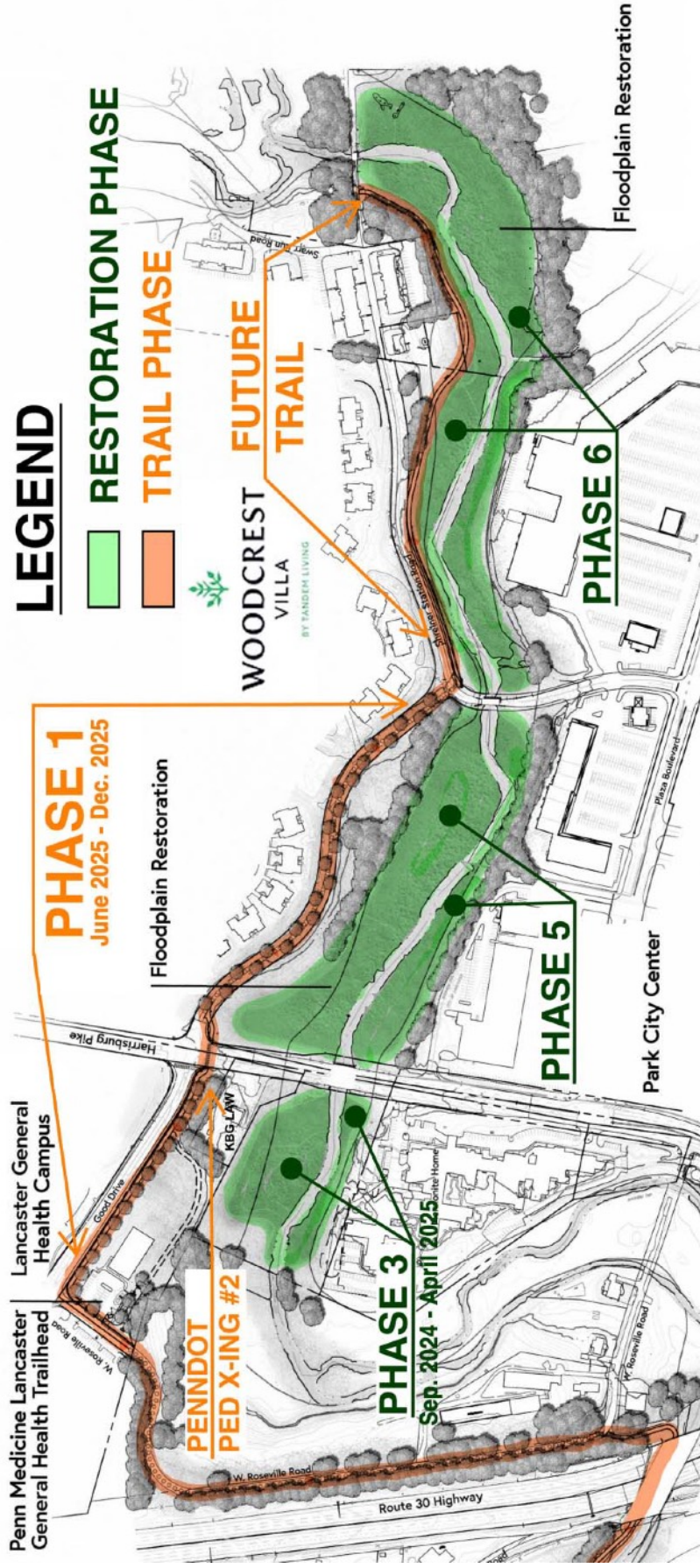
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with the note: **WCV Nature Trail & Arboretum**

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Little Conestoga Blue/Green Corridor Where It Borders The Souther Edge of Woodcrest Villa.

Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health Trailhead includes parking, seating, general informational signage, and other amenities.

Floodplain Restoration: The constructed improvements will restore the biodiversity, ecology, and habitat along this reach of the Little Conestoga Creek and its adjoining flood plains/wetlands and could catalyze restoration projects elsewhere in the watershed. By first removing over 140,000 cubic yards of centuries-old legacy

sediment, some 27.5 acres of floodplain and wetland will be restored. Removing sediment will improve the capacity of the floodplain and potentially reduce the impact and mitigate the damage caused by flooding on the adjoining properties and those downstream. The legacy sediment also holds nitrogen and phosphorous, which are harmful to the ecosystem downstream to the Conestoga and Susquehanna rivers and Chesapeake Bay. Removing the sediment, and those nutrients, has the potential to help

Lancaster County municipalities reduce water pollution as mandated by the federal government. Consultants have estimated that the project will remove 940 pounds of phosphorous and 4,755 pounds of nitrogen from these 2.5 miles of the Little Conestoga Creek, no longer to be carried downstream.

Park City Center: Proposed Blue/Green Corridor Trail has connection to Park City Center via Shreiner Station Road and the Landis Mill Covered Bridge.